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OUR EIGHTH VOLUME.

THIS week we have great pleasure in presenting to our readers the opening number of our Eighth Volume. We have no intention of boring them with eulogistic comments on the success which has attended our efforts thus far, but it is well that we should make this an opportunity for tendering to them our heartfelt thanks for the very considerable, and we rejoice to say, consistently increasing, support they have been pleased to accord our efforts on behalf of Freemasonry. We have striven within the modest limits of what our Gallic neighbours might perchance describe, if it were their case, as our "*petit possible*," to promote the welfare of the Craft, and we feel that we may take the flattering unction to our souls that these efforts of ours have met with a fair measure of success. At all events, while the great majority of our old friends remain to us, the number of new ones who have so kindly come forward to aid us, is, we may almost venture to say, a daily increasing one. This is most encouraging, for the pursuit of journalism, and especially of Masonic journalism, is not unattended with difficulties, and by no means free from disappointments. Of course, we should like to see Masonic literature more generally recognised among the Craft, but under the circumstances we have described, we have but slight ground for dissatisfaction, and even if we had any, we should feel it to be imperatively our duty to be silent. We strive to do our best, but literature is not a ware that can be unduly pushed. We can only hope that those we appeal to will appreciate our labours, and as we have steadfastly adhered to the programme we first marked out for ourselves, we must suppose that this appreciation has been exhibited. At all events, until satisfactory cause is shown, we shall continue in the same path, in the hope and belief that, as volume succeeds volume, we shall find our friends and supporters, as has been the case hitherto, continually as well as considerably on the increase. In one important particular we have been obliged, for the present, to break a series of contributions which, when complete, will be of the greatest value to the Craft. We allude, of course, to the momentary discontinuance of the Warrants of the Ancient Lodges. This, however, is explained by the absence of Bro. John Constable, to whose untiring efforts in procuring them we have been thus far indebted. On his return, however, which may be looked for in the autumn, we shall, with his assistance, resume their publication. It is possible we might have found means to continue the series in his absence, but to have done so would manifestly have been an act of grave injustice and discourtesy to a brother who has laboured so assiduously to assist us. As regards the future, we look forward to it with confidence, and we can only hope that when the time comes for us to announce the commencement of a fresh volume, that our friends will be as kindly disposed towards us as they are now. At all events, we shall spare no effort to secure so desirable a consummation.

MASONIC FETE IN DUBLIN.

ON Thursday of last week there was a grand Masonic gathering in the Exhibition Palace at Dublin, the occasion being the annual distribution of prizes to the Dublin Masonic Female Orphan Asylum, and the Boys' School attached to it. The absence of the Duke of Abercorn, K.G., the Grand Master, was a subject of general regret, and equally so the continued illness of his wife, which was the cause of such absence. However, the Craft found a most efficient President in Bro. Robert W. Shekleton, Q.C., the Deputy Grand Master, who was ably supported by Bros. Robert Warren, Grand Treasurer, the Rev. John James MacSorley, Grand Chaplain, Alderman Joseph Manning, Grand Senior, and Theophilus E. St. George, Grand Junior Deacon, George A. Stephens, Grand Superintendent of Works, George Moyers, Grand Director of Ceremonies, H. Minchin, G. Swd. Bearer, C. O. Grandison, G. Org., James Creed Meredith G.I.G., S. B. Oldham D.G. Secretary and Treasurer, and Archibald St. George Assist. Secretary. Among the representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges were Bros. Dr. Philip C. Smyley, Prussia, Captain George Huband, Alabama, U.S.A., George Hill Major, Quebec, and James H. Neilson, Egypt. There were likewise in attendance a numerous array of brethren both from the capital and the provinces. A procession having been formed, and Bro. Shekleton having taken the chair, that worthy and worshipful brother, after feelingly alluding to the absence of the Grand Master, and the cause which prevented his presiding, spoke at some length as to the merits of the Institution whose Festival was being that day celebrated, after which, Bro. Chaworth Ferguson read the report for the year then closing, from which it appeared that both financially and educationally the Asylum was in a very flourishing state. It had added £2,000 India 4 per cent. Stock to its invested moneys, and the pupils who had been trained in it were proving themselves worthy of the care and attention bestowed on them. Moreover, the health of the School had been most satisfactory. The report further stated that it was in contemplation to enlarge the School, the number of girls being at present forty-five, and it is hoped it may be found possible to increase this to sixty. With this view, negotiations are in progress for obtaining a suitable site for the enlarged premises, and plans are being prepared by the architect. This must involve a large additional expenditure, and a hope was expressed that the Craft would increase the support already extended to it, so as to meet the increased outlay. Bro. James Spaight, Limerick, proposed, and Bro. Hugh Holmes, Q.C., seconded the adoption of the report, which was agreed to unanimously, as was a resolution moved by Bro. Captain King Harman, M.P., and seconded by Bro. Thos. M'Mullen, of Cork, inviting the further co-operation of the Masonic body in support of the Asylum. A selection of music having been performed by the pupils, and the National Anthem having been sung, the procession was reformed and marched to a dais in the glass building, where the prizes and certificates were distributed to the successful pupils, both girls and boys. Having regard to the space at our command, it will be impossible to give the list in full, but the chief prizes were awarded as follow:—The Ffennell Prize, value £3, for Scripture and History to Frances Smith; Gertrude Gill, who gained it last year, receiving a Certificate. The Astley Prizes, 1st Division, English, went to (1) Gertrude Gill, (2) Frances Smith; and Second Division, French, (1) Frances Smith, (2) Gertrude Gill. The Nagle Prizes, for the highest general proficiency in Classes I. and II., were carried off in Class I. by Gertrude Gill, and in Class II. by Sophia Fenton. The Good Conduct Medals, presented by Bro. Samuel B. Oldham, and awarded by the votes of the pupils themselves, were given to Jane Crymble (silver medal), and Henrietta Richards (bronze medal). The proceedings, which were enlivened at intervals by the organ and the band of the 21st Fusileers, were brought to a close shortly afterwards.

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MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 60.)

A BOON COMPANION.

His worth is warrant for his welcome hither,
If this be he you oft have wish'd to hear from.

IN all our experience of works of fiction there is probably no character which has so deeply impressed us with the lifelike nature of its portraiture as that of the immortal Pickwick. He is the embodiment of all that is genial and kind among men. A man of considerable wealth, amassed after long years of steady application, and having apparently no immediate relatives in whose career he could feel or take any interest, he set himself, while yet in the full vigour of mature manhood, to know something of his fellow men. When starting on his memorable travels, to accomplish this magnanimous purpose, he associated with himself not men of his own age, and likely, therefore, to be pretty much of the same mode of thinking as himself, but three or four young fellows, to whom, as regards years, it was possible for him, had he been so minded, to have stood *in loco parentis*. With these, who are as quaintly and humorously drawn as himself, and as true to life, he journeyed about from place to place, mixing in various societies, seeing, after his fashion, a good deal of both the bright and the dark sides of human nature, and creating for himself a host of staunch and firm friends, such as even he must have felt proud of. In his more immediate circle we find him not only respected, but beloved. It was no lip-service which was proffered him when occasion suggested or demanded it. Wherever he went, in whatever he did, all who came in contact with him took as deep an interest in his welfare as in their own affairs, and Pickwick, whether with or without his spectacles and gaiters, at Christmas festivities or at a wedding, at a cricket match or during an election, in the enjoyment of perfect freedom or in the Fleet, was the point within the circle towards which all other points gravitated. He, as it were, fascinated the people among whom he moved and had his being with the hearty geniality and warmth of his kindness, so that old and young and middle-aged alike, the inferior as well as his equal, were all irresistibly drawn towards him. One short speech of his devoted Sam Weller's will serve to show the nature and extent of this wonderful influence which he exerted over all. It is towards the end of his history, and when he suggests that his faithful servant should marry and leave his service—a proposition which is indignantly repelled in the following words:—"If you want a more polished sort o' feller, vell and good, have him; but vages or no vages, notice or no notice, board or no board, lodgin' or no lodgin', Sam Veller, as you took from the old inn in the Borough, sticks by you, come what come may; and let ev'rythin and ev'rybody do their wery fiercest, nothing shall ever perwent it!" And then, when Mr. Pickwick, as a last resource, points out to Sam that he is bound to consider the young woman also, the reply was instant: "'I do consider the young 'ooman, sir,' said Sam, 'I have considered the young 'ooman. I've spoke to her. I've told her how I'm sitivated; she's ready to vait till I'm ready, and I believe she vill. If she don't, she's not the young 'ooman I take her for, and I give her up vith readiness. You've know'd me afore, sir. My mind's made up, and nothing can ever alter it.'" Such a resolution Mr. Pickwick could not combat, and we read that "he derived at that moment more pride and luxury of feeling from the disinterested attachment of his humble friend, than ten thousand protestations from the greatest men living could have awakened in his breast." This is only one out of innumerable illustrations to be found in the Pickwick Papers of the fascination which its hero exercised on all around, and justifies the brief remark we made at the outset that in him is concentrated all that is genial and kind in human nature. We have also said that the chief characteristic about his portrait is that it is so entirely true to the life. Indeed, we can hardly picture to ourselves a social circle which does not include among its members one, at least, who may justly be said to belong to the species Pickwick, with his admirable satellites the Winkles, the Snodgrasses, and the Tupmans. This is certainly the case in Masonry, where there is always one who possesses the most eminent qualities of Mr. Pickwick. In fact, in an early number of this journal, one of our contributors sent us a short Masonic poem, entitled "My Brother," and he portrayed his hero as having both an outward and inward resemblance to Dickens's character.

"A pleasant man—a venerable file—
In gaiters, spectacles, and glossy tile;
For whom he meets a kindly word or smile—
My Brother!"

and in a footnote appended, he suggests that though Mr. Pickwick was not known to have been a Mason, he was essentially Masonic in feeling and action. There is, in short, no manner of doubt about it. It was impossible for him to stoop to speak ill of his neighbour; he would as soon have thought of marrying Mrs. Bardell to save himself from the unjust penalty inflicted in the memorable trial. Then, even in the most lugubrious circumstances he could be found retaining his natural placidity of demeanour. But chiefly remarkable was he for the unselfish desire that others should be happy, and in any way that he thought he could promote their happiness he was ever ready and willing to render service. His care for those in distress was not limited to a few conventional expressions of regret, while even those who had grievously wronged or offended found him their staunchest friend in adversity. He had his faults, of course. His temperament was sufficiently explosive in its character to have earned for him the cognomen of "Old Fireworks," and he could sharply rebuke any attempt to ridicule his peculiarities. For everything that partook of meanness he had a just and most profound contempt, while he worshipped religiously whatever in human nature was worthy of his praise and admiration. Are there not in the ranks of Freemasonry many who may be worthily designated as, in all these particulars, the Pickwicks of our Fraternity?—the men who are in the fullest and widest sense of the word charitable; that is, all kindness and consideration for others; ever thoughtful for their good name, while honourably silent as to their failings; ever ready to avenge themselves on those who have wronged them, by some return of kindness, especially if the wrongdoer has fallen into adverse circumstances; and determinedly hostile to whatever is mean and contemptible. One such, at all events, we have the good fortune to number among our friends, and him we present to our readers on this occasion. The details of his career will be brief, for the reason that we have spoken at greater length than is our wont as to the leading features by which our ideal of him is characterised. Moreover, he is known so well in the Provinces with which he is associated—we have met in Kent, in Middlesex, and in Surrey—as well as in the Metropolitan Lodges which he belongs to or visits, that it would appear as though we were anxious to flatter him unduly if we dwelt too long or circumstantially on his qualities of mind and heart. Turn we, therefore, to a sketch of his Masonic history, which, if brief, is, in every respect, creditable to him. He was initiated in the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, Uxbridge, in 1868, and has held in it the important offices of Master and Treasurer. In 1872 he joined the Gooch Lodge, No. 1238, which meets at Twickenham, and at this moment most worthily fills the S.W.'s chair. In 1874 he became a joining member of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, at Kew, and in 1875, when the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, was consecrated, he joined immediately afterwards, and at the present time holds the minor, but congenial, office of Wine Steward. He is likewise a member of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642. He is Founder and was elected to fill the high position of first Worshipful Master of the Unity Lodge, No. 1637, which was consecrated in October 1876, and at the conclusion, last autumn, of his year of office, he was presented "with a very chaste and elegant Past Master's jewel," Bro. Adams—who handed it to him at the request of his successor—remarking, that it was offered by the members as a token of friendship, and as a slight recognition of the esteem in which he was held by the members of the Lodge. At the present time he combines in his own person the offices of I.P.M. and Treasurer, and when, later in the evening, his health was proposed, the W. Master laid especial stress on the services our worthy brother had rendered to the Masonic Institutions, and to the heartiness he invariably displayed in whatever related to the Craft. He was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in the year 1874, in the Hermes Chapter, No. 77, meeting at Gravesend, and now occupies the chair of Second Principal; and in the year following he joined the Royal Union Chapter, No. 382, Uxbridge, of which he has the honour to be J. Thus we find that, in the ten years which have elapsed since his initiation into our mysteries,

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he has occupied the chair of two Lodges, and has besides filled many other offices of dignity and trust, both in Lodge and Chapter. He is, indeed on the high road to still greater honour, for next year, no doubt, we shall be in a position to hail him as Z. of the Hermes Chapter, and if all goes well, as Z. of the Royal Union the year following. So much for the work he has done and the distinctions he has attained in Craft and Arch Masonry; but there is another field in which he has distinguished himself still more considerably. We have seen already that on his retirement from the chair of the Unity Lodge, a jewel was presented to him, and that in proposing his health, the W. Master spoke in particular of the eminent services he had rendered to our Masonic Institutions. The praise was worthily bestowed, for our respected brother is a Life Governor, and has served the office of Steward on five occasions for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He is also a Life Governor of, and has served three Stewardships for, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and holds the same position among the subscribers to, and has rendered exactly the same services for, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. We may, indeed, anticipate that in the case of each of these Institutions the Life Governorship will at no distant period be merged in the more important position of Vice-President, from which, at the moment, he is, in fact, not very far removed. In fine, the number of his various Stewardships is in excess of the number of years he has been connected with Freemasonry, a fact which speaks volumes for the interest he takes in the Charities, and the heartiness, aforementioned, which he habitually displays in all that relates to the Craft. The same good fortune surrounds him in social life, in which, moreover, he is distinguished by the exhibition of the many qualities which have won for him so much love and respect among brethren. This, indeed, is a matter of course, for it is not in his nature to be other than the same man, exhibiting under all circumstances and at all times the same qualities, in whatever society he may be mingling with. Others, if they choose, may indulge in variableness of mood, and temper, and bearing, towards their fellows. Others may display whatever is genial and pleasant in them in the Lodge, and retain whatever is disagreeable or explosive about them for the domain of private life. But our brother is not of this description. He is invariably the same with whomsoever he mixes, be they his equals, his superiors, or his inferiors; or, in other words, he is always the same kind and jovial fellow, ready in season for the stern business of life, and equally, or even more, ready for its pleasures. Not selfishly given, however, to these latter; for he loses no opportunity of ministering to the comfort and delights of his fellows, and we have seen that wherever it is possible for him to be of service to those who need it, he spares no trouble to do what is in his power to assist them. Herein is the whole secret of Freemasonry—that a man shall do willingly what lies in him to promote the comfort and wellbeing of his fellows; and this is the basis on which the whole superstructure of our Brother's career has rested from the very first. May he prosper always, and increasingly!

THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

Bro. R. F. Gould.

(Continued from Vol. VII. page 406.)

PART II.

§ 15.—Let us now apply ourselves to the inquiry, what are, or were the especial privileges of the four old Lodges? (1)

I.—Prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge (1717) it seems to have been the settled usage that "a sufficient number of Masons, met together within a certain district, had at that time ample power to make Masons, and discharge all the duties of Masonry, without any warrant of Constitution, the privilege being inherent in themselves as individuals." At the first meeting, however, of the Grand Lodge, the following regulation was passed, viz., that the privilege of assembling as Masons, which had hitherto been unlimited, should no longer be vested in the power of the Fraternity at large, but that every Lodge to be thereafter convened, *except the four old Lodges*, at that time existing, should be *legally* authorised to act by a Warrant from the Grand Master for the time being, with the consent and approbation of the Grand Lodge in Communication, and that without such Warrant, no Lodge should be hereafter deemed regular or constitutional.

II.—In compliment to the brethren of the four old Lodges, by whom the Grand Lodge was first formed, it was resolved, "That every privilege which they collectively enjoyed, by virtue of their immemorial rights, they should still continue to enjoy, and that *no law, rule, or regulation, to be hereafter made*, should deprive them of such privileges, or encroach on any landmark, which was at that time established as the standard of Masonic Government."

III.—This resolution being confirmed, the old Masons in the metropolis, agreeably to the resolution of the brethren at large, vested all their inherent privileges as individuals in the four old Lodges, in trust, that they would never suffer the old charges and ancient landmarks to be infringed.

IV.—The four old Lodges then agreed to extend their patronage to every Lodge which should hereafter be constituted by the Grand Lodge according to the new regulations of the Society, and while such Lodges acted in conformity to the ancient Constitutions of the Order, to admit their *Masters* and *Wardens* (2) to share with them all the privileges of the Grand Lodge, excepting precedence of rank. Matters being thus amicably adjusted, the brethren of the four Lodges considered their attendance on the future Communications of the Society as unnecessary; and, therefore, like the other Lodges, trusted implicitly to their *Master* and *Wardens*, resting satisfied that no measure of importance would be adopted without their approbation. The Officers of the Old Lodges, however, soon began to discover that the new Lodges, being equally represented with them at the Communications, might, in process of time, so far outnumber the old ones, as to have it in their power, by a majority, to encroach on, or even subvert, the privileges of the original Masons of England, which had been centered in the four old Lodges, with the concurrence of the brethren at large.

V.—Therefore they very wisely formed a code of laws for the future government of the Society, and annexed thereto a conditional clause; which it was agreed that the Grand Master for the time being, his successors, and the Master of every Lodge to be hereafter constituted, should engage to preserve, and keep sacred and inviolable, in all time coming. To commemorate this circumstance, it has been customary (says Preston) ever since that time for the Master of the oldest Lodge to attend every Grand Installation: and, taking precedence of all present, the Grand Master only excepted, to deliver the book of the original Constitutions to the new installed Grand Master on his engaging to support the ancient Charges and the general Regulations. The conditional clause above referred to runs thus:—"Every *annual* Grand Lodge has an inherent Power and Authority to make *new Regulations*, or to alter these, for the real Benefit of this *ancient Fraternity;* Provided always that *the old* Land Marks *Be Carefully Preserved;* and that such alterations and *new regulations* be proposed and agreed to at the third *Quarterly Communication* preceding the *Annual Grand Feast;* and that they be offered also to the perusal of all Brethren before dinner, in writing, even of the youngest *apprentice;* the approbation and consent of the *majority* of all the brethren present being absolutely necessary to make the same binding and obligatory."(3)

This remarkable clause, with thirty-eight regulations preceding it, all of which are printed in the first Edition of the Book of Constitutions, was approved, ratified, and confirmed by one hundred and fifty brethren, at an annual Assembly and Feast held at Stationers Hall, on St. John the Baptist's day 1721, and, in their presence, was subscribed by the Masters and Wardens of the four old Lodges on one part; and by Philip Duke of Wharton the Grand Master; Theophilus Desaguliers, M.D. and F.R.S., the Deputy Grand Master; Joshua Timson and William Hawkins the Grand

(1) Illustrations of Masonry, by Bro. W. Preston, Editions 1775, 1781, 1796, 1801, and 1804.

(2) The privilege of voting in Grand Lodge was only extended to Past Grand Masters, 21st Nov. 1721; to Past Deputy Grand Masters, 28th Feb. 1726; and to Grand Wardens, 27th June 1727. This explains why Bros. Sayer and Payne (Past Grand Masters) appear in § 3 as Officers of private Lodges.

(3) Constitutions 1723, pp 58 to 70. Art. 39.

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Wardens, and the Master and Wardens of sixteen Lodges constituted betwixt 1717 and 1721, on the other part.(1)

VI.—By the above prudent precaution of our antient brethren, the original Constitutions were established as the basis of all future Masonic jurisdiction in the South of England; and the Ancient Landmarks, as they are emphatically styled, or the boundaries set up as checks to innovation or absolute dominion, were carefully secured against the attacks of future invaders. The four old Lodges, in consequence of the above contract, in which they considered themselves as a *distinct party*,(2) continued to act by their original authority. And so far from surrendering any of their rights, had them frequently ratified and confirmed by the whole fraternity in Grand Lodge assembled, who always acknowledged their independent and immemorial power to practise the rites of Masonry. No regulations of the Society, which might hereafter take place, could therefore operate with respect to those Lodges, if such regulations were contrary to, or subversive of, the original Constitutions by which only they were governed; and while their proceedings were conformable to those Constitutions, no power known in Masonry could legally deprive them of any right or privilege which they had ever enjoyed.

§ 16.—The following circumstantial account of the Old Lodges,(3) by Bro. William Preston, P.M. Lodge of Antiquity (the Masonic historian), may here be appropriately inserted:—

I.—"Of the four old Lodges there is only one extant, viz., No. 1. The old Lodge of St. Paul, now named the Lodge of Antiquity, formerly held at the Goose and Gridiron in St. Paul's Church-yard.(4)

II.—"The Lodge No. 2, formerly held at the Crown in Parker's Lane in Drury Lane, has been extinct above fifty(5) years, by the death of its members.

III.—"Lodge No. 3, formerly held at the Apple Tree Tavern, in Charles-street, Covent-garden, has been dissolved many years. By the List of Lodges inserted in the Book of Constitutions, printed in 1738, it appears, that in February 1722-3, this Lodge was removed to the Queen's Head, in Knave's Acre, on account of some difference among its members; and that the members who met there came under a NEW Constitution, though, says the Book of Constitutions, THEY WANTED IT NOT:(6) and ranked as No. 10 in the list. Thus they inconsiderately renounced their former rank and every ancient privilege which they derived from their immemorial Constitution.(7)

IV.—Original No. 4, formerly held at the Rummer and Grapes, removed to the Horn Tavern, and then agreed to incorporate with the Somerset House Lodge, which immediately assumed their rank. "The members of this Lodge," says Preston, "tacitly agreed to a renunciation of their rights as one of the four original Lodges, by openly avowing a declaration of their Master in Grand Lodge. They put themselves entirely under the authority of the Grand Lodge; claimed no distinct privilege, by virtue of an Immemorial Constitution, but precedency of rank, and considered themselves subject to every law or regulation of the Grand Lodge, over whom they could admit of no control, and to whose determination they and every Lodge were bound to submit."

It was resolved in Grand Lodge, that the members of the Lodge of Antiquity should agree to the same proposition, but they refused, it being, in their opinion, repugnant to the contract established at the first formation of the Grand Lodge, and to the original constitutions of the Order, to which all Masons in England were bound to pay obedience.

V.—Upon this the Lodge of Antiquity withdrew from the Grand Lodge, published a Manifesto in vindication of its conduct, resumed its original powers, and having asserted that the contract of 1721 had been violated by the Grand Lodge, proceeded to act as a Lodge in the same manner it was authorised to do before that contract was formed; whilst, therefore, the Lodges constituted subsequently to the Revival necessarily derived their sanction from the Grand Lodge, the Four Old Lodges continued to act by their own inherent authority.(8)

It may be interesting now to turn to Bro. Preston's description of the temporary secession of the Lodge of Antiquity, original No. 1, from the Regular Grand Lodge, as well as to his enumeration of the privileges enjoyed by the time Immemorial Lodges.(9)

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(1) See § 3, and also Manifesto of Lodge of Antiquity, clause 4.—*Post.*

(2) This assertion, repeated in Manifesto, *Post*, but not otherwise corroborated. It should be noted, however, that the Edition of 1775 (Preston) in which it appears, was published with the *formal* sanction of the Grand Master, Lord Petre.

(3) See §§ 6, and 9.12.

(4) *Preston*, Ed. 1781, p 224.

(5) Ibid. This statement first appears in this edition (1781), and is repeated *verbatim* in those of 1796, 1801, and 1804.

(6) From this expression it is evident that the members of this Lodge were understood to have an inherent right, at least *collectively*, without *any new* authority, to meet as a Lodge, and to discharge the duties of Masonry; and this in a more full and ample manner than any newly constituted Lodge could do; for it is very remarkable that the four Old Lodges always preserved their original power of *making, passing*, and *raising* Masons, being termed Masters' Lodges; while the other Lodges, for many years afterwards, had no such power, it having been the custom to pass and RAISE Masons at the Grand Lodge only.—(*Preston*, Ed. 1781, p 225).

REGULATIONS OF GRAND LODGE:—"Apprentices must be admitted *Masters* and *Fellow-craft* only here, unless by a dispensation."—*Constit.* 1723, p 61.

22nd Nov. 1725:—"The Master of a Lodge, with his *Wardens*, and a competent number of the Lodge assembled in due form, can make *Masters* and *Fellows* at discretion."—*Constit.* 1756, p 280.

(7) It is a question that will admit of some discussion, whether any of the above Old Lodges can, while they exist as Lodges, surrender their rights; as those rights seem to have been granted by the old Masons of the metropolis to them in trust, and any individual member of the Four Old Lodges might object to the surrender, and in that case they never could be given up.—*Preston*, Ed. 1801-1804, p 215. (This note appears for the first time in 1801, and carries with it, therefore, greater weight than if it had been penned by Preston during the schism of 1779-90. See § 15 (II.-III.)

(8) This concluding statement is *inconsistent* with the position maintained throughout the remainder of § 16 (I. to IV.)

(9) Preston, Ed. 1781, 1796, 1801, and 1804.

(To be continued.)

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THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Gould's series of papers on the "Four Old Lodges," which is now appearing in the columns of your valuable journal, will be welcomed by all who take an interest in Masonic History. Having had considerable experience in similar fields of labour, I am in a position to testify to the arduous nature of the task he has undertaken, and I have no doubt the Craft generally will bestow on him that applause to which he is so justly entitled. My object, however, in addressing these few remarks, is not so much to applaud a work, the merits of which are self-evident, as to direct Bro. Gould's attention to apparent discrepancies between him and Bro. Hughan, in the case of sundry of our earliest Lodges. You doubtless bear in mind that when Bro. Hughan published his "Pine's List," for 1734, being No. 6 of his "*Masonic Sketches and Reprints*," you entrusted to me the task of offering such comments on it as might seem desirable. In the fulfilment of my duty as reviewer, I noted that Bro. Hughan traced the No. 11, of Pine 1734, as being No. 18, Old Dundee, of the present day, and I educed from this that, on the assumption that Bro. Hughan's suggestion was correct, the Old Dundee, No. 18, was, in truth, that old Time Immemorial Lodge, No. 3, which, in 1717, met at the Appletree Tavern in Charles-street, Covent-garden, but which, according to the list published in the 1738 Edition of the Constitutions, removed in February 1722-3, to the Queen's Head, Knave's Acre, and there met under a *new* Constitution, "though *they wanted it not*." In this list it figured as No. 10, and in Pine's List 1734 as No. 11. It is also No. 11 in Pine's Lists of 1729 and 1730, as stated by Bro. Gould in his first paper, and No. 11 in Rawlinson's List 1733. It is No. 48 in the Dublin List for 1735, contributed by Bro. Hughan to the *Masonic Magazine* for January 1877, and deducting the thirty-seven Irish Lodges, this places it as No. 11 among English Lodges; while in Cole's List for 1763, contributed to the last Christmas number of the same Magazine, it appears to rank either as No. 6 (having in the interim jumped over two other Lodges), if we are to consider 27th February 1722, and 27th February 1722-3, as standing for the same date, or No. 8, if Bro. Hughan's remark is correct, that "the numeration observed is according to the new list made in 1756, the former alterations having been made in 1740," though the date of Constitution, as given in the list of Cole's—"May 1722"—does not tally with previous dates. Or it may be—and if Bro. Hughan's surmise

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that No. 11 of Pine 1734, is No. 18 of to-day, is correct, it must be—No. 9 of Cole, described as meeting at the "Dundee Arms, at their own private room, Red Lion-street, Wapping, second and fourth Thursday," and Constituted in 1722. All this is perplexing enough, and the perplexity is not diminished, when we find, on the one hand, Bro. Hughan tracing the No. 11 of Pine 1734, as the No. 18 (Old Dundee), of to-day, and on the other Bro. Gould connecting it with Fortitude and Old Cumberland, No. 12, of to-day. In any attempt to set this matter straight, it is obviously impossible for me to take upon myself to follow both Bro. Hughan and Bro. Gould in tracing the conclusions at which they have severally arrived. However, for purposes of comparison, I will first append a table, showing (a) the existing Lodges and those in Pine's List for 1734, with which in Bro. Hughan's opinion, they correspond; and (b) Pine's of 1729 and 1730, and the list of Book of Constitutions for 1738, and the existing Lodges, with which, in Bro. Gould's opinion, they correspond.

(a)

(a) Pine, 1734.	Hughan, 1876.
1 King's Arms, St. Paul's Churchyard	Antiquity, No. 2.
3 Horn, Westminster	R. Som. House and Inverness, No. 4.
4 Swan, Hampstead	Friendship No. 6.
6 New Bond Street	British, No. 8.
7 Rummer, Queen Street, Cheapside	Westminster and Keystone, No. 10.
8 Devil (Union Lodge) Temple Bar	Fortitude and O.C. Lodge, No. 12.
9 Tun, Noble Street	Tuscan, No. 14.
10 King's Arms, New Bond Street	Royal Alpha, No. 16.
11 Queen's Head, Knave's Acre	Old Dundee, No. 18.
13 Covent Garden	R. Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20.

(b.)

Pine 1729.	Pine 1730.	Constitution 1738.	Gould 1878.
1 St. Paul's Churchyard	1 King's Arms in Do	1 King's Arms in Do	Antiquity No. 2
3 Westminster	3 Horn Tavern Do	2 Horn Tavern Do	R.S.H. and Inverness No. 4
4 Ivy Lane	4 Swan, Hampstead	3 Shakespeare's Head, Marlborough Street	Friendship No. 6
6 Clare Street	6 Tom's Coffee House Do	5 Braund's Head, New Bond Street	British No. 8
7 Behind the Royal Exchange	7 Rummer, Queen St., Cheapside	6 Rummer, Queen St. Do	Westminster and Keystone No. 10
9 Noble Street	9 One Tun in Noble Street	8 Red Cross, Barbican	Royal Alpha No. 16
10 Brewer Street	10 Lion and Shield, Brewer Street	9 King's Arms Tavern, New Bond Street	Tuscan No. 14
11 Knave's Acre	11 Queen's Head, Knave's Acre	10 Queen's Head, Knave's Acre	Fortitude and O.C. No. 12
12 Swithin's Alley	12 Three Tuns in Swithin's Alley	11 Castle	Old Dundee No. 18
13 Duchy Lane	13 Anchor, Dutchy Lane	12 Bury's Coffee House, Bridge's St.	R. Kent L. of Antiquity No. 20

Classing these together and giving only the numbers of the Lodges in the several Lists, we find the following result:—

Pine 1729.	Pine 1730.	Pine 1734.	Const. 1738.	Hughan 1876.	Gould 1878.
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1	1	1	1	2	2
3	3	3	2	4	4
4	4	4	3	6	6
6	6	6	5	8	8
7	7	7	6	10	10
8	8	8	7	12	—
9	9	9	8	14	16
10	10	10	9	16	14
11	11	11	10	18	12
12	12	12	11	—	18
13	13	13	12	20	20

Thus Bros. Hughan and Gould agree as to Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 20, while they differ as to Nos. 12, 14, 16, and 18. As to the former, nothing further need be said; but as to the latter, I may, perhaps, with the dates of constitution, be able to throw some light on the matter, though I labour under the disadvantage of having only copies of a few lists available. Taking the four, about which there is this disagreement, I note, as regards our present

No. 12.—Bro. Hughan connects this with No. 8 of Pine's Lists for 1729, 1730, and 1734, and the Constitutions List of 1738. The date of constitution in all three is stated to have been April 25th 1722. In Cole's List for 1763, no Lodge constituted on such a day is included, and Bro. Gould notes that it was erased on 4th April 1744.—See § 7, List No. 5 of his in last week's number of the Freemason's Chronicle. The latter connects it with No. 11, meeting in 1729, 1730, and 1734 at the Queen's Head, in Knave's Acre, No. 10 of 1738, meeting at same place, No. 10, at the George and Dragon, Oxford Market, in 1740, the Swan, in same locality in 1744, and the Fish and Bell in Charles-street, Soho-square up to 1765—in such case it would be No. 8 in Cole's List 1763. He adds that in 1775-6 it met at the Roebuck in Oxford-street, and in 1781 was named the Old Fortitude, which some time between 1814 and 1822 was changed to its present title. Be it added, in favour of Bro. Gould's theory, that if 27th February "1722" and same day "1722-3" are one and the same, the dates in all the lists I have given bear out this statement.

No. 14.—Bro. Hughan makes this the same with No. 9 of Pine's 1729, 1730, and 1734, and No. 8 of Const. List 1738. The date in all these cases is "May 1722," and there is a Lodge constituted at this date in Cole's List 1763, meeting in "David-street, Grosvenor-square." Bro. Gould makes it the same with No. 10 of Pine's 1729, 1730, and 1734, and No. 9 of the Const. List 1738. The date in these cases is 25th November 1722, and in Cole's List for 1763 there is a Lodge (No. 7) of this date meeting in New Bond-street.

No. 16.—Bro. Hughan connects this with No. 10 of Pine 1729, 1730, 1734, &c., &c., the date being May 1722. In fact Bro. Hughan's present Nos. 14 and 16 are Bro. Gould's Nos. 16 and 14.

No. 18.—Bro. Gould traces this to No. 12 of Pine's 1729, 1730, and 1734, No. 11 of Const. List 1738. The date of Constitution is given in 1729, and 1730, as March 27th, 1723; in 1735, no date is affixed; in 1738 it is given as March 1724. In Cole's List, 1763, there is a Lodge (No. 9) corresponding with this in the particulars as to place of meeting—namely, the Dundee Arms, Wapping, but the date is given as "1722." This, of course, need not be a discrepancy, as what we should now speak of as March 1723, was often enough spoken of as in the year 1722. Bro. Hughan makes this agree with No. 11 of Pine's 1729, 1730, 1734, No. 10 of 1738, the date of Constitution being Feb. 27th, 1722 or 1722-3, as variously stated.

To sum up the case. Bro. Hughan's present No. 12 was, according to Bro. Gould, erased in 1744; Bro. Hughan's No. 14 is Bro. Gould's No. 16; Bro. Hughan's No. 16 is Bro. Gould's No. 14; and Bro. Gould's No. 18, according to Bro. Hughan, has disappeared from the List.

I think I can see how the discrepancies have arisen, but I must leave these redoubtable champions to explain them.

Fraternally yours,

Your Reviewer of Hughan's Reprint of Pine's List for 1734.

CONFLICTING ACCOUNTS ABOUT THOMAS DUNCKERLEY.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Permit me to point out that your very frequent correspondent, Bro. Jacob Norton, in his letter last week respecting the late Bro. Thomas Dunckerley is entering on a very difficult, if not an impossible task, in his endeavour to weaken the Masonic version of that eminent brother's biography. I had not read the account in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, though I had seen mention of it in the account of Dunckerley in the *Cyclopædia of Freemasonry* in question, and I am of the same opinion as the writer of the latter, that there is no "good reason in re-opening a question difficult in itself, and so long buried." However, my object in writing these presents is to show that the more the two accounts are analysed, the greater reason is there to believe that no antecedent improbability exists against the correctness of the Masonic version. On the contrary, I am inclined to think, that all things considered, the version given in in the *Freemasons' Magazine* for 1793 is the more likely one. I am to a certain extent confirmed in this opinion by the account by himself, and "communicated in his own handwriting, by his executors" to the same *Freemasons' Magazine* some time after his death.—Vide *Freemasons' Magazine*, Vol. VI., 1799, pp 96-100.

I say there is no antecedent improbability against the truth of the Masonic version of Dunckerley's parentage. In the account published in 1793, and therefore in Dunckerley's lifetime, to which Bro. Norton refers, the question is only briefly mentioned, all that is said being contained in the passage quoted by Bro. Norton. The reason for this brevity is furnished by Bro. White, the writer of the Memoir, who adds, "but as this is a matter of much delicacy, our readers must excuse us from entering into further particulars, and permit us to draw a veil over this part of the life we propose to record, which, were we at liberty to illustrate, would prove a most interesting part of the history." But when Dunckerley was dead this motive of delicacy no longer existed, and accordingly we find in *Freemasons' Magazine*, Vol. VI., pp 96-100, a full circumstantial account, which had been, as we have said, "communicated in his own handwriting, by his executors," and "fully contradicts the many idle stories that have for some time been in circulation respecting him." The account is too long for quotation, but it was communicated to Dunckerley himself the day following his mother's funeral by a Mrs. Pinkney, who had been many years Mary Dunckerley's neighbour in Somerset House. The substance is as follows:—In November 1723, while Mr. Dunckerley senior was at Chatsworth, on some business for the Duke of Devonshire, Mrs. Dunckerley visited a Mrs. Meekin at Lady Ranelagh's. "Mr. L—y

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happened to come there, and paid me the greatest respect, and hinted that I stood in my own light, or I might be the happiest woman in England. I knew his meaning, but made no reply, and went back to Somerset House next day." A fortnight later, and she again visited Lady Ranelagh. Mr. L—y was again there, and handed her from the coach to the parlour, "where," says Dunckerley's mother, "to my future unhappiness, I found the Prince of Wales, whom I had *too well known* before my unhappy marriage. At his request (for I could deny him nothing), I stayed several days, during which time he made me *five visits*, and on Candlemas-day I went home." The result was that Mrs. Dunckerley found herself *enceinte*, and on the return, in May 1724, of her husband from Chatsworth, she told him what had happened. "He commended my conduct with so much joy that I could not help despising his meanness." Dunckerley was born 23rd October 1724, soon after which a separation between his mother and her husband took place, and "he kept the secret on his own account, for he had two places, and several considerable advantages as the price of my folly." The son was never known to his father, though it might have been, and his mother "might have lived in as elegant a manner as Mrs. H. or Miss B." This was the account which Dunckerley received from Mrs. Pinkney, to whom it was communicated by his mother five days before her death, and in the belief that her illness (gout in the stomach) would prove fatal. Mrs. Pinkney added that his Grandmother Bolnest, Mrs. Cannon, a midwife, and herself were present at his birth on the aforesaid Oct. 23rd 1724, "that his mother then declared the Prince of Wales was his father, and that she and his grandmother requested it might be kept a secret." Mrs. Pinkney further informed Dunckerley that his mother was a physician's daughter, and was residing "with Mrs. W. when the Prince of Wales debauched her," and Mrs. W. having discovered what had happened "had her married to Mr. Dunckerley, who was then attending the Duke of Devonshire, on a visit to Sir R. W." (Sir Robert Walpole) "at Houghton."

What follows relates to Dunckerley's career in the navy, in which previous to superannuation in 1764 he served as "teacher of the mathematics on board the Vanguard" for three years, as well as gunner. In August 1764, he left the kingdom through fear of arrest, his pay as "teacher of the mathematics" having been refused, and his daughter's illness having further crippled his resources. Previously, however, he assigned his "superannuation-pension" for the benefit of his wife and family during his absence, and then sailed with Captain Rathven to the Mediterranean, on which voyage he made the acquaintance of Lord William Gordon, who in the following year befriended him when in distress at Paris. In June 1765 he was put on shore at Marseilles when suffering from scurvy. On his recovery he received a letter of recommendation to his Excellency Col. T. [Townsend], at Minorca, by whom he was received "with great friendship," and while there "some gentlemen of the Lodge at Gibraltar," knowing his distress, sent him £20. On reaching London, in November, he removed his family "from Plymouth to the apartment in Somerset House, where my mother had resided near forty years; and at her decease it was continued to me by an order from the late Duke of Devonshire." In 1766, several persons of distinction endeavoured to convey a knowledge of his misfortune to the "Dowager Princess of Wales and the Princess Amelia," but without success. In April 1767 General O. [Oughton] acquainted Lord H. with his situation, and "that nobleman, with the assistance of Mr. W.," says Dunckerley, "laid my mother's declaration before the King. His Majesty read it, seemed much concerned, and commanded that an inquiry should be made of my character from Lord C." [? Chesterfield] "and Sir E. W." [Sir Edward Walpole] "who had known me from my infancy. The account they gave of me was so satisfactory to the King, that he was graciously pleased to order me a pension of £100 a year, from his privy purse, 7th May 1767." In the course of this account Dunckerley incidentally mentions that in January 1761 he asked Sir E. W. if he were like the late King [George II]. "As he was pleased to say that he saw no resemblance, I did not, *at that time*, acquaint him with my reason for asking such a question." He also says that being obliged to return to his ship after his mother's funeral, he made known the account he had received from Mrs. Pinkney "to no person at that time but Captain Swanton," and the latter remarked that those "who did not know" him "could look on it to be nothing more than a gossip's story."

Such is an outline of this very circumstantial account of Dunckerley's parentage, and what strikes me principally about it is, its apparent truthfulness. Moreover, there are some important particulars in which it is, to a certain extent, confirmed by the *Gentleman's Magazine*. Thus we are told in the latter, that his mother was a servant maid in the family of Sir Robert Walpole at Houghton, whence his father married her, and got a place of porter at Somerset House. Dunckerley's version, based on Mr. Pinkney's statement, is, that his mother was "a physician's daughter, and lived with Mrs. W." [? Mrs. Walpole, mother of Sir Robert, or possibly Sir Robert's wife, as he was not knighted till later; for there would be nothing singular in describing a man in 1760 by the title he was best known by in his lifetime, though it had not been conferred upon him at the time of a particular occurrence]; and Mrs. Walpole discovering she had been debauched by the Prince, had her married to Mr. Dunckerley, then in attendance on the Duke of Devonshire, who was visiting Houghton at the time. Moreover, their residence at Somerset House is mentioned, and Dunckerley afterwards occupied the same apartments, till his removal to Hampton Court Palace, where apartments were assigned him by the King [George III]. Then as to the discrepancy in the dates variously assigned to his mother's death. The *Gentleman's* says she died when he was very young, and his grandmother took care of him till he was put apprentice to a "barber." Dunckerley himself writes, "9th January 1760, soon after my return from the siege of Quebec, I received an account of my mother's death; and having obtained permission from my captain to be absent from duty, I went to London and attended her funeral." Are we uncharitably to suppose that this man, a distinguished Mason, and having hosts of friends moving in good society, even though he "died over eighty years ago," deliberately manufactured this *lie* about his mother's funeral, and the accounts he received of her deathbed confession from Mrs. Pinkney? He was in correspondence with Lord Chesterfield, General Oughton, Grand Master of Masons in Scotland, 1769-70. He was assisted pecuniarily by Lord William Gordon in 1765, who begged he "would give him leave to present" him with £200. His mother's apartments in Somerset House were continued to him "by an order from the late Duke of Devonshire," no doubt the same who had visited Houghton years before with Mr. Dunckerley senior in attendance on him. Even Sir Edward Walpole—though, according to the *Gentleman's*, he had no knowledge of the story of his parentage—"had known him all his life," and "believed him meritorious in the capacity in which he had served." Moreover, when Dunckerley, as the writer in the *Gentleman's* states, ran away to sea and got on board Sir John Norris's ship, Sir Edward wrote and interested himself in that youngster's behalf; while he, as I have shown, admits that Sir E. W. failed to see any likeness between him and the late King George II., when the question was asked. Moreover, the account was kept secret, and Sir Edward may be pardoned if he made a mistake as to the early death of the mother, when she had gone away, shortly after her seduction, to reside in London—whether she were "a physician's daughter" living with Mrs. W. or a "servant maid in the family of Sir Robert Walpole." Again, why should George III. give Dunckerley a pension of £100 a year, afterwards increased to £800, and apartments at Hampton Court Palace, if he had been only known to Sir Edward Walpole, and had served meritoriously as a gunner in the Royal Navy? It strikes me so handsome a pension, equal to what was then and is now conferred on titled persons, would not have been conferred on a mere naval gunner without some excellent reason, no matter how meritorious his services. Taking, then, the facts as narrated in the *Freemasons' Magazine*, Vol. VI., the grant of the pension, the testimony of eminent personages, and the points of agreement, slender though they be, between the *Gentleman's* and the *Freemasons'* Magazines, I incline to the latter's version of the parentage of Dunckerley. It was common enough for a girl who had yielded to the importunities of a princely or noble suitor to be married to some convenient attendant on the latter, a snug office being oftentimes the portion of the poor girl. Readers of *Percival Keene* will remember that the hero of that entertaining novel was the son of his mother by Captain (afterwards Lord) Delmar; and that she was married to Keene the Marine for the purpose of concealing her shame. This, of course, is a mere tale of fiction, but it serves to illustrate a common practice. However, my letter is running to a great length, and therefore I shall ask your permission to state a few other points in connection with Dunckerley's career in a second letter.

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

A. M. B.—Shall be pleased to hear from you at all times. We hope your Consecrations will pass off enjoyably.

CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF PERSEVERANCE, No. 1743.

ON Saturday, at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, was consecrated the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 1743, the gathering in honour of the event being numerous and well worthy of the occasion. The duty of consecrating the new Lodge had been entrusted to Bro. Hervey, the Grand Secretary, and we noted with pleasure not only that he performed his allotted task as impressively as usual, but that he was in excellent spirits and took a kindly interest in the ceremony. He was assisted in his duties by the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford M.A., Past Grand Chaplain, and Bros. H. G. Buss, Assist. Grand Secretary, E. Bowyer, and Jas. Terry Secretary to the Royal Benevolent Institution. Bro. Hervey having taken his seat, appointed Bro. Buss to fill the chair of S.W., and Bro. Bowyer that of J.W., while Bro. Terry acted as Director of the Ceremonies. In his address, he referred briefly to the changes recently introduced into the Constitutions of the Grand Orient of France, and fully justified the action taken by our Grand Lodge in relation thereto. He also deprecated change even in cases where it might seem desirable. Having further remarked on the importance of the occasion on which they were assembled, Bro. Hervey called on Rev. Bro. Woodford to deliver an oration, and the latter promptly obeyed the summons. In doing so, he pointed out that considering the frequency with which the ceremony of consecration had been celebrated lately, it was hardly possible for one in his position to say anything that would be new; and, after all, perhaps, it would be better for him to traverse the same ground over again, especially as he felt that he was addressing a lenient audience, who would make every allowance for the lack of novelty which distinguished his address. Bro. Woodford then went on to insist on the necessity there was for firmly establishing the ancient foundations of Freemasonry in all new Lodges, and conspicuous among those foundations was that of belief in God, and love of our brethren, the acceptance of which was absolutely necessary, in order to ensure the exclusion of the stupid atheist and the irreligious libertine. He enlarged on the virtues of Freemasonry and the leading features which distinguished it, and especially referred to that hatred of all persecution which was one of its principal characteristics. He spoke of the high code of morality it inculcated, and the innumerable blessings which had been the most conspicuous result, and concluded an able and instructive address by congratulating all present on the fortunate circumstance that Bro. Hervey had presided on the occasion. The rest of the ceremony having been performed, Bro. Hervey proceeded to instal Bro. Louis A. Lelus P.M. 65, 1364, and 1471, as the first

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W.M. of the Lodge. This done, Bro. Loins appointed and invested the following as his officers for the year, namely, Bros. Albert Barker and Frederick Kearney, both designated in the Warrant, as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively, Bro. J. L. Mather Treasurer, W. H. Mollindinia Secr., E. Marlet S.D., J. B. D. Wall J.D., Sparrow I.G., C. Daniel P.M. D.C., C. Robinson Asst. D.C., J. Mellison, W.S., and Reed P.J.D. Essex and P.M. 407 and 453—who acted as I.G. during the ceremony of consecration—as Assistant W.S., Bro. Goddard P.M. being chosen Tyler. The Grand Secretary delivered the customary address to the Worshipful Master, and Bro. Terry those to the Wardens and Brethren, on the conclusion of which the W.M. rose and expressed the great gratification it had afforded him to have had Bro. Hervey presiding, and he referred with especial pleasure to the fact that this was the fourth time it had been his good fortune to receive installation at his hands. He then proposed, and the proposition was agreed to unanimously, that Bros. Hervey, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Buss, and Terry, should be elected honorary members of the Lodge, a compliment which it is needless to say was duly and suitably acknowledged. Several propositions for joining and initiation having been handed in, the Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren sat down to banquet. After the opening toasts had been honoured, that of the Pro G.M. &c. &c., was proposed, and with it was associated the name of Rev. Bro. Woodford, who, in reply, thanked the Master for the honour he had done him in connecting his name with the toast. He was certain that both Present and Past Grand Officers were anxious to live in the good opinion of their fellows in the Craft. Freemasonry, he observed, was a remarkable institution, bringing, as it did, into one accord, people differing materially in their opinions. Moreover, it was a standing protest against everything in the shape of intolerance and bigotry. It was essentially cosmopolitan in its character, and it was our duty as Freemasons to inculcate everywhere this cosmopolitan teaching. Bro. Hervey then rose and proposed the toast of the W.M., and remarking that he came thither that evening for the purpose of consecrating the Lodge and not for speech making, expressed the gratification it had afforded him to have been entrusted with that duty, and also the great pleasure he felt in having installed so worthy a brother in the chair of the Lodge. He considered that he had that day added a fresh link to an already secure chain, and that the work he had entailed would proceed most prosperously. Having concluded by giving some sensible advice to the members, the W.M. rose and responded to the toast, and ended by proposing the toast of the Consecrating Officers, to which Bro. Hervey briefly replied, humourously observing that he was not unlike the late Mdme. Grisi in the number of his last appearances, for he had imagined that he had already presented himself to the notice of those present for the last time when he proposed the Master's health. In connection with the toast of the Assistant Consecrating Officers, the W.M. made a point of stating that it was purely an omission on his part, which he deeply regretted, that when he proposed those brethren and Bro. Hervey as honorary members, the name of Bro. E. Bowyer was not included. That omission, however, would be rectified on the first occasion it was possible to do so. The several brethren having replied, the health of the Visitors followed, and among those who acknowledged it was the Rev. Bro. Court, an American Mason, who spoke very eloquently on the subject of Freemasonry, and the cordial and fraternal reception he had met with that evening. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary and of the Officers having been given and responded to, the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a conclusion. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. T. W. Simons, who had the able assistance of Bros. F. H. Cozens, and Albert Hubbard.

PILGRIMAGE OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR TO EUROPE.

WE have already announced that Allegheny Commandery, No. 35, of Allegheny, Pa., together with such members of other Commanderies as may join the expedition, will set forth on the 3rd July next, for a tour of 75 days to Great Britain and the Continent. We have now to add that Sir Knight Robert Morris, Past Grand Master of Kentucky, has secured a place, and will give his large Masonic experience to make the tour pleasant and instructive. Success go with them!—*Masonic Review*, Cincinnati, May 1878.

Bro. Robert Morris, LL.D., 32°, is the author of *Masonic Songs and Poems* (incomparably the best collection of Masonic poems ever written, commencing with "We Meet upon the Level, and we Part upon the Square"), "The History of Freemasonry in Kentucky," "Freemasonry in the Holy Land," &c., &c. Bro. Carson, in his "Masonic Bibliography," after enumerating ten of Bro. Dr. Morris's works, adds.—He was also the editor of the *American Freemason* (Louisville, 1859, Folio). The same title 8vo Chicago, 1859. He was also the projector, editor and publisher of that ponderous collection, the "Universal Masonic Library," 30 vols. 8vo, 1856-57, and he edited an edition of Webb's "Freemasons' Monitor" (Cincinnati, 1859), and has been engaged in various other Masonic literary enterprises.

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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, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Col. Creaton presided. Bros. Joshua Nunn, S. Rawson, John Boyd, Thomas W. White, B. Head, J. A. Rucker, R. B. Webster, H. Massey, E. Cox, Arthur E. Gladwell, George Bolton, Thomas Mason, F. Binckes, Peter de L. Long, John H. Southwood, Walter Wellsman, C. F. Hogard, H. Browse, H. Potter, David Roberts, J. G. Marsh, and E. Letchworth also attended. Bro. Hedges acted as Secretary. The report of the House Committee on the applications and testimonials of candidates for the Secretaryship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls stated that the Committee met on the 13th and 20th inst., when they reported that the brethren eligible for the office were Bros. W. Clifton Crick, Thomas Cull, T. Rogers Eames, Francis R. W. Hedges, W. Smallpeice, Paul Storr, William Worrell, and C. FitzGerald Matier. Five other applications were received, but the candidates either were not eligible, or had not complied with the rules. After examining the petitions of candidates for the October election, twenty-eight were placed on the list, and three vacancies were declared. A discussion afterwards ensued as to the power of ladies and lewises who are minors being able to vote at the election of Secretary, according to the laws of the Institution, and it was resolved to take the opinion of Grand Registrar on the point. The meeting was then adjourned to the 11th of July at two o'clock, for the election of Secretary, on which occasion the scrutiny of votes will not be opened till after the poll is closed at five o'clock.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday last. Present—Bros. T. B. Whytehead W.M., J. S. Cumberland S.W., C. G. Pudel J.W., T. Cooper I.P.M., G. Balmford P.M. Treas., T. D. Smith as S.D., A. T. B. Turner as J.D., M. Millington I.G., T. Humphries Assist. Sec., P. Pearson Tyler, J. Morgan, Ware, Hebblethwaite, Blackstone, Jackson, and other brethren. Bros. Tennent and Harrison were passed to the second degree, and Bros. Varvill and Husband were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. A very pleasant evening was subsequently passed, the W.M. alluding to a pleasant visit he had paid on the previous Wednesday to the Old Globe Lodge, No. 200, Scarborough, and to the excellence of the musical performances on the occasion of the Scarborough Masonic Band; he thought it might be possible to organise during next winter, in York, a concert in aid of the Masonic Charities.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—Held its usual weekly meeting on Friday, the 21st inst., at Bro. Clayton's, the Dukes Head, Whitechapel-road. Bros. Cundick Preceptor, McDonald W.M., Job S.W., Stevens J.W., I. P. Cohen S.D., Waterer J.D., Wells I.G., and a number of other brethren were also present. The Lodge was opened in due form, minutes were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Ellis having offered himself as a candidate, was asked the usual questions and entrusted; the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the W.M. worked the ceremony of raising in a most excellent manner. Bro. Musto worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren, the Lodge was closed in the second and third degrees. Bro. Barnes, in a very appropriate address, proposed that Bro. Morgan, of Lodge 211, Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, be made an Honorary Member of this Lodge of Instruction, the motion was seconded by Bro. Cundick, and unanimously carried. Brother Morgan thanked Bro. Barnes for the kind remarks he had uttered in introducing the proposition, and assured the brethren he felt the greatest possible pleasure at receiving this mark of their appreciation of what he had been able to do for the Craft universal. It was not his custom to occupy the time of those he visited with details of the labours that devolved on him, but on this occasion, though he feared he might be voted a bore, he would break this rule. In olden times, it was recognised that our brethren were to serve their Masters faithfully seven years or less, they might then gracefully ask for preferment. He, brother Morgan, had that evening completed the seventh volume of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and he thought he might say a few words respecting the labour he had thus completed. Our brother then gave some interesting particulars in reference to the journal with which he was associated, and ventured to submit that the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE had faithfully and satisfactorily fulfilled its mission,—the advancement and support of the best principles of our Order. Bro. Morgan's remarks were listened to with much interest, and he concluded by again thanking the brethren for the privilege they had conferred upon him in making him an honorary member of this, one of the most celebrated of our Lodges of Instruction. It was then proposed by Bro. Ellis, and seconded by Bro. Cundick, that Bro. Musto, who had been acting as the Hon. Sec. *pro tem* for the last year and nine months, be appointed Secretary of this Lodge of Instruction, which was carried unanimously. Brother Musto returned thanks for the honour conferred. Bro. Job was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to Friday next, the 28th inst.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Met on Wednesday, 26th inst., at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C. The following brethren were present:—A. Pascoe W.M., Moss S.W., Staley J.W., Gottheil P.M., J. K. Pitt Sec., Bush S.D., Madwell J.D., Gompertz I.G., Walker, Woodward. The first and second degrees were rehearsed, and the ceremonies of opening and closing in the three degrees practised. A vote of thanks was unanimously carried in favour of the W.M., he having occupied for the first time in this Lodge the position of Master. Bro. Moss was elected to preside on next Wednesday, and in thanking the brethren for the honour, stated he felt quite incompetent as yet to perform a ceremony with anything approaching proficiency; if, therefore, on the next occasion, any brother should desire it, he would be willing to vacate the post.

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ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

THE Votes and Interest of the General Committee are respectfully requested in favour of

BROTHER W. CLIFTON CRICK,

(Bachelor of Sciences Paris University), P.M. Canonbury Lodge 657, and Secretary, Sunbury Lodge 1733,

102 CHANCERY LANE, W.C.

To the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors of the

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—

I beg most respectfully to offer myself as a candidate for the post of Secretary to your valuable Institution, rendered vacant by the lamented death of our esteemed Brother R. WENTWORTH LITTLE.

I have been a Freemason upwards of Nine years, during which time I have taken a very active interest in the Order. I am a P.M., and have been for some time past, Secretary of my Lodge, and Scribe E. of my Chapter.

I am now the Secretary of an Orphan Asylum, a position which I have held nearly four years, and am therefore thoroughly acquainted with the practical working of a Public Institution.

I am thirty-three years of age, and in good health, and previous to receiving my present appointment, I was engaged in business with a Marine Insurance Broker at Lloyds'.

Soliciting the favour of your kind interest and support,

I have the honour to be,
My Lords, Ladies and Brethren,
Yours obediently and fraternally,

WILLIAM WORRELL,
P.M. and Sec. No. 706. P.M. 1339.
P.Z. and S.E. Chapter No. 706.
P.M. and Sec. Macdonald Mark, 104.
and Past Grand Organist (Mark).

67 KNOWLE ROAD, BRIXTON, S.W.
May 1878.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

BRETHREN desirious of Supporting the Candidature of Bro. Hedges are respectfully solicited to forward their names to Bro. Alfred Tisley, St. Dunstan's Vestry, Fleet-street, E.C.

SECRETARYSHIP.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

BROTHER THOMAS CULL

Will be glad to receive the names of those Life Governors who will support him ON THE DAY OF ELECTION, 11th of July next, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., between the hours of Two and Five p.m.

79 Median-road, Clapton Park, E.

To the Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

BRETHREN,—I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for the office of Secretary, rendered vacant by the death of Bro. Little. Should you do me the honour to elect me, I can only say that I will endeavour to fill the office efficiently, and I hope that the manner in which I have discharged my various duties in Masonry will be considered a sufficient qualification.

W. SMALLPEICE, Assoc. Inst. C.E.
P.M. 1365, Secretary 969, Z. Cyrus Chapter 21;
Secretary Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

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Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Committee for securing the Election, as Secretary, of
BRO. CHARLES FITZGERALD MATIER.

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J. R. Smith, L.G.
Walter Sowdon, V.P., Aldershot.
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Jas. Winter, L.G.
T. B. Winter, L.G., Northumberland.
Reginald Young, L.G., Wt. Lancashire.

Brethren desirous of assisting are respectfully requested to forward their names to—

BRO. STEPHEN BARTON WILSON, L.G.,
Hon. Secretary,
27 Walbrook, E.C.

The Committee for securing the Election of Bro. C. FITZ GERALD MATIER have to add, in support of his Candidature, the following Testimonial, which, with many others, has been submitted to the House Committee.

From His Grace the Rt. Hon. the EARL OF ROSSLYN,
Late Ambassador Extraordinary to the Court of Spain, and Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

HOLYROOD PALACE,
3rd June 1878.

SIR,—I have great pleasure in bearing my testimony to your fitness for the post for which you are a Candidate.

As a Mason of high standing and unblemished character, I can imagine no one more calculated to give satisfaction to the authorities, in the position of Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, than yourself.

Very faithfully and fraternally yours,
ROSSLYN, P.G.M.

C. Fitz Gerald Matier, Esq.

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67 BARBICAN, E.C.

OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

DURING a short sitting on Thursday last, the House of Lords, at the instance of the Bishop of Exeter, gave a second reading to the Truro Chapter Bill. On Friday, the Lord Chancellor, who had given notice of his intention the previous day, obtained leave to introduce a Bill on Intermediate Education in Ireland. The Bill was subsequently read a first time, and the second reading was fixed for yesterday (Friday). On Monday, after an unsuccessful attempt on the part of Earl Fortescue to oppose it, their Lordships went into Committee on the Poor Law Act (1875) Amendment Bill, and the measure passed this stage without further hindrance. On Tuesday, the Public Health Act Amendment Bill was read a third time and passed.

In the House of Commons, last Thursday, a variety of questions were put to Ministers, among them one relating to the appointment of Sir Charles Du Cane to be Chairman of the Board of Customs, which was amply justified by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. When these had been disposed of, the House went into Committee on the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Bill, and satisfactory progress was made with several clauses. On Monday a new writ for Middlesborough, in the room of Mr. Bolckow deceased, was moved for by Mr. Adam. An attempt was made by Mr. O'Clery to get Ireland relieved of her share of the charge paid annually for the Volunteers, on the ground that Volunteer regiments were not allowed in Ireland, was defeated. The Chancellor of the Exchequer declined to see the force of Mr. O'Clery's argument, when the latter very informally moved the adjournment of the debate for the purpose of calling attention to the subject, but his motion was defeated by 306 to 12. Sir H. Selwin-Ibbetson then rose shortly after, and moved the second reading of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Bill, Mr. W. E. Forster following with an amendment directed against the proposal of the Government for the slaughter of cattle from the Continent at the port of landing. Several members, including Sir M. Hicks-Beach, took part in the debate, which, on the motion of Mr. Rathbone, was adjourned shortly before one o'clock till Tuesday, when it was resumed and again adjourned till Thursday. This was at the afternoon sitting on that day; in the evening, when the House should have resumed at the usual hour, it was found that a sufficient number of members was not present, and the House accordingly adjourned. On Wednesday Sir Wilfrid Lawson moved the second reading of the Permissive Bill, but he failed in impressing the House with a favourable opinion of its merits, and his motion was defeated by 278 to 84 votes, or by considerably more than three to one.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice returned to Windsor on Saturday, and on Monday the remains of the late King of Hanover were buried in the Royal Vault in St. George's Chapel, where lie those of his grandfather George III., Queen Charlotte, George IV., William IV., and Queen Adelaide. The choir of the chapel was thronged with those whom duty or invitation had brought together to pay their last tribute of respect to a Prince of the English Blood Royal, but the ceremony was not of that imposing character, nor, indeed, was it intended to be on that magnificent scale which people usually associate with Royal funerals. A large number of distinguished guests were brought down by special train early in the morning, and shortly after the doors of the chapel were thrown open, those who were to be present began flocking in. The chief mourner was Prince Ernest Augustus, Duke of Cumberland K.G., who previous to the ceremony, had had an interview with the Queen, for the purpose of delivering to Her Majesty the insignia of the Order of the Garter worn by his late father, after which the Queen invested the Prince with the insignia of the Order, and dubbed him Knight of the Garter. Following his Royal Highness were the Prince of Wales and Prince Leopold, and in the course of the procession were representatives of other members of the English Royal Family. Officers of State of the late King carried the orders that he wore, his cocked hat and sword, and the Crown of Hanover, while the pall-barers, ten in number, were chosen from among his late ministers and officers of state. The service was choral, the officiating clergyman being the Venerable the Dean of Windsor. The Queen witnessed the ceremony from the royal pew, while the Princess of Wales with the Princesses Frederica and Marie of Hanover occupied seats near the chancel. The pall having been removed, the coffin, almost hidden by the wreaths of flowers which had been placed on it by the Queen and members of the Royal Family, was lowered into the vault, whither the Queen and others descended to take a last view of their relative's remains, while the congregation slowly dispersed to the solemn strains of the Dead March in *Saul*. The Duke of Cumberland, the Ex-Queen of Hanover, and her daughters have since left the Castle for Paris. The only evidence outside that anything unusual was going on was a guard of honour, with the band of the Scots Guards, drawn up in the courtyard. Hardly a day had elapsed after the mournful ceremony was over, when the Duke of Connaught with his affianced bride, the Princess Margaret Louise of Germany, and her father, Prince Frederick Charles, arrived at the Castle, where they will continue to reside for some time, till the auspicious day arrives for the marriage of the youthful couple.

The storm of Sunday, which burst about midday over London, was one of the severest we have known for some time, and caused a considerable amount of damage to property, many walls and parts of houses being struck by lightning, while not far from King's Cross, the main sewer burst into the Midland line at St. Paul's Junction, and rushing down into the cutting at King's Cross, by which the Great Northern and Midland trains travel citywards, completely stopped the traffic all Sunday and Monday, several fire-engines being engaged in the work of pumping out the water, and for a long time without seeming to make any impression. In the region of the Caledonian Road, the basement of many houses was inundated by the water, and not a few had their Sunday dinners interfered with, while in the Holloway Road, the ground was under water in parts, and the tram and omnibus traffic had to be suspended for some time. The storm does not appear to have made the atmosphere much lighter; at all events, the heat has been as great since, and may fairly be described as sweltering.

In the late Charles Mathews, who died after a brief illness, on Monday afternoon, the British stage has lost one of its brightest ornaments. The deceased actor was going a tour of the Provinces, and had taken cold at Stalybridge when *en route* for Manchester. This was followed by an attack of acute bronchitis, and though no one anticipated it would have terminated fatally, owing to the great vigour of the veteran's constitution, yet they evidently exaggerated his power of resistance, for he succumbed, as we have said, on Monday afternoon, his wife and son being present at the time of his demise. Numerous inquiries were made by his friends and admirers during the progress of his illness, and among those who did so were the Queen and the Prince of Wales. The late Charles James Mathews was born in 1803, being the son of Mr. Charles Mathews the elder by his wife, *née* De Camp—who was the daughter of an actor of that name, of some repute, and sister to Mrs. Charles Kemble. It was intended that young Charles should be educated for the Church, and he was sent to Merchant Taylors' School, where his father had been before him. On reaching years of discretion, however, he determined on following the profession of an architect, and was accordingly articled to the late Mr. Pugin for four years. With him he visited Paris, and subsequently went to Italy to pursue his studies, being made a member of the Academies of Milan and Venice. In 1830 he was laid prostrate, a helpless cripple, by fever supervening on an attack of malaria, and when removed to England his life was despaired of, but he recovered and was shortly afterwards appointed Surveyor of the Parish of Bow. On the death of his father he became part proprietor of the Adelphi, and resolved on abandoning his former pursuits and adopting the stage as his profession. He had, indeed, always shown a taste for dramatic impersonation. Accordingly he accepted an engagement under Madame Vestris, then manager of the Olympic Theatre, and his first appearance was a great success. This was in December 1835. In 1838 he married Madame Vestris, and she dying in 1857, he was married a second time to Mrs.

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Davenport, who survives him. In March 1855 he gave up management altogether, and for the rest of his life was simply actor. Twice he visited the United States. In 1870 he went to Australia, returning thence in 1872, and in 1875-6 was in India, and had the honour of performing, by command, at the Calcutta Theatre before the Viceregal Court and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. He was a successful dramatist, his first piece, *My Wife's Mother*, being performed at the Haymarket in 1833, before he had adopted the stage as a profession, and his last being *My Awful Dad*, which was played at the Gaiety in 1875. Of his other pieces, *Cool as a Cucumber*, which he prepared a French version of, named *L'Anglais Timide*, and played in to the delight of a Parisian audience in 1863; *A Game of Speculation*, in which he played Mr. Affable Hawk, and *Patter v. Clatter*, in which he played the hero, are perhaps as well known as any. As an actor he was unapproachable in the characters we have named, and also in the double *rôle* of Puff and Sir Fretful Plagiary in the *Critic*. But other claims he had on the admiration of society. He was a great linguist, speaking both French and Italian with wonderful purity. He was a good musician, and had attained such proficiency as a painter in oils that one of his pictures was exhibited in the R.A. in 1835. In society he was a very great favourite, his sterling qualities, his gentlemanly bearing, his consideration and kindness for others, and especially for young people, commanding the affectionate regard of all he was brought into contact with. We offer our sympathy to his family on the irreparable loss they have sustained.

And while we in England are mourning the loss of a veteran actor, who, even in his old age, retained all the bearing and vigour of youth, all Spain is struck with dismay at the sad and sudden death of its young and beautiful Queen Mercedes, who, in January, was a bride full of hope, and with a rosy path of expectation before her, but who now lies a corpse, cold and senseless to the sorrow and grief of her stricken husband and parents. There are not a few who imagine—for what reason we know not—that high and puissant personages know not sorrow. Yet who can hope to form a just conception of the grief of King Alphonso at the sudden close of a life so young and dear to him? Can we picture to ourselves the sorrow that reigns everywhere in Madrid, and indeed throughout Spain at the terribly sudden death of this young lady in all the vigour of her youth, and hardly yet perhaps able to realise the cares and responsibilities of her position? No doubt time will assuage King Alphonso's grief, but he will hardly ever be able to obliterate the remembrance of this dreadful blow to his happiness, though he should attain even to an almost patriarchal age. May the kindness of the G.A.T.O.U. support him in his bereavement, and give him strength to endure his loss!

At the end of last week the state of things at Berlin was the reverse of hopeful, and the continuance of the Congress seemed in the last degree improbable. Thanks, however, to the firmness of the representatives of Great Britain, who manfully declined to swerve a hair's breadth from their terms, Russia, after referring to the Czar at St. Petersburgh for instructions, yielded, and the Balkans will henceforth be the northern boundary of Turkey in Europe. In fact, there will be a strong and independent Turkey, capable of offering the most strenuous resistance to Russian aggression, while Bulgaria will be re-organised, and remaining nominally under the sovereignty of the Sultan, will naturally enjoy independence, guaranteed by all the Powers of Europe. Thus what was certain to form the most difficult point to arrange between Russia on the one hand, and Austria and Great Britain on the other, has fortunately been determined in a manner honourable to the latter Powers, and especially to Turkey. Little else has been done at the Congress, indeed, it is impossible, considering the gravity of the Bulgarian question, to have expected further material progress to have been made. We note, however, that there is every probability that Austria will occupy, with the consent of Europe, the provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and thus put a stop to the ambition of the petty princelings of Servia and Montenegro. Greece, too, will be consulted, but only on matters connected with her own interests, and those of the Greek populations of Turkey. Meantime, Turkey seems fully satisfied, and the situation at Constantinople appears to be no longer critical,—at least so critical as it was some time since. Let us hope that all will go well, and that ultimately a firm and durable peace will be brought about.

The Annual Festival of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent will take place at Canterbury, on Wednesday next. The three Lodges of that City, viz., the United Industrious, No. 31, the Saint Augustine, No. 972, and the Royal Military, No. 1449, have co-operated to make the gathering one of the most successful that has ever been held, and we hope to be able to report that these efforts have proved successful. The Provincial Grand Officers (Past and Present), and the Masters and Wardens of the various Lodges throughout the Province, will be entertained at breakfast at 10.30, and will afterwards adjourn to the Chapter House, where Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 12.30. The brethren will attend service at the Cathedral at two o'clock, and the business of Provincial Grand Lodge being concluded, will dine together in the Upper Music Hall at four o'clock. Bro. John R. Hall, P.M. of No. 31, is the Hon. Sec. to the Reception Committee, and we doubt not will be pleased to give any further information regarding the meeting.

Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master for Berks and Bucks, has fixed Wednesday next for the annual meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge, which will be held at the Carlton Club Room, Windsor. The usual items of business are set down on the agenda paper as requiring the attention of the members of this important Province. The Finance Committee will meet at 1 o'clock, and audit the accounts of the past year; Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at half past one; after the transaction of the business of the day, the brethren will dine together at the Town Hall, at three o'clock. We notice that the Great Western Railway offer the usual advantages to members attending the meeting; return tickets being issued from the principal stations at single fares, and a special train being provided in the evening to convey those brethren who would otherwise be compelled to leave before the conclusion of the day's programme.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Middlesex and Surrey will be held this day (Saturday) at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, under the Presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Colonel Francis Burdett. Grand Lodge is to be opened at three o'clock; at half-past the members will repair to the parish church, where, by (permission of the vicar), a special service will be held, and a sermon preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain. After the business of the day the brethren will adjourn to banquet, tickets for which (6s 6d each) may be had of the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. Brighten. Previous to the meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, the Croydon Mark Lodge will be opened (at two o'clock) for the advancement of such brethren as may be eligible.

We have received with great regret an announcement to the effect that Sir Knight John Robin Mc Daniel, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Virginia, departed this life at Washington, on the 14th May, in the 72nd year of his age. He is spoken of in the circular containing the sad intelligence, as having been true in all his relations of life, "True to his professions, true to every duty, true as a friend, true as a Templar." We offer our tribute of respectful sympathy to the relatives and friends of the deceased Sir Knight.

Those of our readers who may visit the Paris Exhibition will have an excellent opportunity of judging of the merits of Messrs. Dick Radcliffe and Co.'s ability as floral decorators. They have very prettily fitted up a window case near the Avenue "des Grandes nations," and this is decorated with ferns, rockwork, fountains, and waterfalls—in a manner which abundantly testifies to the excellent skill and taste of this well known firm. They have likewise fitted the Prince of Wales's Pavilion with a fernery, having caverns, cascades, &c., in an equally becoming style, and they have also sent four cases of very handsome wreaths, composed of dried natural flowers and grasses. Indeed, the whole of their exhibits are a credit o the firm, and to the country they represent at this International Exhibition.

Bro. Court (U.S.A.)—We have a pocket book which belongs to you. It was found, after the meeting of the Royal Savoy Lodge, on Tuesday last.

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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, 29th JUNE.

M. M.—Prov. Grand Lodge Middlesex and Surrey, Greyhound, Croydon, at 3.0.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

MONDAY, 1st JULY.

174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
190—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.)
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1635—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
492—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
551—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
604—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
853—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
859—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1060—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
1064—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1360—Skelmersdale, Queens Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1573—Camdoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 605—De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe.
M. M. 87—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 2nd JULY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
45—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 3 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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
134—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
168—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
266—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
293—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
556—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
573—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
734—Loadesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
926—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hamp-shire.
945—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1144—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore, Middlesex.
R. A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd JULY.

Provincial Grand Lodge Berks and Bucks, Carlton Club Room, Windsor, at 1.30.
Provincial Grand Lodge Kent, Chapter House, Canterbury, at 12.30.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town s. (In.)
536—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1155—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1324—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
K.T.—Holy Palestine, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
209—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
337—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
446—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
457—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
591—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1003—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.
1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
1154—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1322—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1364—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1386—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.
M. M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

THURSDAY, 4th JULY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
720—Panmure, General Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)
K. T.—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
Royal Order of Scotland, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
153—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
291—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, York-s.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
309—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Broughbury, Peterborough.
495—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
500—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1142—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1262—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Totnham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery.
1613—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

FRIDAY, 5th 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, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (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.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1299—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1442—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-Street, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1367—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.

SATURDAY, 6th JULY.

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, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1456—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

MONDAY.

1154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1198—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
1211—Galerich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan, Halifax.
R. A. 390—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.

TUESDAY.

265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 226—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

WEDNESDAY.

R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

THURSDAY.

289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1231—Sawile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY.

242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
1643—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.

SATURDAY.

R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—129—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.
TUESDAY—5—Canongate and Leith (L. and C.), 86 Constitution-street.
THURSDAY—97—St. James, St. James' Hall, Writer's-court.
FRIDAY—291—Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, Ship Hotel, 8, Register-street.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, 17th inst. Bros. Hallam sen. W.M., Stock S.W., Hallam jun. J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Robison S.D., Pearcy J.D., Willison I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Isaac, Currey, Gardner, Dybdahl, &c. Lodge opened, minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge advanced to the second degree, Bro. Robison gave proof of his proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge being opened in the third degree, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Currey candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the first, Bro. Isaac the second, Bro. Stock the third sections of the lecture, assistbd by the brethren. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

On Monday last—Bros. Stock W.M., Pearcy S.W., Halford J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Gibb S.D., W. Rowley J.D., W. Cook I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Wing, Baldry, Hallam sen., Killick, Gardner, &c. The usual formalities having been complied with, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, including the traditional history, in a manner which met with the unanimous approval of the brethren; Bro. Wing acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down to the first degree. Bro. Tolmie worked the seventh section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Pearcy was elected W.M. for the next meeting night, which will take place on the first Monday in September next. After which Lodge was closed.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—Held at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Bros. T. B. Dodson W.M., May S.W., Abell J.W., Dickins S.D., Soper J.D., White I.G., W. G. Dickins Secretary, Bingemann P.M. Preceptor; Bros. Cornu, Bond, Scott, and several other brethren. After preliminaries, Bro. Cornu offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. This was followed by the ceremony of passing, Bro. Soper candidate. The first section of the second lecture was worked by Bro Dickins. Bro. May was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 15th inst. Present Bros. Slaiter W.M., Crosbie S.W., Hallam jun. J.W., R. Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner acting Sec., Cohen S.D., Willison J.D., J. Lorkin I.G.; also Bros. Powell, Brasted, Hyland, Fysh, C. Lorkin, Garrod, Hallam sen., C. Crosbie, Roberts, Brand, McClean, Jaffa, and others. All preliminaries were duly observed. Bro. C. Lorkin answered the questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, performing his work in a very correct manner, and giving the Traditional History. Bro. Pearcy worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down to the first degree, and Bro. Pearcy worked the first and second sections of that lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. G. H. Jaffa of St. James Lodge, No. 1579, and C. Crosbie, of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, were elected members.

On Saturday, 22nd June, Bros. James Crosbie W.M., Hallam jun. S.W., I. P. Cohen J.W., J. Lorkin S.D., Brasted J.D., Hallam sen. I.G., Killick Sec., Pearcy Preceptor. Lodge opened, and minutes were confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. C. Lorkin and Garrod as candidates. Several sections of the first Lecture were worked. Bro. Hammond Kennard, thirty degree, Leith and Canongate Lodge, No. 5 Scotch Constitution, was elected a member. Bro. Hallam jun. was appointed W.M. for the next meeting, after which the Lodge will be closed until Saturday, 7th September.

De Sussex Chapter, No. 406.—At a regular convocation of this Chapter, held on the 14th June, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, there were present—Companions J. Ridsdale Z., W. S. Hughes H., T. J. Armstrong J., H. Hotham P.Z. Treas., R. L. Armstrong E., R. G. Salmon as N., G. Cockburn P.S., Bolam and Carr A.S., G. S. Sims Janitor. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed; the ballot was taken for two brethren to be exalted, and it proved successful in each case. No other business offering the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to refreshment. Comp. J. Cook P.S. 481 was present as a visitor.

Derby Lodge, No. 724.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 26th June, at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool. Present—Bros. Asher Hart W.M., R. Cripe S.W., H. Trevitt J.W., M. Hart P.M. Sec., J. Pendleton as S.D., Jacobs as J.D., J. W. Ballard P.M. D.C., Gordon I.G., M. Williamson Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Caine and Beeken. Visitors—Bros. Cave, Henochsberg, and Davies. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, found correctly recorded, and duly ratified. It was explained, in consequence of the illness of the candidate, the third degree would not be given. There was a notice of motion by Bro. Jacobs to the effect that he should move for the alteration of the date for the ceremony of Installation to June, and that July and August be months of vacation in each year. No other business coming before the Lodge, the brethren were invited to refreshment by the hospitable and amiable W.M. The brethren enjoyed a very generous repast, and the W.M. rose to propose the toast of the Queen, with a few well-chosen remarks; the toast was properly honoured, all the brethren singing the National Anthem. The next toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and our Masonic Rulers Supreme and Subordinate, was submitted from the chair, and heartily drunk; Bro. M. Hart leading in the Anthem God Bless the Prince of Wales, which was very well sung. The W.M. called upon Bro. Gordon for a song; he cheerfully responded. W. Bro. Hart then with the kindest expressions possible gave the toast of the Visitors. He said it afforded him great pleasure in seeing Bros. Davies and Henochsberg with them that evening. He regretted that there had not been work before the Lodge, as he was sure Bro. Davies, who had the interests of the Craft so much at heart, always visited a Lodge for the purpose of seeing them work. He (the W.M.) regretted to learn that Bro. Davies would not, during his stay in Liverpool, be able to pay them another visit. However, as he had, on the last meeting previous to this, seen the third given, he has a knowledge how we get along. We shall always be glad to see Bro. Davies, and accord him a warm reception. We are also pleased to see Bro. Henochsberg here this evening. You know the feelings I have towards him, and he must be fully aware that he is heartily welcome to the Derby Lodge. Our Lodge at all times extends a cordial greeting to all who favour us with a visit, and I regret that there are not more visitors round the festive board on this occasion. To those who are here we give the toast in the heartiest manner. Bro. Davies replied for the honour conferred, and was followed by Bro. Henochsberg, who returned thanks in a very able manner. The Derby Lodge is one of those happy, harmonious Lodges which it is a pleasure to visit, especially so under the able and genial Mastership of Bro. Hart. May it ever continue as harmonious and prosperous as it is to-day. During the evening, Bros. McGauley, Humphreys, Jacobs, and Pendleton discoursed some good music, and Bro. M. Hart gave a touching recitation, in a manner he feels is sure to please. The last toast brought the evening's pleasures to a close, and the brethren separated, highly edified.

Everton Chapter, No. 823.—The regular communication of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 25th inst. Present—Comps. T. Shaw M.E.Z., J. W. Ballard H., Wm. Boulton J., T. Webster S.E., Jesse Banning P.Z. P.P.G.P.S. as S.N., Wm. Wilson P.S., King 1st Assist., Beesley 2nd Assist., Ex. Comp. Cottrell P.Z. as Treas., P. Ball Janitor, and Comps. J. Pendleton, W. Brassey, D. Davies, P. W. Oglesby, T. Johnson, and H. Trevitt, &c. Visitors—H. Williams P.P.G.S.B. P.Z. 580, Pearson P.Z. 249, R. Washington Z. 1094, H. Bradshaw 1094, A. Cotter 249, &c. The usual preliminary business having been disposed of, it was proposed by Ex. Comp. Cottrell, and seconded by Ex. Comp. Banning, that a letter of condolence be forwarded to the widow of our late Comp. J. B. Foreshaw, on her bereavement,—carried unanimously. It was proposed by Ex. Comp. Cottrell, and seconded by Ex. Comp. Banning, that the sum of fifteen guineas be devoted from the funds of the Chapter for the purpose of endowing the three Principals of the Chapter as Life Governors in the W. L. Educational Institution,—carried unanimously. There were three candidates for Exaltation, but neither put in an appearance, much to the disappointment of all present, especially as the Chapter meets only once in two months. The Chapter was closed in ancient form, and by command of the M.E.Z. the Companions adjourned to refreshment. On the removal of the cloth, the M.E.Z. gave the first toast,—the Queen, prefacing it with a few pleasing remarks; the same was duly honoured, the Comps. singing the National Anthem. After the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was proposed and heartily drunk, the Prov. Grand Supt., and the Masonic Rulers Supreme and Subordinate was given from the chair, and coupled therewith the name of Ex-Comp. Banning, who in reply acknowledged the compliment paid him in having his name associated with the toast. He paid a high tribute of praise to our Masonic Rulers, saying he was proud of them, and stating that no Comp. would regret ever attaining to the distinction of working with them; he trusted that every one deserving of honours would receive them, as reward sweetens labour. He thanked them for the kind manner the toast had been proposed and received. Comp. Trevitt gave a very impressive recitation, after which Comp. King proposed the health of the three Principals, which was cordially drunk with musical honours. Ex-Comp. Washington kindly gave a song. Ex-Comp. Shaw in response to the last toast said, he wished to be as brief as possible, but as he should be compelled to reply for the three Principals, because of the unavoidable early departure of Comps. Ballard and Boulton, he would have to reply a little more at length than he desired. He felt greatly put about that there was no work done that evening. He had always attended to his duties, for years, in that Chapter, and could not remember such an occurrence ever before; he regretted it exceedingly, especially as so many visitors had come for the sole purpose of seeing the various officers do their part, and which had gained for the Everton Chapter so exalted a name. He hoped they would never meet again to part under such unprofitable circumstances. He thanked the Comps. for receiving the toast in the kind manner they had. He proceeded to put for their cordial reception a toast he always felt so much pleasure in proposing. The Everton Chapter owed every thing to the talent and energy of its P.Z.'s, and he, as well as they, were greatly indebted for the continued support given the Chapter by these able Companions, without whose assistance they could not succeed. He therefore would ask all to charge their glasses, and drink the very good health of the P.Z.'s of the Everton Chapter. This was most heartily done. Comp. Milne gave the next song. Ex-Comp. Cottrell rose to respond to the toast so kindly put from the chair, and so unanimously received. He had the privilege, as the I.P.Z., to reply first. He said the uniform kindness and gratitude shown by the Comps., and the many special honours conferred upon him by the Chapter fully compensated for the attention devoted by him to their welfare. He was always ready and willing to do his utmost, and, with the M.E.Z., regretted that they had been disappointed in not having at least one candidate for exaltation that night, but their meet-

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ing had not been exactly fruitless, as the Chapter had increased its weight in the Province by endowing the chair of the three Principals as Life Governors in the West Lancashire Educational Institution. They had ample funds, and he trusted the time was rapidly approaching when they would add additional lustre to the Chapter by contributing to the great and invaluable Charities centred in London. Ex-Comp. Banning said he was fortunate in having to follow so eloquent and able a speaker as Comp. Cottrell, as he uttered sentences coinciding with his own. He observed that it was well known the deep interest he took in the Craft, and particularly in the Royal Arch degree, which to him was the consummation of everything touched upon in preceding ones. He felt the more he studied and followed the principles of Freemasonry, the better he was enabled to fill his position in life with satisfaction to himself. The precepts laid down in our glorious Order made us befitting members of society, taught us how to live, and leads us daily to contemplate, with feelings of profound adoration, the Grand Lodge above. He assured the Companions that in going through the chair he had not deemed his labours ended, but as long as he could he would stand to his post, and with the utmost pleasure render all the assistance he could. In conclusion he thanked the Comps. for receiving the toast of the P.Z.'s in such a cordial way. Ex. Comp. Shaw then gave the Officers of the Chapter, and said, without deprecating other Chapters, the Officers of the Everton Chapter always held up the highest standard, and he trusted that the position for excellence of working which No. 823 had attained would never be relinquished. With the toast he would mention the names of Comps. King and Beesley, who in responding, said they felt the great responsibility of their positions to keep up the standard hitherto attained by their Chapter, and expressed their determination not to fail in their duties. Comp. Pendleton favoured the Companions with a song. In proposing the toast of the visitors, which was done in the most hearty and fraternal manner possible, the M.E.Z. expressed the pleasure he experienced in seeing so many distinguished visitors present. He said the Everton Chapter takes great delight in having as many visitors as can come, he regretted there were so few. During his year of office he would be glad to see all who might pay them a visit, without mentioning any names, it would suffice to say he was delighted to see them, and hoped they would come again to see their working. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Comps. Milne and Beesley favoured the Companions with more harmony, after which Comps. Williams, Pearson, Washington, Cotter, Bradshaw, and Davies replied to the toast of the Visitors. Comp. King complied to the request for a recitation. Comp. Cottrell said the next toast was entrusted to him, and the subject was brought home to him impressively by the eloquent remarks of Comp. Davies. In his speaking of our Order in its universal aspect, we are reminded that many Companions of this Chapter are scattered over various parts of the world, and who, although absent in the body, are, when we meet, with us in spirit, and we who are privileged to meet here will remember them, as our absent Companions, and to this toast I ask you to drink most cordially. This was done. Comp. Cottrell favoured the Companions with the next song, after which additional toasts were proposed, duly received, and responded to; more harmony was well rendered, and after spending a most enjoyable evening the Companions dispersed at an early hour.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston. Bro. M. Christian W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., Gilham J.W., Wardall S.D., Forss J.D., Borer I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Brasted Preceptor. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Polak candidate. Bro. Forss answered the questions leading to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Forss candidate. The Lodge was closed to the first degree; Bro. Dallas worked the first section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren; Bro. J. Lorkin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—At the weekly meeting of this Lodge, held on Wednesday, the 26th inst., at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street. Bros. Marston W.M., Bull S.W., Gladwell J.W., Abell S.D., Cornu J.D., Pate I.G., Long P.M., Preceptor. After the reading and confirmation of minutes, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Tate was examined as to his proficiency, entrusted and raised. The Lodge was then closed down to the second, and various sections of the lecture were worked by the W.M., Bro. Tate, and the Preceptor. Bro. Cornu was elected a member, and Bro. Bull W.M. for ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—At the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 14th inst. Bros. Hine W.M., Campbell S.W., Moss J.W., Posener S.D., Kent J.D., Smith I.G., Fenner Preceptor; also Bros. Richmond, Sargeant, Brickels, Tatton, Bolton, &c. The minutes of last meeting were read and duly confirmed; Bro. Bolton answered the questions, and Lodge advanced to the second degree; the W. Master then rehearsed the ceremony of passing. On the resumption of the Lodge to the first degree, Bro. Fenner worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Brockels of Constitutional Lodge, No. 55, was elected a member. Bro. Campbell was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 1299.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at West Derby, near Liverpool, on Thursday the 20th inst. Present—Bros. John Capell W.M., R. Bennett P.M. as S.W., F. B. Bramham J.W., T. G. Fisher Sec., P. Macmuldrow P.M. Senior Grand Deacon Treas., B. M. Uldro S.D., T. W. Rudd Organist, Wm. Avis I.G., J. Robinson Tyler. Past Master—Bro. W. S. Vines Prov. G.D.C. Visitors—Bros. Rev. Dr. Hyde D.D. 1086, Berry P.M. 155, Hatch 220, Ellis 220, Durant 1473, Sandbrook 1609, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and declared correctly recorded, after which the Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Lewis was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. The Lodge then resumed business in the first, and the labours of the evening being ended, the Worshipful Master closed the Lodge in due and ancient form. By request of Bro. Capell, the brethren partook of supper, which was done justice to by all present. On removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal toast of the Queen was given from the chair, and duly honoured. The W. Master proceeded rapidly to the toast of our Masonic Rulers, supreme and subordinate, coupling the name of Bro. Macmuldrow P.G.S.D. P.M. with the same. Bro. Avis kindly responded to the call for a song. Bro. Macmuldrow, in reply to the last toast, said, in proportion to the honour and significance of being a Provincial Grand Officer, he esteemed and wore those honours, and trusted he would be able to do so with every consideration, and thanked the Worshipful Master for uniting his name with the toast, and the brethren for receiving it in such a cordial manner. Bro. Sandbrook kindly favoured the brethren with a song. The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of the Past Masters, coupling the name of Bro. W. S. Vines P.M. Prov. G.D.C. Bro. Macmuldrow favoured the brethren with a song in the interval. Bro. Vines rose to respond to the toast of the Past Masters, and said he had indulged in the hope that the Worshipful Master would dispense with the toast he had so kindly given, and which had been so heartily received by them all; he expressed his readiness to do all in his power for the good of the Lodge, but regretted the absence of other Past Masters. The working of the Lodge is always enhanced by the presence of the Officers, past and present; and it was to be deprecated that one of the principal Officers was so often absent. He thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which the toast was drunk, and before he resumed his seat he availed himself of the great pleasure he experienced in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master. In offering this toast it was quite unnecessary for him to tell the brethren how deep an interest the Worshipful Master took in the Lodge and the Craft, and how well he had filled the Office of Master of this Lodge. The toast was most cordially drank. Bro. T. W. Rudd kindly gave the next song. The W.M. in responding to the toast last proposed by W. Bro. Vines, returned his sincere thanks, and regretted that there had not been more work, as was anticipated. He hoped that the Visitors would pardon any inconvenience they might be put to, as certain eventualities had to be gone into. Bro. Bramham ably sang the next song. The W.M. rose for the last time to propose a toast which, he said, was more heartily drunk in the Pembroke Lodge than any other, because the members all rejoiced to see their visiting brethren, and no Lodge did or could give a more truly fraternal welcome to their Visitors than the Lodge he had the honour of presiding over. He had great pleasure in uniting the names of the Rev. Bro. Hyde, and Bros. Davies and Berry with the toast. The toast was cordially drunk. Bro. Avis volunteered the next song. Bro. Hyde, on rising to respond for the Visitors, said: I thank the Worshipful Master and brethren for the kind reception given the Visitors this evening. It affords me great pleasure to be with you, and to witness the efficient working and harmonious feeling existing in the Lodge. I have been particularly pleased with the truly Masonic spirit evinced in the Lodge to-night towards the candidate for initiation. I may say with reference to Mr. Deane that I have known him and his family for a considerable time, and think him in every way deserving of that great mark of respect and confidence which you have shown him in unanimously electing him to become a member of our Order. Happily, Freemasonry does not look upon a gracious act, performed by a generous-hearted man (as some would say indiscreetly generous), as sufficient reason for its censure or disapproval, morally speaking. It will doubtless be a great gratification to Mr. Deane to know that the vote of this Lodge has been so unanimous in his favour. With reference to the remarks of the Worshipful Master, I need not say there is any cause for an apology on account of a portion of the business of the Lodge being submitted for the members only, and I cannot refrain from expressing my sincere congratulations to the Pembroke Lodge in having for its Master a Mason whom I have known in the Craft and otherwise for years, and a Brother whom I greatly respect. Bros. Davies and Berry followed, and returned thanks. A few more songs and a pleasant social chat, previous to the Tyler's toast being given, concluded the programme, and the brethren dispersed.

Stanley Lodge, No. 1325.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 18th instant. Present—Bros. J. W. Burgess W.M., J. H. Bradshaw S.W., C. Winskill J.W., T. Faulkes Sec., H. Ashmore P.M. Treas., R. B. Burgess S.D., N. Robinson J.D., C. Leighton P.M. D.C., A. Samuels Steward, S. Hill I.G., M. Williamson Tyler. P.M. Bro. F. Knight took his seat in the East. There was present a large number of visiting brethren, among whom were J. Skeaf P.G. Org., John Pemberton P.P.G. Superintendent of Works P.M. 1264, T. Roberts P.M. 673, J. Woods Treasurer 1094, H. Williams P.M. 249, G. E. Hanmer P.M. 1086, H. Burrows W.M. 673, J. Mortleman S.W. 1470, &c., &c., and members. The minutes of the last meeting were read, declared correctly recorded, and ratified. The next business was the installing of Bro. Bradshaw W.M. elect, for which purpose he was formally introduced to the W.M. presiding, and the usual ceremony was duly performed by Worshipful Bro. Burgess in first-class style. Bro. Bradshaw, after receiving the salutations of the brethren present, at once proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, which with the able assistance afforded by Bro. Burgess was soon accomplished. The Officers are as follows:—Bros.

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J. W. Burgess I.P.M., C. Winskill S.W., T. Faulkes J.W., R. B. Burgess Sec., H. Ashmore P.M. Treasurer, F. Knight P.M. D.C., N. Robinson S.D., A. Samuels J.D., J. Holmes and P. McArthur Campbell Stewards, S. Hill I.G., M. Williamson Tyler. Bro. Ashmore delivered the ancient charges efficiently, and on the conclusion of the ceremony, the Worshipful Master proposed, and Bro. Leighton seconded, that a vote of thanks be tendered the I.P.M. for the very able manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony, and that the same be entered on the minutes of the Lodge—carried. The labours of the day being ended, the W.M. invited the brethren to banquet, which, it is to be regretted, was held in the old Lodge room, where there is no accommodation for such a number as were present on the occasion. The Stanley Lodge to all appearance is firmly established, and is gaining ground, and it is sincerely hoped that its future career will be a continuous one of prosperity. Few Lodges have come through such a fiery ordeal as 1325, and it is evident that the increasing prosperity of the Lodge is due to the able Masters who have recently passed the chair. It is a pleasure to be able to record the progress of a Lodge. The credit is applicable where it is due. After the brethren had done justice to the good things provided, the W.M. gave the first toast,—The Queen, which was duly honoured, the brethren all singing the National Anthem. Bro. Ashmore, by command of the W.M., gave the toast of the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which was heartily received; Bro. Bryan sang God Bless the Prince of Wales. After the toast of the Pro Grand Master had been given and received, Bro. Linaker in his usual good style favoured the brethren with a song. The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of the Prov. Grand Master in a very able manner, and united the name of Bro. Pemberton as a Prov. Grand Officer with the toast; the toast was cordially drunk, and Bro. Pemberton responded in a speech remarkable for its apology for the absence of Prov. Grand Officers from their duties in the work of the Province. He wished the Lodge every success, and paid a tribute to his dear friend who was placed in the exalted position of Master, and congratulated the Lodge on having so worthy a Mason to fill the chair. The I.P.M. again assumed the gavel, and in doing so this time rose to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Burgess said it gave him the greatest satisfaction to propose this toast, as the W. Brother was one whom they all knew so well and so greatly respected. He was sure that the prosperity of the Lodge would increase under his Mastership, and the Lodge and Officers, Past and Present, would be united in one desire to enable him to carry on the affairs of the Lodge with success. He announced, with additional pleasure, that Bro. Bradshaw was the first Master who had risen from the ranks as an initiate of the Lodge. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Hatton responded to the call for a song in his accustomed tasteful manner. The W.M. on rising returned thanks for the very kind manner in which Bro. Burgess had spoken of him; he was deeply moved by the cordial reception his name received from all. As he was the first Master from among the initiates of the Lodge, he trusted he would be enabled, through the co-operation of the Officers and members, to make the Lodge second to none; there was no reason why it should not be one of the best Lodges in the province. The next toast proposed from the chair was that of the Installing Master. Bro. Bradshaw felt sure every one present admired the brilliant style in which Bro. Burgess did his work, and the excellent manner in which Bro. Ashmore gave the charges; the toast was most cordially drunk. The W.M. presented a P.M.'s jewel, in the name of the Lodge, to the I.P.M. Bro. Burgess in reply to the last toast said, he thanked the brethren sincerely for their mark of esteem. When he first saw the light of Freemasonry, in the East Indies, he never thought he should hold office in England; he had entered this Lodge with Bro. Knight, with whom he had worked hand-in-hand for the good of the Craft, and had now the proud satisfaction of following him as a Past Master. Both had done their duty to the best of their ability, and he felt sure that in the post of Immediate Past Master, he would do all in his power for the good of the Lodge in the future. He urged the members and Officers of the Lodge to attend their various posts, and said that the satisfactory position he held that day in the Order might be acquired by all, if they would, in their proper turn. He thanked them greatly for the handsome jewel, and trusted he would be long spared to wear it, with credit to the Craft and the Lodge which had so generously voted it to him. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Past Masters of the Stanley Lodge, briefly and appropriately. Bro. Bell kindly gave the next song. Bro. Leighton, as the Senior Past Master, rose, with peculiar pleasure, to respond to the last toast; he was happy to see Bro. Bradshaw in the East. He had the honour of initiating him, and he felt sure he would do credit to the exalted position of Master of the Lodge. Bros. Knight and Burgess followed, with suitable replies to the toast. Bro. Davies favoured the brethren with the next song. The I.P.M., by request of the W.M., then gave the toast of the Visitors, in his usual genial way extending a hearty welcome to one and all. The toast was heartily drunk, and fully responded to by Bros. Williams, Hayes, Roberts, Jones, &c. After which Bro. Burgess gave the West Lancashire Educational Institution. In proposing success to this Institution, he made an urgent appeal, in the absence of Bro. Browne, for that support which it so richly deserved. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Williams. During the interval Bro. Donelly volunteered the next song. Bro. Williams, in response to the last toast, said he regretted that it was not left to one more competent to reply on such an important occasion. He was, however, fully alive to the great value of the West Lancashire Educational Institution; he told them that every child educated under the auspices of the institution was thoroughly and properly trained. He then recounted the various offices, and stated that all those offices were honorary, and the difficult duties were performed gratuitously; he finally urged every member of the Lodge to do his part towards sustaining so noble an institution. The W. Bro. produced a profound impression. The W.M., in the next toast, gave the Officers of the Lodge, and, in doing so, expressed a desire that each brother would do his duty. In the selection he had made, he felt confident that they would. The toast was warmly received. Bro. Winskill favoured the brethren with a capital recitation. He then proceeded to reply to the toast of the Officers in a suitable manner, and was followed by the J.W., &c., &c. The I.P.M., in a very kind and appreciative manner, proposed the Masonic Press, uniting therewith the names of Bros. Wood, Mackenzie, and S. M. Davies, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. The toast was drunk with musical honours, after which it was graciously responded to by each of the brethren mentioned. The W.M. next gave the Musical Brethren, which was cordially received, and replied to by Bro. Skeaf. The W. Bro. then, in a very fraternal spirit, proposed the toast of the Absent Brethren, which was heartily received, and fully acknowledged by Bro. Burgess in his usual happy strain. Bro. Linaker again sang a capital song; after which the W.M. gave the health of the Members of the Stanley Lodge, with kind remarks. The toast was duly honoured and responded to. Before terminating the evening's programme, Bros. Faulkes and Ellery favoured the brethren with additional harmony, after which the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, and the brethren dispersed, having spent a very pleasant evening.

St. Michaels Lodge, No. 211.—The beautiful summer weather we are now revelling in has induced many of our Masonic friends to direct their attention to promoting those little excursions that are becoming so popular with members of the Craft. On Wednesday last, some of the members of the St. Michaels repaired, by Great Western Railway, to Maidenhead. The party left Paddington at 10.30, and, on reaching Maidenhead, were conveyed by carriages to the Raymead Hotel, where luncheon was awaiting them. After this had been ably discussed, the brethren, with their lady friends, proceeded up the river by boat. After a most enjoyable trip, the return was made to the Hotel, where the party partook of a most *recherché* dinner and dessert, which was capitally served by host Deacon. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Alfred Green, the W.M., briefly introduced the few toasts it is customary to honour on these occasions, and then the party once more took a peep at the beautiful scenery that surrounds this charming spot. Not till the exigencies of the train service compelled, did our fair friends exhibit a desire for the return journey, which, however, was pleasantly completed. All tendered their sincere thanks to Bro. Green for the admirable way in which he conceived and carried out the arrangements.

Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.—The second meeting of this Lodge since its consecration took place at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, on Tuesday, the 25th inst. Present—Bros. J. Willing jun. W.M., Adams P.M. S.W., Clemow J.W., Jones S.D., Hyland J.D., Cook I.G., Stiles Secretary, Treadwell P.M., Clifton, W. Payne, Holt, Parkes, J. Greenfield, Dellar, Jacques, &c. Visitors—Rev. Robert Court (Ancient York Lodge, Lowell, Massachusetts, U.S.A.), Sweeney P.M., Adams P.M., Rowley and others. After reading and confirming the minutes, it was announced that the Ladies' Summer Banquet would take place at Lewis's Hotel, Maidenhead, on the 25th July next, and that due arrangements would be made with the Railway Company for the comfortable conveyance of the ladies and brethren. The W.M. then passed Bros. J. Maby and A. D. Douglas. A ballot was taken, and J. W. Smith, F. Howcroft, C. Hammond, F. Dovy and W. H. Nicol were duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. As at the last banquet, there was an abundance of excellent things provided, but the waiting was exceedingly bad, and, in consequence, great delay and confusion took place between the courses. Nearly, if not all, the waiters were foreigners, and appeared to misunderstand the orders given them. The brethren are anxious that, on future occasions, there should be at least some English waiters present. A very excellent speech was made by Bro. Court, who particularly alluded to the great and favourable change in feeling created by our American brethren towards the Prince of Wales since he had joined the Craft, and in the course of his speech mentioned as a fact that long before the close of the late war between North and South the Freemasons on both sides were endeavouring to put a stop to further bloodshed, and to bring about a durable peace. The speech of our American brother gave evident satisfaction to all present, and was received with enthusiasm. Speeches were made by P.M. Adams, and others; several good old songs were sung by some of the visitors and members.

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THE FESTIVAL OF MONDAY NEXT.

IT is as well we should remind our readers that the third and last of our Anniversary Festivals for the current year will be held on Monday next, at the Alexandra Palace, and we trust that, with His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught in the chair, and a strong array of Stewards headed by Lord Suffield, P.G.M. of Norfolk, as President, with Sir Henry Edwards, Lieut.-Colonel Charles Lyne, and General Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Masters of West Yorkshire, Monmouthshire, and Surrey respectively, and a considerable number of other brethren of distinction as Vice-Presidents, the eightieth Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will surpass all its predecessors in the brilliancy of its results. The demands on the time of our Royal brethren are so many and so urgent, that it is impossible for them to take that active part in the doings of the Craft which we have reason to know it would be their greatest pleasure to take, were time and opportunity at their disposal. It is, therefore, the more incumbent on all who are truly interested in the well-being of our Society and its magnificent Institutions to prove beyond the possibility of a doubt that we appreciate fully their efforts to promote the cause of Masonry, when circumstances permit of their doing so. With the manifold duties of their high station pressing continually upon them, they cannot hope to be among us frequently, but when they are present, and especially when they evince their readiness to preside at any of our most important gatherings, let the reception which is accorded be worthy alike of them and of the Craft in general. It is for this reason that, at the risk of being thought wearisome, we shall take this opportunity of recapitulating the most important reasons above and beyond the presidency of the Duke of Connaught, why, in our judgment, the meeting of Monday should prove a conspicuous success. In the first place, the day chosen for this Festival happens to be the thirteenth anniversary of the opening of the present school buildings. This is a most favourable auspice to begin with, and if the brethren will call to mind the amazing benefits which the Boys' School has been able to confer in that brief period of time, they will regard those benefits in the light of a special reason why they should continue, and if possible, enlarge the sphere of their support. When an Institution languishes or falls short of fulfilling the expectations of its supporters, there is, in some cases at all events, some kind of excuse for people withholding their support, or helping it but half-heartedly; but when an Institution fulfils most admirably the purpose for which it is designed, when we find the recipients of its benefits do credit to the assistance bestowed on them, then we say it is obvious the Institution is properly managed, the money contributed towards its maintenance is usefully expended, and it becomes an ornament as well as a credit to its supporters. There is, in such case, a distinct and most pronounced incentive to still greater exertion, with a view to making it still more serviceable, and as the need for its efficient maintenance becomes each year more and more apparent, the coincidence of this particular anniversary with the presidency of the Duke of Connaught is a substantial reason why the result of Monday's effort should be worthy of the occasion. There is too another and equally weighty reason. The commemoration of the opening of the new building will necessarily remind all present that a considerable portion of the cost of the new buildings was derived from the sale of the invested properties of the Institution. The Government Stock, which to the extent of £13,100 had been accumulated from the savings of many years, was converted into cash, in order that the present commodious School might be erected, and at this moment the Boys' School has but £8,000 in invested moneys on which to rely for any special emergency. In other words, there is upwards of £5,000 more stock to be purchased before it will be on the footing, in this respect, on which it stood thirteen years ago. Is it hoping too much that Monday's tale of subscriptions will enable this deficiency to be made good? A long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether on the part of the Stewards, ably responded to by the Craft generally, will enable this to be done, and we trust it will be our good fortune to chronicle a success to at least this trifling extent. Two other and equally valid reasons must be added to those we have already specified. The School has been considerably increased in point of accommodation and the number of its pupils within the last few months. There are, or will be, when the School reopens after the Midsummer holidays, over two hundred boys on the strength of the establishment. This enlargement of the premises has been effected at a cost of over £3,000, and the addition of some thirty pupils means an additional annual expenditure amounting to (say) some £1,350. Thus, at the very time the authorities were expending liberally of their means in order to make the School more capable of meeting the increasing demands on it for admission, they were committing themselves to an increased annual outlay of no inconsiderable amount. We are not exaggerating when we say that, with the present number of pupils, the annual expenditure will be little short of £10,000, and if we set down the permanent income at £500, we shall be in excess rather than in defect of the real amount. Thus, the School has this year trenched more considerably than usual on its resources, and has increased its responsibilities for the future, and had we had no other reasons to enumerate, this would have amply sufficed by itself as a ground for our appealing more urgently than ever to brethren to support "Our Boys." Nor must we lose sight of the fact that, as year follows year, the number of those who apply to be admitted into the School goes on increasing, and even now, with the additions recently authorised, there is every half year a very considerable number of deserving boys for whom it is impossible to make the provision they so sorely need. We cannot, with our present experience, anticipate that a time will come, sooner or later, when the number of vacancies will exceed the number of applications. On the contrary, the probability lies all the other way, and as soon as the authorised list of pupils is full, we shall probably have occasion to deplore, half yearly, the inability of the School to meet the increasing demands made upon it. We are aware it is impossible to enlarge the School so as to enable it to meet all the claims upon its resources, but our experience of recent elections shows that there is still ample room for its enlargement. Thus, what with the good that has been done already, the use of invested moneys in erecting the new premises, the recent outlay in enlarging those premises, the increased permanent outlay consequent on the increased numbers of pupils, and the many demands for admission into the School, we have a sufficiency of reasons why the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution of Monday should be a brilliant success. And, even as a compliment to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, for his share in the day's proceedings, we trust our hopes and expectations will be realised, and that the eightieth anniversary will be the most memorable in the annals of the School.

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THE VACANT SECRETARYSHIP.

ON Thursday, the 11th inst., the choice of a successor to the late Bro. Little will be determined, and this, therefore, is the last occasion on which we shall have an opportunity of offering any remarks on a subject which is admittedly of the very greatest importance to the whole of the English Craft. On what may be the result of the election depends, in great measure, the well-being of the Girls' School for some years. We know, of course, that, if the choice should sooner or later turn out to be a bad one, it is in the power of the authorities to remove the chosen one and hold a fresh election, but that would be a certain detriment to the Institution, though not so considerable a one as would be the retention in office of an inefficient Secretary. Rightly, therefore, have we said that Thursday's proceedings will be momentous, and that those who have the right to cast a vote for this or that candidate should do so with no other object than to promote, to the best of their ability, the welfare of the School. In a former article, without expressing any bias in favour of any one candidate, we indicated as clearly as we could what, in our opinion, should be regarded as the essential qualifications of a Secretary to one of our Charities. As a matter of course, that opinion has had its usual allowance of unfavourable criticisms. Taking them together, the opposite views do not call for any special comment, but in the case of one of them we think it advisable to point out a certain inconsistency which it appears to possess with the praise so amply and so deservedly bestowed on the deceased Secretary. We suggested that, all other things being equal, the candidate who held the rank of Installed Master, and was a member of other degrees, would be preferable to one who was only a Master Mason, and the reason we assigned for this suggestion was, that such a candidate would be in a position to exercise greater influence, seeing that the circle of his Masonic acquaintance must obviously be more extended. To this it has been objected, that what the Institution wants is an efficient Secretary, who will be always at his post, not one whom, by reason of his numerous Masonic duties, it might occasionally be difficult to find. Let our readers note the weakness of this criticism. There is probably no Mason living who was connected with more Masonic bodies, and who had therefore more Masonic duties to fulfil than the late Bro. Little. Yet we have never heard it suggested that his Provincial Grand Secretaryship, or his Grand Treasurer-Generalship in the remotest degree interfered with his official duties as Secretary to the Girls' School. Latterly his health had been bad, and he was consequently absent very often and continuously from his post, but his absence was never, that we are aware of, attributable, or, indeed, attributed to the tax upon his time by purely Masonic labours. And even were it so, that a man connected with many degrees must necessarily have more claims on his time, and be therefore more frequently away from his office, yet it must be borne in mind that he has so many more opportunities of pleading the cause of the Institution. We know the Girls' School is of Craft origin, but we know likewise that Arch, Mark, Templar, and A. and A. Rite Masons contribute most liberally towards its support, and it is a decided advantage, therefore, to have a Secretary who belongs to some or all of these degrees. This offers no serious objection to the claims of any of the candidates who may have confined their attentions to Craft Masonry, for should such a one be chosen, it is open to him to join the other degrees, and the matter is at rest. We want a Secretary who shall have weight and influence, as well as the ability to do office work, and it by no means follows that the candidate who will make the most perfect official will likewise be able to command the greatest weight among brethren. We see no reason, under these circumstances, for revising or modifying our formerly expressed opinion, that, *cæteris paribus*, of two or more candidates for the post he is the most eligible who, by reason of his Masonic connections, will command the greatest influence.

A few words more and our task is ended. We have heard it rumoured at different times that now Bro. This, now Bro. That, was on the point of retiring his candidature. Such shaves as this are part and parcel of the ordinary proceedings which attend every election. However, as far as we have been able to gather, all the nine candidates whose names for the past few weeks have been before the Masonic public are resolved on going to the poll. These are Bros. Crick, Cull, Eames, Hedges, Matier, Smallpeice, Storr, White, and Worrell, and, as we have said before, may the best man among them win! One other rumour we have heard in more than one quarter, and it certainly has a nasty ring about it. We take it, as we take all rumours, just for what it is worth, and for the sake of Freemasonry we hope and trust there is no shadow of a foundation for its existence. Indeed, as far as we are concerned, we shall decline to believe it until we have something tangible in the shape of evidence to support it. It is well, however, to let our readers know what this rumour is, so that if, unfortunately, and contrary to our belief, there should be anything in it, they may be on their guard, and resolutely decline to be influenced by "the voice of the charmer, charm he never so wisely." Without further preface, then, we have heard it said that pressure has been, and is being, brought to bear on voters to support one of the candidates, and the pressure takes the form of a most discreditable threat that those who withhold their support may at once give up all idea of ever obtaining the "coveted purple" of Grand Lodge. We repeat what we have just said, that we shall most emphatically decline to believe in this rumour until we have something like convincing evidence of its truth, but if it be true, then our advice is, that any to whom it may be made should resent it with the scorn it deserves, and forthwith record their votes *against* the candidate on whose behalf it may be employed. Rather would we see the least capable elected, by a bare majority, or by a fluke, than that the election should be decided by the adoption in any case of such reprehensible malpractices.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

THE annual meeting was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Saturday the 29th June, and the attendance and proceedings were of the most gratifying nature. At two o'clock the Croydon Mark Lodge, No. 199, was opened by the Provincial Grand Secretary, W. G. Brighten, after which Bro. Henry Lovegrove was balloted for, and was duly advanced, the ceremony being performed by the Prov. Grand Secretary, on account of the W.M., Bro. Close, having the carrying out of the arrangements at the Church. Shortly after three o'clock the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, when there were present the R.W. Provincial Grand Master Col. Francis Burdett, the V.W. F. Davison Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Sir Charles T. Bright P.G.S.W., the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall P.G. Chaplain, C. Hammerton P.G. Treasurer, J. M. Klenck P.G. Registrar, W. G. Brighten P.G. Secretary, J. Kirk P.G.M.O., J. Tomlinson P.G.S.O., H. Court P.G.J.O., W. Taylor P.G.S.D., J. B. Shackleton Director of Ceremonies, R. Davies Sword Bearer, J. C. Legg Standard Bearer, H. A. Pocock P.G.I.G., and B. Meyer, J. F. Gibson, A. W. Hume and A. Clark Provincial Grand Stewards, and the following Past Provincial Grand Officers, namely,—W. Worrell, E. Simpson Blaikie, John Close, J. K. Pitt, and F. H. Cozens. Among the numerous visiting brethren present were W. Poulsham of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Northumberland, H. C. Lovander Grand Registrar, F. Binckes Past Grand Warden and Grand Secretary, C. F. Matier Past Grand Warden, A. G. Goodall of New York City, C. Coles 169, C. A. Solle Chaplain 286, F. R. Adams 198, B. H. Ridge 198, G. Kennedy Secretary 226, F. Griffiths 198, W. H. Goodall 211, J. B. Graham 211, E. Palmer 226, H. Shaw 226, G. Spink 226, F. W. Simons 104, E. Whittaker 139. The minutes of the previous meeting, held at the Town Hall, Twickenham, in July last, were read and confirmed. The Provincial Grand Lodge was called off to divine service at the Parish Church, where the service (full choral) was kindly conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Hodgson; the sermon was preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, on the text, "I will give unto him that overcometh a white stone," at the close of which the preacher brought to the notice of his hearers the Croydon Provident Clothing Fund, when the offertory realised the sum of £7 6s 2d.

The service throughout was admirably conducted, and great credit is due to the W.M. of the Croydon Lodge Bro. J. Close, to the Secretary H. A. Pocock, and other brethren of the Croydon Lodge, for the excellence of the day's arrangements.

On the return from the Church, Provincial Grand Lodge was resumed, and then the brethren saluted the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master in due form. An announcement was here received that Bro. A. G. Goodall, the representative of the Mark Masons of the United States was without, upon which a deputation of Grand Officers was sent to receive him, and on his entering the Lodge he was saluted in due form.

The Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. W. G. Brighten then called over the roll of Lodges, 17 in number, and reported that every Lodge in the Province had made its returns and paid its dues with the utmost punctuality, except the Temple Mark Lodge, No. 173.

The report was received with great satisfaction, and then the Provincial Grand Mark Master appointed Bro. F. Davison his Deputy P.G.M.M. for the ensuing year, and the brethren accordingly saluted Bro. Davidson in due form, after which the Provincial G.M.M. appointed his officers as follow:—Bros. Alfred Clarke P.G.S.W., Major Harding P.G.J.W., Rev. A. W. Hall and the Rev. W. S. Moses P.G. Chaplains, C. Hammerton P.G. Treas., R. Davies P.G. Registrar, W.

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G. Brighten P.G. Sec., John Mason P.G.M.O., R. P. Tebb P.G.S.O., W. Poore P.G.J.O., A. J. Thomas P.G.S.D., Stampa W. Cambert P.G.J.D., J. T. Gibson P.G. Superintendent of Works, J. B. Shackleton P.G.D.C., B. Meyer P.G.A.D.C., J. B. Batten P.G.S.B., A. W. Hume P.G. Standard Bearer, H. Court jun. P.G. Organist, Passmore P.G.I.G.; P.G. Stewards—C. Palmer, John Johnston, R. W. Brown, W. Nicholls, Edwin Gilbert, Claybon Palmer; John Gilbert P.G. Tyler for the ensuing year.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer presented his accounts, which for the first time in the history of the Province showed a balance in hand, and it was moved by the Deputy P.G.M., and seconded by H. C. Levander, that the thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge be presented to Bro. Hammerton for the efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of Provincial Grand Treasurer. This proposition was carried unanimously. After some remarks upon the beautiful service of the afternoon, and the excellent sermon preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, it was moved by the Right Worshipful P.G.M., and seconded by the Deputy P.G.M., that the thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge be presented to Provincial Grand Chaplain for his able and instructive sermon.

It was then moved by the Provincial Grand Sec., seconded by Bro. J. M. Kleeck, that the thanks of the Provincial Grand Lodge be presented to the Vicar for his kindness in placing the Parish Church at the disposal of Provincial Grand Lodge, and for the beautiful service of the afternoon; both these propositions were carried unanimously.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES, BOYS' SCHOOL.

WEDNESDAY was the day appointed for this annual gathering, and accordingly there was a numerous assemblage of the Stewards, brethren, and their friends, including, as a matter of course, a good sprinkling of the fair sex, at the Institution, Wood Green, and the proceedings of the day, which were of the usual character, gave evident pleasure to all present. A Part Song by the Choir, followed by a Trio, which Swallow, Steddy, and Battye, rendered very effectively, and a Duet on the piano opened the programme; after which the prizes awarded to the successful competitors in Classes one, two, and three, were distributed. After another Part Song, Duet, and Trio, William Martin's one act farce, entitled *D'ye know me now?* was played, the principal characters being very successfully enacted by H. Bowler, W. Sparkes, G. Widdowson, and P. Heaviside, then a Part Song, and Song—"The Red Moss Rose," artistically rendered by J. T. Swallow—and pianoforte duet, by Stansfield and Price. The prizes in Classes 4, 5, and the Choir having been distributed, as well as those presented by the House Committee and Private Donors, Bruevs' comedy, in three acts, entitled *L'Avocat Patelin*, with G. Widdowson in the principal rôle, H. Bowler as Guillaume, J. Whyatt as Agnolet, A. Bryant as Bartholin, and E. T. Sage as Madame Petelin, was acted most creditably, young Sage in particular showing considerable mastery over the language, as well as a fair conception of the requirements of the part. Two more Part Songs, and the "Tickling Trio" intervened, and then Lenox Horne's farce of *Two Heads are better than One*, followed by the National Anthem, brought the proceedings to a close. Nothing could have been more satisfactory than the manner in which the programme was carried out, while the recitations and singing reflected the greatest credit on the educational staff. The principal prizes were awarded as follows:—The Silver Medal for Good Conduct, presented by the Institution, to John Gilbert Whyatt; the Canonbury Medal, presented by Bro. Edward Cox, Vice-Patron, P.M. No. 657, to Alfred Nutt; Silver Watch and Chain, for General Good Conduct, presented by the Supreme Council A. and A. Rite to a pupil on leaving the Institution, George Simons Widdowson; and Silver Watch for Efficiency as Monitor, presented by Bro. F. Rath, P.M., William Spottiswoode Sparker. The Class Prizes were awarded thus:—First Class—Classics: H. Bowler 1, E. T. Sage 2; Mathematics: A. Bryant 1, G. S. Widdowson 2; French: E. T. Sage 1, W. Davenport 2; German: E. T. Sage 1, H. Pinson 2; English: P. Heaviside 1, J. Moon and J. Hazeland, *aq.* 2; Divinity: G. S. Widdowson 1, W. Davenport 2. Second Class—Classics: H. Brock; Mathematics: W. Cheetham; French: W. Cheetham 1, A. H. Stephenson 2; German: A. Pearson 1, H. Baylis 2; English: H. Brock 1, M. B. Ellis 2. Third Class — Latin: E. J. Saunders; Mathematics: F. W. Dunaway 1, D. Dove 2; English: H. M. Shipway; French: J. E. Coulthurst. Fourth Class—Latin: W. Jackson; Mathematics: W. Tyler 1, W. D. Whalley 2; French, German, and English—G. Stevenson. Fifth Class, 1st Division—Arithmetic: S. Woodhouse; Latin: A. J. Green; French: W. R. Hunter; English: E. G. Head. Fifth Class, 2nd Division—Arithmetic: W. Peacock; Latin: R. S. Chandler; French: A. Stevens; English: A. J. Watkins. Choir Prizes—J. Battye 1, F. Steddy 2, F. Swallow 3. Special Prizes given by the House Committee—Writing: A. E. Grimes 1, H. Brock 2; History: J. Battye 1, A. E. Grimes 2; Geography: H. Bowler 1, C. Sage 2; Mental Arithmetic: E. L. Price 1, H. Bowler 2; General Attention to Studies: E. T. Sage 1, C. Sage 2; General Proficiency: E. T. Sage 1, H. Bowler 2; Efficiency as Monitor: W. Sparkes 1, H. Eastland 2; Proficiency in Drill: F. Allinson 1, H. Gordon 2. Dr. Morris's Prizes were carried off by the following—Attention to Studies: W. Sparkes 1, F. Gates 2, S. H. Sargant 3, R. S. Chandler 4; Elocution: P. Heaviside; Arithmetic: J. Jackson 1, J. Butterwith 2; Mental Arithmetic: W. Peacock; Latin: A. Routledge; French: F. Steddy. Mr. J. S. Humphrey's Prize for Mapping was taken by H. Parker. E. T. Sage carried off Mr. E. V. Gardner's Natural Philosophy Prize. Mr. Sylvester's Drawing Prizes were awarded—Freehand to H. Bowler and W. Evans; Painting to A. E. Pearson; Shading, J. Hazeland; Model: H. J. Wellington; Architecture: E. T. Sage. Mr. Holmes's Music (Piano) Prizes were secured by G. L. Price, J. A. Stansfield, and R. Davenport. Captain Wordsworth's Prize for Elocution was awarded to H. Bowler, who carried it off last year, and second prize for the same subject given by Lord Suffield who presided, was adjudged to P. Heaviside.

THE STAR AND GARTER, KEW BRIDGE.

ON Thursday 27th ult., there was a gathering of no little interest at this well-known hostelry, the day having been chosen by the residents in the neighbourhood for the purpose of recognising, in a semi-public fashion, the spirited conduct of Bro. Stanbury in building and very suitably furnishing a Banqueting Hall large enough to accommodate the most numerous of the many parties, both from far and near, who frequent the Star and Garter. As we have recently referred to and described in outline the chief features of attraction in the new Hall, it will be unnecessary for us to traverse the same ground a second time, and entertain our readers with a mere repetition of what we have said already. We shall, therefore, content ourselves with stating that on the day in question the new Banqueting Hall was formally opened, and as is customary on such occasions the event was celebrated by a banquet, worthy alike of the guests and mine host, Bro. Stanbury. The chair was occupied by Mr. Thos. Layton, and the vice-chair by Mr. Ellis, there being present a goodly assemblage of residents and visitors, all anxious to testify their warm approval of the proprietor's liberality and public spirit. As to the dinner, we will dismiss it with the remark that the *menu* was admirable, and suited the palates of the guests to a T. In saying this we beg our readers will kindly understand that it is not intended for a joke. A sufficient time has elapsed since the friendly dissipation took place, and we have so far recovered from its effects as to be enabled to avoid all confusion of ideas as to the difference there is between an elaborate dinner and a simple *tea*. But to resume. The *menu*, as we have said, was admirable, and was worthily relished, and on the removal of the cloth, there followed a series of toasts, loyal and suitable to the event that was being celebrated. Interspersed among them was a number of songs, humourous and sentimental, and duets, the artists being our worthy friend Bro. Seymour Smith, to whom, like most of our readers, we have been so frequently beholden for an evening's genuine amusement, and a young lady—Miss Matilda Roby. The latter sang with exquisite taste and feeling—and with a finish which proved her to be a most accomplished musician—O. Barri's "Saved from the Storm," Lady Lindsay's "Love at the Gate," and Skeaf's "Somebody." Bro. Smith gave two of his well known descriptive songs, "A Visit to the Opera," and "The Browns' Dinner Party," and a brace of humourous songs, "Bill Craven" and "The Irish Captain." If we say nothing as to the merits of his performance, it is because, after what we have said on previous occasions of Bro. Smith's ability and skill in entertaining, we should be only repeating our oft-told tale of praise most thoroughly deserved, and we may add, as regards those present at this particular ceremony, most ungrudgingly bestowed. Everything, indeed, passed off well, and we heartily congratulate Bro. Stanbury on the success of his enterprise, and the cordial welcome it has received from his neighbours and numerous supporters from far and near.

NEW ZEALAND.

THE First Quarterly Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland for the North Island of New Zealand was held at the Masonic Hotel, Princess-street, Auckland, on the 2nd April. Mr. Hood had decorated the entrances and hall with evergreens, &c., in honour of the occasion, and the effect was very pretty. Bro. Whitaker R.W.P.G.M. presided, and amongst the visitors was Bro. G. P. Pierce R.W.P.G.M. of the Irish Constitution. There was a large attendance of brethren, the various Lodges holding under the Scottish Constitution of Freemasonry bring well represented, and there were numerous representatives from the other Lodges. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Bro. G.S. Graham R.W.D.G.M. English Constitution; Bro. T. L. Murray P.G. Treasurer; and Bro. A. Brodie P.G.S.W. A committee, consisting of the five principal officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, was appointed to draft by-laws and to prepare and adopt a design for the seal of the P.G. Lodge. A considerable amount of routine business was transacted, after which the proceedings were brought to a close in accordance with Masonic ritual.

The installation of the W.M. of the Remuera Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1710, E.C., took place on Wednesday, 17th April, at Remuera, near Auckland. Bro. G. S. Graham D.G.M. E.C., Bro. E. T. Wildman D.D.G.M. E.C.; Bro. G. P. Pierce D.G.M. I.C.; Bro. H. G. Wade D.G.S., E.C.; and a large number of Past Masters were present. Bro. E. T. Wildman D.D.G.M. E.C. acted as installing Master, and installed Bro. Henry Rees George, who has been S.W. of the Remuera Lodge during the past year, and who was one of the promoters of the Lodge. The imposing ceremony was most ably performed, the Lodge choir, under the able direction of Bro. C. Hesketh, Organist, rendering appropriate music. The following are the Officers for the present year, viz:—Bro. Henry Rees George W.M.; Bro. William Lodder I.P.M.; Bro. Henry Haase S.W.; Bro. Augustus V. Macdonald J.W.; Bro. J. Hesketh Organist; Bro. John James Treasurer; Bro. William Rattray Secretary; Bro. Josiah Martin S.D.; Bro. John McColl J.D.; Bro. James Hardie I.G.; Bros. R. Wylde-Browne and Benjamin Tonks Stewards; Bro. William Bevan Tyler. Before the Lodge closed, the D.G.M., on behalf of the members of the Lodge, presented to Bro. W. Lodder a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a token of esteem, and as an acknowledgment of his services, as one of the Founders of the Lodge, and as W.M. during the past year. Bro. W. Lodder suitably acknowledged the present in a short appropriate speech. The Remuera Lodge, although it is only a year since it was formed, has made considerable progress, having nearly forty members on its roll, and bids fair to be one of the best Lodges in the district.

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ELECTION OF SECRETARY R.M.I. FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—I hear that a report has gained currency to the effect that I have retired from the contest now pending for the election of a Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Will you kindly allow me, through the medium of your valuable paper, most emphatically to contradict this, and furthermore to assure my numerous friends and supporters that I have every reason to hope their efforts on my behalf will be crowned with success.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM WORRELL, P.M., P.Z., &c.

67 Knowle Road, Brixton, S.W.
2nd July 1878.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—I am much surprised to find that my name is omitted from the list of Eligible Candidates in your report of the meeting of the General Committee of this Institution.

I enclose a copy of a note I received from Bro. H. A. Dubois, on the 15th ult., announcing that "the Committee had unanimously agreed to report me to the General Committee as an eligible candidate for the vacant Secretaryship," subject to my sending in a certificate of my birth. This was duly complied with.

As the omission of my name in your report is seriously injuring my prospect of success, I shall rely upon your spirit of justice to publish this letter in your edition this week.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. A. WHITE.

1 Kings' Arms Yard, London, E.C.
1st July 1878.

(Copy.)

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.
Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
14th June 1878.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—I have the pleasure to inform you that at a meeting of the House Committee, held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday last (under rule 45), after your testimonials were examined, the Committee unanimously agreed to report you to the General Committee as an eligible candidate for the vacant Secretaryship of this Institution, subject to your forwarding to me, under cover, by Wednesday next, the 19th inst., a certificate of your birth.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) H. A. DUBOIS,
Chairman on the Rota.

To Bro. F. A. White.

PINE'S LISTS OF OLD LODGES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your "Reviewer" has undoubtedly traced several differences between my analysis of Pine's List of 1734, and the present most interesting series of articles by Bro. R. F. Gould P.M., &c. These differences have mainly arisen through the uncertain, and often contradictory evidence of these early lists, both private and official, but now that others have been found, especially of Pine's engraving, by desire of Bro. Gould I have re-investigated the whole matter, and after considerable correspondence with him we have unitedly adopted the numeration, dates, names and arrangements which he has of late so lucidly explained. One source of difficulty was that the positions of three Lodges were reversed, hence the present 12, 14 and 16, had they remained as originally chartered, would be exactly reversed, as 16 was 9 of the early Pine's Lists, 14 was 10, and 12 was 11. The means by which we have arrived at the result stated by Bro. Gould, while I feel sure it would interest your "Reviewer" (who has evidently considerable taste and ability for that class of work), would fail to please the general reader, and so I omit all explanations save the foregoing.

I do not think, however, that the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge of to-day (No. 12) can claim any especial privileges by reason of the members of one of the old "time immemorial" Lodges joining its ranks, because by working under a Warrant they forfeited their privilege of assembling without a charter, and of being one of the four earliest numbers, *the only privilege really they had.*

I think with Bro. Gould, that numbers two and four of to-day should have been placed at the head of the Roll, but the "*Ancients*" did not set the example as to this matter, *but the "Moderns,"* who long before the "Union" had the Stewards' Lodge placed without a number before the Lodge of Antiquity and its sister Lodge, No. 2.

Fraternally yours,

WM. JAMES HUGHAN.

Truro, 29th June 1878.

LODGE VICTORIA IN BURMAH.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—In my letter of the 13th April last, regarding the contumacious disobedience of the W.M. of Lodge "Victoria in Burmah," No. 832, Rangoon, in refusing to re-admit, or evading the re-admission, of Bros. A. L. Vaillant, J. N. Seymour, J. C. Jordan, E. T. Dover, and J. Marsh, into Lodge No. 832, in compliance with the edict of the Grand Lodge, dated the 5th December 1877, I stated:—

"It is contemplated now that as soon as the five brethren shall present themselves at the Lodge the W.M. shall either close his Lodge, or the Masonic phalanx under him shall walk out and leave the five brethren, or any one or more of them, in possession to do their own wicked will."

The regular meeting of the Lodge was held on the 10th inst., to which the five excluded brethren were summoned. They were in attendance before the Lodge opened, when it was suggested to them that they should wait outside the door of the Lodge till the Lodge was opened, and then seek admission. This course commending itself to the five brethren, they waited outside, and in due course sought admission; the Tyler was directed not to admit them; after a little while, Bro. A. Bald, the Junior Warden and Secretary, asked to be passed out, as he had a difference with these brethren, and that he declined to sit in Lodge with them. On Bro. Bald coming out, the five brethren discussed the matter with him, and, repudiating any personal difference with him or any member of the Lodge, enquired what difference *he* had with them? Bro. Bald stated that it was a difference relating to the appeal to the Grand Lodge. The brethren then suggested, either through the Senior Warden or some other brother, that as *they* had no difference with any brother, they should be admitted.

Wor. Bro. J. Dawson D.D G.M. in the absence of W. Bro. C. T. Baxendale being in the chair, replied, that he could not discuss the matter with brethren who were outside the door of the Lodge—the brethren being kept outside against their will. The Lodge was then worked in the second and third degree, and when lowered the brethren again sought admission, when they were informed that Bro. A. Bald had stated that he had a difference, and that, therefore, those with whom he had a difference should keep out also. You may well conceive that this difference was only a pretended one (and, in fact, I am in a position to give you my personal assurance that the difference was mere pretence, affecting to be founded upon a construction of a portion of our Ritual), and that its real object was to disobey with assumed impunity the positive orders of the M.W. the Grand Master.

It appears to me, that as it takes two parties to make a difference as well as a quarrel, when the five brethren disclaimed having any difference (and there was not a brother in Lodge who doubted their statement) with Bro. Bald, they should have been admitted, and Bro. Bald permitted to remain without the door of the Lodge, if he chose. I understand that our retiring D.G.M. R.W. Bro. Colonel H. T. Duncan C.S.I., is of the same opinion as the rebellious ones of Lodge No. 832, and that he holds a brief from the Lodge to urge this point (and the matter of the exclusion and re-admission of the five brethren generally) on the Grand Lodge of England, so that the G.L., knowing the brethren of No. 832 conscientiously could not, or contumaciously and rebelliously would not, receive the five brethren again into the Lodge, the G. Lodge would rescind the order of the 5th December 1877, and thereby stultify itself. I am told R.W. Bro. H. Krauss, our present D.G.M., is of the same opinion as the brethren of No. 832, and their alleged advocate before the G. Lodge. For myself, such shallowness provokes a smile of contempt, followed by no small amount of annoyance, to find that there are weak-minded brethren even in Masonic high places; brethren who, by their want of judgment and vacillation, *appear* to give encouragement to the present contumacious rebellion in Lodge No. 832. I learn that the brethren have again complained to the M.W. the G.M. of England, and implored his protection, but it is perfectly futile, for the W.M. of No. 832 (W. Bro. C. T. Baxendale), forgetful of his obligation, pays no more heed to the mandate of the M.W. the G.M. than he does to the orders of the D.G.M., and so the five brethren are at this date no nearer admission than they were on the 5th December 1877, for they are still without the door of the Lodge.

Judging from what passes around me, it would appear that those whose duty it is to enforce, without a moment's delay, the order of G.L. of 5th December 1877, directing the re-admission of these brethren (with whom there is not much class sympathy), are more concerned about the status of Bro. the Rev. J. [illegible] belongs to their set) than about insisting upon a restoration to their Masonic privileges of the five brethren who have been unfeelingly and unrighteously excluded from their Lodge, though nought can be urged against their moral worth.

It is time, I submit, that some severe measures should be taken with the contumacious and rebellious members of Lodge No. 832, and the punishment should be a personal one, so that the Lodge be not destroyed.

Yours fraternally,

A LOOKER ON.

Rangoon, 24th May 1878,
Empress's Birthday.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Bad Legs. Any unnatural discharge from the skin is at all times disagreeable, but in hot weather it becomes irritating—sometimes offensive. Bad legs, old wounds, scrofula, and scorbutic eruptions are cooled, soothed, and cured by Holloway's Ointment. It at once arrests all diseases of the surface by purifying and regulating the circulation in their neighbourhood by giving energy to the nerves of the affected part, and by expelling all poisonous and noxious matters. It ejects the seeds of all virulent eruptions and ulcerations, and thus confers no partial or temporary boon, but a complete and permanent cure. By means of these remedies all sufferers may aim at attaining health, and will invariably succeed.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

The annual gathering of the Masons of Kent, was held on Wednesday last, at Canterbury. Provincial Lodge was opened at the Chapter House of the Cathedral at 12.30, by the R.W. the Prov. G. Master Viscount Holmesdale, who was supported by an array of Past and Present Prov. Grand Officers, and a numerous assemblage of brethren. The minutes of the last Prov. Grand Meeting having been confirmed, the R.W. Prov. G.M. announced, that the accounts of the Prov. G Treasurer had been submitted to the Audit Committee, and were approved, they then received the confirmation of Prov. Grand Lodge, after which the brethren proceeded to the election of Prov. G. Treas. for the ensuing year. The vote was unanimous in favour of the Past Treasurer, Bro. B. K. Thorpe, who thanked the brethren for his re-election. The following brethren were then appointed by the Prov. G. Master, as the Officers for the Province for the ensuing year, and were severally invested with their collars and jewels:—Col. A. H. King 1536 P.M. 905 S.G.Warden, Philip Hicham P.M. 31 J.G.W., Revs. W. A. Hill and J. B. Harrison G. Chaplains, Geo. Payne P.M. 1273 G. Reg., R. C. Barfield P.M. 20 S.G.D., F. Spencer P.M. 1063 J.G.D., T. Wills P.M. 299 G.S. of Works, Thomas Ayling P.M. 1096 G.D. of Ceremonies, J. P. Griffin P.M. 1050 Assist. G.D. of Cers., Simon Young P.M. 184 G. S. Bearer, J. H. Jewell P.M. 1223 G. Org., J. Hancock P.M. 1089 G. Purs., H. S. Neate P.M. 77, T. S. Chancellor P.M. 127, B. S. Wilmot P.M. 874, G. Pilcher P.M. 972, George White P.M. 1174, H. T. Naylor W.M. 1449 G. Stewards. The announcement of the various appointments was received with applause. The Prov. G. Master then proposed, in accordance with notice given by him, that grants of £20, £30, £20 and £10 respectively, be granted to members of the Province from the Prov. Charity Fund. This proposition was seconded by the Deputy Prov. G. Master, and unanimously granted by Grand Lodge. The next proposition, made by Bro. Alf. Spencer Prov. G. Sec. and seconded by Bro. Hill the Prov. G. Chaplain, to the effect that £105 be given to the Boys School, in the name of the D. Prov. G. Master, to make him Vice-Patron of that Institution, was also adopted without opposition by Prov. Grand Lodge. The D.P.G.M. then proposed that various amounts (£247 in all) be granted from the Prov. G. Lodge Charity Fund, to certain of the Lodges of the Province, to be paid to the three Masonic Charities, and this being seconded, was unanimously confirmed. Prov. Grand Lodge was then adjourned, and the brethren repaired in procession to the Cathedral, where service was held. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. A. Hill the Grand Chaplain, from Micah vi. 8. "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Bro. Dr. Longhurst presided at the organ, and an anthem, which was composed by him specially for this gathering, was sung. Other parts of the service were conducted by Rev. Bro. Syree. After the sermon a collection was made, and resulted in a sum of £32 3s being raised. Half of this amount was given to the Kent and Canterbury Hospital; the other half being devoted to the Masonic Charities. The brethren then returned to the Chapter House, where the thanks of Prov. Grand Lodge was voted to the Dean, Dr. Payne Smith, for his kindness in having allowed the use of the Chapter House and Cathedral, thereby enabling the Masons of the Province to assemble with greater pomp and splendour than could possibly have been the case in any other building. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at the music hall, which had been most elaborately decorated for the occasion. During the banquet several instrumental selections were given by Mr. Tench White's Septet Band. At the conclusion, the Right Hon. Viscount Holmesdale, who presided, gave the customary toasts. That of Her Majesty the Queen was followed by the National Anthem, after which the chairman introduced that of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. He considered it should not be received with less cordiality than that of Her Majesty because it was second on the list. He is a true Englishman, and desires to do everything in his power for the good of the country, and especially for the Masonic Craft. With the toast was coupled the health of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. The next on the list was the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present. As regards the two former the Prov. G.M. stated that he had not unfrequently had the honour of submitting their names. The brethren knew so well their good qualities that he did not think it necessary to recount them. They had now for the first time during his presidency over the Province the pleasure of coupling the name of one of their own members with the toast. They all knew that Bro. Hill, who had acted as Prov. Grand Chaplain for many years, had been honoured with the appointment as Grand Chaplain of England for the present year. The Masons of Kent had for some time past agreed that some recognition was due to Bro. Hill for his services in connection with the Craft, and the Prov. G.M. considered that the honour conferred on him by Grand Lodge confirmed their opinion. He now had the pleasure of presenting to Bro. Hill a testimonial, which had been subscribed to by the various Lodges of the Province, and which consisted of silver plate and a purse of money, value together about £300. This he asked Bro. Hill to accept, with the best wishes of his brother Masons, who were mindful of his untiring efforts for the good of the Craft. Bro. Hill thanked the brethren on behalf of the Grand Officers, who, he considered were true noblemen, to the front in all good causes. He felt that had he been called upon to respond in the Chapter House, he would have been able to do so with greater dignity, but surrounded as he was with brethren who knew Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, he was not afraid of their criticising him too severely. He had been connected with Masonry thirty-three years, and had enjoyed himself on many occasions in connection with the Institution. He had made many acquaintances from it, and always looked upon a good Mason as a sincere, honest, upright man. He had enjoyed the position of Prov. Grand Chaplain of Kent for the past eighteen years. He was extremely gratified at the handsome testimonial the brethren had presented to him. He believed that the Sidcup Lodge had originated the idea, and once having a start, it had gone on increasing, and ended in the splendid gifts before him. Masonry had been to him the oasis in the desert of life, and he should ever look upon that day as one of the most pleasing of its many enjoyments. Bro. Eastes, the D.P.G.M., rose. The present was the first time during the eighteen years their Prov. G.M. had presided over them that the Grand Lodge had met at Canterbury. He felt certain it must be gratifying to him and to them to meet in a city so intimately connected with their ancient brethren. Looking back during the past 100 years, he found that the Provincial Lodge had only met four times at Canterbury, viz., in 1781, 1792, 1801, and 1857. Thus three meetings had been held during the first twenty years, but since then they had allowed fifty-six and twenty-one years respectively to elapse without a gathering. He hoped they would again adopt the shorter periods, as he felt certain that a more fitting place for their meetings could hardly be found. Then again comparing Freemasonry in the Province at the time of their last visit in 1857, and at the present time, he found that, whereas they then numbered fifteen Lodges with 449 members, they now had forty-three Lodges with 2430 members. But this mere accession of numbers he should consider insufficient unless they could also show an increase in the good they had done. In 1857 the Province sent £63 up to the Charities, while in 1878 they had contributed £352 to the Institutions. These figures showed an increase which he felt could but be gratifying to every member of the Province, and although they could hardly hope for a like increase in the future, he trusted they would not tire in their efforts to do good. In connecting these remarks with the Prov. Grand Master's name, they all knew that the whole of the increase was not due to his lordship, many had joined their ranks in consequence of the good that was continually being done by Freemasons, but it could not be denied that the Province of Kent was deeply indebted to their Prov. G. Master, to whose exertions most of their present prosperity was due. He hoped the brethren would that day show their appreciation of his endeavours by according such a reception to the toast as would prove beyond doubt their feeling. The toast was most enthusiastically drunk. His lordship expressed his thanks for the kind way in which the brethren had received Bro. Eastes' remarks. He was always pleased to hear of their annual Masonic gatherings, and he was gratified at the reception accorded him on those occasions. Their Dep. G.M. had spoken at some length of the progress of Masonry during the past eighteen years. He agreed with him in thinking they could hardly look forward to so great an increase in the future, but hoped Masonry would never again lapse into that half frozen state which it held during 1780-1825. He felt sure there was not a brother among them who was not gratified at the gathering of the day. Probably none of those present (except those who were at the Albert Hall, on the occasion of the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales) had ever beheld so imposing a Masonic ceremony. The meeting was a numerous one, and the buildings in which they assembled were perfectly adequate. The Provincial Grand Master was pleased at being enabled to allow the brethren to wear their Masonic regalia during the procession to the Cathedral, he considered it added greatly to the splendour of the meeting which had certainly been the stateliest ceremony ever taken part in by the Craft of Kent during the past twenty years. He then proceeded to give the health of the Deputy Prov. G.M. Bro. Eastes. It was to that brother he was indebted for much of his knowledge of the affairs of the Province. It was to him he looked for information respecting the various appointments to be made each year, and from the general satisfaction those appointments gave, he felt sure that Bro. Eastes was not only able, but really did perform the arduous duties of his office with the greatest care and ability. The toast met with a hearty reception, and Bro. Eastes in responding thanked his lordship for his very complimentary remarks. Nothing could stimulate him more to do his duty or to work for the best interests of the Craft. It would ever be his aim to carry out the wishes of the Prov. G.M., and he felt sure that those wishes would be for the good of the Freemasons of Kent. They were deeply indebted to those brethren who had had the management of the day's proceedings for the hospitable reception which had been accorded them, and he felt sure that he was expressing the wish of all present when he thanked the Masons of Canterbury, and especially Bro. Hall and others who had undertaken and carried through the arrangements for the visit. He hoped it would not be many years before they would again have an opportunity of paying a visit to the grand old city. The Prov. Grand Master next gave the health of the Provincial Grand Officers past and present, referring to each in a few kindly words. In old times it was not unfrequent for a brother to attend the meeting when he was appointed to a Provincial office, and after that never to take any notice of P. Grand Lodge or its committees, but now things were very different. They never had a meeting in connection with the affairs of the Province, but they had a goodly array of brethren wearing the purple ready to give their advice or help in any matter introduced for the welfare of the Craft. Bro. Colonel King, the newly-appointed S.W., was the first to reply. He must do so as a soldier, as he felt it was to his brother soldiers that he was indebted for the honour conferred on him. It was a grand recognition of the work done in Masonry by the Military of Kent, who, he felt, would exert themselves more and more to show they were worthy of the compliment. The J.W. also replied. It would ever be his aim to work for the good of the Craft, both in Kent and throughout the country. The health of the brethren of the three entertaining Lodges was then given. The Grand Master felt that had not the Masons of Canterbury worked hard, they would have met that day under very great disadvantages, but as they had so faithfully discharged their duties, their meeting had been a great success, and their reception a grand one. Bro. J. Plant, as W.M. of the oldest Lodge, replied. If they had fallen short in any way, he hoped the brethren would forgive them. He felt that a great part of the success of the day was due to the grand building in which they had been able to meet. The health of the Visitors was next given. The Prov. G.M. was always pleased to see

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members of distant Provinces, and hoped that others would make a point of joining their festive board. The toast having been heartily drunk and responded to, the R.W. the Prov. G.M. vacated his chair in favour of his Deputy, and left amid the cheers of the brethren. Bro. Eastes proposed the health of Bro. Dr. Longhurst, who had that day delighted them with the splendid anthem he had composed in honour of their meeting. Bro. Longhurst considered it a great favour to be called upon to respond to so great a compliment as had just been conferred on him. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the proceedings of the day closed. Those brethren who had the direction of the meeting seem to have spared no trouble to make it what it unquestionably was—a grand success. The bells of the cathedral rang out a hearty welcome in the morning, and pealed out a joyful farewell in the evening to those of our brethren who had to leave by train.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Carlton Club Room, Windsor, when Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., presided, and a large concourse of brethren assembled for the purpose of supporting their respected chief. Immediately after the Lodge had been opened, the patent of appointment of Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust as Deputy Grand Master of the Province was read, and our rev. brother was installed in his office with the customary ceremonial. The roll of Lodges was then called, and we rejoice to say that all of them were represented. On the roll of Provincial Grand Officers being called, a very large number responded, and suitable apologies were furnished in the case of those who were unavoidably absent. The minutes of the last annual meeting were then taken as read and—on the motion of Bro. Brownrigg P.D.P.G.M., duly seconded—confirmed. The financial statement of the Provincial Grand Treasurer was submitted and approved, and the Report of the Charity Fund Committee, which was eminently satisfactory, was read, when a recommendation, that the sum of twenty guineas be voted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to this fund, was unanimously agreed to. It may be as well to state here, in connection with this Fund, that, with the exception of Lodge No. 1501, Wycombe, which, from being a comparatively young Lodge, has probably not had time to straighten itself, all the Lodges in the Province have a balance in their favour. The Provincial Grand Secretary then read out his report of the Lodges, and from this we gathered that there are, at the present time, 717 subscribing brethren, of whom about 150 are Past Masters. The P.G. Lodge proceeded to the election of a Treasurer, and the result was that the choice fell unanimously on Bro. Charles Stephens, after which the Provincial Charity Jewel was presented to Bros. John O. Carter P.M. 209, G. M. Knight W.M. 574, Edward Grisbrook P.M. 771, and Thomas Taylor J.W. 1410. The Provincial G. Master appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the year, namely:—Bros. Filder S.G.W., McGabbin J.G.W., Rev. C. R. Honey Grand Chaplain, Rev. — Garry Assistant Grand Chaplain, Charles Stephens G. Treas., Welsh G. Reg., Robert Bradley G. Sec., W. H. Bingham S.G.D., Cantrell J.G.D., Pocock G. Sup. Works, C. D. Hume G.D.C., G. De Fraine A.G.D.C., Sheppard Grand Sword Bearer, Revell Grand Purs., Britton Senior Grand Steward; C. A. Barrett, S. Innis Baker, A. H. Simpson, F. J. Ferguson, and D. Radclyffe G. Stewards; W. Hemmings G. Tyler. There being no other business to transact, Prov. G. Lodge was closed with the usual formalities, and the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where an excellent banquet, presided over by the Prov. G. Master, was served by Mr. Kemsley, of the Castle Hotel. Ample justice having been done to the viands, the cloth was removed, and the regular Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and in all cases most cordially responded to. Sir Daniel Gooch, in proposing the toast of the Grand Master, spoke in justly eulogistic terms of His Royal Highness's interest in Freemasonry, while with that of the Pro Grand Master, &c., was connected the name of Bro. Winkfield, Past Grand Steward, who warmly thanked the P.G.M. for associating him with the toast. The agreeable duty of proposing the health of the Prov. Grand Master fell to Rev. Bro. Honey, who spoke most eloquently of Sir Daniel's attachment to the Craft, and the deep interest he took in the welfare of the Province, and in reply the R.W. Chairman thanked Bro. Honey for the kindly manner in which he had submitted the toast, and the brethren for the equally kind manner in which they had received it, adding that it was always a source of pleasure to him to be present on these occasions. In announcing that the next meeting of Prov. G. Lodge would be held at Abingdon, he reminded those present when they last met at that town of the excellent reception they had experienced, and he trusted that the gathering would be as numerous as it had been that day. After Bro. Briggs had sung Watson's song of *The Sentinel*, the Prov. G.M. again rose and invited the brethren to drink a bumper to the D.P.G.M., whose absence from the banquet table must be a source of regret to all, and the other Prov. G. Officers Present and Past, and with it he coupled the name of Bro. Cutler, who expressed his thanks for the reception accorded to the toast as well as for the honour specially conferred upon him in associating with it his name. The toast of the Visiting brethren followed, and in the course of his remarks the Prov. G. Master referred with infinite pleasure to the efforts of Bro. Dick Radclyffe to whom they were so indebted for the floral decorations of the table. Bros. Berry and Radclyffe responded, and the latter in his speech expressed himself as much gratified with the chairman's comments. The toast of the Masonic Charities was proposed by Rev. Bro. Garry, who spoke of the great amount of good they had effected and were effecting; this was acknowledged by Bro. Carter. The other toasts included those of the Grand Officers of the Province, of the W. Masters, Officers, &c. of the Etonian, No. 209, and Windsor Castle, No. 771, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, who personally acknowledged the compliment, the Prov. Grand Stewards and the Tyler's toast. Shortly afterwards, the guests, who had mustered to the number of seventy-eight, rose and dispersed, and a very pleasant day was brought to a close. We cannot conclude this notice without mentioning the courtesy and liberality of the Great Western Railway Company, who issued tickets at half price to all brethren who travelled from London and the Provincial Stations. We will further add that in an early number we shall publish a short sketch of Freemasonry in this Province, based on the account issued some years since by Bro. W. Briggs Past Prov. Grand Secretary.

FREEMASONRY IN CORNWALL.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall is this year to be held at Redruth, under the wing of the Druids' Lodge of "Love and Liberality," No. 589, warranted in 1851. The progress of the Craft in the County can easily be estimated by a comparison of the numerical position of the Lodges when the Druids was constituted, with their actual state at the present time. In 1851, under the rule of Sir Charles Lemon, Bart., F.R.S., there were eleven Lodges and about 350 members, whereas now there are twenty-seven Lodges and over 1,550 brethren who are subscribing members, and who are all pleased to have so estimable a nobleman as the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe as Provincial Grand Master. It is not, however, merely in numbers that the Province has improved, for now nearly all the Lodges assemble in halls of their own, some especially being of a very handsome character; and not only have their contributions to the Masonic Charities (located in London) considerably increased, but the members have had, since 1864, an excellent Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, which has far outgrown the extent originally contemplated by its promoters, having in 1878 about £2,500 funded, and an income from the interest of the property and annual subscriptions of upwards of £200, thereby enabling the brethren to devote sufficient to pay for four annuities of £20 each for aged Freemasons, and for several grants for the education of children, and for the relief of widows, without in any way lessening the money funded. If we look back one hundred years before the Druids was constituted, we shall find there was but one Masonic Lodge in the county, which still flourishes as the premier Lodge of the Province, as the "Love and Honour," No. 75, Falmouth. In 1752 a new Lodge was formed at Truro, and a third Lodge at Redruth, both of which have long since ceased to work. But the Provincial Grand Lodge, which was constituted in 1752 (with the R. W. Bro. William Pye as the first Prov. G.M.) is still in a most vigorous condition, and never so prosperous as now. There are now more Freemasons in either of the larger towns in which Lodges assemble than there were in all the county a century and a quarter ago, so rapidly has the Craft increased of late years. The Provincial Grand Lodge will assemble at Redruth, on Tuesday, the 6th of August, in the Druids' Hall, for which preparations are already being made, as it is anticipated that the meeting will be numerously attended. As usual, the brethren will proceed to the parish church, to hear a sermon by one of the Provincial Grand Chaplains (Bro. the Rev. F. J. Wintle, Rector of Beerferris), after which a collection will be made, which will be divided between a local charity (to be named by the Provincial Grand Lodge), the Annuity and Benevolent Fund, and the Rector for distribution amongst the poor. The fine Masonic Hall will be also dedicated in due form, the building being worthy of the object, and one that reflects great credit on the members of the Lodge, the whole cost being upwards of £1,300 (fully subscribed by the company). The annual banquet will be served in the large hall at Bro. Tabb's Hotel.—*Western Morning News.*

Obituary.

BRO. ALBERT SCHMITT.

THE funeral of the late Bro. Albert Schmitt of Jersey, took place on Friday, 14th ult., with Masonic Ceremonial, and as it is eleven years since such a ceremony took place on the Island, there was a large concourse of spectators, eager to catch a glimpse of such unusual, and yet such solemn proceedings. The body of the deceased brother had lain in state the previous evening in the Temple, the coffin being covered with the insignia he was entitled to wear. At the appointed hour on Friday afternoon the procession left the Masonic Temple, from the summit of which the Royal Standard and the Union Jack hung half-mast high, Mr. W. McGee's band, playing alternately the "Dead March in Saul" and "Adeste, fideles," leading the way. At the French Lutheran Church the funeral service was performed by the Rev. J. Dupuy, and Bro. E. Dowden presided at the organ and performed, both on the arrival and departure of the *cortège*, some most appropriate music from Beethoven's works. The procession having been reformed, then wended its way to the Almorah Cemetery, and here the coffin was born to its last resting place, Bros. Viel, Renouf, Pallot, Benham, De Jardin, and Durell, Past Masters of La Césarée Lodge, being the pall bearers. When the ceremony was over the brethren walked slowly past the grave, each throwing into it a sprig of acacia, and several handsome bouquets were also thrown upon the coffin. Some earth, brought from Poland, was also cast in by the Polish friends of the deceased. The procession then moved off and returned to the Temple, where the proceedings were brought to a close by La Césarée Lodge. The following is the text of the address delivered over the grave by Bro. Durell, W.M. of the Lodge:—

"Before throwing a last glance on the remains of our brother wh[o]

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has fallen asleep, it is not without deep emotion that I come forward to fulfil the duty which devolves upon me to sketch briefly the main features of the life of the man whose death we deplore, and to proclaim the reason why we are here; why we display around this modest grave all the funeral pomp of Masonic mourning. Poland was the native land of Albert Schmitt; he loved his country, and the dream of his boyhood was to deliver her from the cruel tyranny of a foreign foe; to awaken her from the sleep of years; and to raise her again to that rank amongst nations from which she had fallen. Later on, when scarcely a youth, he joined the noble band of patriots who, by a desperate effort, endeavoured to lift from her prostrate form the crushing weight of foreign oppression. Success did not crown their efforts. Woe to the vanquished! The bayonet and the rifle bullet laid low many a noble form! Exile was the refuge of the many! Long years have now elapsed since Albert Schmitt trod for the first time on Jersey soil. He came as a stranger, alone amongst strangers, to claim the hospitality that Jersey has never refused to the vanquished. He brought with him, however, two ideas which have accompanied him and consoled him in the hour of misfortune, until his heart ceased to beat: the remembrance of his mother and the image of his native land. His friends who are here, and who loved him, can bear me out, when I say, that often when his eye was fixed on ideal horizons, and he dropped a tear, the past arose before him, as it would have been if he had not sacrificed his all, on the altar of his fatherland. As he had loved his mother, as he had devoted himself for his country, so he clung to Freemasonry, with the passionate fondness of a man who has concentrated in it all the treasures of his loving heart. Not to the outward symbol, or to Masonic millinery, but to the grand principles of our Order, did he cling; to charity, to brotherly affection, to the worship of truth and virtue in its various forms. That is why we are here, to accompany to his last home the man, who, in the minute details of every day life, practised the virtues which are the columns upon which rest our ancient Institution. Albert Schmitt, we bid you an eternal adieu! We cast a last sorrowing look on thy coffin; but still we hope, for beyond the grave the dawn of eternal life sheds upon us its heavenly light, and by thy grave we proclaim our firm belief in the existence of the Great Architect of the Universe, and our constant hope that when it pleaseth him to remove us from this our temporary abode, we may accompany thee in that great Lodge upon high, where they, who have carried out the noble principles of our Order, will for ever live. Brother Schmitt, good-bye, we will no longer hear thy voice, as of old, but thou wilt live in our hearts, and the noble example of thy life will not be lost upon us. Brethren, one more word, and I have done. Our brother has lived, as a Mason should live; he has died, as we should wish to die; for has he not accomplished the wish of the poet—'Qu'ils meurent pleins de jours, que leur mort soit pleurée; qu'un ami leur ferme les yeux.'"

It is with the deepest regret that we announce the death of Bro. James Stonebewer, of West-hill and Wimbledon-park-road, On Monday, 4th June, the deceased gentleman was driving down Putney-hill in company with a lady and gentleman, when the pony, usually a very docile animal, is supposed to have run away, and Bro. Stonebewer jumped out of the vechile. The pony, finding itself unchecked, increased its speed, and after running a short distance turned the vehicle over, seriously injuring the occupants. Assistance was immediately procured, and Bro. Stonebewer conveyed to his residence in Wimbledon-park-road. Dr. G. E. Nicholas was at once summoned, when deceased was found to have sustained severe injury. On Wednesday Dr. Marshall was also called in, but the deceased died about five o'clock on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the comparatively early age of fifty-eight. Bro. Stonebewer had been forty years associated with Wandsworth, and had only recently retired from business to occupy his newly-erected residence in Wimbledon-park-road. He was a member of the Wandsworth Lodge, and a liberal subscriber to the various charities. He was much respected by all classes, by old as well as young, and his sudden death will not only be felt by his sorrowing widow and family, but also by a large circle of friends and acquaintance.

THE AMERICAN KNIGHTS TEMPLAR PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE.

We have pleasure in stating that Bro. W. E. Franklin, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, Messrs. Cook and Sons' agent, will meet the pilgrims on their landing at "Moville," on the 15th, and conduct them through Ireland, Scotland, and England. It is fortunate they will have so competent a conductor as Bro. Franklin, who is well versed in everything of interest throughout their tour, and who is also an eminent member of the Craft, holding a foremost position in the Provinces of Durham and Northumberland. Should Masters of Lodges, &c. wish to accord any reception to our American brethren, they can communicate with Bro. Franklin, 42 Mosely Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, in whose hands the whole of the arrangements are left, from the time the pilgrims land till they leave this country.

We have great pleasure in announcing that Bro. Binckes's list of Stewards for the Festival of Monday already numbers 244 brethren.

We are authorised to state that both ladies and lewises are entitled to vote at the approaching election for the Secretaryship to the Girls' School. It will, of course, be necessary they should attend in person, just the same as brethren, for the purpose of recording their votes.

JAMAICA.

CONSECRATION OF THE NEW LODGE ROOM OF SUSSEX LODGE, KINGSTON, JAMAICA.

THE consecration of the New Room of the Sussex Lodge, Kingston, Jamaica, took place on 6th June, the Consecrating Officer being the Right Worshipful Bro. Dr. Hamilton, District Grand Master of East Jamaica. At ten a.m. the brethren of the Sussex, Royal, Friendly, Phœnix, and Hamilton Lodges assembled at the Friendly Lodge under their respective banners. They were afterwards joined by the Scottish Grand Lodge, with their chief, Right Worshipful Bro. S. C. Burke, and the Glenlyon Lodge, after which a deputation was formed to receive the Grand Lodge of East Jamaica, with their chief, Right Worshipful Bro. Dr. Hamilton. An anthem, by the District Grand Organist, Worshipful Bro. W. R. Lee, and an oration by the Junior Grand Chaplain, having been given, a procession was formed to the new building. On arriving at the Lodge Room, an oration was delivered by Bro. Rev. Rittenburgh, Grand Chaplain, and the consecration prayers were given by Bro. Rev. Nieto, Grand Chaplain. An oration was also delivered by Bro. Rev. Croskay, Chaplain of the Sussex Lodge. The following Masters were present—Right Worshipful Bro. Dr. Hamilton, Grand Master of East Jamaica, S. C. Burke, Grand Master of Scotland; Bros. Reid, Jamieson, Lyon, of the Hamilton; Ferron D. Barned, O. Delgado sen., Delgado jun., of the Phœnix; Brandon, A. De Cordova, J. Lewis Ashemieu, of the Friendly; Sargeant, Davis, Langley, of the Royal; Muir, Francis, Lee, Tait, Tompsett, of the Sussex; Knox, Watson, Dias, A. Burke, of the Glenlyon. After the ceremony the brethren went to lunch, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. About two hundred brethren were present. The new room has been got up very nicely, and is a great credit to the Building Committee. It is to be lighted by gas.

Rose Croix.—An emergency meeting of the Jamaica Chapter Rose Croix was held on Ascension Day, 30th May, at the Hall, Kingston. Illust. Bro. Captain Portlock Dodson 32° M.W.S. presiding. There were also present Ill. Bro. Dr. Robert Hamilton 33° Grand Chaplain, Bro. G. J. Peynardo, Albert H. Jones, C. H. Davis, John Harris, W. L. Madon, Albert Da Costa, R. Langley, &c. The M.W. Sov. conferred the 18° degree on Bro. the Hon. H. J. Burford Hancock, S.W. Designate of the Jamaica Lodge, and H.M. Attorney General at Antigua, who proceeds to that island by the next steamer. Several candidates were mentioned for exaltation at the next regular meeting of the Chapter.

The installation meeting of the Sussex Mark Lodge, No. 42, was held on Thursday, 30th May, at the Friendly Lodge Rooms, Kingston, W. Bro. Dr. Robert Hamilton, G.M. of East Jamaica, presiding. There were also present Bros. J. Francis, S. E. Pietersz, J. J. G. Lewis, B. M. Dias, J. W. Whitbourne, G. J. Peynado, Captain Portlock Dodson, &c., &c. The degree was conferred on Bro. the Hon. H. J. Burford Hancock, Thomas Allen M.D., and George R. Taylor, after which Bro. Dr. Hamilton installed Bro. J. W. Whitbourne in the chair, and admitted Bro. Dias, of the Glenlyon Mark Lodge, No. 346 of Scotland, to the Past Degree. The Officers having been appointed and installed, Bros. J. J. G. Lewis, Captain Portlock Dodson, of the Stadholme Mark Lodge, and B. M. Dias, of the Glenlyon Mark Lodge of Scotland, were elected honorary members of the Lodge. Several candidates having been proposed for the degree, the Lodge was closed in ancient form. A petition was signed for a Warrant for a Mark Lodge to be attached to the Friendly Lodge.

The Quarterly Convocation of the Phœnix Holy Royal Arch Chapter, Port Royal, Jamaica, No. 914, held on the 16th May, presided over by M.E. O. Delgado sen. P.Z., D. Barned P.H., O. Delgado jun. P.J. &c., &c., when the following Officers were installed by M.E. G. J. De Cordova, C. Davis and R. Langley. Most Excellent Comps. D. Barned P.Z., O. Delgado sen. P.H., L. C. Hollar P.J., J. S. Campbell S.E., E. Levy S.W., E. P. Myers P.S., N. D. Tyndale and Dr. Tyndale Assistants, R. Thompson Treasurer, J. W. Hollar Janitor. Most Excellent J. J. G. Lewis, J. Francis, G. J. Peynardo and C. Davies were elected honorary members of the Chapter. Comp. W. M. Rutherford, the late Scribe E., presented to the Chapter a "Bible," which had been beautifully got up, and supplied by Messrs. Spencer and Co. of London. After the Convocation was closed, the Companions retired to a well served banquet, were the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. The Consecration of the new Lodge-room of the Sussex Lodge of Kingston, Jamaica, it was expected would take place on 7th June. Right Worshipful Hon. Dr. Hamilton, Dist. G. Master of East Jamaica, would preside.

Cyrus Chapter, No. 614, Rangoon.—On the 6th March, Ex-Companion W. H. Porter was installed as Z., and on the 27th idem Ex-Companion W. Ford and Worshipful Bro. Colonel E. J. L. Twynam were installed as H. and J. respectively.

Royal Burmah Chapter, No. 832.—On the 17th May Ex-Companion W. A. Nicol was installed as Z., Most Ex. Companion W. H. Porter (First Principal Cyrus Chapter, No. 614) as H., and Wor. Brother C. F. Egerton Allen, Barrister-at-Law, as J.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.—At the Convocation of the Leeson Chapter, on the 16th May, Ex. and Per Sov. Bro. J. F. Bricdon was elected Most Wise Sovereign, and Bro. C. A. Small was perfected.

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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION

FOR

AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS,

IN compliance with a requisition received in accordance with rule 8, a Special General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-st., London, on Wednesday, the 10th of July instant, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon precisely, to consider the propriety of altering laws 19, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, by substituting the word "Guineas" for "Pounds," and to consider any proposition or motion relative thereto that may then be brought forward subject to the approval of Grand Lodge as provided by the laws of the Institution.

By order,

4 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. 3rd July 1878. JAMES TERRY, Secretary.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

THE ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Will take place in the

LARGE HALL

OF

FREEMASONS' TAVERN,

On THURSDAY, 11th instant,

THE POLL WILL BE OPEN FROM 2 p.m. UNTIL 5 p.m.

All Members of the General Committee are entitled to Vote, including Ladies and Lewises.

Personal attendance of Voters in all cases being necessary.

The following is a List of the Candidates:—

Bro. CRICK	Bro. MATIER
,, CULL	,, SMALLPIECE
,, KAMES	,, STORR
,, HEDGES	,, WHITE

Bro. WORRELL.

J. CREATON, Treasurer and Trustee.

Office—5 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. 4th July 1878.

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ST. JOHN'S HILL, S.W.

Patrons:

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M. President.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT

OF

THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS

Of this Institution, will be held at

FREEMASON'S HALL, GREAT QUEEN ST., LINCOLN'S-INN-FIELDS, LONDON,

On SATURDAY, 13th of JULY 1878.

At Twelve o'clock precisely,

On the general business of the Institution, to place candidates on the list for election in October next, and to declare the number of Girls then to be elected; also to consider the following notice of motion:

BY BRO. H. G. WARREN,

In Rule LXXIV., page 17.

To omit the words "in the sum of three hundred pounds," and insert in lieu thereof, "in such sum as the Committee shall from time to time deem fit."

Also to omit the word "two" in the first line, and add in line four, after the word him, "by guarantee society or otherwise."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Senior Clerk.

Office—5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, W.C.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS

OF

ENGLAND AND WALES,

AND THE

COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE BRITISH CROWN.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL IN AID OF THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

ALEXANDRA PALACE, WEDNESDAY, 17th JULY 1878.

Right Hon. LORD SKELMERSDALE, M.W.G.M.M.M. IN THE CHAIR.

The Festival of 1878 will take place as above.

Morning dress. Full Mark Clothing.

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TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE—BRETHREN,

It is with much pleasure that I notify to you that the House Committee have unanimously agreed to accept me as an eligible Candidate for the vacant position of Secretary.

I seek your suffrages on thoroughly independent grounds.—I eschew partizanship,—and am as much opposed to the amalgamation of the Executive of the Boys' and Girls' Schools (believing that the two, from their very nature, require separate and distinct management) as I am averse to the control of our Masonic Charitable Institutions being placed in the hands of Grand Lodge or any body of legated by it. I likewise hold as a fundamental principle, that those who contribute towards a fund are the persons best entitled to effect its distribution.

If elected it shall be my constant endeavour to evince the utmost courtesy to every inquirer, and by patience and perseverance to prove my appreciation of the high trust reposed in me.

The Election, which is fixed for the 11th July next, will take place at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, and will be by Ballot, between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m., when I hope to be honoured by the personally recorded expression of your confidence, which alone will enable me to obtain the position I am desirous of receiving at your hands.

I have the honour to be, Brethren, yours faithfully and fraternally,

WILLIAM CLIFTON CRICK,

Bachelor of Sciences, Paris University, P.M. 657, and Secretary 1733.

102 Chancery Lane, W.C., 17th June 1878.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

To the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors.

HAVING intimated my intention of presenting myself as a Candidate for the Secretaryship of this Institution, I now beg to thank the large number of brethren who have promised me their support, and to solicit the vote and interest of those who are still unpledged; again promising that, if elected, my whole energy and ability shall be exerted for the further extension of the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

F. A. WHITE,

P.M. 907; P.S. Chapter 907; Lodges 1427 and 1716.

1 KING'S ARMS YARD, COLEMAN STREET, CITY, E.C.

To the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors of the

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—

I beg most respectfully to offer myself as a candidate for the post of Secretary to your valuable Institution, rendered vacant by the lamented death of our esteemed Brother R. WENTWORTH LITTLE.

I have been a Freemason upwards of Nine years, during which time I have taken a very active interest in the Order. I am a P.M., and have been for some time past, Secretary of my Lodge, and Scribe E. of my Chapter.

I am now the Secretary of an Orphan Asylum, a position which I have held nearly four years, and am therefore thoroughly acquainted with the practical working of a Public Institution.

I am thirty-three years of age, and in good health, and previous to receiving my present appointment, I was engaged in business with a Marine Insurance Broker at Lloyds'.

Soliciting the favour of your kind interest and support,

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies and Brethren,

Yours obediently and fraternally,

WILLIAM WORRELL,
P.M. and Sec. No. 766. P.M. 1339.
P.Z. and S.E. Chapter No 766.
P.M. and Sec. Macdonald Mark, 104, and Past Grand Organist (Mark).

67 KNOWLE ROAD, BRIXTON, S.W. May 1878.

SECRETARYSHIP.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

BROTHER THOMAS CULL

Will be glad to receive the names of those Life Governors who will support him ON THE DAY OF ELECTION, 11th of July next, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., between the hours of Two and Five p.m.

79 Median-road, Clapton Park, E.

To the Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

BRETHREN,—I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for the office of Secretary, rendered vacant by the death of Bro. Little. Should you do me the honour to elect me, I can only say that I will endeavour to fill the office efficiently, and I hope that the manner in which I have discharged my various duties in Masonry will be considered a sufficient qualification.

W. SMALLPEICE, Assoc. Inst. C.E.
P.M. 1365, Secretary 909, Z. Cyrus Chapter 21; Secretary Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

6 GRAYS' INN PLACE, W.C.,
And—KINGFIELD, WOKING.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

BRETHREN desirious of Supporting the Candidature of Bro. Hedges are respectfully solicited to forward their names to Bro. Alfred Tisley, St. Dunstan's Vestry, Fleet-street, E.C.

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Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Committee for securing the Election, as Secretary, of BRO. CHARLES FITZGERALD MATIER.

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Brethren desirous of assisting are respectfully requested to forward their names to—

BRO. STEPHEN BARTON WILSON, L.G.,
Hon. Secretary,
27 Walbrook, E.C.

The Committeee for securing the Election of Bro. C. FITZ GERALD MATIER have to add, in support of his Candidature, the following Testimonial, which, with many others, has been submitted to the House Committee.

From His Grace the Rt. Hon. the EARL OF ROSSLYN,
Late Ambassador Extraordinary to the Court of Spain, and Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

HOLYROOD PALACE,
3rd June 1878.

SIR,—I have great pleasure in bearing my testimony to your fitness for the post for which you are a Candidate.

As a Mason of high standing and unblemished character, I can imagine no one more calculated to give satisfaction to the authorities, in the position of Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, than yourself.

Very faithfully and fraternally yours,
ROSSLYN, P.G.M.

C. Fitz Gerald Matier, Esq.

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FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE
67 BARBICAN, E.C.

OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

IN the House of Lords on Thursday last attention was drawn to the fatal accident on the London and South Western Railway by which the late Sir Francis Goldsmith had lost his life, and a brief discussion ensued. On Friday the Intermediate Education (Ireland) Bill passed its second reading, a few objections only, and those to matters of detail, not to the principle of the measure, being raised. Indeed, there is hardly a bill which has been submitted to Parliament which has commanded such general acquiescence as this has. On Monday Earl Granville offered some remarks on the conduct of business at the Foreign Office, his text being the prosecution by the Treasury of a writer employed at that office on a charge of having communicated the text of the Anglo-Russian Project of Agreement to the *Globe* newspaper. The Duke of Richmond and Gordon said he was unable to give any information as the matter was *sub judice*. Subsequently Lord Hammond offered a defence of the gentlemen in the Foreign Office, and speaking with an experience begotten of a lifelong connection with the Department, declared his belief that it was one of the best conducted Government offices, and that those in it were worthy of the most unreserved confidence of the Secretary of State. He also hoped that some good might result from the inquiry now pending, and that the Government might think it desirable to revise the miserable pittance paid to the inferior grade of copying clerks. On Tuesday the House went into Committee on the Intermediate Education (Ireland) Bill, and it was reported to the House without any amendment whatever.

In the House of Commons on Thursday, the debate on the second reading of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Bill was resumed by Mr. Synan, continued by Dr. Playfair, Messrs. Chamberlain, Assheton, M'Lagan, and others, among the speakers being Mr. Clare Read, who gave his support to the measure. The debate was then adjourned till Monday. The House then went into Committee on the Weights and Measures Bill, in spite of the objection raised to it, and it passed this stage. The Irish Sunday Closing Bill having been put down as the first order for Thursday, the 11th instant, the House shortly afterwards rose. On Friday, after an amendment by Mr. R. Yorke had been defeated, the House went into Committee on the Highways Bill, and had reached the discussion of Clause 11, when progress was reported. Shortly after the House had resumed at nine o'clock, it was counted out. On Monday the debate on the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Bill was resumed and concluded. The principal speakers were Messrs. Rodwell, Dodson, Rylands, Pease, Sir E. Lechmere, and Sir W. Harcourt, and Sir H. Selwyn-Ibbetson having replied on behalf of the Government, the division was taken and resulted in a victory for Ministers by nearly two to one, the numbers being—for the second reading 319, and against it 162. At the morning sitting on Tuesday the House went into Committee on the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Bill. In the evening the question of the Removal of Paupers was discussed at great length. On Wednesday the Habitual Drunkards Bill was read a second time, but a proposition by Mr. French to give a second reading to his Landed Estates Court (Ireland) Leases Bill, was rejected by 179 to 78. Mr. Biggar's Political Prisoners Bill was talked out, and the House shortly afterwards adjourned.

The Court are at Windsor, where Her Majesty, with the Princess Beatrice and her future daughter-in-law, the Princess Louise of Germany, take daily drives and walks in the neighbourhood, or in the grounds of the Castle. Prince Frederick Charles of Germany and the Duke of Connaught have momentarily left the Castle, and have been staying in London. They have likewise this week made an excursion to Portland, where they went on board H.M.S. Thunderer, and had an opportunity of witnessing some torpedo practice. On Tuesday the Prince of Wales drove in Lord Carington's drag to the Orleans Club, several other members of the Coaching Club being also of the party. The coaches met as usual in the morning at the Magazine, Hyde Park, and the Princess of Wales was present to see the gathering, and witnessed the departure for Twickenham. On Wednesday their Royal Highnesses paid their long-promised visit to Nottingham, and the reception accorded them was enthusiastically loyal. The object of this visit was to open the Art Museum. There was a very considerable display on the occasion. A Guard of Honour at the Castle was furnished by the Robin Hoods, the well known Rifle Volunteer Corps. The 80th Regiment lined the road, and escorts were furnished by Lancers and the North Notts Yeomanry. The attire of the ladies added to the gaiety of the scene. The Municipal Corporation was numerously represented. There were present a fair sprinkling of Members of Parliament, all the local and county magnates who could manage to be present, and the party at the Duke of St. Albans, with whom the Royal Visitors were staying, among them being the Duke and Duchess of Manchester, Lord Colville, &c. The usual address was presented to and acknowledged by his Royal

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Highness, after which the Museum and grounds were declared open.

The present is usually considered to be a somewhat dull time but for Masonry, the last few days have, at all events, proved an exception to the rule. On Saturday last, the Grand Mark Lodge of the Province of Middlesex, under the presidency of its genial chief, Colonel Francis Burdett, held high festival at the Greyhound, Croydon. On Wednesday, there were two considerable gatherings in the Provinces, of which full particulars are given elsewhere, namely, the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent, in the ancient city, and under the immediate shade of the fine old Cathedral of Canterbury, the presiding genius being very properly Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., the deservedly popular Grand Master of the Province, while Royal Windsor witnessed a similar gathering on the part of our Berks and Bucks brethren, under the benign auspices of their equally popular chief—Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P. Nor must we forget to add that on this same day the Stewards and their friends, among whom were many ladies, paid their usual visit to the Boys' School, Wood Green, for the purpose of taking part in the annual distribution of prizes, &c., &c. Thus, omitting all the minor events, the present has been an eventful week with the Freemasons.

The funeral of the late Charles Mathews took place on Saturday morning last, at Kensal Green Cemetery at the appointed hour of half-past eleven. There was a large concourse of people present to witness the mournful ceremony to pay their tribute of respect to the veteran actor who, in his day, had so often delighted them with his inimitable acting. The *cortége* left the residence of the deceased, 39 Belgrave Road at half-past ten, and consisted of a hearse and seven mourning coaches, followed by several private carriages. The chief mourner was Mr. Charles Mathews, the late actor's stepson, and the theatrical profession was strongly as well as numerously represented.

The annual *fête* in aid of the funds of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage, was held at the Crystal Palace on Wednesday. A Committee, including Superintendents Williams, Foster, Gernon, Williamson, Eccles, Green, and Butt, had charge of the arrangements which were most effectively carried out. As many as twelve of the divisional bands played in different parts of the grounds, and among the special entertainments must be mentioned those of the Mohawk Minstrels, and the Vaudeville Company in *Our Boys*. There was also a series of athletic sports on the cricket-ground, concluding with a Tug of War between the Metropolitan and City, in which the latter were twice pulled over the crease by their Metropolitan rivals. There was likewise, in the evening, a grand display of the fountains and the entire system of water-works, and at dusk the Aquarium was lighted, nor did the last of the company leave till a late hour. Everything passed off most enjoyably.

From the rapid manner in which the various questions are being disposed of by the Congress at Berlin, it is expected that the meetings will come to a close in the course of next week. It is arranged that the greater portion of Bessarabia which was ceded by Russia in 1856 shall be restored to her, and that Roumania shall be recompensed with the Dobrudscha and a part of Bulgaria, including Silistria, and extending to the Black Sea. Austria is to occupy Bosnia and Herzegovina. Antivari is conditionally ceded to Montenegro, and it is believed that the frontiers of Greece will be rectified favourably to that power. The question of indemnity is left undecided, but it is said that Russia has been given to understand that it will not be allowed in any way to affect the future territorial integrity of Turkey. What now remains of special interest to this country is the question of the Asiatic frontier, and the surrender or non-surrender of Batoum, and the feeling among the public is very strong that this important port should not be surrendered. However, next week we shall, no doubt, be in a position to state the result of their deliberations on this, and, indeed, on the whole of the questions which have been discussed.

The adjourned and final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, the 1st July, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Bro. General. Brownrigg in the chair. The Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the former meeting, which were confirmed. It was announced that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught K.G. had approved of the arrangements that had been made. The ballot for seats took place, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman. Among those present were Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, R. B. Webster, General Brownrigg, Garrod, L. Ruf, Mellwham, R. W. Stewart, F. Adlard, G. Allen, J. Smith, C. F. Hogard, T. Cubitt, G. Pare, Sprague, Dickins, Palman, S. Rosenthal, Winter, W. Paas, J. Tanner, H. M. Levy, &c.

The summer excursion of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction will take place on Wednesday next. The brethren have decided to spend the day at Bro. Jones's, the White Hart, Willesden, where dinner will be provided at 5.30 p.m. We trust our friends will thoroughly enjoy themselves.

The Holiday Season may now be considered in full swing, and we may take the opportunity of directing the attention of our readers to the arrangements made by the Great Western Railway Company for Tourists. The tickets, which are issued at the G. Western Terminus at Paddington, as well as at the majority of the stations on the Metropolitan, and Metropolitan District Railways, and likewise at Messrs. Cook and Sons', Tourist Offices, Ludgate-Circus, are very moderate in price, and are available for any period not exceeding two months. The following are the districts or circuits for which they are issued, namely:—The Dorsetshire coast, the Somersetshire, Devonshire, and Cornwall coasts, the Channel Islands, North and South Wales circular tours, the Isle of Man, and Ireland. Routes, with full particulars as to prices, extension of time, steam packet tickets, &c., &c., are given in the programme, as well as the conditions on which the ticket-holders will travel, and those who may intend spending their holidays in one of those parts of the country traversed by the Great Western, or with which it is in communication, may obtain all the information they require at Paddington, or at any of the stations or places we have indicated.

The eighty-eighth annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, was held on the 20th May, at Masons' Hall, Providence. M.W. Bro. Charles R. Cutler presided, and there was a considerable gathering of Grand Officers, present and past, as well as of representatives of the subordinate Lodges. Among the business transacted, the *Freemasons' Repository* makes mention of the submission of the Annual Reports of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and the Standing Committees. Charters for two new Lodges were granted. Communications from England and Ireland respecting the recent Constitutional changes in the Freemasonry of France were referred to a Special Committee. A request by a Grand Lodge of New South Wales for recognition was deferred. Bro. Rev. H. W. Rugg was received as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Cuba. The result of the elections was as follows, in the case of the principal Officers at least: Bros. Chas. R. Cutler G.M., Edward L. Freeman Dept. G.M., Thomas Vincent G.S. Warden, Henry D. Deblois Grand J. Warden, Nelson W. Aldrich Grand Treasury, and Edwin Baker Grand Sec. The Grand Lodge recognized the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, but declined to do so in the case of the Grand Lodge of Colon. The Session was of unusual length, and lasted from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m.

We note with pleasure that a Special General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, the 10th inst., at the hour of 4 p.m., for the purpose of considering the advisability of altering Laws 19, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 by substituting, in all cases, "guineas" for "pounds." As our readers are aware, we have again and again advocated in these columns the propriety of this change. We have also published several letters on the same subject, in all of which the writers strennously insisted on the alteration. Indeed, there is absolutely no reason against, while there is every reason in its favour. Uniformity among our Institutions in respect of the qualifications of their Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Life Governors, &c., if not imperatively necessary, is beyond all question most desirable, and we trust the Governors and Subscribers who will meet together on Wednesday next will see the propriety of unanimously endorsing the proposed change.

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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, 6th JULY.

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.

1723—Amherst Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1456—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

MONDAY, 8th JULY.

Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at the Alexandra Palace, at 3.
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.)
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.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1506—White Horse of Kent, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
1625—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1435—Trelegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
161—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
292—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
491—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
589—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
754—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
985—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate.
1469—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1503—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Salsburn-by-Sea.

TUESDAY, 9th JULY.

45—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Lewisham-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.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
960—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1603—Sir Hugh Middleton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
1804—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Supreme Council, 33°, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.
194—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
273—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
630—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Liverpool
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley.
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1679—Tonbridge, New Public Hall, Tonbridge.
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.

WEDNESDAY, 10th JULY.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
196—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8. (In.)
536—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, [illegible] (Instruction.)
1257—Stanhope Lodge, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1305—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1324—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1606—Paxton, Grand Saloon, Crystal Palace. Summer Banquet.
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
Supreme Council, 33° Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
R. C.—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot.
109—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
201—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
251—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
463—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
560—Harmony, Wheat-sheaf, Ormskirk.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
793—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead.
829—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1306—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1744—Dunsom, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1864—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1448—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1856—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool.
1394—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1484—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1611—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1583—Llanidloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.
1614—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1682—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes.
R. A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 11th JULY.

Election of Secretary, Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Freemasons' Hall.
3—Fidelity Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
720—Panmure, Gen ral Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In.)
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.

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanamity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
679—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
754—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1053—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1094—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1204—Royd's, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1343—St. John, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate.

FRIDAY, 12th 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.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (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.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1296—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 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. C.—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.

SATURDAY, 13th JULY.

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

869—Gresham, Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park.
139—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.

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SATURDAY.

R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

MONDAY.

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
261—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
285—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
494—Three Graves, Private Room, Haworth.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
R. A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
R. A. 300—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
R. A. 403—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

TUESDAY.

495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
693—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.
1522—Ouseburn, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1546—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.

258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
308—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial street, Morley.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract.
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
273—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
337—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.

FRIDAY.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaithburn.
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
908—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Angel Lodge, No. 51.—The Annual Festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated by the members of this ancient Lodge on Wednesday, 26th June. A large number of brethren assembled at 2.30 to witness the installation of Bro. E. J. Hennemeyer, the W.M. elect, a ceremony that was performed in a most perfect and impressive manner by W. Bro. Alfred Welch P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.W. Essex. After the ceremony the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the year as follows:—Bros. Thos. J. Ralling I.P.M., Rev. C. L. Acland P.M. Chap., Isaac Harris S.W., John J. C. Turner J.W., Alfred Cobb P.M. Treas., Thos. J. Ralling I.P.M. Sec., W. P. Lewis P.M. D.C., George Mercer S.D., H. H. Costobadie J.D., C. Osmond Org., Jas. F. Ralling I.G., S. Munson Tyler, E. Mayes, J. W. Smith, and W. Sawman Stewards. At the close of the Lodge a sumptuous banquet was excellently served *à la Russe*, by Bro. Besford, and to which it is a little singular that fifty-one brethren—corresponding with the registered number of the Lodge—sat down. The post prandial proceedings partook of the usual character; a most interesting and enjoyable feature being a choice selection of vocal music kindly given by Bros. S. Chaplin, J. J. C. Turner, C. Osmond, and T. H. Webb. Among those present either at Lodge or banquet were the following:—Bros. the Rev. Richard Bolton Barton LL.D. P.P.G.M. Western India, Joseph Burton P.G. Treasurer, J. Terry Secretary R.M.B.I., Joseph F. Hills P.M. 1224 P.P.G.J.W. Suffolk, F. B. Shepherd P.M. 1543, G. D. Clapham W.M. 1543, D. M. B. Wheeler W.M. 276, F. Whitmore P.M. 276, W. S. Ling W.M. 433, J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Sec. 443 P.P.G.A.D.C., C. Blyth P.M. 433, Geo. Harvey W.M. 697, T. Rose P.M. and Sec. 697, G. P. Joy P.M. 1024, B. Brayshaw P.M. 1437, Wm. Pissey W.M. 1734 P.P.J.G.W., R. Elliden P.M. 51, Thomas Lord P.M. 1500 P.P.G.S.W., N. Tracy P.M. 376, H. J. Sansom S.W. 1024, R. C. Attbill S.W. 433, W. Otto Danekwerts 859, C. Croker Barton 859, J. Dean J.W., S. Lord, A. Aldous and Thos. Wilson 433, F. Wright 1500, C. Mansfield 1421, J. Cook 192; and the following members of No. 51:—W. Bros. E. Hennemeyer W.M., Thos. J. Ralling I.P.M. P.G. Secretary Essex, A. Welch P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.W., F. A. Cole P.M. P.P.G.R., S. Caplin P.M. P.P.G.S.W., Charles Cobb P.M. P.P.G.S. of W., G. Gard Pye P.M. P.P.G.S. of W., W. P. Lewis P.M. P.P.G.D.C., O. G. Becker, M.D., P.M., E. Frayling P.M., W. Richey P.M.; and Bros. Isaac Harris S.W., J. J. C. Turner J.W., E. Mercer S.D., H. H. Costobadie J.D., Jas. F. Ralling I.G., U. B. Mattacks, Thos. Mothercole, A. M. White, Geo. Allen, B. Barber, John Brooks, E. Mayes, F. Wells, A. W. Ralling, W. Sowman, C. Osmond, C. Gunner, and S. Munson. Letters of apology for their inability to attend were received from several distinguished brethren, including R.W. Bro. the Lord Waveney P.G.M. Suffolk, V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. Suffolk, W. Bro. F. Binckes Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and others.

The Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No. 87, has been adjourned until the first Thursday in September.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on 21st June, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, at half-past 7 p.m. Present—Bros. Acworth W.M., Costelow S.W., Gomm J.W., Gunner (Hon. Sec.) J.D., Tucker (Treas.) S.D., Frankel I.G., and Bros. Goss W.M. 780, Gardiner P.M. 780, Kyezor, &c. Lodge was duly opened, the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Gardiner offered himself as candidate, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. Bro. Costelow then proposed and Bro. Frankel seconded, that some testimonial be presented to Bro. Preceptor Roe, in acknowledgment of the trouble he has taken in instructing this Lodge, and the motion was, after a few remarks from Bro. Goss, carried unanimously. In consequence of an observation let fall by Bro. Secretary, in reply to which Bros. Goss, Tucker, and Kyezor spoke, it was proposed by Bro. Gardiner and seconded by Bro. Blashy, that the former resolution be entered on the minutes, the proposition was carried unanimously. After other propositions had been made and approved, to the effect that Bro. Secretary send a circular to the brethren announcing the formation of a Testimonial Fund, the Secretary stated that his object in asking if the first proposition was to be recorded was for the purpose of seeking information as to the proper fulfilment of his duties, which were not as yet sufficiently familiar to him. Having heard the matter discussed, he thanked the brethren for the knowledge he had gained. The audit committee announced that they had gone through the accounts of last season, and had found a balance in hand; their report would be submitted at a future meeting. The W.M. for next Lodge meeting was elected, and a vote of thanks passed to Bro. Acworth. Lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

On Friday, 28th June. Present—Bros. Tucker (Treasurer) W.M., Gomm S.W., Gunner (Hon. Sec.) J.W., Goss S.D., Bashy J.D., Talbot I.G., Past Master Bro. Roe, and Bros. Acworth, Eydmann, Botley, Sharp. Bro. Sharp offered himself as candidate, when the W.M. rehearsed the first ceremony, to the edification of the brethren. The same candidate then answered the questions leading to the second degree, in a manner which met with the approval of the brethren. Lodge was opened up, and Bro. Botley answered the questions leading to the third degree. The W.M. then impressively raised Bro. Eydmann. Bros. Eydmann and Sharp were elected members.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday evening, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Powerail-road, Dalston, Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., G. Gilham S.W., Wardell J.W., C. Lorkin S.D. Borer J.D., Carr I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; and Bros. Christian, Weige, Polak, and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Polak candidate. Bro. Dallas worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Gilham was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Falcon Lodge, No. 1416, Thirsk.—On Thursday, 20th June the members of this Lodge, accompanied by the Worshipful Master (Bro. George Ayre) and many lady friends, enjoyed their annual picnic and visited Wharfedale. The weather was all that could be desired, and the neighbourhood displayed its sylvan charms to the greatest advantage. On arriving at Ilkley Station, waggonettes were in readiness to convey the party to Bolton Woods, where an abundant luncheon was soon spread under the shaded bank near "The Strid." Here an interesting incident occurred, which contributed much to the enjoyment of all. A large party of the Blackburn Choral Society, organised by Bro. N. Jones, and consisting of between fifty and sixty ladies and gentlemen, had made a similar excursion, and as the party included many Freemasons—brethren of the Felicity, Perseverance, Falcon, Lion, and Anchor Lodges—they soon fraternised, meeting together unexpectedly from the east and the west, and the woods echoed with the harmonious melody of glees and patriotic songs. The party then visited the beautiful ruins of Bolton Priory, whence they resumed their journey to Ilkley by the romantic drive through Beamsley. Arrangements had been made for dinner at the spacious and elegant Middleton Hotel, Ilkley. After doing justice to the viands, which fully sustained Bro. Bentley's reputation, and wandering along the beautiful terraces of this recently erected, spacious, and exquisitely situated Hotel, the party returned home, highly delighted with their day's enjoyment. Great praise is due to the Secretary, Bro. James Johnston, for his complete arrangements.

Percy Lodge, No. 1427.—The Installation and festival of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 18th, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. There was a very large attendance of brethren; the Lodge was opened by Bro. J. C. Mowbray W.M., with the following Officers:—J. H. Bentham as I.P.M., S. P. Ord S.W. W.M. elect, W. S. Lishman J.W., B. J. Thompson P.M. Prov. Grand Sec. Treas., J. Brethnoit Sec., C. Bushell S.D., G. E. Macarthey J.D., W. B. East Chaplain, R. Ferry Organist, W. McGall I.G., G. S. Sims Tyler. The minutes of the last meeting being confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. T. Sayer, which proving successful, that gentleman was initiated into the mysteries of our Order by the W.M. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. E. D. Davis Prov. G.D.C. assumed the chair, and Bro. Bertram P. Ord was presented to him to receive at his hands the benefit of installation; the usual formalities having been gone through, the Lodge was worked up to the third degree, when all below the rank of Past Master retired, and on these being re-admitted, were informed by the Installing Master that during their absence Bro. Ord had been regularly placed into the chair of K.S., whereupon the new Master was accordingly proclaimed and saluted. He then invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—J. C. Mowbray I.P.M., W. S. Lishman S.W., J. W. Brethnoit J.W., B. J. Thompson P.M. Treas., C. Bushell Sec., Rev. W. B. East Chaplain, Ferry Organist, Macarthey S.D., McGall J.D., Dickenson I.G., McClerin and Farina Stewards, G. S. Sims Tyler. The addresses to the Master and brethren were most beautifully given by the Installing Master, indeed, the whole ceremony was most impressively rendered. Hearty good wishes of several visitors having been tendered to the new Master, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel, Pilgrim-street, where they sat down to a well served banquet, to which they did ample justice. Grace being said, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts received due attention; the health of the Prov. G.M. and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge was responded to by Bro. B. J. Thompson P.G. Sec.; the W.M. then gave the R.W. Prov. G.M. John Fawcett, and Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Durham. He could only say, whoever knew Bro. Fawcett, loved and respected him; he coupled the name of Bro. E. D. Davis with the toast. Bro. Davis in the course of his reply expressed the gratification he experienced at hearing the Provincial Grand Master of Durham spoken of in such high and eulogistic terms, and he trusted his Officers would do their best to emulate his example, and support him in all his duties. The I.P.M., Bro. Mowbray then rose to propose the health of the W.M., in doing so, he said there are many duties which devolve on us which we would willingly shirk; and, again, others which cease to be as it were a duty, but a pleasure; that which devolved on him now was more than a pleasure; the brethren would give him credit for speaking from his heart; he had known Bro. Ord for more than thirty years, and had always known him as a noble open-hearted fellow, who would go out of his way to do a person a service. He wished him a year of pleasure, prosperity, and every happiness. With it he would leave the toast in the hands of the brethren, who, he was sure would, whether members or visitors, join most heartily with him to do it honour. The W.M. said Bro. Mowbray spoke of it as being a duty and a pleasure to propose the toast, but he had completely taken the wind out of his sails; he felt grateful to him for the way he had proposed his health; he would do everything in his power to hand down to his successor the warrant in the same unsullied state in which he had that day received it; he could only assure the brethren that he thanked them very much indeed. The health of the I.P.M. was proposed by Bro. E. D. Davis P.M., he reminded the brethren that they had drunk with all enthusiasm the health of the present Master, but he was sure they would not forget the one who had just quitted the chair. He hoped Bro. Mowbray would long be spared to set an example to the Lodge, that every brother might faithfully copy; he complimented him on the way he had fulfilled the duties of his office for the past year; he assured the brethren he had never seen the ceremony of Initiation better given than that afternoon; he said he was not there to

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gild refined gold, or to paint the lily, so would call on the brethren to drink to the health of Bro. Mowbray. The I.P.M., in reply said, if he had failed during the past year, he assured them it was not for want of trying; he thanked all for their kind assistance this had enabled him to go through his year so pleasantly; in conclusion, he thanked them, and almost felt regret that his year of office was at an end. The W.M. rose to give the health of the Installing Master; no words he could express would convey the worth of Bro. Davis; personally he tendered him his sincere thanks, for though he had been, of late, sufferin from indisposition, still h was amongst them; he felt if he spoke for a month he could not do justice to the toast, nor would it add to the enthusiastic manner in which the name was always received. Bro. Davis, who was greeted with prolonged cheering, expressed the fear he had a few days ago that he would not have been able to be amongst them; he had great pleasure in placing the W.M. in the chair, and if it should be his good fortune to be present when he handed the gavel over to his successor, he hoped to be enabled to congratulate him on his year of office, which he trusted would be successful. The toast of the Officers was given by Bro. Bentham P.M., who expressed his gratification at seeing them steadily advancing to the high position the W.M. now occupied The toast was responded to by the S.W. The Junior Officers in like manner received their praise, and the W.M. then gave the Visitors, and expressed the pleasure he had at seeing so many that day; he would couple with the toast the name of the youngest W.M. present, Bro. G. Taylor, who replied, and thanked the Master and brethren for their kind reception. The Tyler was then called, and he brought to a close a most enjoyable evening. The singing throughout had been of a very high class, and the "Old English Glees," rendered by Bros. Ferry, Liddle, Richardson, and Darer, were received with much favour. The visitors present were Bros. E. D. Davis P.M. 965 P.P.G.S.W., J. Ridsdale P.M. 406 P.P.G.S.D., T. Anderson P.M. 511 Prov. Grand Treas., J. Cook P.M. 481 P.P.G.S.W., G. I. Dean W.M. 541, J. Atkinson P.M. 481, G. Taylor W.M. 1676, Bolam W.M. 24, G. Cockburn P.M. 24, Marchant P.M. 424, W. M. Bell S.W. 1587, G. F. Chalton S.D. 1664, H. S. Bird I.G. 1664, J. Bredon J.D. 424, Walton J.W. 1664, J. Wood S.W. 48, R. Simons Sec. 1626, Bell J.W. 1626, J. W. Mackay J.W. 424, A. Gibson Sec. 424, Morris 406, Goss J.D. 481, S. M. Harris S.D. 406, &c.

The Wycombe Lodge, No. 1501.—The annual meeting of this Lodge took place in the Town Hall of High Wycombe, on Thursday the 27 ult. The Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. Hockvale, and the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The only business on the agenda was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Leopold Murray Nixon S.W. Bro. W. S. Cantrell P.M. and Secretary took the chair, and the W.M. elect was duly presented at the pedestal for the benefit of installation. The preliminary qualifications for the office were most impressively recited, the ancient charges were forcibly enjoined, and Bro. L. M. Nixon was duly obligated. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the M.M.'s retired. Bro. John Palmer P.M. took the chair, and Bro. L. M Nixon was regularly installed into the chair of K.S., and as W.M. of the Wycombe Lodge for the ensuing year. The ceremonial in its entirety was most conscientiously performed, and those who are acquainted with our beautiful Ritual could not fail to have been impressed by the true, earnest, and zealous rendering of our accomplished Installing Master, Bro. J. Palmer P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks. It may be mentioned that this interesting Lodge is only in its 5th year of existence, the Warrant of Constitution dating from the year 1874. The first W.M. was our lamented Bro. Jesse Owens, who was succeeded by Bros. Palmer, W. S. Cantrell, Hockvale, and the present W.M. Bro. L. M. Nixon. To these brethren the success of the Lodge is entirely due, and their names in connection with the Masonic Charities are conspicuous. The W.M. invested the following brethren with collars of office:—Bros. Batting S.W., Westfield J.W., Rev. A. J. Riddle Chaplain, Seward Treasurer, W. S. Cantrell Sec., Dr. Rackley S.D., C. Hunt J.D., D. Clark I.G., Weston Organist, and C. Nowell Tyler. The W.M., in the name of the Lodge, presented the I.P.M., Bro. Hockvale, with a jewel of office, in acknowledgment of his services during the past year. Bro. Weston added to the solemnity of the occasion by presiding at the harmonium. The usual business of the day being ended, the Lodge was closed in harmony, peace, and brotherly love. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. Powell P.P.G.D., Tolley P.M. 771 P.P.G.D. and P.Z. 771, Mason, Loasley, Baines, Webb, Field. Visitors—Bros. Brown W.M. 771, Bingham P.M. 771, Manley 771, Schieman W.M. 209, Grisbrook P.M. 771 P.P.G.D. Berks and Bucks, and Beedle 1222.

Emulation Lodge, No. 1505.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Thursday, 27th June. Present—Bros. H. Morris I.P.M. as W.M., W. H. Corbin S.W., J. Capell J.W., H. Coulson Sec., J. Heskin P.M. Treas., M. Strang S.D., H. H. Smith J.D., J. T. Callow P.M. D.C., Irvine Steward, R. Lytham I.G., J. Skeaf P.G.O. Organist, W. H. Ball Tyler; Past Master Bro. Rev. H. G. Vernon P.P.G.C. Chaplain. There was a very slight attendance of members, and amongst the few Visitors we noticed Bro. J. C. Spink 1299. After the usual routine business had been attended to, Bro. Morris initiated Messrs. L. Kretschman and W. M. Smith into Freemasonry. Bro. Morris relinquished the gavel in favour of Bro. Callow P.M., who immediately set to work and opened the Lodge in the second degree, and in a very able manner passed Bro. W. Fonlkes to take his seat among Fellow Crafts. The labours in this degree being ended, the Lodge resumed in the first, and after the satisfactory disposal of its business the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer. By request of the presiding W.M., the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Bro. Morris I.P.M. took the chair at the festive board, by request of Bro. Callow, and after each Bro. had refreshed the inner man, the first toast of the evening was submitted, and the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, Patron of our Order, was most cordially drunk, the brethren singing the National Anthem. Bro. Morris then gave H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Rulers of the Craft, Supreme and Subordinate, which was heartily received, the brethren singing "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The W.M. had now to propose a toast which was always submitted with great pleasure from the chair, and received with cordiality by the brethren. He had had the honour of initiating two very worthy members into our glorious Order this evening, and was sure the teachings of the Craft would not fail to afford them those pleasures and advantages which they are so eminently capable of imparting. He called upon the brethren to drink to our newly Initiated Brothers. The new brethren returned thanks in a very intelligent and heartfelt manner. The W. Master then gave the last toast of the evening (as very few are proposed on such occasions in this Lodge); he had great pleasure in welcoming Visitors to their Lodge, and he knew he was expressing the feelings of the W.M. when he said they were truly welcome as often as they chose to come. Bro. Davies responded; he had been pleased with his second visit to No. 1505; he thought the Lodge was as harmonious, compact, and worked as well as any in Liverpool that he had visited; he congratulated the Emulation brethren on having such efficient and punctual Past Masters, who, in the absence of their Worshipful Master, could ably carry on the business that came before them; he always liked to see a Lodge profitably employed, and was pleased that he had been privileged to see here what he would like to see elsewhere, viz., the W.M. and the Past Masters work different degrees. It may here be added, that although Bros. Quayle, Morris and Callow work remarkably well, there is an extraordinary difference in their method. We are, undoubtedly, creatures of imitation, and, to a great extent, copy those with whom we are associated; but in Freemasonry a brother will zealously carry out the dictates of his own ideas. Bros. Coulson, Chapman, Gilfillan, Fonlkes, and Strange kindly added to the pleasure of the evening by singing some capital songs, and Bro. Hosne was most effective in a recitation he gave. The Tylers' toast was eventually given, and the brethren dispersed.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.—Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday evening, 3rd July. Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., R. Olley S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., G. Woolley S.D., Maples J.D., Martin I.G., G. Ferrar Treasurer, E. Dietrich Secretary, W. Fieldwick Preceptor, and Bros. Bonner, C. Oller, Shackleton P.M. 1524, &c. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in his usual correct manner, after which Bro. C. Lorkin worked the Sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. R. Olley was appointed W.M. for next Wednesday evening. The fifteen sections will be worked on the 7th of August.

Sackville Lodge, No. 1619.—The regular meeting of this successful Lodge took place at the Crown Hotel, East Grinstead, Sussex, on Tuesday last, the 2nd inst. There was a numerous attendance of brethren, the Provincial Grand Master Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, and the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. Freeman were present. The Lodge was opened at two o'clock by Bro. W. Hall I.P.M. (in the temporary absence of the W.M., who arrived shortly afterwards and then took the chair). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received, Bro. James Hare, 193, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. James Cooper was then raised to the third degree, after which Bro. Walter Harwood was passed to the second degree. This business having been disposed of, Bro. C. W. Noehmer P.M. 186, and a member of this Lodge, took the chair as Installing Master, when Bro. Charles Sawyer S.W. was presented by the W.M. Bro. W. H. Hook, to receive the benefit of installation. Bro. Chas. Sawyer having been duly installed as W.M. of this Lodge, he appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. W. H. Hook I.P.M., C. T. Young S.W., John G. Horsey J.W., Rev. E. A. Head as Sec., Wm. Hale P.M. 780 and 1351 as Treasurer, S. Davison S.D., W. Rudge J.D., J. G. Calway I.G., H. Walker as Steward, and Sargeant as Tyler. The ceremony of Installation concluded, a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. P.M. Noehmer, for the able manner in which he had performed the duties. A vote of thanks was also conveyed to Bro. John G. Horsey J.W. for his present to the Lodge of a carpet. Among the Visitors present were:—Bros. Secx P.M. 186 and 1426, Shadd P.M. 257, D. J. Robinson W.M. 186, Earl 186, J. A. Reid 1673, A. C. Cooper 1673, Hawkes 315, Webber 163, Davey 732, Taylor 1110, and Byass 1465. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned until the first Tuesday in September, The brethren then assembled at a banquet held in the new and spacious Market-room of the Hotel, and provided by Bro. J. Weller in his best style, and reflecting great credit upon him, for besides the abundance of excellent things provided, the table and room were beautifully decorated with a collection of fine roses and other choice flowers. After the brethren had done justice to the good things before them, the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. The name of Bro. Freeman P.G.S. was coupled with the toasts of the Provincial G. Master and Officers; he, in a very pleasing speech spoke highly of the success of the Sackville Lodge during the two years it had been in existence. The I.P.M. Bro. W. H. Hook assumed the gavel, and proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Chas. Sawyer, of whom he spoke in the highest terms, both as a good and diligent Mason, and a courteous, upright, and much respected friend. He was sure that the Sackville Lodge must prosper under his rule. He knew that every Bro. present was too well acquainted with Bro. Sawyer's virtues to need many words from him; he was a native of East Grinstead, and, until lately, a resident among them, but now he (Bro. Hook) and the rest of the London brethren have the pleasure and advantage of having Bro. Sawyer among them. The enthusiastic manner in which the toast was drunk, proved the cor-

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currence of all the brethren present in the remarks made by Bro. Hook. The W.M. then rose and returned thanks in a very able speech for the kind manner in which the brethren had received the toast of his health. As to Bro. Hook, he thought he could not better return the compliment for the pretty things he had said of him than by at once placing upon his breast the very handsome jewel which had been voted by the brethren for the able manner in which Bro. Hook had carried out the duties of second W. Master of the Sackville Lodge, and as a token of appreciation of the many benefits the Lodge had received at his hands, particulars of which were recorded on the back of the jewel. Bro. Hook acknowledged the gift in a short but telling speech, and sat down amid the hearty plaudits of all assembled. The remainder of the toasts having been disposed of, the brethren dispersed, at about half-past ten, after a most pleasant evening. Several of the London brethren drove over at an earlier hour to Three Bridges, and returned to London by the last train, the remainder staying at the Crown Hotel for the night.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—On Wednesday, 3rd July, at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C. Present—Bros. A. E. Staley W.M., Biddle S.W., K. Harris S.W., Gottheil P.M., Pitt Sec., Sayer S.D., Gompertz J.D., Woodward I.G., Walker, Millhouse, Moss, Anderson, and Gehringer. The first ceremony was rehearsed. In a former report of Bro. Staley's working, we felt it our duty to animadvert rather severely on his shortcomings. We are glad to perceive that our strictures have produced a salutary effect, as the work showed a decided and unmistakable improvement. It is yet faulty in many respects, especially in want of deliberation in delivery. The habit of rushing through a ceremony at railway speed cannot be too strongly condemned; detracting as it does from what might otherwise be considered fairly good work. Bro. Staley has evidently determined to become an efficient craftsman, and it is from a desire to encourage him in his laudable endeavours, and from a conviction that he prefers fair criticism to fictitious praise that these remarks are made. Three of the sections were worked, several of the brethren evincing ability in giving the responses. Bro. Biddle was elected W.M. for next Wednesday.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—On Friday, the 14th of June, at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgeware-road. Present—Bros. Coop W.M., Micklebugh S.W., Heath J.W., Braun Hon. Sec., Hayes Preceptor, West S.D., Godden J.D., Reid I.G.; also Bros. Nichols, Passingham, Hall, Adair, Tribbel, Kennard, &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hayes being candidate. Bro. West took the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of passing. Lodge was opened to the third degree and closed down. Bro. Micklebugh was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Coop. Bro. P.M. Braun proposed, Bro. West seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that this Lodge of Instruction be adjourned until the first Friday in September. Arrangements for a summer outing were agreed to, and Bros. Braun, Godden, and Tribbel elected as Committee. This will take place on Wednesday next, the 10th of July, the White Hart, Willesden, being the place fixed on.

Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.—The annual banquet was held on the 26th ult., at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road. Bro. Breden the W.M. of the mother Lodge presided. Bros. Robinson S.W., Ould J.W., Ives Treasurer, Turquand Preceptor acting I.P.M. Thirty-nine brethren, including three Past Masters of the mother Lodge, sat down to a well-supplied and decorated table, Bro. Gregory doing his utmost to make the brethren happy and comfortable. The usual Masonic toasts were ably given from the chair, whilst occasional songs from Bros. Clegg and Robinson contributed to the pleasure of the evening. Those brethren who have the success of this Lodge of Instruction at heart are much encouraged at the increased interest taken by the members in its progress and prosperity.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—Met, as usual, on Monday, the 24th inst., at the Royal, Mile-end-road, corner of Burdett-road. There were present Bros. Hogg W.M., Cole S.W., Franklin J.W., Gottheil P.M. acting J.D., Emery I.G., Geo. Hollington Sec., Huggett, Hubbard, Kirkman, and Clark. The first ceremony and mode of calling off were practised. The work of Bro. Hogg is distinguished by deliberateness and fluency, and although several points require amendment, still, upon the whole, his mode of working is in tolerable accordance with the standard adopted in most of the East-end, and numerous Lodges in other districts. The two Wardens, both very young Masons, proved by their work the close attention they must have paid to its achievement. A very excellent feature in this Lodge of Instruction is the regular attendance of the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, and the S.W., who acts as Secretary. Their presence not only stimulates the younger brethren, but is also an example worthy of emulation. Bro. G. Hollington was elected to preside on Monday next.

Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Wednesday, the 26th June. Present—Bros. W. T. Christian W.M., W. Groome S.W., W. G. Hallows J.W., J. Pinder P.M., F. Hallows Sec., T. Franklin S.D., J. H. Cambridge J.D., A. Oldroyd I.G., T. Upward Organist, A. Delvallé W.S., Gilchrist Tyler; Bros. Hunt, Field, Carter, Clark, Robery, Stockwell, Putney, Harris, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer, in the first and second degrees. Bros. Putney and Harris, the candidates for raising, were examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and those brethren were regularly introduced, and raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The Lodge was resumed to the first degre, and the brethren called off for refreshment. The Lodge was called on, and the ballot taken for three gentlemen, whose names had been previously handed to the Secretary. It proved unanimous in their favour, and one being present, he was initiated into the Order, according to ancient form and custom. The Secretary then read the letter received from Grand Lodge respecting the four resolutions passed at the last Quarterly Communication, respecting the Grand Orient of France, and the same was ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed with solem prayer, and adjourned until the 5th October next. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. W. Claridge W.M. elect 1685, J. Badkin W.M. 1365, R. T. Williams 1567, G. E. Laverack 907, G. J. Westfield 1382, C. F. Harris 1679, Frederick Creed 1445, R. Shephard 861, &c., &c.

Eleanor Lodge, No. 1707.—The first Annual Festival of this Lodge, took place on Wednesday last, at the Angel Hotel, Edmonton. There were present Bros. J. Tanner W.M., J. H. Thompson S.W. and W.M. elect P.P.S.B. Middlesex, C. Lovebond J.W., C. Oliver Treas., R. J. Leaman Hon. Sec., C. R. Garnett J.D., J. Ramsey I.G., Fountain Meen Org. Bros. Pinder, Symmons, Byers, Webb, J. Perry, G. Perry, A. Gifford, J. S. Frith, W. Taylor. The Visitors were Bros. H. G. Buss Assist. G. Sec., S. Gammon P.M. 206, W. Holloway W.M. elect Ragshaw 1457, A. M. Sewell 21, G. Rawlinson late 754, E. Everdell D.C. 1519, E. Poore 1237, W. Hubbard 813, J. W. Symons 1187, J. Gilby 1309. The Lodge was opened in due form, and after the minutes were read and confirmed, Messrs. Gimingham and Watson were introduced and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The next business was the installation of the new Master, Bro. J. H. Thompson, the ceremony being performed by the outgoing Master, Bro. J. Tanner. The Worshipful Master then invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Lovebond S.W., Garnett J.W., Byers Treasurer, J. Tanner P.M. Sec., Ramsay S.D., W. Leaman J.D., Oliver I.G., Fountain Meem Organist, Symmons D.C. After the addresses had been given, Bro. Garnett, the W.M., gave the Lecture on the tracing board in the first degree. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where they partook of a most *récherché* repast provided by Messrs. Newell and Co. of Hackney, to whom great praise must be given for the satisfactory manner in which they catered. The usual Masonic toasts followed, Bro. Buss in a very appropriate speech replying for the Officers of Grand Lodge. During the evening a selection of music was most effectually rendered by Bros. Ashton, Cozens, Fountain Meen, and Hubbard, members of the English Glee Union, to the great enjoyment of the company. A very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented by the brethren of the Lodge to Bro. J. Tanner for his valuable services as first Master. This Lodge, although in its infancy, is progressing satisfactorily the aim of the members being that not only shall the working be creditably performed, but that goodfellowship and brotherly affection should predominate amongst them; this was fully exemplified at this meeting, where every one expressed how pleasantly they had spent the evening; we hope this feeling will always exist in this Lodge.

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SECRETARYSHIP OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

A POLL took place on Thursday last, at Freemasons' Tavern, London, for the Election of Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in place of the late Bro. Little. As we stated last week there were nine candidates for the vacant office. The following was announced by Bro. Lt.-Col. Creaton—who acted as Chairman—as the result of the Scrutineers' examination of the ballot:—

		Votes
1	F. R. W. HEDGES - - -	373
2	P. STORR - - -	268
3	C. F. MATIER - - -	153
4	T. CULL - - -	44
5	W. C. CRICK - - -	42
	F. A. WHITE - - -	42
7	W. WORRELL - - -	40
8	T. R. EAMES - - -	34
9	W. SMALLPEICE - -	1

Bro. Hedges was therefore declared duly elected, and amid the cheers of those present he briefly acknowledged the honour that had been paid him. Votes of thanks were passed to the Scrutineers and to the Chairman for presiding during the meeting.

R.M. INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ANALYSIS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

WE do not for one moment hesitate to express our dissatisfaction with the result of Monday's Festival. It was a most agreeable gathering, and those who met together for the purpose of showing their interest in the Institution were more numerous than usual. Yet while everything pointed to an eminently satisfactory result, the amount realised is considerably less than might have been expected. We admit that times are hard, and money is not so plentiful as could be wished, but this will go but a short way towards explaining a falling off as compared with last year, of, in round figures, over £3000. Brethren appear to have forgotten that a large additional expenditure has been incurred on the School buildings, while the Society stands committed to a far larger annual outlay than ever. Therefore, instead of there having been a diminution, there were manifold reasons why, as we pointed out last week, there should have been very considerable increase. However, it is no good lamenting what cannot now be remedied, and all we can do is to chronicle the inexplicable fact that, while the Festival of 1875 yielded £12,700, that of 1876 £12,100, and that of 1877 £13,160—in the first and second years we have given the figures as they were, in the last, as but for a clerical error, they should have been announced—the Festival of 1878, with a Royal Craftsman in the chair, resulted in a total of only £10,169 with over twenty lists outstanding. Having noted this, we proceed to the task of analysing the lists, and, as in former cases, we place the contributions under three categories, namely:—Metropolitan, Provincial, and Foreign, the total in each case being, Metropolitan, £4,944 14s, Provincial £5,152 18s 1d, and Foreign £71 10s. It is worthy of note, that the positions ordinarily taken by the first two are, in this instance, reversed, and that London is some hundreds of pounds behind the Provinces, whereas the Provinces are generally in the inferior place. Last year, for instance, at the Festival of this Institution, London yielded in round figures £6,790, and the Provinces £6,116. At the Benevolent Festival in February last, the contributions of the Metropolis amounted to £6,062, and those of the Provinces to £4,969, and at the Girls' Festival in May they were £4,266 and £3,996 respectively. However, we cannot grudge our Provincial brethren the satisfaction they must derive from occuping the place of honour on this occasion, and though they are some £900 behind their aggregate of last year, they show well in this respect by comparison with the Metropolis, which is something like £2,200 behind. But to proceed. The Metropolis was represented by 123 Stewards, of whom 104 represented 103 Lodges, 3 appeared for as many Chapters, and 2 under the head of the A. and A. Rite and Mark, while 14 were unattached. The total of their lists was, as we have said £4,944 14s, and the place of honour very appropriately is taken by Bro. Binckes, as the representative of the Lewis Lodge, No. 1,185, his list yielding £163 16s. He is closely pressed, however, by Bro. Costa, the worthy representative of that popular and very liberal Lodge, the Friends in Council, who seldom miss an opportunity of evincing the deep interest they take in the welfare of our Institutions. Bro. Costa totalled up to £158 11s. In addition to these there were three other three-figure lists, namely, Royal Naval No. 59 £112 7s, Orpheus No. 1706 £110 5s, and Gihon No. 49 £103 19s, Bro. Pare of the Tranquillity just missing the distinction of a three-figure total by a few pounds, his amount being £96. Lodges Nos. 2, 5, 8, 18, 21, 22, 23, 28, 33, 256, and 657, have been represented at every Festival during the last four years, and there are several which have been absent only once or twice during the same period. On the other hand there are, unfortunately, a few which do not figure in any of the last twelve lists. Of Lodges consecrated last year, or which have been warranted since the publication of Grand Lodge Calendar seven sent representatives, and two of these have been contributors to all the Festivals this year, and three to two of the number. We congratulate the brethren of these Lodges on the very satisfactory commencement they have made, and we trust their future career may continue to present equally satisfactory evidence of their prosperity and liberality. There are still thirteen more Metropolitan Lists to be furnished, so that if we take only the modest average of £50 a piece, there is still a possibility that a further sum of between £600 and £700 may find its way into the coffers of the Institution. Let us hope that it may be so, for the amount is needed.

We now pass to the Provinces, thirty-one of which sent up one or more representatives, the thirteen absentees being Beds., Cornwall, Herefordshire, Leicestershire and Rutland, Northamptonshire and Hunts., Northumberland, Nottinghamshire, South Wales Western Division, Wilts, Worcestershire, Channel Islands, Jersey, and Isle of Man. Three of these thirteen, namely, Bedfordshire (five Lodges), Worcestershire (ten Lodges), and Isle of Man (three Lodges), appear to take no interest whatever in any of our Institutions. At all events, they have sent no representative to any of the Festivals during the years 1875, 1876, 1877, and 1878. We commend them, therefore, to the special notice of the Secretaries, and as Bro. Terry's Festival is next in order of time, and he has a clear six months before him to think the matter over, let him try the effect of his energy and eloquence. We dare say some

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member of the Lodges in these Provinces will only be too glad to do what in him lies to encourage and support our Institutions. Be this as it may, however, we trust the effort will be made, and that a fifth year will not be allowed to pass without some contributions being received from these parts. As to the contributing Provinces, and taking them in alphabetical order, we find, first, Berks and Bucks represented by two Stewards from two of its sixteen Lodges, one of these, the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, of Newbury, doing duty for the County of Berks, and the Wycombe, No. 1501, of High Wycombe, rendering a similar service for that of Bucks. The amounts are small —£26 10s and £27 6s respectively—and nearly equal, but in May, at the Festival of the Girls' School, six Stewards representing as many Lodges, took up sums amounting together to £217 5s, while in February, at the Benevolent, it contributed £157 9s, by the medium of seven Stewards. Last year, four of its Lodges, represented by five Stewards, sent up £171 18s 6d—one list being outstanding at the time—at the Festival of the Boys. Four Lodges sent representatives to the Girls, their joint contributions being £114 9s, and at the Benevolent its four Stewards took up £173 19s 6d. In 1876, it contributed by the medium of three Stewards, £152 15s to the Boys, and £141 15s to the Girls per a brother of No. 1501. In 1875, it contributed £287 3s 6d to the Boys, £75 2s to the Girls, and £91 5s 6d to the Benevolent. Thus, it has been an absentee only once in the four years, the aggregate of its contributions, as far as they appear in the lists from which we have gleaned these particulars, being over £1,636. Bristol with its eight Lodges was represented by its Provincial Grand Secretary, whose list amounted to £75 12s. In February, a member of one of its Lodges, No. 103, took up a list of £134 15s for the Benevolent. In February 1877, the Earl of Limerick, Prov. G. Master, as Steward for the whole Province, sent in a sum of £161 8s to the same Institution, and in 1876, the Prov. G. Registrar figured in the list of Stewards for the Benevolent, though what was the result of his efforts did not appear at the time the subscriptions were announced. In 1875, it contributed £114 9s to the Boys, £66 13s 6d to the Girls, and £53 to the Benevolent. Thus this Province has sent representatives to seven out of the last twelve Festivals. Cambridge, let us hope, has entered on a new system. It is weak in point of numbers, and has only four Lodges, of which three belong to Cambridge, and one to Wisbeach. Hitherto, during the course of our experience—or rather till as late as the Benevolent Festival of February last, we had had no opportunity of noting its contributions to any of the Festivals we have been privileged to chronicle, but at the Girls' Festival in May and on this occasion C. F. M. Mundy of the Isaac Newton University, No. 859, has done his part in redeeming the good name of the Province. His two lists together amount to twenty guineas, and they look more like his own personal contributions than as the outcome of his canvass, but at all events praise is due to this Craftsman, who appears to be the only member of this Province who remembers there are three Central Masonic Charities which need to be supported. True, there is a boy being educated and maintained at Wood Green, and there are, or recently were, two girls—one by purchase—in the sister Institution at Battersea Rise; but this, instead of involving any contribution of money, is a great advantage, as it relieves the Lodges of the Province of the necessity of rendering any help to the children in question. We have never been able to understand why, if the Apollo University, No. 357, of Oxford, can make itself conspicuous by almost invariably sending up one or more Stewards to our Festivals, the Isaac Newton University, No. 859, cannot be equally mindful of its duties. The members of the two Lodges are socially of the same standing, and it strikes us that what the one does habitually, the other might condescend to do occasionally. As for the Provincial Grand Master and his Officers who do not seem to bestir themselves much, we think it would be as well if some one whispered into the ear of the former the old proverb, *noblesse oblige*. The position he holds is one of great dignity, but it was never intended it should be merely ornamental, and that its duties, which are not particularly onerous, should be done or left undone at pleasure. Five out of the thirty-nine Lodges of Cheshire were represented by Six Stewards. There is one list still to come, while those of the other five amount to £80 17s. The Lodges hail from Nantwich (No. 293), Chester (No. 425), Birkenhead (No. 537), Crewe (No. 979), and Seacombe (No. 1276). Though its contributions have not been on a scale of great magnitude, it has contributed to each of the twelve Festivals held during the last four years. Moreover, there is in this case a local charity to be looked after, and those who have noted our articles on the Cheshire Educational Institute must be perfectly well aware how the brethren of the Province fulfil their duty towards it. However, in May it gave £134 8s to the Girls, and in February £172 2s to the Benevolent. Last year the Boys School benefited to the extent of £106 18s 6d, with one list still to come, the Girls received £10 10s, and the Benevolent £139 3s. In 1876, the Boys had £155 10s 6d, the Girls £73 10s, and the Benevolent £47 7s. In 1875, £84 was handed to the Boys, £21 to the Girls, and £100 to the Benevolent. Cumberland and Westmoreland, with nineteen Lodges, found a most efficient representative in the person of Bro. McKay, the W. Master of Union, No. 129, of Kendal and Prov. G. Dir. of Cers., and his list totalled to the level sum of £150. This is the first Festival it has attended this year. However, at the Benevolent in 1877, the same brother served as Steward, and took up a list of £63, and at the Boys' Festival in 1876, the sum handed in was £147. Derbyshire (eighteen Lodges) was represented by three brethren of the Royal Sussex, No. 353, Winshill, and their joint contributions together amounted to £56 14s. In May its contribution to the Girls was £21 8s 6d, but it began the year well by contributing £170 to the Benevolent by the hands of its Provincial G. Master, the Marquis of Hartington, and another brother. Last year the Boys benefited to the extent of £77 14s, and a member of No. 850 figured for £10 at the Benevolent. £131 15s 6d went to the Boys in 1876, while in 1875 the same Institution fared still better, the total subscribed amounting to £271 6s, while the Girls received ten guineas. The honour of Devonshire, when in the keeping of Bro. Godtschalk, is always maintained efficiently. It has forty-six Lodges, and it sends £220. The half of this amount went to the Benevolent in February, and a sum of £29 10s 6d to the Girls in May. Bro. Curteis took up sixty guineas for the Boys last year, while the Girls received fifty guineas, and the Benevolent a fraction over £596. In 1876, one list for the Boys amounted to £173 5s, and there was one other outstanding. In 1875, the same Institution received the sum of £289 17s. It has only been unrepresented at one out of the last twelve Festivals. Dorset, with its thirteen Lodges, is most fortunate in numbering among its Craftsmen several members of great zeal and activity, and accordingly it figures for very handsome amounts on nearly every occasion. At this Festival Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, Past Dep. Prov. G.M, hands in a list of £401 12s. As Steward for the Girls in May he was the means of raising a sum of £116 11s, and by his exertions in February the Benevolent was richer by £150 than it would have been had he not acted for his Province. Last year, the contributions were to the Benevolent £305, Girls £180 12s, and Boys £80 17s. In 1876, there was contributed £222 to the Benevolent, and for 1875 the Boys received £633 3s, making the handsome total for the four years of £2,089 15s, which gives an average of as nearly as possible £522 10s per annum, nearly £174 5s per Institution, and of about £40 per Lodge per annum. Well done, Dorsetshire, and well done, Bro. Montagu, as Steward at five of these Festivals! Durham (twenty-five Lodges) is represented by Bro. Crookes, and his amount of subscriptions is £155 8s. Last year he took up for the Boys' School an almost equal amount—£158 11s, and the same Institution received £275 2s in 1876, and £372 19s 6d the previous year, while the Girls had £286 2s 6d in 1877. Essex with its sixteen Lodges looks excellently well, figuring, as it does, for £233 5s 7d, the result of the exertions of four Stewards, and there is one list yet to come. It was represented modestly at the Girls' Festival in May and to the extent of £88 16s at the Benevolent in February. £76 16s was its contribution last year to the Boys' School, £37 9s went to the Girls' School, and £113 13s to the Benevolent. In 1876 it supported the Boys to the extent of £144 18s, and the Benevolent with £42 10s. In 1875 the Boys received £68 5s, and there was Bro. Tanner's list still to come, and the Girls £86 6s 6d, so that this Province has not overlooked its duty in supporting our Charities. Of the fourteen Gloucestershire Lodges no less than four are represented, the aggregate of their contributions reaching the very considerable amount of £379 13s, Bro. White of the Royal Gloucestershire No. 839, Gloucester, leading the way with £168. Its three Stewards' lists in May amounted to £229 16s 6d, and in February a Cheltenham Lodge,

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Foundation No. 82, did duty for the Province to the extent of £118. Thus, the Province this year has contributed in all to our three Institutions over £727. Last year £338 2s was contributed to the Boys, £135 9s to the Girls, and £28 7s to the Benevolent; total for the year £501 18s. In 1876 £276 14s was raised for the Boys, and the year previous forty guineas went to the same Institution. Thus, close upon £1,550 has been raised in this small Province, upwards of two-thirds of which have gone to the Boys' School. Hants and Isle of Wight, whose Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. W. B. Beach M.P. presided at the Festival of the Boys' Institution last year, is down for a round sum of one hundred guineas. It can boast of thirty Lodges, and on this occasion one of the Aldershot Lodges—Panmure, No. 723—represents the Province. In May, four—including this same Lodge—sent up Stewards, their total contributions being £117 12s, and in February two Lodges together handed £70 7s 6d to the Benevolent. In 1877, its contributions to the Boys reached a total of £624 1s, while the Girls received £222 12s, and the Benevolent £171 5s. In 1876 the Boys were benefited by a contribution of £176 8s, the Girls by £21, and the Benevolent by £285 11s 6s. In 1875 the Boys had £371 7s, with two lists still outstanding, and the Benevolent £162 18s. Thus, in the four years it has missed only one Festival, and the aggregate of its contributions is a fraction over £2,328.

(To be continued.)

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Eightieth Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held on Monday last, at the Alexandra Palace, under the presidency of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught P.G.W., who was supported by upwards of 250 Stewards and a numerous assemblage of brethren and ladies. The banquet was served in the Concert Hall, and at its conclusion, grace having been said by Bro. Pickard G. Chap., His Royal Highness proceeded to give the usual toasts. The first, the Chairman said, needed no preface from him. He called on all present to drink the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen the Patron of the Institution. The next toast he considered as only second to the one first honoured, being the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales the M.W. Grand Master of English Freemasons. Ever since H.R.H. had occupied the important position of Grand Master, he had never failed to show the deep interest he takes in everything relating to the Craft. This he (the speaker) knew from personal knowledge. In 1870, the Prince of Wales presided at the Festival of the Boys' Institution, and the Chairman was happy to think he did an immense amount of good on that occasion; ever since then the funds had come in wonderfully. Each of these toasts were cordially received, and were followed by the National Anthem and "God save the Prince of Wales" respectively. The health of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the Chairman of the day, was proposed by Lord Suffield, Prov. G.M. Norfolk. It was a proud privilege to propose the toast; one always difficult to introduce, by reason of the presence of the person referred to. All know the readiness with which members of our Royal Family render assistance to any good cause, and how their present Chairman invariably came forward when asked to do so. On this occasion, His Royal Highness makes his *début* in any great Masonic ceremony. They had a noble and brilliant gathering to do him honour, and they would at all times be most happy and glad to see him. There were many members of Grand Lodge unable to attend the meeting, but they were anxious for the success of this and everything in connection with our Institutions. He would venture to compliment H.R.H. on an event they all hoped would shortly take place, and wish him and his future wife long life and continued prosperity. The Duke of Connaught, in reply, assured the company that he appreciated most fully the kind sentiments which had been expressed by Lord Suffield. He considered it a great pleasure to be with them at so successful a meeting. This pleasure was greatly enhanced by seeing so many ladies present. Some ladies gave the Freemasons the credit of being very selfish, but he hoped meetings such as the present would go far to dispel such ideas. Lord Suffield had referred to the present as being his Masonic *début*, but this was hardly correct; however, he must admit that it was the first occasion he had had the pleasure of meeting so distinguished an assembly of the Masons of England. Lord Suffield had touched, in the kindest terms, on what is always a most delicate matter for any man. He was sure it would gratify Her Royal Highness very much when he told her the reception that had been accorded the first public mention of her name, and he was pleased that his brother Masons had been the first in England to so cordially honour her. Bro. Pickard, Grand Chaplain, gave the next toast,—that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Prov. Grand Masters, and the rest of the G. Officers. It was not very often, he said, that a man was called upon to propose his own health, but he was in that position. It gave him great pleasure to speak of the Chiefs of the Order, he having been so intimately connected with both during his Mastership of the Apollo University Lodge. He was gratified in being able to couple with the toast the name of so able and distinguished a Mason as General Brownrigg, the Provincial Grand Master for Surrey. General Brownrigg stated that he considered old age had its privileges as well as other things. It was by reason of 'his old Masonic age that he was called upon to acknowledge the gratifying remarks of Bro. Pickard. He was delighted with the day's meeting, but especially so at the presence of so many ladies. He felt that the Grand Officers were so well known that it was not requisite for him to refer to them in any way. He would simply, on their behalf and on his own account, thank the company for the very hearty way in which they had received mention of their names. The next toast on the list was Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. This was one which H.R.H. felt would commend itself to all. The Institution had now been in existence eighty years, it having been founded in 1798. At first, and up to 1854, they had possessed no building of their own, but had contented themselves with paying for the schooling of the sons of their deceased brethren. In 1855 a building was purchased, and in 1863 the first stone of their present school was laid, the building being opened in 1865. At first they had educated fifty boys, which number was afterwards increased to eighty, while now they clothed, educated and maintained 211. This great addition was most satisfactory, but the increasing demands required increased funds, and he felt he should not be doing his duty if he did not forcible bring this before the meeting. He and all Masons were proud of the Craft and of its leading Principals, the first and most important of which—Charity—he appealed to all present to assist him in carrying out; he felt sure they could not show their charitable wishes more than by educating the sons of poor brethren. Masons should be very satisfied at the progress made. With the toast he coupled the name of Bro. Pincknett, the Treasurer of the Institution. Bro. Pincknett, in reply, stated that H.R.H. had made so forcible an appeal, and had so ably pointed out the benefits of the Institution, that it was unnecessary for him to still further recount them. The success of the Institution depended entirely on the exertions of the Craft. The Committee were anxious that the scholars should have as good an education as they would have received had their parents been alive; he hoped that the appeal made by H.R.H. would produce good results. Bro. Binckes then rose to announce the amounts collected by the various Stewards; he felt they were greatly indebted to their noble chairman for presiding on the occasion; he could have wished that the subscriptions would have amounted to as large a sum as they did on the occasion of the presidency of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, but he was not in a position to announce such a result. They could but be delighted at the number of brethren and ladies who had attended to support the chairman. The Institution had had a past, which they could look upon with pride; and they also had a future, which they contemplated with hope. The amounts contributed were then announced as £10,100, with twenty lists to come in. (A detailed list, with corrections to time of our going to press will be found in another column.) The health of the Vice Patrons, Vice Presidents, Trustees, Committees, and Auditors of the Institution, was then given and acknowledged by Bro. Col. Creaton. He hoped that the number of the Vice Patrons and Presidents would before long be doubled. Bro. Sir Henry Edwards had great pleasure in giving the sister Institutions. Considering the great interest he took in Freemasonry, he felt no one was better fitted to propose it. He had always looked upon the Boys' School as the one to which support should be given, and trusted that all the Institutions might continue their prosperous career. Bro. Terry replied, thanking the company on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and the Benevolent Institution; he congratulated Bro. Binckes on the success of his Festival, which raised the amount contributed during the year to over £30,000. They were looking forward to the ensuing Festivals of the Benevolent Institution and of the Girls' School, and he hoped that, on no future occasion, it would be necessary for the Executives to announce a less sum at their Festival than had been acknowledged that day. The Chairman next gave the health of the Stewards. When he looked round and considered the splendid Festival of the day, he could but think they were indebted to that body. He was gratified in being able to couple the name of Bro. Lord Suffield with the toast, as President of the Board. That brother having briefly acknowledged the toast, the health of the Ladies was proposed, and the company adjourned to other parts of the building, where a concert was given, and other arrangements were made for the comfort of the visitors. The whole of the day's proceedings reflected great credit on those in whose hands the arrangements were left, and we think that the Institution is indebted to Bros. Bertram and Roberts for providing such ample accommodation for so large a party. The musical arrangements were under the conduct of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz and Signors Rialp and Biaccia, who were supported by Mesdames Parodi, Collini, Thaddeus Wells, Miss Josephine Sherrington; Mr. W. Shakespeare, M. Thomas, Signor Franceschi, M. Thierry and Bro. Thurley Beale. Mr. George Magrath contributed an excellent solo on the pianoforte.

We append the List of Patrons and 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.

	Amount. £ s d
PATRON.	
Her Majesty the Queen - - - - - - - -	52 10 0
PRESIDENT.	
H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., P.G.S.W. - -	52 10 0
ACTING VICE-PRESIDENTS.	
W. Bro. George Pincknett, P.G.D., Vice-President and Treasurer of the Institution - - - - - -	10 10 0
W. Bro. Benjamin Head, P.G.D., Vice-Patron of the Institution. (H.C.), - - - - - - - -	13 13 0

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W. Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., Vice-Patron of the Institution 10 10 0
W. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., Vice-President of the Institution. (H.C.) 10 10 0

HON. TREASURER.

W. Bro. Thos. Cubitt, P.M., P.G.P., Vice-President of the Institution 75 12 0

LONDON.

Name of Lodge.	No.	Patron or Steward.			
Grand Masters'	1	Ellis, Alderman J. Whittaker	10	10	0
Antiquity	2	Skinner, J. E. Hilary, S.D.	40	9	0
Fidelity	3	Robinson, Thos., P.M. 753	25	4	0
Royal Somerset House and Inverness	4	Browne, Horace J.	10	10	0
St. George and Corner Stone	5	Scriven, Horace W., S.D.	52	10	0
Friendship	6	Marriott, W. T., Q.C., J.W.	11	11	0
Royal York of Perseverance	7	Adlard, Frederick, P.M. and Treas.	19	19	0
British	8	Winkfield, J. T. C., P.M., P.Prov.G.W. Berks and Bucks, G. Steward	27	6	0
Westminster and Keystone	10	Cochrane, Rev. Thomas, W.M., Pr.G.S.W. Essex, P.Pr.G.Chap. Oxford	59	17	0
Enoch	11	Pigott, R. T., D.C.L., W.M.	36	15	0
Fortitude and Old Cumberland	12	Nicols, D., W.M., V.-P. of the Institution Ruf. Leopold, P.M. Treas.	28	2	0
Tuscan	14	Bristow, Alf. Isaac, W.M., G. Std.	13	13	0
Old Dundee	18	Huggins, Herbert G., P.M.	52	10	0
Emulation	21	Zambra, Joseph W.	44	1	0
Neptune	22	Fairweather, Thomas	66	3	0
Globe	23	Mather, E. C., P.M., Vice-President of Institution	31	10	0
Egyptian	27	Walker, John, P.M.	68	5	0
Old King's Arms	28	Thomas, Thos. Jeremy, S.W.	32	11	0
St. Albans	29	Hunt, H. Wallis, P.M. 463. (H.C.)	28	7	0
Britannic	33	Ricks, James, J.D.	41	9	6
Old Union	46	Cassell, Jas. R., J.D.	22	1	0
Gibon	49	Bailey, William, W.M.	103	19	0
Constitutional	55	Johnston, James	63	0	0
Royal Naval	59	Harrison, Charles, J.W.	112	7	0
Peace and Harmony	60	Steward, Thos., S.W., G.S.	10	10	0
St. Mary's	63	Wendt, Ernst Emil, P.M., G.S. German Corres.	26	5	0
Prosperity	65	Barber, W. H.	31	10	0
Pythagorean	79	Fowler, Charles, S.D.	52	10	0
St. John's	90	Griffin, T. P., P.M.	85	1	0
Regularity	91	Sprague, R. W., P.M.	49	7	0
Eastern Star	95	Bonner, Henry, W.M.	18	18	0
Temple	101	Scott, John Anderson, P.M.	60	18	0
St. George	140	Jardine, Charles, P.M.	31	10	0
St. Luke's	144	Allen, George, P.M.	65	16	0
Prudent Brethren	145	Bull, Thomas, P.M.	42	0	0
Bedford	157	Drew, Lear, P.M.			
Honour and Generosity	165	Wainwright, G. E., W.M., P.Prov.G.W. Surrey	36	15	0
St. John's	167	Davis, George, J.D.	63	0	0
Sincerity	174	Hilliard, Geo. Jas., I.P.M.	72	9	0
Cavenc	176	Sorrell, J. Brockett, P.M.	33	11	6
Manchester	179	Hughes, Wm., P.M. & Sec.	10	10	0
Universal	181	Turner, Jos. Edward, S.W.			
Unity	183	Todd, C.W., P.M.	73	10	0
Tranquillity	185	Pare, G. S., S.W.	96	0	0
Joppa	118	Abrahams, Israel, F.R.G.S., F.S.S., P.M.	10	10	0
Confidence	193	Leah, Henry James, W.M.			
Jerusalem	197	Bullen, T. G., P.G.S., P.M.	36	15	0
Percy	198	Cooper, George, I.P.M., P. Prov.G.S. of W., Essex	37	16	0
Jordan	201	Yardley, W.	53	0	0
Israel	203	Hogard, C. F., P.M., P. Prov. G.S. of W., Essex	29	8	0
St. Andrew's	222	Grey, Robert	63	0	0
United Strength	228	Halford, Robt. H., W.M.	79	14	0
Nine Muses	235	Wildy, A. S.	11	11	0
Harmony	255	Kirke, John, W.M.	61	6	6
Unions	256	Birch, Charles, P.M.	45	3	0
Prince of Wales	259	Hanson, Reginald	31	10	0
Salisbury	435	Garrod, John William, P.M. Rosenthal, S.	46	14	6
			10	10	0
Zetland	511	Barfield, Asher, P.M.	52	10	0
Polish National	534	Rath, Ferdinand, P.M.	33	12	0
Fitzroy	569	Webster, Richard Godfrey, W.M.	45	15	0
Canonbury	657	Mathews, Joseph Douglass, W.M.	79	16	0
Camden	704	Garratt, George A., P.M.	31	10	0
Panmure	715	Richardson, E. W.	16	16	0
Panmure	720	Pulman, C., P.M.	40	0	0
Crystal Palace	742	Land, William, P.M. Sec.	90	6	0
Belgrave	749	Greenwood, Hon. Wm., W.M.			
Lely of Richmond	820	Kyezor, Henry			
Victoria Rifles	822	Phillips, Lewis jun.	38	17	0
Dalhousie	860	Dickins, W. G., S.D.	66	17	0
Royal Oak	871	Vohmann, John Geo., J.W.	10	10	0
Hornsey	890	West, James John, P.M.	29	8	0
Temperance in the East	898	Waller, Joseph Ross, P.M	57	15	0
De Grey and Ripon	905	Peebles, Alex., W.M.	13	13	0
Royal Albert	907	Griffiths, Thos., P.M.	65	2	0
Leigh	957	Cobham, Craven P., P.M.	37	16	0
South Norwood	1139	Corner, W. C., W.M.	21	0	0
Lewis	1185	Binckes, Fredk., P.M., Vice-Pres. of Inst.	163	16	0
Eclectic	1201	Harty, E. J., P.M.	21	0	0
Asaph	1319	Terry, Edward, W.M. Burgess, Frederick	39	18	0
			33	12	0
Blackheath	1320	Webster, R. B., P.M.	10	10	0
Clapton	1365	Badkin, J. Sydney, W.M.	34	7	6
Friends in Council	1383	Costa, Raphael, G.J.D.	158	11	0
Anerley	1397	Inglis, Robt. William, W.M.	30	9	0
Earl Spencer	1420	Gibson, John Thomas, W.M.	24	3	0
Duke of Connaught	1524	Dietrich, G. F. M. E.	28	7	0
Chancer	1540	Stidolph, E. S., W.M.	11	0	0
Alexandra Palace	1541	Haigh, E. M., S.W., P.M., P.G.S., No. 29	52	10	0
Carnarvon	1572	Whitaker, Walter S., P.M. and Sec.	63	0	0
Royal Naval College	1593	Bristow, W., P.G.Std.	10	10	0
Sir Hugh Middelton	1602	Norris, William, J.D.			
Eccleston	1624	Watkins, Geo.	72	9	0
Royal Kensington	1627	Soppet, C. E., W.M.	68	5	0
United	1629	Arnold, Rev. C. W., D.P.G.M., Surrey, P.G. Chap.	52	10	0
Aldersgate	1657	Allcroft, John D., P.M., V. Pres. of Inst.	52	10	0
Langton	1673	Langton, Joseph, P.M.	52	10	0
New Finsbury Park	1695	Purkiss, W. T.	30	9	0
Orpheus	1706	Murray, Joshua Joyce, V. Pat. of Inst.	110	5	0
Eleanor	1707	Tanner, Joseph, W.M., P. Prov. G.D. Essex	33	12	0
Evening Star	1716	Aird, John, S.D.	52	10	0
Temple Bar	1728	Dixon, John, W.M., G. Std.	21	14	6
Kings Cross	1732	Michael, J. J., W.M.	18	7	6

UNATTACHED.

Baker, Brackstone, P.G.D.			
Berridge, Robert	21	0	0
Thomas, J. Lewis, Assist.G. Dir.Cers.	10	10	0
Roebuck, W., V.P. of Inst.	73	19	0
Bertram, Jno., V.P. of Inst.			
Wilson, Stephen B., V.P. of Inst.	63	0	0
Cottebrune, C. A., P.M., P.G. Purst.	21	0	0
Roberts, R.			
Stone. Ald. D.H., P.G.J.W.			

CHAPTERS.

Prudence	12	Winter, J., V.P. of Inst.	31	10	0
Joppa	188	Levy, H. M., P.Z.	7	7	0
New Concord	813	Gallant, Jno. Ross, Z.	81	18	0

A. and A. RITE.

Palestine		Levander, H. C.	21	0	0

BERKS AND BUCKS.

Loyal Berkshire	574	Wilson, Walter B., J.D.	26	10	0
Wycombe	1501	Nixon, L. M., J.D.	27	6	0

BRISTOL.

Inskip, Edward Thos., P.P.G.W. Wilts., P.P.G.W. Somerset, Prov. G. Sec. Bristol 81 18 0

CAMBRIDGE.

Isaac Newton University	859	Mundy, C. F. M.	15	15	0

CHESHIRE.

King's Friends	293	Lisle, Henry Claud P.M.	10	10	0
Cestrian	425	Dickson, F. A., W.M. Salmon, J., P.M., P.P.G.D.	10	10	0
			33	12	0
Zetland	537	Henry Francis	10	10	0
Four Cardinal Virtues	979	Blackhurst, John, P.M.	26	5	0
Warren	1276	Ridehalgh, Jas., P.G.Purst.			

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

Union	129	McKay, George J., W.M., P.G. Dir. Cers.	150	0	0

DERBYSHIRE.

Royal Sussex	353	Diamond, Hugh E., P.M. P.Prov. G.W.	18	18	0
		Boden, William, W.M. Ball, W. L.	37	16	0

DEVONSHIRE.

St. John's	70	Godtschalk, C., P.P.G.D., P.M. 1255	220	0	0

DORSET.

Montagu, J. M. P., G.J.D. 401 12 0

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DURHAM.

		Crooke, W. H.		155	8 0

ESSEX.

Angel	51	Ralling, T. J., W.M., P.G.S.	40	19	0
		Cobb, C., P.M., P.P.G.S.W.	68	5	0
Priory	1000	Wood, Fredk., P.M., Treas., P.P.G.W., V.-P. of Inst.	109	19	10
Liberty of Havering	1437	Harvey, Alfred, J.W.			
Bagshaw	1457	Nicholson, Thos. W., W.M.	14	1	9

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Foundation	82	Basevi, Col. H., P.D.D.G.M. Punjaub, P.P.G. Reg., Vice-Pres. of Inst.	93	9	0
Cotteswold	592	Hyde, John	85	1	0
Royal Gloucestershire	839	White, R.W., P.M., P.G.J.W.	168	0	0
Sympathy	855	Collen, Geo. W., P.M.	33	3	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

Panmure	723	Eve, Rich., P.M., P.P.G.W., Vice-Pres. of Inst.	105	0	0

HERTS.

Cranbourne	1580	Bowyer, Edgar, P.M., Prov. G. Deacon	26	5	0

KENT.

Royal Kent of Antiquity	20	Wyle, Thomas	66	3	0
Gundulph	1050				
Peace and Harmony	199	Lukey Edward, S.D.	136	10	0
Erasmus Wilson	1464	Dinham, Charles, S.W.	42	0	0
Cinque Ports	1206	Emmerson, R. Joynes, P. Prov. G.W., P.M.	151	9	0
Lewises	1209	Page, Geo., Prov. G.D., P.M.	81	18	0

LANCASHIRE—East Division.

Anchor and Hope	37	Brockbank, Geo. P., P. Prov. G.D., P.M. 61, 221, 1723, V.-Pres. of Inst.	10	10	0
Antiquity	146	Cooper, William, S.D.	31	10	0
		Taylor, J.	10	10	0
Virtue	152	Choriton, T., P. Prov. G. Reg., V.-Pat. of Inst.			
St. John's	221	Entwisle, T., P.P.G. Sup. of Works, P.M.	21	0	0
Affability	317	Hine, J. L., P.M., P. Prov. G.W., P.Prov. G. Treas., Vice-Patron of Inst.	200	5	0
		Sillitoe, J. H., P.M.	21	0	0
St. George's	1170	Birch, J. A., P.Prov. G.W., P.M. 1045	21	0	0

LANCASHIRE—West Division.

Ancient Union	203	Rowson, Bradshaw W., P.P.G. S. of W., P.M.	57	15	0

LINCOLNSHIRE.

Pelham Pillar	792	Hansen, D., W.M.	16	16	0
		Smith, Captain Edward			

MIDDLESEX.

Strawberry Hill	946	Cooke, Geo. Mayor, S.W.	42	0	0
		McIlwham, T. R., P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B.			
Lebanon	1326	Fox, Wm. Copeman, W.M.	42	0	0
		Lyons, Woolf			
Campbell	1415	Keene, Thos., P.M.	26	5	0
Thames Valley	1460	Peters, Lieut.-Col., P.M., P. Prov. G. D.	40	0	0
Elliot	1567	Mason, John, P.M.			
Musgrave	1597	Sindall, Robert L.			
		Kenning, George, Vice-Pres. of Inst.	10	10	0

CHAPTERS.

Royal Middlesex	1194	Brette, Rev. P. H. E., D.D., P.M., W.M. 1657, P.P.G. Chap., V.-Pres of Inst.	23	2	0
Era	1423	Faija, Henry, C.E.	10	10	0

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

		Lyne, Lt.-Col. Chas., Pr.G.M.	166	19	0

NORFOLK.

Union	52	Suffield, Lord, Prov. G.M.	173	5	0
		Barwell, H. G., Prov. G. Secretary, P.M.			
		Tyson-Amhurst, W. A.	52	10	0
Sincerity	943	Orams, Edward	53	11	0

OXFORDSHIRE.

Apollo University	357	Hedges, Fentham, P.G.Sec.	27	16	6
		Lloyd, Rev. John A., P. Prov. G. Chap.			
		Withington, T. E.			
Churchill	478	Wakeman, Bart., Sir Offley, P. Prov. G. Sec., P.M.	47	15	6

SOMERSETSHIRE.

Agriculture	1199	Edwards, Chas. Lund Fry, P.M., P.P.G.D. and P. Prov. G.S.W. Oxon., W.M.			

STAFFORDSHIRE.

St. Peters	419	Walker, Jas., P.P.G.D., P.M.	35	14	0

SUFFOLK.

Royal St. Edmunds	1008	Lucia, W. B., G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec., P.M.	120	15	0

SURREY.

		Brownrigg, General, C.B., Prov. G.M.	141	15	0
St. George's	370	Boor, James, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., V.-Pres. of Inst.	17	6	6
Frederick of Unity	452	Manning, Fredk. Alfred, I.G., Prov. G. Steward	10	10	0
Albert Edward	1714	Pulley, T. J., S.D.	25	14	6
		West, Fredk., Prov. G. Reg.	10	10	0

SUSSEX.

Derwent	40	Cave-Brown-Cave, Rev. E. F., W.M.	77	14	0
Hova Ecclesia	1466	Smith Charles John, P.M.	40	19	0

WARWICKSHIRE.

Shakespeare	284	Moore James G., P.M., P.G. Dir. Cers.	42	0	0
Faithful	473	Short Walter, P.M.	73	10	0
		Cooper Jas., S.W.			
Howe	587	Rowe, Charles F., P.M., Prov. G.J.D.	42	10	6
St. Alphege	1431	Allegge, B. J., S.W.	57	15	0

YORKSHIRE—North and East Division.

Humber	57	Thompson, Thomas, W.M.	48	10	0
Minerva	250	Thompson, John	10	10	0
Eboracum	1611	Cumberland, J.S., S.W.	26	5	0
		Turner, Alfred Thos. B.			

YORKSHIRE—West.

Unanimity	154	Harrop, John, W.M.			
Three Grand Principles	208	Critchley, R. I., Prov. G.T., P.M., and V.P. of Inst.			
		Fox, Thos. Bateman, Sec.			
		Green, Albert, P.M.			
		Vaux, Thos. Richard			
Hope	302	Hill T., P.M., P.Pr.G.W., Vice Pres. of Inst.			
		Smith, H., P.M., Prov. G.Sec., V.-P. of Inst.			
		Robertshaw, Alfred, W.M.			
Truth	521	Benton, Thos. M., W.M.			
Friendship	750	Hopkin, Daniel, I.P.M.			
		Kelley, Rawson, W.M.			
St. John's	827	Machell, Wm., P.M.			
		Shaw, D. A., P.M., P.G.S.,			
Pentalpa	974	Laurie, Jas. Douglas			
Sincerity	1019	Porrett, William			
		Watson, Benjamin			
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THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—I cannot be otherwise than well pleased with the result of my letter on this subject, which appeared in your columns a fortnight since. I consider, likewise, that the greatest credit is due to Bro. Hughan for the prompt and handsome manner in which he has come forward and acknowledged that Bro. Gould's version is the correct one. We are all liable to error, but it is not always the most agreeable thing in the world to acknowledge it. Especially is this the case in literary matters, when, after long and laborious researches, a simple yet pardonable oversight, or some small but inexplicable error, is found to mar the beauty of the general result.

As to the manner in which these discrepancies have arisen, it is, as I anticipated, owing to the different order of sequence in the case of certain Lodges in different early lists of Pine. Thus, No. 9 of early Pine is No. 8 of Cole for 1763, No. 10 is No. 7, and No. 11 is No. 6; while, had they remained as originally chartered, No. 9 (Pine) would have been No. 6 (Cole), No. 10 remaining No. 7, and No. 11 being No. 8.

As to the claims of Fortitude and Old Cumberland to the exercise of time immemorial privileges, the question whether it was in its power to resign them is one that may be argued; but there is likewise to be considered the further question of expediency, as to whether it would be desirable to disturb arrangements which have been acquiesced in by those most immediately concerned for upwards of 150 years, and the more so that any present alteration would conflict with the solemn arrangements made at the time of the Union of Moderns and Ancients.

Fraternally yours,

YOUR REVIEWER OF HUGHAN'S REPRINT OF PINE'S LIST FOR 1734.

MARK MASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reading the report of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey in your last issue, I see that Bro. Brighten Prov. G. Sec. stated that every Lodge in the Province had paid its dues except the Temple Mark Lodge, No. 173. Allow me to inform Bro. Brighten, as well as Mark Masons generally who may read the said report, that the Temple Lodge received its warrant from the Grand Mark Lodge of England, without any reference to or knowledge of a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, and that two years after, when called upon to make its return to the Province, the Lodge unanimously decided not to recognise the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, the said resolution being communicated to a meeting of the Board of General Purposes at Red Lion-square; we therefore do not owe any allegiance to the Province of Middlesex and Surrey.

Yours fraternally,

T. S. MORTLOCK, P.G.S.B.

P.M. Thistle No. 8., P.M. and Treas. Temple Mark Lodge No. 173.

LODGE VICTORIA IN BURMAH.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is probably most unpleasant for Lodge Victoria in Burmah to be made the subject of periodical articles and letters respecting its internal economy, and, for my part, I think that something is due to your readers to whom it must be the reverse of edifying to have so disgraceful an *exposé* thrust upon them. I know nothing whatever of the Lodge or of any of its members, and therefore have no feeling in the matter; but it strikes me that if the Lodge is wise, it will at once obey the edict of the Grand Master. The W.M. has sworn "strictly to conform to every edict of Grand Lodge," and, however unpleasant it may be to say so, his contumacy in ignoring the edict transmitted to him by the Grand Secretary is a distinct and a most deliberate violation of his oath, and worthy, under the circumstances, of condign punishment. It is of the very essence of every society that it should be subject to a certain amount of discipline, or anything like government becomes impossible. Let, then, the W.M., whoever he may be, forthwith admit the brethren who are now unjustly excluded from their Masonic rights and privileges, and then if he or any other member of the Lodge has any charges to bring against them, let him do so in a Masonic manner. As matters stand, the W.M. is defying Grand Lodge, and I should not be surprised to hear the latter has resolved, or will at once resolve, upon making further defiance of its edicts impossible.

I do not know who "A Looker On" may be, but I think his letter, published last week, is by no means calculated to throw oil on the troubled waters. If he is one of the aggrieved party, or a supporter of theirs, such terms as "shallowness" and contempt," "and such descriptions as "weak-minded brethren in Masonic high places," must have the effect of depriving them of any sympathy they may be entitled to.

Fraternally yours,

AN OUTSIDER.

CONFLICTING ACCOUNTS ABOUT THOMAS DUNCKERLEY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Having, in my former letter, shown that the Masonic version of the late Bro. Dunckerley's parentage has in it all the appearance of being truthful, and that it is certainly preferable to the version published in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, I will betake myself to analysing Bro. Norton's remarks respecting Bro. Dunckerley's address, which is said to have been delivered by him in April 1757. Here, again, I see nothing improbable in the assignement of this address to this particular date, and I think many of the facts stated in my letter of last week will bear me out in this opinion. In the first place, the gunner on board a man of war—"a mere gunner," as Bro. Norton sneeringly describes it—is a warrant officer, who has attained his rank by reason of his knowledge of the art of gunnery, and a knowledge of the art of gunnery is only to be obtained by a man of ability, and after a longthened experience. In the next place, we have a right to infer that Dunckerley was a man of unusual ability, or he would not have been appointed "teacher of the Mathematics" on board the Vanguard, and this was done, as he himself tells us, "At the Siege of Louisbourg," which took place in 1758, by Admiral Boscawen, who commanded-in-chief the naval forces which took part in the reduction of that place. He had, therefore, attracted the notice of his chief, who recognised his superior abilities in the manner I have stated. And though the lecture or address referred to may not have been a remarkable mental effort, still this will make no difference whether it was written in 1757 or 1767. Again, Dunckerley, although "a mere gunner," had a circle of acquaintances such as few humble warrant officers can boast. Dukes, Viscounts, Earls, Generals, Admirals, and the like, are not generally such weakminded creatures as to receive into their friendship, and correspond with, a man who possesses no other recommendation than that of turning out to be the bastard son of a king. Moreover, he was relieved to the extent of £20 by "some gentlemen of the Lodge at Gibraltar," and it is probable that this relief was administered by them to a brother in distress, or how should they be so ready to remit money to one who was laid up at Minorca, if he had not some claim upon their regard and goodfellowship? Then, in the same year, Lord William G. asked Dunckerley's permission to present him with £200, so that the esteem in which he was held at all events preceded by two years the date assigned for his recognition by George III. as a natural son of the late King his grandfather. Here again, is another reason why Dunckerley should have been able to obtain a knowledge of our Ritual long before 1767. A few days ago, on turning over the pages of the *Masonic Magazine*, I came across Cole's List of Lodges for 1763, and No. 254 in that list is described as being held "on board His Majesty's Ship the Vanguard," the date of its constitution being January 16, 1766. Why may not Dunckerley have been a member of this Lodge? and why may he not have been a member of the Craft for years and years before this? Hence I say, there is no improbability against the lecture having been delivered at Plymouth in 1757.

I am sensible that this is a case which, so far as I have gone, rests only on circumstantial evidence. Whether it be possible to obtain anything in the way of direct evidence I cannot say at present. At all events, I am justified in asking your readers to regard it as being at least as trustworthy as Bro. Norton's conjecture, that because Bro. Dunckerley did not emerge from his obscurity till 1767, therefore the date ordinarily assigned to his lecture, namely, the year 1757, is inaccurate.

Fraternally yours,

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D. G. LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA.

THE third Communication of the D. G. Lodge of Northern China was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Tuesday afternoon, 23rd April, W. Bro. Thorne D.G.M. in the chair. The general business of the meeting being ended, the D.G.M. remarked that he thought it a fitting opportunity to inform the brethren of the loss the District Grand Lodge would shortly sustain in the departure of Brothers Gundry D.G.M. and Turnbull D.G.S.W. for England. He dilated on the benefits Masonry in Shanghai had derived from the labours of those brethren, and in conclusion wished them a speedy and safe passage and happy re-union with their friends at home—a wish that was endorsed by general applause. Bros. Gundry and Turnbull thanked the D.G.M. and the brethren for this expression of kindly feeling, and the Lodge was formally closed.

The brethren subsequently re-assembled at a complimentary banquet given to the above-named brethren at the Shanghai Club.

The chair was taken by the R.W.D.G.M. Bro. Thorne, and the following were among those present:—W. Bros. Gundry D.D.G.M., Turnbull D.G.S.W., Hart D.G.J.W., Kingsmill P.D.G.B.G.P., Orme D.G. Sec., R. Fergusson D.G.S.D., H. Evans D.G.J.D., Morris D.G.D.C., Marshall D.G.S. of W., Brown D.G. Pursuivant, Hughes (Tuscan) D.G. Steward, Pearson (Sussex) P.P.D.G. Board of General Purposes, Birt P.M. Lodge Cosmopolitan S.C., E. Henderson P.M. Lodge St. Andrews in the Far East S.C., Taylor P.M. Lodge Cosmopolitan S.C., &c., &c. The dinner consisted of the usual good things, supplemented by wines of the choicest brands, to which full justice was done. At ten o'clock the chairman rose to propose the formal toasts, which received due honour, and then followed that of the evening,—Our Guests, Bros. Gundry and Turnbull.

R.W. Bro. Thorne said—You are aware our Worshipful Brothers Gundry D.D.G.M., and Turnbull D.G.S.W., are about to leave for England, and you expressed your desire to receive them amongst you this evening to bid them a Masonic farewell. Probably they may not return to Shanghai, and we feel that in parting with them we shall sustain a severe loss both Masonically and socially. Our W. Bro. Gundry was initiated into Masonry in the Lodge Excelsior, Calcutta, in 1860; he came to Shanghai in 1864, and joined the

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Tuscan Lodge; he has filled the chair in that Lodge with great satisfaction to the brethren. He has not however confined himself to working his own Lodge only, but has rendered suit and service to most, if not all, of the Lodges in Shanghai, and at some inconvenience to himself has frequently visited Ningpo in order to assist the working of the Lodge Star of Peace which was formerly established at that port. The high position of D.G.J.W. and D.G.S.W. of the D.G. Lodge of China were conferred upon him, and the latter honour he retained for some years. When it was proposed to bring about a division in the province, the brethren in the North of China unanimously selected our W. Bro. Gundry as their representative, and recommended him to the especial notice of the M.W. Grand Master, praying that he might be appointed to preside over them as their first D.G.M. It was rumoured at home that Bro. Gundry was expected shortly to leave China, and to this may be attributed the fact that our brother was not appointed to the position I now occupy. He was most naturally much disappointed on finding the position was not to be his; but nevertheless, in the true Masonic spirit which has at all times characterised him, he accepted the lower place of Deputy District Grand Master, and has set an example to his brethren by the fervent manner in which he has endeavoured to promulgate the principles of the Craft. Our Worshipful Bro. Turnbull was initiated in the Northern Lodge of China in 1866, and has worked through the various offices therein with very great credit to himself and much to the satisfaction of the brethren; he has always proved himself courteous to his brethren, and anxious in every way to instruct and assist them. He has had the honour of serving for two years as D.G.S.W. in the D.G. Lodge of China, and on the establishment of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China he was appointed D.G.S.W. therein. In every Masonic position he has, both by precept and example, endeavoured to promulgate the beautiful principles and tenets of our Order, he has at all times jealously guarded our Ancient Landmarks, and has never spared himself trouble in upholding the interests of the Craft. In fact, both our Worshipful brethren possess many estimable qualifications which are so well known to you that it would be superfluous for me to detain you by dwelling upon them now. In their social positions they have endeared themselves to many friends who feel much regret in parting with them, and who look forward to the pleasure of meeting them again in their native land. I am sure you will all most heartily and cordially unite with me in drinking to the health, happiness and prosperity of our W. Bros. Gundry and Turnbull, and sincerely pray that T.G.A.O.T.U. will prosper them in their future career.

The toast was given with musical honours and loud cheering.

W. Bro. Gurney on rising said, I hardly know how to thank you sufficiently, Right Worshipful Sir, for the very kind terms in which you have spoken of me, and you, Brethren, for the kind—I may say overwhelmingly kind—manner in which you have received this toast. It is true, as the District G. Master has said, that I was initiated into Freemasonry eighteen years ago. I have therefore been nearly half my life a member of the Craft, and I can truly say that not only during that long period have I ever regretted joining it, but that the association has always been to me a source of pride and gratification. By far the greater part of that time has been spent in Shanghai; and by the length of my stay here you may measure my regret at leaving. I have, to quote the words of that grand installation charge to which we have often listened, "realised here to the full, the friendships which are formed within the sacred walls of a Masonic Lodge;" and in proportion to the duration and extent of those friendships will be my regret at severing them. We all know that young trees are easily transplanted, and suffer no apparent harm from the process; but it is different with old ones. Their roots have struck out deep and far, and they cannot be moved without much hacking and tearing. I am very much in the position of an old tree; I have been here so long that I have taken root very deeply, and it will not be without a severe wrench that I shall tear myself away from the familiar associations. There is, however, a means by which even old trees can be moved, it not without injury, at least with a fair prospect of revival; and that is by carrying with them around their roots a large quantity of their native earth. Now I hope that in the old China hands I shall meet in London, at the Thatched House and elsewhere, I shall find this congenial soil, and that it may enable me to endure the process of transplantation. (Applause and laughter). The Right Worshipful District Grand Master was good enough to refer to my election by you to the high post which he now occupies. It would be affectation to deny that I felt greatly disappointed at failing to attain that office. It is the highest within the reach of a Mason of less than the most exalted rank, and it was trying to lose it as I did. I cannot but feel, however, that what has been my loss has been your gain; for you have obtained a Grand Master better skilled than myself in the details of the work. Nor is my disappointment without mitigation. Though I have missed the office, there remains to me the knowledge that you unanimously elected me to fill it; and the proof of your confidence and esteem which that election conveyed,—and of which I cannot be deprived,—is very large consolation for the loss of the rank itself. But I fear, Brethren, that I am detaining you too long, and that I am keeping the floor from my friend Bro. Turnbull, who must be anxious to acknowledge his share of the compliment which you have paid us. I will only thank you once again for this token of your regard, and for the warmth with which you have received the toast. (Applause).

W. Bro. Turnbull said, that for the second time to-day he was fortunate in being able to take refuge under the protecting ægis of W. Bro. Gundry's seniority. He assured the brethren that his feelings of regret at taking leave of them were quite as profound as those so well expressed by his eloquent friend. He deeply felt the honour that they had done him by inviting him to their hospitable board, and by their kind and cordial reception of the unmerited commendation bestowed upon him by the R.W. the D.G.M.; and thanked them for their goodwill, the recollection of which would always be grateful to him. He prayed for the continual welfare of Freemasonry, especially in Shanghai, where it was so well represented, and that T.G.A.O.T.U. would prosper them all and give them their heart's desires.

The toast of the "Sister Lodges" was then proposed by W. Bro. Hart, D.G.J.W., and acknowledged by W. Bro. Birt, on behalf of the Scottish branch of the Craft (he being the Senior Past Master in Shanghai). After thanking the brethren for the kind and cordial reception given to the toast, Bro. Birt expressed his sincere sympathy with the District Grand Lodge in the loss of their Deputy District Grand Master and District Grand Senior Warden, upon their departure for their native land. He trusted that the loss the D.G. Lodge had to submit to would be great gain to both of our esteemed guests, in renewed health and happiness enjoyed among their respective families at home. The Deputy District Grand Master had, during his residence in Shanghai, rendered many great and distinguished services to the Scottish Craft. At all times he came willingly and readily forward to instal their R.W.M.'s; this compliment he had once, or more than once, conferred upon him (Bro. Birt), and he gladly took the opportunity of thanking him for these and other eminent services rendered to Scottish Freemasonry in China. In their native land our two guests would find a more extended field in which to display their earnest labours on behalf of the Craft, and he was sure that by their skilled work and great efficiency in ruling over the Order they would show our brethren at home that Freemasonry had not declined in the Far East. The District Grand Senior Warden, during his rule over the Northern Lodge of China, had set a high and artistic example to the brethren in Shanghai who may now, or who may hope hereafter, to rule over the Craft. We wish them both God speed, with the hope that they may safely arrive in their native land, and there find that peace to which their long residence in China entitles them, and that they may live a long life to enjoy that love which is the peculiar beatitude of all good and worthy members of this holy, free, and mystic Craft.

W. Bro. Kingsmill, in rising to propose the toast of "The Lodges working under the Constitution of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China," said that as the form and ornaments of the Temple of King Solomon were intended to remind the ancient brethren of the universality of the Craft, so the Mason in Shanghai could not fail to be struck with its universal prevalence. We had here Lodges working under four Constitutions, and yet amid this seeming difference harmony was found to result. The toast he had to propose was one of peculiar significance, and especially appropriate to the day on which they met, the feast of St. George of Cappadocia, the Patron Saint of England. The District Grand Lodge had adopted it for its Spring Communication, and meeting together as they did to bid farewell to their two departing guests, the memory of the day he hoped would long remain. He trusted that the example which Bros. Goundry and Turnbull had set would conduce to the prosperity of the Lodges working under the English Constitution, and he thought that the meeting this evening was in some part a forecast of renewed life and energy on the part of the Craft. With the toast he begged to couple the name of W. Bro. Evans, and he did so with the greater pleasure that that brother was at the time the junior Master present, as well as one of the oldest Past Masters in Shanghai. All the brethren knew the interest taken by Bro. Evans in the working of the Craft, and he felt sure that they would drink the toast heartily.

W. Bro. Evans replied.—Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Wardens, and Brethren,—Until within the last few minutes I had no idea I should be called on to respond to a toast; but having been so called on I will do the best I can to reply, although I think a mistake has been made in selecting me for this duty, seeing, as I do, several younger brethren, more talented and fitter calculated in every respect for this duty; moreover, it is a very difficult task, which is at this part of the evening laid on me, seeing almost everything which could be said in reference to our worthy brethren who are about to leave us has already been spoken; consequently to a great extent the wind has been taken out of my sails. A good deal has been said this evening, Worshipful Sir, in reference to the antiquity of Masonry and the number of years which it has existed in China; but there is a singular fact in relation to it and myself, and it is that this evening the *oldest* man and the youngest made Master of a Lodge is the humble individual who now addresses you. "Extremes meet," and although Master of the Royal Sussex in 1870, 1877, and 1878, I have been chosen this evening to address you because I am the youngest Master, though the oldest man at the table. Brethren, I feel highly honoured at being chosen to reply to this toast, and am sorry I am not able to do that justice to it which its importance merits and I could wish. However, on behalf of myself and the Lodge I represent, and the other Lodges working under the English Constitution, I cordially thank you for the manner in which you have drank to the toast; and now in bidding a farewell to our honoured guests who are about to leave us, I can only reiterate what has already been said, that though our loss, let us hope the gain will be theirs. I wish you, my worthy brethren, a happy and prosperous passage home, and health to enjoy the wealth you both so richly deserve, and that T.G.A.O.T.U. may have you in his keeping; and in conclusion I once more thank you all for the cordial manner in which you have drank our healths; and now I think my task is ended, and I will therefore sit down.

After the toast of the Ladies had been given, the health of the D.G.M. was proposed by Bro. Turnbull, and suitably responded to by Bro. Thorne, and after one or two excellent songs, the proceedings were formally closed.—*North China Herald.*

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PRESIDENT:—H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, W.C. on Monday, the 15th day of July 1878, for the transaction of the ordinary Business of the Institution—

To consider, and, if approved, to adopt the recommendation from the General Committee, that Eleven Boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Monday, 14th October 1878, from an approved List of Sixty-eight Candidates.

To consider the following Notice of Motion by Bro. Jesse Turner.—In Law 70 (defining the power of the Committee to make grants in aid of deserving Boys on leaving the Institution) to erase the word "Twenty" before the word "Pounds" and to insert in lieu thereof the word "Forty."

The Chair will be taken at 12 o'clock at noon precisely.

By order,
FREDERICK BINCKES, V.P., P.G. Std., Secretary.

6th July 1878.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

AT an adjourned meeting of the General Committee, for the ELECTION of a SECRETARY, which took place at Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, 11th July 1878, the POLL was declared as follows:

	Votes
Bro. HEDGES, F. R. W. (successful candidate)	373
Bro. STORR, P.	299
Bro. MATIER, C. F.	153
Bro. CULL, T.	44
Bro. CRICK, W. C.	42
Bro. WHITE, F. A.	42
Bro. WORSELL, W.	40
Bro. EAMES, T. R.	34
Bro. SMALLPEICE, W.	1

J. CREATON, Treasurer, Chairman.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.
To the Patron, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESSES, MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to tender you my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the honourable position in which your votes have placed me, and I beg to assure you that the result of this day will never be erased from my memory. I hope, by my earnest and assiduous labours, to merit your unstinted confidence, and that I shall be successful in promoting the best interests of the School.

I have the honour to be,
Your Royal Highnesses, my Lords and Gentlemen,
Your obedient humble servant,
F. R. W. HEDGES,
Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

5 Freemasons' Hall,
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11th July 1878.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

ON Thursday and Friday, in the House of Lords, short sittings were the order of the day, and the business will not interest our readers. Indeed, during the whole week the sittings have been remarkably quiet, and the only matter which has attracted notice has been the Anglo-Turkish treaty, respecting which Earl Granville questioned the Government both on Monday and Tuesday, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon's answer being warmly greeted by the House.

In the Commons there was plenty of business got through. The Epping Forest Bill received a third reading by a large majority, and a motion of Sir John Lubbock's on the Education Code being defeated after a full discussion by 68 to 37, the House rose at a few minutes before two o'clock. At Friday afternoon's sitting the House resumed the Committee on the Highways Bill, and made considerable progress. When the House met again at nine o'clock, Mr. Jenkins moved an address to Her Majesty praying for a Royal Commission of Inquiry as to the teaching and practice of the Anglican Church, his object being to put a stop to Ritualistic practices. In the end the honourable gentleman obtained the sanction of the House for the withdrawal of the resolution. As a matter of course, Monday evening was not permitted to pass without the Government being questioned by the Marquis of Hartington respecting the Anglo-Turkish Treaty, and the answer given by Mr. Cross in the absence of the Chancellor of the Exchequer elicited frequent and hearty cheers from both sides of the House. A long discussion followed on the question that the House resolve itself into Committee on the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Bill, and ultimately it did so, progress being immediately reported. The Bishoprics Bill having been read a second time and the other orders disposed of, the House adjourned. On Tuesday, further progress was made in Committee with the Highways Bill, after which a resolution submitted by Mr. Errington on the Irish Land Act 1870, was discussed at some length, and then rejected by 134 to 67, or a majority of two to one. Wednesday afternoon was almost entirely taken up with the discussion of a motion for the second reading of the Real Estate Intestacy Bill. Messrs. Potter, Leatham, Baxter, Leeman and others were in its favour, Messrs. Gregory, Beresford Hope, Wheelhouse, the Solicitor-General, &c. &c., spoke against it, and the result was the rejection of the measure by 193 votes to 157 votes. The House was shortly afterwards adjourned.

The Court is now at Windsor, where Her Majesty receives a constant succession of visitors. On Thursday last, Prince Leopold arrived at the Castle, and among those who dined with Her Majesty were Prince Frederick Charles and Princess Louise Margaret of Germany, the Duke of Connaught, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. On Friday last, the Grand Duke and Her Royal Highness the Grand Duchess of Hesse (Princess Alice of Great Britain) arrived at Buckingham Palace from Flushing, having been received at Queensborough by Colonel Du Plat. They were visited at the Palace by the Prince and Princess of Wales, and then left for Eastbourne with their children. On Saturday, the Queen paid a short visit to London, and saw the Duchess of Cambridge at St. James's Palace. The Lord

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Chancellor arrived at the Castle in the course of the afternoon, and had the honour of dining with Her Majesty, who returned from London shortly before 8 p.m.

Last week, we noted the great activity which prevails in Masonic circles just now, making our ordinarily dull season one of unwonted brilliancy. We noted that during that time two Provincial gatherings were held in Kent and Berks and Bucks respectively. On Monday, was celebrated the Eightieth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The Duke of Connaught presided at a well-served banquet, followed by a garden party. Everything passed off excellently well, the one drawback, as we note more fully elsewhere, being the smallness of the receipts. On Wednesday, the Albert Edward Life-boat, being one of the two voted by our Grand Lodge to commemorate the Grand Master's visit to, and safe return from, India, was launched with much ceremony at Clacton-on-Sea, the place where it will be stationed. Lord Skelmersdale, the Deputy Grand Master, played the chief part in the interesting ceremony, and the day was made one of great rejoicing, not only in the new seaside resort itself, but in the immediate neighbourhood, while the Mayor and members of the several Corporations of Maldon, Harwich, Ipswich, and Colchester mustered in considerable numbers. The Craft was largely represented, and the day was one of general rejoicing. A full report will be found elsewhere. On Wednesday, sundry summer banquets were held, and Thursday and Friday were each fixed for the consecration of a new Chapter. Next week, too, though it may not be so generally important, promises to be a very active one. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey will meet at Croydon on Tuesday, and the Mark Grand Lodge will hold its annual Festival in aid of the funds of the Mark Benevolent Fund on Wednesday, when the chair will be taken by Lord Skelmersdale, the M.W. Grand Mark Master Mason. Nor must we forget to add that the election of Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday. The result is given elsewhere.

On Monday, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when passing from one of the rooms of his official residence into the garden, struck his head with considerable violence against the upper portion of the window, which had not been sufficiently raised. For a time the right honourable gentleman was stunned by the force of the blow, and was unable to be present at a dinner which had been fixed for that evening at his house. The Queen and Prince of Wales, on hearing of the accident, telegraphed for tidings, and likewise for the purpose of expressing their sympathy. No serious consequences have ensued.

During this week and next, Wimbledon will be in full holiday garb, as this is the annual gathering of our Volunteers for the purpose of competing for the many and valuable prizes offered for Rifle competition. The first stage for the Queen's Prize will be finished this week, when the fortunate sixty who will compete for the Prize and the Association Gold Medal will be known. A few of the contests have been already settled, but the interest in the proceedings will be reserved for next week, when the Lords and Commons, the International, and other interesting competitions will be decided.

The political news of the week has been the publication and confirmation in both Houses of Parliament of the Anglo-Turkish defensive Treaty. The purport of this instrument is easily explained. In the event of Russia claiming to retain her conquests in Armenia, and in such event only, the high contracting Powers have resolved to conclude a defensive alliance with a view to maintaining the integrity of Asiatic Turkey, and in order to enable England to render material assistance in securing this object, the island of Cyprus will be placed under her administration, so that she may occupy it militarily, and take such steps for improving the condition of its people as may be thought desirable. If the revenue shall exceed the expenditure, the surplus will be paid into the Turkish exchequer, and it is expected that the cost of administration will be defrayed out of the revenues, and will leave a considerable margin. Sir Garnet Wolsey has already been appointed to the important post of Administrator of the island, and such an appointment augurs well for the future. Soon also, no doubt, we shall hear of the commencement of a railway system, by which the amazing mineral and cereal resources of these Asiatic regions will be developed. All who have read anything of the ancient history of the country must be able to form some idea of its great natural wealth. In what is known as Turkey in Asia, there once flourished some of the richest kingdoms of ancient times, and it is only in consequence partly of Turkish apathy, and partly of the disturbances promoted by Russian agents, that a fresh development has not been given to the products and manufactures of the country. All this will be changed now. Russia will no longer have it in her power to cause disturbances. The railway and the telegraph and our commercial navy will speedily change the aspect of the country, what has been barren and unproductive will very soon be converted into a rich and smiling territory. We wonder what the Russian Bear must think of this veritable *coup d'état* of our Government. However, let him like it or not like it, he must make the best he can of it henceforth.

The Congress, it is generally anticipated, will have completed its labours this week. With the general character of the arrangements our readers are already acquainted. Servia, Roumania,—shorn of Bessarabia, but with the addition of the Dobrudscha, and Montenegro become independent. Bulgaria is erected into a principality, but will remain nominally under the authority of the Sultan. Austria will "occupy" Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the frontier line between Turkey and Greece will be rectified favourably to the latter power. The Straits Question remains as before, and Russia retains her Armenian conquests, except Bayazid. However, what we have said in the preceding paragragh as to the Anglo-Turkish Treaty must likewise be taken into account in estimating the general result, at least as far as our interests are concerned.

Owing to the length to which our Analysis of the Subscription List has extended, we have been compelled to hold over the latter half till next week.

Bro. Turquand, the Preceptor of the Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, will, on Wednesday, the 31st July, give a lecture on the Landmarks of Freemasonry. We are sure the many friends of our esteemed brother will welcome this announcement, and that there will be a good assemblage of members of the Craft at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, on this occasion.

On Wednesday next, the 17th inst., the Surrey Masonic Club has arranged with Mr. F. H. Macklin of the Duke's and other London Theatres, to give a dramatic and musical Costume recital. The entertainment will include songs, recitations, selections in character from *the Happy Pair*, *Still Waters Run Deep*, and *the Hunchback*, and among the artists who will appear will be found Mr. F. H. Macklin, and Miss Agnes Leonard (by permission of Mr. James Mortimer of the Duke's), Messrs. L. Earle, R. Markby, and C. H. Jesse, Miss Plowden, and Madame G. A. Cooper. Stage Director, Mr. Vyner Robinson. To commence at 8 p.m. Carriages at 10.15. Tickets at 3s, 2s and 1s each may be had of members of the Club, or of its Hon. Secretary Bro. Jas. Stevens, prior to entertainment.

WEST LANCASHIRE MARK LODGE, No. 65.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. Present—Bros. John Hayes W.M., R. H. Evans as S.W., H. P. Jennings as J.W., W. H. Cooper Sec., J. R. Gwepel P.M. P.G.S.O. Eng. Treasurer, A. C. Wylie M.O., R. Reader S.O., W. Thomson J.O., J. Fletcher I.G., W. H. Ball Tyler; Past Masters Bros. H. Jackson P.P.G.S.O., J. K. Smith P.G.S.B. Eng. and P.G.S.O. West Lancashire. After the usual introductory business, the ballot was taken for Bros. Poyser, Blott and Russell, and Bros. Poyser and Blott being in attendance, were advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M., the W. Master, Bro. Hayes, performing the ceremony in a faultless manner, which might well be imitated. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Brother Hayes was compelled to vacate the chair at a very early hour, but he trusted the brethren would enjoy themselves. It was our intention to note several pleasing passages which occurred during the evening, and to give an account of the interest taken by Bros. Smith, Wylie, Vines, and Houlding in the Charities connected with the Stanley Hospital. We cannot, however, do so. We have been so overcrowded with important items for the past three weeks, we are compelled to curtail our reports.

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SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE PAXTON LODGE, No. 1686.

THIS agreeable event took place on Wednesday last, at the Grand Saloon, Crystal Palace. The arrangements were admirably carried out by the following Stewards:—Bros. J. M. Klenck W.M., F. W. Goddard S.W., C. H. Benham J.W., and H. E. Frances P.P.G.S.D. Sec. and Treas. Just twelve months since it was our pleasurable duty to chronicle the consecration of this Lodge, which ceremony was performed by our esteemed Bro. H. E. Frances, who was assisted by Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain. The proceedings on that day were carried out in an eminently satisfactory way, and the several speakers were unanimous in expressing their conviction that a happy future was before the Paxton Lodge. These anticipations have been amply realised, and the first anniversary was celebrated under equally auspicious circumstances. The company assembled at half-past four, when we recognised the following members of the Craft:—Bros. J. M. Klenck, F. W. Goddard, G. R. Dodds, H. E. Frances, Coward P.G. Organist, F. J Sawyer, N. J. Basnett, W. S. S. Walker, A. W. S. Turner, W. G. Brighten, Frank Goddard, Dr. Cutmore, H. Massey, W. W. Morgan; amongst the ladies were Mesdames Klenck, Goddard, Turner, Dodd, Basnett, Walker, Sawyer, Massey, Morgan, Miss Macrae, &c. An excellent dinner was served, the table being florally decorated with admirable taste. After ample justice had been done to the viands, the Chairman, Bro. Klenck, rose and proposed the first customary toast,—the Queen and the Craft—and, in doing so, congratulated the guests on their pleasant gathering. He hoped that all would thoroughly enjoy themselves, especially as he was fully sensible that the Stewards had done their best to make the occasion a success. He hoped that the ladies present would be induced, by what they had seen of Craftsmen, to carry away with them a favourable idea of Freemasonry. In connection with the toast of the Grand Master, the W.M. referred to His Royal Highness's interest in all things relating to the Craft, and likewise to the fact of the Duke of Connaught's presidency at the Boys' Festival, on Monday, being a further testimony to the Royal interest taken in the Royal Art. The toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, &c., &c., followed, and as a matter of course, reference was made to the circumstance of Lord Skelmersdale having that very day taken the chief part in launching the Albert Edward Lifeboat at Clacton-on-Sea. To that toast Bro. James Coward P.G. Organist suitably replied. Bro. Klenck most cordially acknowledged the toast of his health, which was proposed by Bro. Frances P.M. Treas. and Sec., and expressed the satisfaction he felt at having been able to promote the pleasure of the guests. He also referred to the Masonic Charities, which he said were worthy of the support of all Masons. Bros. Levander and Brighten responded for the Visitors, and the latter alluded, in the course of his speech, to the important services the Albert Edward Lifeboat, though formally launched only that day, had already rendered. Some time since, when he was out for a cruise, for the purpose of testing the qualities of a schooner yacht, some dirty weather sprang up, and noticing a brig in distress, he proposed launching a boat and going to her assistance. At this moment he was gratified, on looking shorewards, to find that the Lifeboat was being launched, and thus the Albert Edward had an opportunity of proving her worth by rescuing the crew, nine in number, of a brig who, but for the unexpected aid thus rendered, would have been very seriously imperilled. The other toasts included "The Stewards," "The Ladies," and "The Press," after which the company separated. The musical arrangements—in which Mrs. Klenck, Miss Macrae, and Bros. Goddard, Brighten, and Coward took part—gave unmitigated pleasure. Bro. Coward's impromptus and accompaniments on the pianoforte were of the most brilliant description, while Bro. Goddard was very effective in a burlesque recitation with which he favoured the company. Letters of apology for their inability to be present were read from Bros. Col. Burdett. Alderman Hadley, J. E. Saunders, F. W. Masters 1339, R. Vincent 72, J. Smith P.G. Purs., Dr. Kempster, J. Macrae, J. Taylor P.M. 933, Gibson, and Dodson P.M. 72.

LAUNCH OF THE FREEMASONS' LIFEBOAT AT CLACTON-ON-SEA.

ON Wednesday last the Prov. Grand Lodge of Essex held an especial Grand Lodge at Clacton-on-Sea, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale Dep. G.M. of England, for the purpose of formally inaugurating the station and launching one of the lifeboats presented by the Freemasons of England in commemoration of the safe return of the Grand Master from India. Prov. Grand Lodge was formally opened and then adjourned, when the brethren, headed by the mayors and corporations of Maldon, Harwich, Ipswich, and Colchester, &c., marched in procession to the boat-house, where memorial stones were laid. The procession then reformed and proceeded with the boat and crew to the beach, where Lord Skelmersdale formally presented the boat to the Institution and consecrated it with Masonic honours. The gift of the boat having been suitably acknowledged by the representative of the Lifeboat Association and the chairman of the local committee, it was, after an oration and prayer by Prov. Grand Chaplain, christened and launched. Provincial Grand Lodge having been re-opened, the Secretary announced the receipt of regrets for absence from the Prov. G.M., Lord Waveney, Sir Albert Woods, Bros. Arnold, Martyn, Hervey, Binckes, &c. A proposition, thanking Lord Skelmersdale for having presided on the occasion, was duly made and unanimously carried, and was suitably acknowledged by him. Among his many duties, this was the first occasion on which he had assisted at the launch of a boat with Masonic honours. He regretted he was only the representative of the Grand Master, who he felt sure would have been most happy to have attended had his duties permitted it. Prov. G. Lodge having been closed, the brethren separated. A luncheon was afterwards served, at which Lord Skelmersdale presided. We are not aware whether the arrangements of the day were conducted by the Life-boat Association or not; for the credit of the Institution, we hope otherwise. But whoever may have had the appointment of the Committee can scarcely be congratulated on their selection, either for the ability or courtesy displayed by that body, especially with reference to the Masonic visitors. For ourselves, we attended but to report the proceedings; still, we cannot understand why Prov. Grand Officers, who travelled many miles in order to officiate on the occasion, should be made use of, and afterwards, so to speak, ignored. Such was the treatment accorded those who represented the donors. We hope that the boat will prove of more value than the executive seem to attach to it, and that in cases of danger on the coast it is destined to protect, but few of our shipwrecked fellow creatures will not have an opportunity of returning thanks for the foresight of our brethren.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held, on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall. The brethren present were Bros. Chancellor (Chairman), Browse, Dewar, J. H. Cox, Raynham Stewart, Winter, Rawson, Row, Joyce Murray, Dr. Morris, Matier, Pillin, R. B. Webster, Benjamin Head, Massey, Adlard, Gallant, Blyth, Perryman, Rushworth, and Binckes (Secretary). There were seventeen petitions for consideration, and of these only one was rejected. The list of candidates for the October election was settled at sixty-eight, and this list was recommended to the next Quarterly Court. Eleven vacancies were declared. Three outfits were granted to ex-pupils, who are now in situations, and notice of motion was given by Bro. Jesse Turner for the next Court for an alteration in Rule 70 of the Institution. This concluded the business of the meeting.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Col. Creaton. The brethren who attended were Bros. S. Rawson, J. M. Case, Erasmus Wilson, J. G. Stevens, W. Stephens, W. Hale, C. F. Hogard, J. Farnfield, W. Hyde Pullen, Thos. Cubitt, F. Adlard, Joseph Smith, C. J. Perceval, James Willing jun., L. Stean, E. J. Barron, James Brett, Rev. Dr. Ace, Joshua Nunn, and James Terry Secretary, who reported the death of two annuitants. The committee, on the recommendation of Bro. J. E. Saunders, agreed to accept twenty guineas in lieu of the use of a small slip of the field in front of the Asylum, the Brighton Railway taking the slip. The Committee also resolved to build a Gardener's Lodge at the entrance to the Asylum, and appointed Col. Creaton, Joseph Smith and Thos. Cubitt a Committee for carrying out the work. It was resolved also, on the advice of Bro. Barron, to take counsel's opinion as to proving against the estate of Bro. Samuel Tomkins. On the motion of Bro. W. Stephens, seconded by Bro. W. Hale, Bro. Cutbush was elected an honorary Life Governor of the Institution, accompanied by a vote of thanks to him for his numerous presents of plants for the garden of the Asylum. Afterwards, at a special meeting, on the motion of Bro. Rawson, seconded by Bro. Joseph Smith, the subscriptions to the Institution, as far as affects Life Governors, were altered from pounds to guineas.

FREEMASONRY IN LINCOLNSHIRE.

ON Wednesday a deputation consisting of E. Locock Esq. J.P. Grand Master, and F. D. Marsden Esq. Provincial Grand Secretary, waited upon W. H. Smyth Esq. J.P. (of Elkington Hall, Louth) who was recently appointed by the Prince of Wales to the office of Grand Master of Lincolnshire, to present him with an address of congratulation on his appointment to that honourable position. The address, which is written on parchment, and signed by the Grand Master on behalf of the Lodge, has been beautifully illuminated by Mr. W. L. Davis, of Louth, the border being a remarkably pretty one, in the conventional style of the 16th century. The address is as follows:—"At a Lodge of Emergency, held in the Masonic Hall, Louth, this 5th day of July 1878, resolved unanimously that the sincere and hearty congratulations of this Lodge be presented to our esteemed and highly respected brother, William Henry Smyth, of Elkington Hall, on his appointment by the M.W.G.M. of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to the high office of Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire, an honour well merited and justly earned, by fourteen years of devoted and unceasing attention to the Masonic interests of the Province, while acting as the Deputy of his Grace the Duke of St. Albans. The Lodge feels deeply gratified at the appointment of one of its most honoured and valued members to this distinguished office, and earnestly trusts that it may please the G.A.O.T.U. to grant that the Province may long enjoy the beneficial influence of his wise and temperate rule."

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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 JULY.

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

869—Gresham, Chesbunt Great House, Cheshunt Park.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.

MONDAY, 15th JULY.

Quarterly Meeting, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
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.)
1435—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1655—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.
K. T.—Bosbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
363—Royal Union, Chequer's Hotel, Uxbridge.
454—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1196—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1206—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Dover.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1505—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
K. T.—Stuart, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.

TUESDAY, 16th JULY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
Provincial Grand Lodge, Surrey, Public Hall, Dorking, at 10 o'clock.
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.
141—Faith, 3 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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1430—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1601—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)

178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Marchania, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
340—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
402—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
463—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1479—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1479—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6.0. (Instruction.)
1670—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 17th JULY.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
Annual Festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund, Alexandra Palace, N.
183—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
226—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8.(In.)
536—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1366—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1434—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

30—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe.
190—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
300—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
361—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
804—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
873—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
979—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
1040—Syke, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1065—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
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.)
1402—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk.
1447—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.
R. A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
M. M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick.

THURSDAY, 18th JULY.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
[illegible]—New Concord, Zoological Gardens, at 6. (Summer Banquet.)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

50—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1288—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby.
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town.
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
R. A. 349—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

FRIDAY, 19th JULY.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 5.
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.)
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (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.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1296—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1305—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
541—De Lorsine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1098—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
1293—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)

SATURDAY, 20th JULY.

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

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.

MONDAY.

302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
837—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

TUESDAY.

449—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

WEDNESDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
1545—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

THURSDAY.

600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1514—Thornhill, Deara House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
R. A. 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.

FRIDAY.

1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds.
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 537—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
R. C.—Talbot, Freemason's Hall, Sheffield.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Mariners Lodge, No. 249.—The regular meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 4th inst. Present—Bros. J. G. Robinson W.M., F. Barnett S.W., W. P. Jennings J.W., R. Collings Sec., J. K. Smith P.M. Treas., John Hayes P.M. D.C., C. Leighton P.M. 1325 as Organist, W. Corbett S.D., J. Whalley J.D., W. H. Vernon and Wm. Mooney Stewards, W. H. Parry I.G., W. H. Ball Tyler; P.M.'s Lloyd, Rose, Pennington, Pearson P.G.S. There was a strong muster of members, and amongst the visitors were Bros. W. H. Cooper W.M. 1350, R. Rankin P.M. 579, J. W. Burgess P.M. 1325, T. H. Bradshaw W.M. 1325, John Peten P.M. 597, John Lecomber P.M. 594, S. M. Davies, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c. The usual routine business having been despatched, the important event of the day was undertaken by Bro. J. Hayes P.M., who installed Bro. F. Barnett. He appointed his Officers as follow:—J. C. Robinson I.P.M., W. Corbett S.W., W. P. Jennings J.W., J. K. Smith P.M. Treas., R. Collings Sec., J. Hayes P.M. D.C., J. Whalley S.D., W. H. Parry J.D., W. Vernon I.G., W. Mooney S.S., J. Jenaway J.S., Jas. Simpson A.S., W. H. Ball Tyler. He resumed the Lodge to the second degree, and passed Bros. Messenger and Fitzgerald. The Mariners Lodge has procured a Master in Bro. Barnett who will do his work as thoroughly as any that ever occupied the chair of K.S. We wish him a year of prosperity. A vote of thanks was unanimously tendered Bro. Hayes for the admirable manner in which he had conducted the installation ceremony, after which the W.M. in the name of the Lodge presented the I.P.M. with a P.M.'s jewel. This mark of esteem was highly appreciated by Bro. Robinson, who returned thanks in a very touching manner. Sundry matters of business were disposed of, the W.M. declared the labours of the day ended, and the Lodge was closed in harmony. The

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brethren were invited to banquet. Pressure of space prevents our giving a detailed account of the evening's proceedings, but we must not omit to say that the Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, heartily received, and ably responded to. We thank Bros. Barnett and Robinson for the kind expressions and mark of esteem shown the Masonic Press, and we reciprocate that fraternal feeling by wishing the Mariners' Lodge every happiness. A pleasing feature in the evening's programme was the presentation of a set of diamond studs to Bro. J. K. Smith P.M., and a magnificent black marble timepiece and two bronze vases to Bro. J. Hayes P.M. The clock bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Hayes P.M., as a token of the regard and esteem in which he is held by the members of the Mariners' Lodge, No. 219. July 4th 1878." The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by a recitation given by Bro. Courtney in a most accomplished manner, and by the harmony contributed by Bros. M. Hart, Davies, Bell, Howarth, and others, accompanied by Bro. Bryan on the piano. The brethren, after spending a very agreeable evening, dispersed at an early hour.

Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the W.M. Bro. R. L. Armstrong in the chair, J. Page S.W., R. G. Salmon J.W., G. W. Lax Sec., S. M. Harris S.D., Macdonald as J.D., W. Monday P.M. D.C., J. S. B. Bell I.G., and G. S. Sims Tyler. The Lodge being opened, and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Marrison, Turnbull and Bourgoyne, which proving successful, and those gentlemen being in attendance, they were initiated, in a most creditable manner, by the W.M. No other business offering itself, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Here a very pleasing incident occurred: a deputation from St. Peters Lodge, No. 481, consisting of Bros. R. Eynow W.M., H. S. Sewell I.P.M., G. Thompson P.M. Treas., J. Cook P.M. P.P.G.S.W., J. Atkinson P.M. and E. Gibbon Sec., waited on the Worshipful Master, to convey to him the congratulations of St. Peters Lodge on his position as Master, and to express the good feeling that existed between the two Lodges. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given, as also were several complimentary ones, that of St. Peters Lodge being responded to by the Master, Bro. Eynow. The Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening, which had been enlivened by some singing and recitations.

St. Peters Lodge, No. 481.—The installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Monday, the 8th inst. The brethren met at three o'clock, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The chair was taken by the W.M. Bro. R. Eynow, supported by the following Officers:—R. L. Armstrong W.M. 406 S.W., J. Atkinson P.M. as J.W., G. Thompson P.M. Treas., E. Gibbon Sec., J. Watson S.D., J. Usher J.D., Duckett I.G., Goss and Prentice Stewards, and G. S. Sims Tyler. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was then taken for Mr. Urwin, which being unanimous, that gentleman was initiated into our Order by the W.M. After which Bro. E. D. Davis P.M. Prov. G.D.C. took the chair, and Bro. Eynow W.M. was presented to him for re-installation, having been re-elected Master for the ensuing year. This having been done, and the brethren having duly saluted the newly installed Master, he appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—H. S. Sewell I.P.M., J. Watson S.W., J. Usher J.W., J. Duckett S.D., J. Goss J.D., G. Thompson P.M. Treas., E. Gibbon Sec., T. Prentice I.G., Ford and Stafford Stewards, and G. S. Sims Tyler. The usual address was then given by the installing Master, and all other routine business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel, Pilgrim-street, where they sat down to a banquet replete with every delicacy of the season, and complete in all the appointments, reflecting the greatest credit on mine host Phillips for the admirable manner he studied the comforts of the brethren, and it was only to be regretted that there was so few present. Grace being said by Rev. Bro. Hind, the W.M. rose to submit the first toast—one always drunk with enthusiasm, and by Masons with Loyalty—namely, the Queen. The next toast on the list was H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master. In calling on the brethren to honour this toast, the W.M. hoped he would long live to rule over us, he being a good and straightforward Englishman and a good Mason. The health of the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M., and Officers of Grand Lodge was likewise drunk. The W.M. then rose to give the health of the R.W. Prov. G.M. the Earl Percy and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge. He trusted the rumour of the Earl giving up his Grand Mastership would prove only talk, and that he would long continue to rule over the Province. The Rev. Bro. Hind then proposed the toast of the R.W. Prov. G.M. of Durham, John Fawcett. In the course of his remarks he stated he had ruled over that Province for thirty years, and he was sure there could not be a better Prov. G.M. than he was. Bro. Terry kindly sang the "Village Blacksmith." In a few well chosen remarks the W.M. gave the Initiate, and hoped he had been duly impressed by the ceremony. He also trusted he would be often seen among them. In reply, Bro. Urwin expressed his thanks for his health being drunk, and hoped the brethren would have no cause to regret electing him a member. Bro. Sewell I.P.M. then rose to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. In submitting this toast he was asking them not to perform a formal task, and he was sure they would drink it most heartily. The Master had been asked by the members to rule over them for another year, which would alone speak for the manner he had gone through his duty in the past. On one occasion only had he been absent, and then on account of ill health. He had conducted the affairs of the Lodge creditably, and as a ruler in the Craft should do. During his past year of Mastership he had received Provincial Grand honours, but he hoped that still greater honours were in store for him, and that in time he might be looked on as a high and distinguished Mason. During the year he was glad to say there had not been a single word of discord or unpleasantness amongst any of the members. He called on the brethren to join with him in wishing the Master a prosperous year, and personally every happiness. Bro. Waters S.W. favoured the brethren with one of his excellent Tyneside songs. The W.M., who on rising was heartily received, assured the brethren he could not find words to express his feelings. He could only thank them for their kind sentiments, and hoped he deserved a small portion of them. He assured them it was the last thought in his mind when last year he answered to his health, that he would be called on again to occupy the chair. He considered it a bad thing for any Lodge to have to put a Past Master in the chair, but he would not go into that, as it was well known the circumstances were those over which they had no control. He would do all in his power to merit the confidence they had placed in him, for which he again thanked them. The Installing Master was next given by the W.M., who expressed his regret that Bro. Sewell had been prevented from performing the installation as was intended, but all the brethren knew the assistance he had rendered at all times in the Lodge. In replying, Bro. Sewell said it was one of the keynotes of Masonry that it is the hope of reward that sweetens labour, and they had given him the greatest reward that man can have, and which sweetens life. He assured them he was always happy to do what was in his power to further their interests, and that of the good old Lodge St. Peter's. He regretted he was not able to be present in the Lodge, but it was a greater gain to the brethren to be able to have seen the ceremony gone through by Bro. E. D. Davis, who kindly came forward at great inconvenience, being only asked to undertake the installation at twelve o'clock that day. He assured them it would always be his endeavour, if at all in his power, to assist the Worshipful Master or any member of the Lodge. Bro. R. L. Armstrong, W.M. 406, then rose to propose the Past Masters, and in doing so coupled the name of Bro. G. Thompson P.M. Treas. with the toast. He knew of no one that he had greater respect for. If they only looked to what he had done for the Lodge, they would say with him, he is a true man and Mason. He assured them no one could admire Bro. Thompson more than he did, and he called on them to drink to his health, happiness and prosperity, as well as that of the other Past Masters of the Lodge. Bro. Thompson, on rising, was heartily cheered. He returned his most sincere thanks for the toast, and for the allusion to any slight service he had cheerfully rendered to the Lodge. The Officers next received their meed of praise, and the W.M. said, when last year he had selected his staff he knew he had picked Officers who would do their duty, and he was glad to say he had not been disappointed. The Visitors next received due honours, and a very hearty welcome, and the Tyler was then called, who brought to a conclusion the toast list. Amongst those brethren who contributed to the evening's enjoyment by singing were Bros. Ord, Dees, Rayner, Cook and Gibbon. The Visitors present were Bros. J. Cook P.M., Bord W.M. 1427, G. I. Dean W.M. 541, Marchant P.M. 424, and S. M. Harris S.D. 406.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bro. Gilham W.M., Wardell S.W., Christian J.W., Williams J.D., Dallas Secretary, Smyth Treasurer, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Hunt, Chandler, Brasted, C Lorkin and others. The Lodge was opened and the minutes read. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Chandler candidate. The Preceptor then took the chair. Bro. Hunt answered the questions, the Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The Lodge was then opened and closed in the third degree, and the W.M. resumed the chair. Bro. Brasted worked the first section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Gilham for his able working.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—On Wednesday, the 10th inst., at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street. Bro. Tate W.M., Brown S.W., Hallam J.W., Marston S.D., Pate J.D., Abell I.G., Long P.M. Preceptor. The second ceremony was ably rehearsed by the W.M., after which the whole of the sections were worked by the brethren. Bro. Hallam jun. was elected a member, and Bro. Brown elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed. In spite of the summer weather this Lodge keeps up an average attendance of members.

Neptune Lodge, No. 1264.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on 1st July, at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool. Bros. Joseph Korn W.M., W. C. Webb S.W., A. C. Wylie J.W., J. H. Linaker Sec., P. B. Gee P.M. Treas., A. Cotter P.M. D.C., T. H. Arden S.D., G. Crute as J.D., J. Tickle Steward, J. S. Warden I.G., P. Ball Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. J. Healing, J. W. Burgess 1325. The Lodge having been opened and preliminaries gone through, the W.M., in a thoroughly efficient manner, passed Bros. Fender, Cavers, Kirkpatrick, and Bros. Robertson, and Sheffield (Downshire Lodge, No. 594) to the Fellow Craft degree. The Lodge was then worked up, and Bro. Adam Williamson was raised. This ceremony was also performed by Bro. Korn in a very able manner. This the more redounds to his credit, as it was the first meeting after his installation. After business of a character interesting but to the members, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A very pleasant evening was spent, and the Worshipful Master received the congratulations of the brethren for his admirable working, and their thanks for his genial presidency.

Hamer Lodge, No. 1393.—The installation meeting was held on Friday, 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool. Amongst those present we noticed Past Masters Bros. Jones and McCarthy, and Bros. Roberts, McRobie, Speddy, Smith, Airey, Stockton, Sharp, Davis, Tomlin, Adler, Richardson, Barr, Houlding, Tomison, Lambert,

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Henderson, Russell, Griffiths, &c. The members were summoned to attend at 2.30 p.m. The Lodge being duly opened, and the usual formalities complied with, it was worked up to the third degree, and Bros. Airey and Atherton were raised. The main feature in the business of the Lodge was the ceremony of installing Bro. T. Large. As most of our readers know the usual indispensable preliminaries in the ceremony, it is needless to enter into details. Suffice it to say that Bro. Large was formally introduced to the W.M., and finally proclaimed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. He appointed his Officers :—Bros. Thomas Sammons I.P.M., Henry Jackson P.M. D.C., Robert Leason S.W., W. C. Erwin J.W., R. H. Evans P.M. Treas., Benjamin Price Sec., James Pilling S.D., R. J. L. Kynaston J.D., W. H. Jewitt I.G., M. Callaghan S. Steward, G. B. Tenison J.S., J. J. Smith and Jas. Tomlin A.S., Thomas Pierrepont Organist, M. Williamson Tyler. Bro. Jackson delivered the charges in a masterly manner, and we are sure the Hamer Lodge will not lose a particle of its lustre under the Mastership of Bro. Large. Previous to closing the Lodge, Bro. McCarthy proposed, and Bro. Sammons seconded a proposition that a vote of thanks be tendered Bros. Houlding, Jones, and Birket for their efforts in procuring the election of a son of our late Bro. Phillips into the Blue Coat School, the same to be entered on the minutes of the Lodge ;—carried unanimously. The W.M. then signified his pleasure to banquet with the brethren. It is to be regretted that some one did not endeavour to impress on the minds of those who had the management of the Banquetting-hall that ventilation is a great acquisition to comfort, when the thermometer stands near 90 degrees. The Committee cannot be too highly complimented on the efforts they made for the enjoyment of each and all, and the Lodge must be congratulated on having been honoured with the company of so many talented brethren. We allude, of course, to the excellent musical selection which sundry of them present contributed. Bro. John Hill exhibited the extraordinary compass of his voice, and his complete mastery over it delighted all. Bro. Richardson kept the brethren in a merry strain, and his humorous sketches produced roars of laughter. The quartette, by Brothers Child, Busfield, Bryan and Hobert, was capitally rendered and highly appreciated. The solos of Bros. Hobert and Busfield were admirably sung, and the trio by Bros. Hobert, Child and Bryan received a hearty reception. The musical arrangements were, indeed, rendered complete by the presence of our highly esteemed and talented Prov. Grand Organist, Bro. J. Skeaf, who presided at the pianoforte. During the evening he kindly gave the "Sabbath Evening Chimes" and "Bells of Aberdovey," and made the instrument ring out most exquisitely. The Worshipful Master, in a few well chosen words, gave the first toast of the evening,—Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen,—and all joined in the National Anthem. This was followed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family, which was most heartily drunk, the brethren singing "God Bless the Prince of Wales." By command of the W. Master, Bro. S. Warden proposed the health of the Pro Grand Master and the Officers of Grand Lodge. The example of Masonic zeal set before us by Grand Lodge Officers was worthy of emulation. The toast was cordially drunk. The J. Warden gave the toast of the Prov. G. Master and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge ; he had much pleasure in doing so, as all knew the deep interest Lord Skelmersdale takes in the Order, and that estimable Brother would be with us more frequently if his attendance were necessary. He had much pleasure in uniting with the toast the names of Bro. Jackson P.G.A.D.C., and Bro. J. Skeaf P.G.O. Bro. Jackson, in reply, assured the brethren that he considered it a great honour to have his name associated with the toast. He considered it a proud day when Lord Skelmersdale put the collar of office round his neck. Their Prov. Grand Master did his duty freely and voluntarily ; he had many engagements, which prevented his being as often Masonically in the Province as he (the speaker) knew he desired. Lord Skelmersdale had his time taken up considerably by the various distinguished Orders he belonged to—for instance, the Red Cross, the Orders of Knights of Malta, and so on, up to the thirty-third degree, besides his official duties, and the offices of state. Now, as regards himself, he was pleased to receive the office of D. of C. of this Lodge, and trusted he might be able to do his duty faithfully, and emulate in a fraternal spirit his predecessor. Bro. Skeaf said his esteemed brother had dwelt on so many subjects, and touched on so many topics, that there was nothing left for him to say. He would, however, repeat what he had often told the brethren before, that he was ever ready to do his utmost for the Craft. It may be remarked here, that every brother appreciates the kindness of Bro. Skeaf, and in him Prov. Grand Lodge has a good officer, who does his duty thoroughly. Bro. Sammons now rose to propose the toast of the evening. Some time ago he had the pleasure of investing the present Worshipful Master as I.G. of the Lodge, and to-day he had the pleasure of investing him as Worshipful Master. He was sure from the deep interest he takes in Freemasonry, and the fraternal feeling he has for the Lodge, he will do honour to the post, and when his term of office expires will receive the applause of the Lodge. The toast was received with musical and Masonic honours. The Worshipful Master thanked the I.P.M. He owed the brethren a deep debt of gratitude for receiving the toast in such a hearty manner. If he were gifted with the eloquence of some of his predecessors, he might easily express how deeply grateful he was for the great honour they had conferred on him in placing him where he was. He assured them he should do his utmost to give satisfaction, and trusted when he vacated the chair the Lodge would be in a more prosperous state than now. (Cheers). He was anxious to see the Lodge take a more active part in the Provincial Charities and the great Charities which are centred in London. The Hamer Lodge should be the best Lodge in West Lancashire, and, to use a familiar phrase, we have the men, and he hoped we should have the money too. (Applause). Bro. McCarthy relieved the duties of the W.M. by proposing the health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master. In putting the double toast into one he paid a high tribute of respect to Bro. Sammons. Bro. McCarthy digressed a little from the subject in hand by referring to the gratification he felt in seeing Bro. Large in the East. He returned to the subject, however, and finally complimented Bro. Jackson on the efficient manner he did his portion of the ceremony. When Bro. McCarthy had concluded his remarks the Worshipful Master rose—It had been his pleasure to reserve to himself the great gratification of carrying out the behests of the Lodge by presenting to the worthy I.P.M. a Past Master's jewel. He hoped he might have long life to wear it, and that he might hand it down to his heirs as a memento of the esteem and regard in which he had been held by the brethren. Bro. Sammons cordially thanked the brethren for their mark of esteem, as well as for past kindnesses ; he wished the Lodge every success under its new Master. Bro. Jackson followed, and gave all credit for the success of the installation to Bro. Sammons. Bro. Jones proposed the Masonic Charities ; the brethren of the Hamer are never backward in recognising the importance of the Charities ; the toast was duly honoured, and Bro. Sammons made good use of his opportunity to personally appeal to each brother round the board. Let us hope he met with a liberal response. The W.M. now rose to propose the health of the Past Masters ; if he talked for a month he could not say too much in their favour, therefore, on this occasion, they would kindly take the will for the deed ; the toast was drunk and duly responded to by Bro. McCarthy. To Bro. Evans was entrusted the toast of the Visitors ; he explained the reason why so few were present, yet to all who were there he, in the name of the Lodge, accorded a cordial welcome. Bro. Joseph Wood responded ; he felt very grateful for the kind hospitality shown them ; they would, no doubt, agree with him in saying they were highly pleased with the programme, from the installation to the present moment. Bro. Bryan returned thanks for the musical brethren ; he could not let the present opportunity pass without expressing his thanks for the cordial reception the toast of the Visitors had received ; he felt sure the musical brethren were ever ready to exert themselves to add to the solemnity of the ceremonies or the pleasures of the table. The W.M. next gave the Officers ; he paid a compliment to each, but especially to the S.W., in whom he stated he had one of the most efficient and genuine Masons that could sit in a Lodge. The toast was most enthusiastically drunk. Bro. S. Warden responded in a capital speech, which was only brought to a close from sheer necessity to catch the train. He had worked from the lowest rung of the ladder to his present position, and his rise had been regular, if not rapid ; he had contemplated each promotion with peculiar pride. He felt proud at getting into office, and it would be a satisfaction to do his duty with credit to himself and the Lodge. In his new appointment he would work with zeal. He had already travelled 2,800 miles to attend those duties, and he would yet add a large addition to that number if necessity required it. The J.W. also responded, and he was followed by several of the other Officers. Bro. Tenison replied for the Stewards, after which Bro. Evans proposed the Masonic Press, uniting with it the name of Bro. Davies. Bro. Davies, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, said he felt the honour conferred upon him. He thanked the brethren for receiving the toast so enthusiastically. The Masonic Press had a sacred and most important duty to perform ; as far as he was concerned that duty should be faithfully and impartially carried out. He attached great value to representing things as they truly were—in holding up for example and guidance the good and truly sincere members of the Craft, at the same time to admonish the apathetic members in Lodges and Provinces. He knew the evil of indiscriminate praise, and he felt there was too much of it introduced. As a keen observer of events, and having a practical knowledge and deep love for the Craft, he took exception to many things which others would heedlessly pass over. Our brother then referred to several matters which had struck him during the day's proceedings. He assured Bro. Evans that the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE was ever ready to throw the broad mantle of Charity over the failings of those whose proceedings were open to condemnation, and would ever strive to uphold the dignity of the Craft. The W.M. next gave Prosperity to the Lodge of Instruction, and united therewith the names of the Preceptor. Bro. Sammons felt more pleasure in responding to this, than to any other toast. He urged the brethren to renewed energy, and to constant attendance. The Members of the Hamer Lodge were next honoured, and with the toast was coupled the name of Bro. Houlding, who replied. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated.

Hemming Lodge, No. 1512.—This Lodge held an emergency meeting on Thursday, the 4th of July, at the Lodge room, Lion Hotel, Hampton. Present — Bros. John Hammond P.M. 201 P.G. Steward Middlesex W.M., C. W. Fox W.M. 1326 S.W., J. E. Hunt acting J.W., W. Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex Sec., T. W. Ockenden S.D., T. C. Walls P.P.G. Org. Middlesex J.D., W. Knowles acting D.C., W. C. Davey acting I.G., J. Gilbert Prov. G. Tyler Middlesex Tyler ; Bros. W. J. Day, D. Papworth, W. Beauchamp, James Patey. Visitor—Bro. C. Norris, Domatic Lodge 177. The business comprised the initiation of Messrs. T. Cox and Montague L. Carpenter ; the passing of Bro. J. Patey ; and the raising Bros. D. Papworth and W. Beauchamp. A proposition to contribute five guineas from the Lodge funds to the Burdett Testimonial was carried unanimously. Letters of apology for absence were read from the Provincial Grand Master and others.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—At the Crown and Woolpack Tavern, St. John-street-road, on Tuesday last. Bros. Hallam sen. W.M., W. Rowley S.W., J. Rimell J.W., W. Payne S.D., Hallam jun. J.D., R. W. Mountstephen I.G., R. Pearcy Preceptor, J. Osborne Sec. ; also Bros. W. B. Kidder, J. Stock, Powell, C. J. G. Wood, Hirst, W. Norris, Green, Hyland, Cooke, F. Goode and others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The first section of the first lecture was worked

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by Bro. Preceptor Pearcy, and the second section by the W.M. Bro. Hirst having offered himself as a candidate for passing, answered the questions. The Lodge was opened in the second, and the W.M. duly passed Bro. Hirst. The second section of the second lecture was then worked by Bro. Pearcy, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed down. Bro. W. Rowley S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—There was an unusual good muster of the members of this Lodge on Monday evening, amongst those present being Bros. T. B. Whytehead W.M., T. Cooper I.P.M., G. Balmford P.M. Treas., C. G. Padel J.W., J. Kay Secretary, T. D. Smith as S.D., J. T. Seller J.D., H. Jackson as I.G., P. Pearson Tyler; and Bros. Ware, Husband, Shillito, Appleyard, Wilkinson, Irving, Blackstone, Hebblethwaite, Zackenby, Churchill, &c. Bros. Hebblethwaite and Blackstone were passed to the second degree, and Bro. Wilkinson was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and Bro. G. H. Simpson 236 was elected a joining member. Just at the close of the Lodge, a telegram was received from the Alexandra Palace, from Bros. J. S. Cumberland S.W. and A. T. B. Turner, who were at the Masonic Boys' Festival as Stewards, representing the Eboracum Lodge, conveying good wishes and information as to the sum total realised at the Festival. The telegram was read to the brethren by the W.M., amid warm applause. After the close of the Lodge, a good deal of conversation took place regarding the forthcoming visit of American Masons on the 25th, and a general opinion was expressed that the reception promised to be a very successful affair. Bro. T. Cooper P.M. presented to the Lodge a portrait of the late Lord Londesborough, P.P.G.W. of the Province, and the W.M. presented a view of the well preserved ruins of Rievaulx Abbey, in Yorkshire.

NEW ZEALAND.

ON Monday, 13th May, at one o'clock p.m., a special train left Nelson for Wakefield, containing about thirty-five members of the Masonic Fraternity, who had been invited by the Forest Lodge, 1481 E.C., to the annual installation of its Worshipful Master. Lodge was opened in due form at 3 o'clock, and the Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of the Southern Star Lodge of Nelson, 735 English Constitution, were reported and admitted, together with visitors from various other Lodges of the Colony. The installation ceremonies were impressively administered by Bro. Dr. W. B. Sealy P.M., and Bro. Richard Chattock was proclaimed Master of the Forest Lodge, who, thereafter, invested his Officers for the current year, Bro. W. G. Sealy officiating as Organist for the occasion. At 6 o'clock the brethren sat down to a banquet, provided at the Forest Inn in Bro. R. M. Smith's excellent style. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Gowland, the retiring Master, gave the toast of "The Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Southern Star Lodge," to which Bro. W. M. Stanton, as Master, responded, reviewing the Masonic events of the past year, not only as relating to New Zealand, but to the world at large, and as the deduction from that retrospect, earnestly invited the brethren to circumspection in the acceptance of candidates, that the Order might suffer no reproach from the careless admission of unworthy members. "The Board of Installed Masters," "The Present and the Retiring Master," "The Visiting Brethren," and other toasts in special character were drunk, and the proceedings were enlivened by music and songs. At 10 o'clock Bro. Dr. Boor gave the *Tyler's toast*, which terminated an exceedingly pleasant afternoon and evening, and the Nelson brethren returned by rail.

At the Southern Star Lodge, on the 15th ult., the Worshipful Master proclaimed the edict of the Grand Lodge of England in reference to the recent action of the Grand Orient of France.

At the last regular meeting of the Lodge Remuera, Auckland, New Zealand, the brethren presented a Past Master's jewel of very unique and tasteful manufacture to Bro. W. Lodder, who for the previous year had occupied the position of W.M. of the Lodge, and who, indeed, had been mainly instrumental in its formation. The centrepiece of the jewel is most appropriate. It is locket-shaped, of large size, and on the back it bears a suitable inscription. Bro. Lodder, we may add, was the first W.M. of this newly-formed Lodge, and mainly through his exertion it has become a very flourishing one.

Rodney Lodge, No. 1711.—On the 23rd May the annual installation meeting of this Lodge took place at Mahurangi, when Bro. Mont was installed for the second time in the chair of K.S., and appointed his officers as follow:—M. W. Munro S.W., C. Thomson J.W., J. S. Darrach Sec., C. Griffin M.C., F. Howard S.D., J. Brebner J.D., G. Dibble I.G. The little Lodge room was elegantly fitted up, and great credit is due to the W.M., who is an excellent working Mason, and takes a lively interest in the Craft. The great success of the Lodge is due to his untiring zeal. The installation ceremonies were ably worked by Bro. M. S. Leers P.M. 1338, President of the Board of General Purposes for the Auckland district, who is one of the brightest of New Zealand Masons. We understand that the Masons of Mahurangi contemplate erecting a substantial Masonic hall, and that a great part of the capital has already been subscribed.

Southern Star, No. 735 E.C., Nelson, N.Z.—The monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, 18th February. There was a full attendance, the W.M. Bro. Staunton presiding. The Ven. Archdeacon Thorpe, and two other gentlemen, were initiated. Bro. W. G. Sealy was affiliated, and welcomed into the Lodge by the W.M. as a good and worthy "Lewis," being the son of Bro. Dr. Sealy the senior member, senior P.M., and a strong supporter of the Lodge for many years past. A Sub-Committee, consisting of the W.M., the I.P.M., and Bro. Sealy P.M., reported on their commission, *i.e.*, the consideration of the action recently taken by the Grand Orient of France, they had not yet resolved on any recommendation, and their commission was renewed; the feeling being that the voice of Masonry in New Zealand, however humble or feeble, should be raised in protest against so monstrous an innovation. Honorary membership was conferred on Bro. H. Manning Moor,—in appreciation of his services as Secretary,—on his leaving for Wellington. After the closing of the Lodge twenty-five brethren sat down to supper, and several visiting brethren were present, who expressed much satisfaction at the working of the Lodge, and at the fraternal reunion, justifying the good reputation in which the Southern Star Lodge is held throughout New Zealand.

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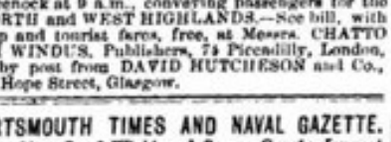
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ANALYSIS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

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LITTLE Herts, with its ten Lodges, is generally among the contributors, and it is down for £26 5s. We must not be surprised at the smallness of the amount, seeing that, in May, it gave the Girls £68 5s, and to the Benevolent £645 11s 6d in February, this being the largest Provincial total. Last year Bro. Binckes obtained support to the extent of £59 17s, with one list still to be sent in, while £143 16s 6d was contributed to the Girls, and £176 8s 6d to the Benevolent. In 1876 Bro. Binckes received £82 17s from the Province, and Bro. Terry £102 13s; in 1875 the former £130 1s, and the latter £217 12s, while a contribution of £17 17s was handed to the Girls' School, making a total for the four years of over £1,671, with only one absence during the time. We must congratulate our Herts brethren on the steadfast support they extend to all our Institutions. Kent is one of our most influential Lodges, having, as was stated in our notice of its Provincial Meeting last week, forty-three Lodges. Six of its Lodges, represented by five Stewards, contributed among them £478, being the second largest amount from any Province, Bro. Emmerson's list yielding £151 9s, and Bro. Lukey's £136 10s. Up to last May it had contributed £3,508, giving an average of over £300 per Festival. Its total has now reached £3,986, which yields an average for the twelve Festivals of over £332. We do not think it necessary to enlarge on the merits of this statement, as it speaks for itself. We therefore move on to East Lancashire, with its array of eighty-six Lodges. Six of these sent up amongst them eight Stewards, and their total is £294 15s. As we remarked last May, this Province has an Educational Institution of its own, and considering the terrible depression of trade for a long time past, it would not have surprised us had the Province been less fully represented. However, it invariably contributes, though somewhat modestly it must be acknowledged, considering the number of its Lodges. Of the six, three are Bolton, and three Manchester; and Bro. Hine, who is chairman of the Provincial Institute just referred to, heads the list with a total of £200 5s. A single Liverpool Lodge, Ancient Union, No. 203, is the one representative of West Lancashire and its seventy-seven Lodges, the amount of its contribution being £57 15s. The same remarks apply to this division of Lancashire as to its Eastern neighbour, with this addition that its contributions last year and the year previous exceeded £2,000. Two Stewards from Pelham Pillar Lodge, No. 792 of Grimsby, sustain the honour of Lincolnshire, but one list only has been returned, the amount being £16 16s. It did not figure at either of the other two Festivals this year, but it contributed to all three Institutions in 1877 and 1876, its subscription to the Girls' School in the latter year reaching £543 14s, while in 1875 it gave £573 to the Benevolent, and smaller sums to the other Institutions. Thus it has done admirably on the whole, though it has not obtained the same prominence this year as it has enjoyed in former years. It must terribly miss "A Warden of the Fens," whose efforts were constantly being directed to helping our Institutions. Middlesex is another of our Provinces, which has figured at all the Festivals during the last four years. Eleven Stewards representing six Lodges and two Chapters—one, however, acting independently—gave among them £194 7s—or rather the seven lists sent in, up to the day of the Festival, amount to this sum, for there are still four outstanding, so that there is plenty of room for a considerable increase. It has twenty-seven Lodges, and up to February, including the Festival of this year, its contributions amounted to over £3,770. If we add to this the £177 3s 6d handed to the Girls' School in May, and this present £194 7s, we obtain a total of over £4,141 raised towards the last twelve Festivals, or an average short of £350 per Festival. Monmouthshire (eight Lodges) was represented by its Provincial G. Master, Lieut. Col. Lyne, and the total of his list is £166 19s. It contributed modestly to the Girls in May, and last year gave two hundred guineas to the Benevolent, while conjointly with South Wales it gave £464 10s to the Girls in 1875. Thus Monmouthshire, which gave birth to our Harry the Fifth, has done admirably. Norfolk with fourteen Lodges was represented by four Stewards, of whom its Provincial Grand Master, Lord Suffield, was one, and the aggregate of their lists is £279 6s. This is its first appearance during the present year, but in 1877 it supported its Prov. G. Master when he presided at the Festival of the Girls' School to the extent of £210, and it gave the Benevolent £82 17s the same year, and supported the Boys and Benevolent in 1876. The two Lodges which appear in the list are both of Norwich. The next in order is Oxfordshire which with Apollo University as one of its eight Lodges exercises a very considerable influence throughout the Fraternity. Its four Stewards—three for Apollo University, No. 357, and one for the Churchill, No. 478, of Oxford likewise—together gave £75 11s 6d. In May the same two Lodges with three others were down for £144 6s 6d, and in February again the same two gave between them £47 10s 6d to the Benevolent. Last year it supported all the Institutions, the Boys receiving £40 7s 6d, the Girls £62 9s with one list outstanding, and the Benevolent, when, but for indisposition, its Provincial G. Master H.R.H. Prince Leopold would have presided, £279 13s. In 1876, £93 11s was the amount it gave the Boys, £50 went to the Girls, and £100 7s to the Benevolent. In 1875, its contributions were £170 3s, with two lists still to be received, to the Boys, £52 9s to the Girls, and £70 6s to the Benevolent, making for the twelve Festivals, a total of over £1,186. Somersetshire (nineteen Lodges) has a representative for one of them in the list, but the amount of his contribution is not given. However, in May, when its Prov. G. Master, the Earl of Carnarvon occupied the chair, the total of its subscriptions was £318 3s. In February last it figured for £85 18s. At the Boys' Festival in 1877 it was down for £58 16s, and at that of the Benevolent for £253 14s. In 1876 it gave to the Boys £72 9s, to the Girls £31 10s, and to the Benevolent £66 6s. At the Festival of the Boys' School in 1875, when the Earl of Carnarvon likewise presided it figured still more conspicuously, the total of its lists being £540 12s 6d, and one outstanding. Twenty guineas was its contribution to the Girls' in the same year, but at the Benevolent it was not, if we remember, represented, this being the only occasion of its absence during the four years we have been dealing with. Staffordshire with its twenty-one Lodges has a representative in the person of Bro. James Walker of the St. Peter's, No. 419, of Wolverhampton, and his list amounts to £35 14s. It was likewise represented at the Benevolent in February, when it contributed £156 7s. Last year our Boys received £149 2s, the Girls £161 3s, and the Benevolent £145. At this last Festival, as our readers will doubtless remember, its Prov. G. Master, the late Earl of Shrewbury and Talbot, took the chair at the very last moment,

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Prince Leopold being unable, as we have said, to preside, as he had promised to do. In 1876, the Province gave £289 16s to our Boys, and £115 10s to the Girls, and in 1875, £221 to the former, and £271 5s, including £100 from its late P.G.M., who was Chairman, to the Benevolent. Thus, it has taken part in nine out of the twelve Festivals, and has contributed on these several occasions sums amounting together to £1,544 17s. Next stands Suffolk (nineteen Lodges), its Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. W. H. Lucia, the present Grand Sword Bearer, appearing for the Royal St. Edmunds, No. 1,008, the elder of the Bury St. Edmunds Lodges, with £120 15s, as the very creditable result of his labours. In May it gave the Girls sixty guineas, in February £94 2s to the Benevolent, making a total for the year of £277 17s. In 1877, it somewhat exceeded this total, as it gave £115 10s to the Boys, £91 19s to the Girls, and £111 14s to the Benevolent, making together £319 3s. In 1876, its present Dep. P.G.M., the Rev. C. J. Martyn, was Steward for the Boys and Girls, and two Lodges gave between them £77 to the Benevolent, while in 1875 it gave to our Boys £102 18s, Bro. Lucia being one of the two Stewards, and the sum of £64 19s 6d to the Girls, so that it has only been out of the list once in the four years. The eighteen Lodges of Surrey sent five Stewards, one being General Brownrigg, the Prov. G. Master, and there is still one list to be returned, but a total of £195 5s 6d has already been reached, £141 15s being the amount of Gen. Brownrigg's list, which, we presume, must be taken as representing the whole Province. £42 10s to the Girls' School in May, and £66 18s to the Benevolent in February make the total thus far for the current year £304 13s 6d. In 1877, its donations to the three Institutions amounted to £242 5s 6d. In 1876, it gave the Boys £210 15s 6d, £31 10s to the Girls, £65 5s to the Benevolent; while in 1875, £27 16s 6d went to the Boys, £75 13s to the Girls, and £27 0s 6d to the Benevolent. Thus it has been represented more or less effectively at all twelve Festivals. Sussex, with nineteen Lodges, sent Stewards from two of them, and they raised between them £89 5s. It had already in the present year given £29 8s to the Girls, and £84 10s to the Benevolent. It distinguished itself greatly at the Festival of the Boys' School last year, when its representative, the Deputy P.G.M. and a member of the Royal Clarence, No. 271, the oldest of the Brighton Lodges, took in a list of £270 18s. Following as this did on a contribution by three Stewards of £233 7s 6d to the Girls, and of £158 13s, we think the Province was greatly to be commended. In 1876 it gave £206 5s 6d to the Boys, and £106 to the Benevolent, and in 1875 £112 7s to the Boys, and £77 2s to the Girls, so that it has been represented at ten out of the last twelve Festivals, and last year it gave among them no less than £662 17s 6d. Warwickshire, as we know, has done great things on sundry of these occasions, and the manner in which it supported its respected Prov. Grand Master, Lord Leigh, when he occupied the chair at the Boys' Festival will always be remembered to its credit, the sum being exactly £2000, and all but one of its twenty-six Lodges being represented. These have since increased to twenty-nine, and two Birmingham Lodges, the Solihull, and one of the Warwick, by the hands of five Stewards, send together £215 15s 6d. This is in addition to the sum of £207 18s given to the Girls in May last. Last year it was represented at each of the Festivals, £467 5s 6d being the sum of its subscriptions to the Benevolent, while the total for the three was only a little short of £600, or to be exact £598 10s 6d, there being in one case a list to be accounted for. We have already alluded to its contribution of £2000 to the Boys the year previous, and the Girls were benefited to the extent of £262 10s. In 1875 it was entered at the Boys' Festival for £380 2s, at the Girls' Festival for £21, and £70 to the Benevolent. The total for the eleven Festivals reaches £3,755 16s, or an average per Festival of over £341. Three of the twenty-five North and East Yorkshire Lodges sent up Stewards, and their lists made a total of £85 5s, £31 10s having been handed to the Benevolent in February, and an amount, not stated, to the Girls' School in May. It figured at the Festival of the Boys and Benevolent last year, at the Benevolent in 1876, and at the Boys and Girls in 1875; but, as we have said more than once before, we scarcely think the amount of its contributions is worthy of its position in the Craft. We trust, therefore, that the year 1879 will be more productive. Let it be noted, however, that the Eboracum, No. 1611, the junior Lodge of the City of York, which was only constituted towards the end of 1876, has done its duty admirably as a young Lodge. It has subscribed twenty-five guineas out of the total £85 5s contributed to this Festival. A like sum was given to the Boys last year, and it has been represented at the two Benevolent Festivals which have taken place since its foundation, £19 5s being the amount of its Stewards' lists in 1877, and £11 10s that of its representative in February last. Thus, in less than two years this small but healthy Lodge has given an aggregate of £83 5s at the four Festivals referred to—a notable example, and one well worthy to be followed by the other Lodges in the Province. West Yorkshire heads the list of the Provinces with a subscription of five hundred guineas (£525), there being twenty-one—or, if we add Sir Henry Edwards and Captain Wordsworth—twenty-three brethren representing the Province. Add to this £900, given to the Girls in May, and £603 5s to the Benevolent in February, and we have a total result for this year of £2,028 5s. The total for the three years 1875, 1876, and 1877 amounted to £4,684, so that since January, of the first of these three, West Yorkshire has contributed over £6,712, which gives an average per Festival of nearly £560. North Wales and Salop (twenty-five Lodges) is represented by three, the aggregate of their lists reaching £169 1s—Bro. R. J. Sisson's list accounting for £137 11s of this total. There is a small contribution by the same brother in May last, and it gave the Boys £175 7s in 1877, and something to the Girls, while the Sir Watkin Testimonial is still in course of being raised, so that we must congratulate the Province on its liberality on the present occasion. As for the Eastern Division of South Wales, with its eleven Lodges, it is down for £84; and it gave the Girls £117 12s in May, as well as £132 15s to the Boys last year; and it had figured likewise at other Festivals in 1875 and 1876. We must add that the Provincial Grand Lodge, Royal Order of Scotland, for Lancashire and Cheshire, contributed £105 by the hands of Brother J. F. Tweedale, so that the 111 Provincial Stewards have, so far, raised among them £5,152 18s 1d. Foreign parts give £71 10s, of which fifteen guineas is from Hong Kong, and £55 15s from the Punjab, £50 10s being the amount of Major Ramsay, the Dist. G. Master's list. The Grand Mark Lodge per Bro. C. Fitz Gerald Matier has sent £68 6s, and presuming we ought in justice to add this to the Metropolitan total, we raise that from £4,876 8s to £4,944 14s. There are still several Provincial lists to come in, so the latter, like the Metropolitan, stand a good chance of being increased by a few hundred pounds.

Such, with the figures as announced at the Festival itself, is the result of a year's labours on behalf of the Boys' School, and we repeat we are by no means satisfied with the result. We think it should, all things considered, at least have equalled that of last year, and there is no reason why it should not have been greatly in excess. One or two other points must be mentioned. Her Majesty, who is Patron of the Institution, gave fifty guineas, and His Royal Highness the Chairman contributed a similar amount. It was also the first occasion on which any allusion was made publicly to the approaching marriage of the Duke of Connaught with the Princess Louise of Germany, and the mention of her name was enthusiastically applauded. The arrangements gave general satisfaction, and indeed we feel justified in congratulating everybody on everything save the matter to which we have alluded, and which is the one solitary drawback to the pleasure it has given us to prepare this analysis.

JAMAICA.

Two new Lodges have been established at Kingston, Jamaica; one under the English Constitution, called the "Jamaican," working under a dispensation. A meeting was held on 7th June, at the Friendly Rooms, when Wor. Bro. Dr. Allen as Master, Bro. Hancock S.W., Bro. Dadson J.W. were installed. Several Past Masters of sister Lodges were present and assisted. The other, under the Scottish Constitution, the St. John's; a meeting was held at the Sussex New Lodge room on 20th, when Wor. Dr. Oglivie as Master, Bro. Paine S.W., Bro. Pierce J.W. were installed. The R.W. Dr. Hamilton, District Grand Master of East Jamaica, has been appointed by His Excellency the Governor as an unofficial member of the Legislative Council of this Island. The District Grand Master having decided that a fresh election should take place for a Master in the Phœnix Lodge, Port Royal, an election took place in June, when Bro. E. P. Myers, having now served twelve months as a Warden, was elected Master. The installation will take place in July.

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FESTIVAL OF THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

THE Annual Festival held to forward the interests of the Mark Master Masons Benevolent Fund was held on Wednesday last, at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, under the presidency of the M.W. the Grand Mark Master Mason of England, Lord Skelmersdale. The meeting was not so numerous as had been expected, but we think many of those who had intended to be present were deterred from attending by the awful event which took place on the morning prior to the Festival, when one of the Stewards fell down dead; in addition to this we must not forget that the Masons of London have just now many calls on their time, and that many others are enjoying themselves in the Provinces. Still, in spite of all these disadvantages, it is our pleasure to record that the amount subscribed exceeds that of last year by nearly £100, with seven lists still outstanding, so that by the time the accounts are closed, we think the executive will be enabled to record an increase of 50 per cent. over the result of last year. At the conclusion of the banquet, the noble Chairman proceeded with the toasts of the evening, that of the Queen was followed by the National Anthem. The next on the list was that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master of English Freemasons, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family. The speaker regretted that neither the Prince of Wales nor his brother, the Duke of Connaught, had yet joined Mark Masonry, but he believed they had one of the Royal family in their ranks, viz., Prince Leopold. He hoped the Prince of Wales might be induced to join them. He was certain that if he did so, he would take as great an interest in the Mark degree as he did in the Craft. Rev. Bro. Hatch then sang the ode composed by himself in honour of the Grand Mastership of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Bro. Matier next rose to propose the health of the M.W. the Grand Master of Mark Masons. He considered it the principal toast of the evening. It was not the first time he had had the pleasure of proposing the health of Lord Skelmersdale in connection with Freemasonry, but he felt that he had never had occasion to do so under more auspicious circumstances than the present, occupying, as the noble Lord did, the position of G.M. and President of their Benevolent Fund. After a most cordial reception, Lord Skelmersdale rose to respond. He thanked the party for the hearty way in which his health had been proposed and received. He regretted there was not a more numerous attendance, and hoped that the result of the Festival would be much greater than the number of the party might lead them to anticipate. He considered that at the present time there were too many dinners held in connection with the various charities of the country, and considered that if the money spent in dining could find its way into the coffers of the various institutions their annual subscription lists would show much greater results. He felt that in this matter there were many who would not agree with him, but still he must express his opinion on the point. Another evil of our English custom was the amount of talking required on such occasions as the present, and in this respect Freemasons were particularly exacting. Still they were not so bad as on one occasion he could remember, where in a party of four, there were fourteen toasts honoured. Passing down the list of the day, he found that the next thereon was that of the Past Grand Masters of Mark Masonry, of whom they could boast seven, viz.—the Earl of Limerick, Lord Leigh, the Earl of Carnarvon, Viscount Holmesdale, W. W. B. Beach, Rev. G. R. Portal, and Earl Percy. He had particular pleasure in giving this toast, as he believed that all of them were alive and in good health. He considered it a good omen for Mark Masonry that its rulers should be spared so long to guide and counsel them. Lord Leigh had stated that there was a time when he considered the incorporation of Mark Masonry with the Craft was certain, but owing to the opposition of the late Grand Master, Lord Zetland, it had not been carried out. He regretted this, as he felt that both Craft and Mark would benefit by such a union as was proposed. But for other engagements, he was sure Lord Donoughmore would have been with them that day, as also Lord Henniker, whom they had expected up to the last; still he felt that brother could give a good reason for his absence. With the toast was coupled the health of the Deputy Grand Masters, and other members of Mark Grand Lodge, Bro. Roebuck being called upon to respond. That brother replied to the toast with great pleasure; being mindful of the Chairman's remarks as to short speeches, he would not detain them. He referred to the progress lately made by Mark Masonry, and concluded by thanking those assembled for the compliment paid to the Grand Officers. Lord Skelmersdale next rose. Bro. Matier, in proposing his health, had referred to it as the toast of the evening; in this matter he disagreed with Bro. Matier. He considered the one he now had to introduce—Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund—was in reality the grand one of the evening. It was only lately that he had taken any interest in the Mark Degree, and he was pleased to find that it had made such a firm start. It had a Benevolent Fund of its own, which, though young, was prosperous. The present was the 10th anniversary of its establishment, £50 having been granted by Grand Lodge as its basis in 1868. The total which had been received since then was £1,263 9s 9d, out of which 28 cases had been relieved, and an amount of £850 invested, in addition to this they had a sum of £50 in hand. This balance he was aware was a small one, but they must remember that the calls on their funds had lately been numerous and frequent. The income arising from their invested property was also small, and he therefore felt justified in making a strong appeal for support, which he hoped would be accorded them in sufficient force to place them one day on a level with the Boys' Institution, and entitle them to rank as one of the great Masonic Charitable Funds. Bro. Dewar, the Assistant Grand Secretary, then read the following list of Stewards and amounts collected, the announcement of the total being enthusiastically received.

Rev. W. K. R. Bedford	R.W.P.G.M. Stafford and Warwick	-	-	14	10 0
John Wordsworth	R.W.P.G.M. West Yorkshire	-	-	10	10 0
Jas. Gardiner	Whitwell, 151	-	-	17	5 0
Jas. L. Thomas	Thistle, 8	-	-	17	18 0
Wm. Nicholl	St. Andrew's, 34	-	-	10	10 0
Alfred Scargill	Britannia, 53	-	-	5	5 0
John Fawcett	Do.	-	-	5	5 0
Francis Trickett	Do.	-	-	5	5 0
E. G. Tattershall	Hiram, 13	-	-	21	10 6
Captain J. Ritchie	Excelsior, 226	-	-	18	0 0
W. G. Brighten P.G.S.	Grosvenor, 144	-	-	25	13 0
Henry Bagot	Furness, 36	-	-	10	10 0
Richard Eve	Aldershot, 54	-	-	21	0 0
Chas. Harding	Carnarvon, 7	-	-	10	10 0
J. R. Goepel	West Lancashire, 65	-	-	70	5 0
A. Gorton	Dover and Cinque Ports, 152	-			
Richard Boggett	Lincolnshire	-	-	20	0 0
A. Thrale Perkins	Keystone, 109	-	-		
Thomas Cubitt	St. Mark's, 1	-	-	10	10 0
J. Cattley Mason	Southwark, 22	-	-	12	12 0
Rev. J. Hatch	Do.	-	-		
Col. J. Whitwell	D.P.G.M. Cumberland, &c.	-			
J. D. Sugden	D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire	-			
Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D.	Remigius, 17	-	-	5	15 0
John Barker	Fearnley, 58	-	-		
George Ward Verry	Macdonald, 104	-	-	12	12 0
J. T. Robinson	Humber, 182	-	-		
				£325	5 6

Seven lists yet to come.

Bro. Binckes, Grand Secretary, afterwards replied to the toast, referring to the remarks made by the Chairman as to the amount spent by Freemasons and others at their Charity dinners. He could not agree with the noble Chairman's remarks. His experience was that those who did not enjoy themselves at the banquet table seldom gave much for the help of their unfortunate fellow-creatures, and when they considered the infinitesmal amount spent on their dinners compared with the result of their labours, he thought few could wish to deprive them of this little enjoyment. As to the smallness of their fund, why should they despair? he could remember the time when £600 collected by thirty or thirty-five Stewards for the Boys' School was considered a grand result; surely there was no reason why they should not do as well as had been done before. The result of the labours of the Stewards of the day would enable them to increase their funded property to £1000. The health of the Stewards was next given, and with this toast the chairman had the pleasure of coupling the name of Bro. Goepel. That brother tendered his thanks for the honour thus conferred on him, a compliment no doubt paid him in consequence of his list being the largest of the day. He was specially pleased with this result, as it was in his Lodge that his Lordship, the president of the evening, was advanced to the Mark degree. Bro. Thomas now rose. There had been a contention, he said, as to which was the toast of the evening. First Bro. Matier had announced his as worthy of that position, then their chairman had advanced the claims of their Fund to that distinction, but he (Bro. Thomas) thought that the principal one had still to be given. He felt that the presence of the ladies had given a certain charm to the gathering which could not have arisen in any other way. He therefore called on the brethren to drink heartily to their good health, and to that of Bro. Brighten, whose name he would couple with the toast. Bro. Brighten had especial pleasure in responding to this toast. He felt that their summer meetings were among the most pleasant of the year, as thereat they were often able to enjoy the company of the ladies. He felt sure that more life would be given to Freemasonry in proportion to the interest taken in the Craft by the ladies, on whose behalf he acknowledged the kind remarks of Bro. Thomas. Bro. Levander concluded the toasts of the evening by giving that of the Press, to which Bros. W. W. Morgan and E. Massey responded. The whole of the arrangements of the Festival showed that its conduct had been placed in good hands. The company were indebted to Miss Binckes for presiding at the piano during the evening.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In answer to the letter of Bro. Mortlock, I beg to state—

1st. That there is no Metropolitan District in Mark Masonry.

2nd. That the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey was constituted in 1870.

3rd. That the Temple Mark Lodge, No. 173, was consecrated in 1874.

4th. That the Temple Mark Lodge meets at Stepney, in the county of Middlesex, and is therefore within the Province of Middlesex and Surrey.

5th. The Temple Mark Lodge refuses to pay dues or acknowledge the Provincial Grand Lodge in any way.

6th. That the Provincial Grand Lodge contests the so-called decision of the Temple Mark Lodge, and the matter has yet to be otherwise disposed of.

7th. That my report to the Provincial Grand Lodge was therefore correct.

Yours fraternally, W. G. BRIGHTEN,
Prov. G. Mark Sec. Middlesex and Surrey.

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18th July 1878.

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FREEMASONRY IN NORTH AFRICA.

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ON the afternoon of Saturday, the 22nd June, the Italian steamer "Caprera" anchored in the midst of the beautiful Bay of Tunis, which washes the shores rendered famous in history as the site of the once flourishing City of Carthage. The arrival of the "Caprera" had been anxiously expected by our brethren of Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717, who had assembled at the seaport of the Goletta to receive their worthy D.G.M., R.W. Bro. William Kingston, of Malta, and several of his Grand Officers, who had, with true Masonic zeal, and a courageous disregard of the inconveniences of an Oriental summer, travelled from Malta to pay an official visit to this young but prosperous Lodge, and at the same time to inaugurate the Mark Lodge Kingston, No. 222, and to consecrate the Royal Arch Chapter Ancient Carthage, No. 1717. The D.G.M., D.G.J.W., D.G. Reg., &c., were met at the Goletta by the W.M. Bro. Broadley, the S.W. Bro. the Rev. E. B. Frankel, the J.W. Bro. Barker C.E., the Chaplain Bro. the Rev. E. H. Shepherd B.A., the J.D. Bro. Pentecost, &c., and the party proceeded to Tunis by the evening train. On the following day a great number of the brethren (including the D.G.M.) attended divine service at the English Church dedicated to St. Augustine, where an eloquent and appropriate sermon was preached by the D.G. Chaplain Bro. E. B. Frankel S.W. 1717. On Monday the 24th June (by a happy coincidence the Feast of St. John the Baptist), a goodly number of English and foreigh brethren assembled in the commodious Masonic Hall, situated in a street bearing the Oriental name of Strada Si Aly Azuz. The Lodge-room had a peculiarly elegant appearance, and is furnished throughout in a complete and satisfactory manner. It is nearly 45 feet long, and will contain with ease about eighty brethren. The walls of the Lodge are covered with appropriate fresco, almost elaborate in design, and the whole house is brilliantly lighted with gas. A refreshment room, waiting room, &c., are comprised in the general arrangements. The Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717, was opened by W. Bro. Broadley (Barrister at Law) at 4 p.m. The following W.M.'s and P.M.'s were present—W. Bro. N. Lenghi 33° P.M. of Lodge Caprera at Alexandria (P.M. 1717), W. Bro. P. Ghiani-Mameli 32° P.M., and W.S. of the Lodge and Chapter Vittoria Fedelta at Cagliari, and Deputy for that City to the Parliament of Italy, W. Bro. Vais 33° deg. P.M. and W.S. at Leghorn, W. Bro. Dr. Mugnaini 31° deg. P.M. of the Lodge Carthage and Utica at Tunis, W. Bro. the Baron James Castellnuovo W.M. of the existing Italian Lodge Risorgimento at Tunis, and W. Bro. P. Sulema 18° deg. P.M. of the Italian Lodge Concordia and Progresso at Tunis. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Rev. E. B. Frankel S.W., J. E. L. Barker C.E. J.W., A. Blanch acting Treasurer, S. Souiller Secretary, A. Perini M.D. S.D., G. Pentecost J.D., Rev. E. H. Shepherd B.A. Chaplain, P. Paleologo I.G., V. C. Clement D. of C., M. Lumbroso and M. Schembri Stewards, and H. Haylock Tyler, together with Bros. the Chevalier Tulin de la Tunisie Consul General of the German Empire, J. J. Gardiner C.E., N. Cassanello M.D., and nearly fifty others, including the Officers of the newly founded Italian Lodge, Il Risorgimento. On an alarm being given that the District Grand Lodge of Malta sought admittance, a procession entered the Lodge in the following order—Bro. Beck D.G. Purs. and Bro. Paleologo D.G.S. bearing the greater lights, Bro. Pentecost D.G. Steward bearing the D.G.L. Banner, Bro. Rev. E. B. Frankel D.G. Chaplain, W. Bro. Charles Riechelman D.G.J.W., the R.W. Bro. William Kingston D.G.M. The D.G.M. was received with the honours due to his exalted rank. The D.G.M. assumed the gavel, and the W.M. Bro. Broadley his place as D.G.S.W. The other D.G. Officers assumed their posts, and D.G. Lodge was declared open in ample form. The D.G. Chaplain having offered up a prayer, the W.M. tendered the Books of the Lodge for the inspection of the D.G.M., and addressed that brother as follows:—

R.W. Sir,—Allow me, on behalf of myself and the Officers and members of this Lodge, to bid you welcome to "Ancient Carthage." We are deeply sensible of the honour you have done us to come amongst us, and of the great sacrifices made by yourself and your Grand Officers to accomplish this visit, so important in the annals of my Lodge, and, I feel sure, so much calculated to advance our prosperity. I feel almost justified in saying that your presence in Tunis to-day has a deep interest, not only for this Lodge and this District in particular, but for the Masonic world in general. Few spots possess greater attraction to the historical student of Masonry than the site of that mighty city from which we derive our name, the ruins of which are almost visible from the place on which we now stand. Founded by the countrymen of our Grand Master H. B. seven centuries before the Christian era, it was adorned and embellished by the "cunning workmen" of the Phœnician race, and finally, when Tyre itself fell before a victorious foe, it afforded a refuge to the descendents of those great men who originated, as our traditions inform us, the secrets and mysteries of our honourable order. The ruins of that once powerful city contain many a mark and many a symbol familiar to all workers of our Craft, and strange to say these marks and these symbols have been perpetuated by the Moslem conquerors whose children now possess those beautiful hills sloping down to the Mediterranean, once crowned by the Mistress of the World. It is to a Lodge and a country possessing these almost unrivalled associations that I welcome you to-day. You find in our midst many representatives of the G.O. of Italy, who join with us in thanking you for the honour you have done us to visit this distant part of your district. Italy and England have enjoyed a long and unbroken friendship, and I can truly state that the most cordial and fraternal feelings exist between the Italian and English Masons in Tunis. We all of us are determined to overcome the difficulties engendered by diversity of race and creed, and unite together in upholding by example as well as by precept the great doctrines upon which Freemasonry is based. The progress of our Lodge up to the present time has surpassed all our expectations. We owe much to the encouragement afforded us by yourself and your excellent D.D.G.M., W. Bro. Rosenbush, and your presence amongst us to-night fills our cup of gratitude to the brim. Your visit will always form an important epoch in the history of this Lodge, and will serve as an impetus to one and all of us to put forth fresh exertions in the Masonic cause. The Supreme Grand Chapter of England has lately given us a proof of its confidence in granting us a charter to open a Chapter in connection with our Lodge, and we are fully determined to justify the trust so kindly reposed in us, that neither the Grand Lodge nor the Grand Chapter may ever regret extending their jurisdiction and that of your District to the shores of North Africa, and thus enable English Masons to work English Masonry in the country which will always be associated with the fame and glory of the mighty Tyrian nation, to which, in all probability, we owe the very existence of our Order. The R.W.D.G.M. replied as follows: W. Bro. Broadley, W.P. Masters, Officers and Brethren,—I thank you very much for the cordial reception accorded by you this evening to my Grand Officers and myself. In coming amongst you I have done nothing more than fulfil my duty as D.G.M., and I must say that in the present instance my task has been a very pleasant one. I congratulate W. Bro. Broadley on the result of his great exertions in the cause of Masonry in Tunis, and particularly on the prosperity and increasing importance of the Lodge over which he rules. I only hope that the fame of the Ancient Carthage Lodge will be lasting, and that its future may be as satisfactory as its beginning. The R.W.D.G.M. closed the D.G.L. W. Bro. Broadley, at the request of the R.W.D.G.M., resumed the gavel, and proceeded with the ordinary work of the Lodge. Mr. Joseph Allegro, an officer in the Turkish army, was then introduced and initiated, in the French language, into the secrets and mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry in the E.A. degree. The W.M. alluded to the presence of the W.M. and Officers of the recently established Italian Lodge, Il Risorgimento, and wished both them and their Lodge every success. W. Bro. Baron Castellnuovo M.D. replied in appropriate terms, and expressed his high sense of W. Bro. Broadley's cordiality and good feeling towards the Lodge over which he had been elected to govern, and hoped that both Lodges would unite in forming a column of mutual defence and support. The Chaplain of the Lodge, Bro. E. H. Shepherd, having offered up an appropriate prayer, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6 p.m. At 8 o'clock a banquet was given under the presidency of the W.M., in the refreshment room, which was very numerously attended by the brethren and Masonic visitors. The usual toasts of obligation were given and responded to, that of the D.G.M. awakening peculiar enthusiasm. The W. Bro. Kingston, in returning thanks, expressed his gratification at the reception accorded to him and his Officers, and proposed the health of the W.M. and principal founder of the Lodge, W. Bro. Broadley. The W.M. proposed the health of the Officers, coupling with the toast that of Bro. the Rev. E. B. Frankel S.W., to whose Masonic zeal he rendered ample testimony. Several other toasts were proposed and answered to, and amongst them, that of the Grand Orient of Italy, responded to by W. Bro. Ghiani-Mameli Deputy of the Italian Parliament; W. Bro. J. M. P. Montague G.D. of England, Honorary Member of 1717; the former Masters of Lodges in Tunis, eloquently proposed by W. Bro. Lenghi, and responded to appropriately by W. Bro. Dr. Mugnaini and W. Bro. P. Sulema. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close at 11 p.m.

The next morning, at 8 a.m., the brethren met to dedicate the newly founded Mark Masons Lodge, Kingston, No. 222, named after the popular and much esteemed D.G.M. of Malta. The proceedings being opened according to ancient custom, the warrant was read, and R.W. Bro. Kingston P.M.M.M. 109, proceeded to instal the first W.M., W. Bro. Broadley. The following brethren were then advanced, viz., Bros. Perini, W. Castellnuovo C.E., Blanch, Dr. Cassanello, Schembri, Gardelle, Denti, Enriques and Barker. Another meeting was held at 4 p.m., when six other brethren attained the honourable degree, viz., the Chevalier Tulin de la Tunisie, Felice, They, Macario, Cassar, and Bourepanx. A third Mark Lodge was opened at 8 p.m., when seven other brethren sought advancement, *i.e.*, Bros. J. J. Gardiner C.E., V. Finzi, S. Arieti, V. C. Clement, M. Le Gallais, S. Souiller and E. Nurri. The ceremonies being over, and the advancement of the twenty-two candidates efficiently carried out, with the aid of the visiting brethren from Malta, a short address was delivered by the W.M. on the special interest of Mark Masonry for brethren in Tunis; he expressed his pleasure at the name of the Lodge, No. 222, serving as a memorial of the visit of the Installing Officer R.W. P.M.M. Kingston, and expressed a hope that it would ever continue as a memorial of his hard work and great popularity in the district over which he ruled. The D.G.M. having returned thanks, the W.M. invested the following Officers for the ensuing year, Bros. Rev. E. B. Frankel S.W., G. Pentecost J.W., Dr. A. Perini M.O., D. N. Cassanello S.O., J. J. Gardiner J.O., A. Blanch Treasurer, S. Souiller Secretary, P.M. Paleologo Registrar of Marks, M. Le Gallais S.D., E. Nurri J.D., V. C. Clement D. of C.; V. Finzi and E. Gardelle Stewards, H. Haylock Tyler. The Mark Lodge was then closed in ancient form at 10 p.m.

On Wednesday, the 6th June, at 4 p.m., the founders of the Ancient Carthage Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1717, assembled in the Masonic Hall to witness its consecration, and the installation of the first principal elect, E. Comp. A. M. Broadley W.M. 1717. The warrant having been read by the acting Scribe E., an elaborate address on the history, scope and aim of R.A. Masonry was delivered by the Consecrating Officer, E. Comp. Kingston P.Z. R.A.C. No. 349, which was listened to with marked attention, and highly appreciated. The Scribe E. elect, Comp. the Rev. E. B. Frankel, offered up a prayer, during which the consecrating elements were poured out, and afterwards incensed the four corners of the building according to ancient custom. The Chapter being declared consecrated, E. Comp. Kingston proceeded to instal in the first chair the Principal Z. elect, E. Comp. A. M. Broadley, as designated in the charter

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signed by the Three Grand Principals of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Lord Skelmersdale and Lord de Tabley, and I. Comp. Reichelman P.M. 515 in the third chair, while he himself, in conformity with the provisions of the warrant, assumed the chair of H. The following M.M.'s were then introduced to receive at their hands the benefits of exaltation, viz., W. Bros. Mugnaini 32°, Lenghi 33°, and the Baron Castellnuovo, all P.M.'s of Lodges under the G.O. of Italy; and Bros. the Chevalier Tulin de la Tunisie (Consul General for Germany), Chevalier J. Cubisol Consul for Denmark and Belgium, J. J. Gardiner C.E., J. B. Bourepaux, E. Gardelle, A. Blanch, G. B. Cassar, J. E. L. Barker C.E. and Dr. N. Cassanello. The Chapter was then adjourned till 8 o'clock, when Bros. the Professors Souiller and Clement, and E. Nurrie were exalted. Before the closing of the Chapter the M.E.Z. Comp. Broadley delivered a short address on the position and nature of the degree, and its relation with foreign Masonry. The Chapter being closed in ancient form, the Companions adjourned to a banquet, where the usual Masonic and Loyal toasts were honoured and enthusiastically received.

On the following day the R.W.D.G.M., accompanied by Bros. Broadley D.G.S.W. W.M. of 1717, and W. Bro. Reichelman D.G.J.W. and P.M. 515, together with all the Officers of the Ancient Carthage Lodge, paid a visit to the newly established Lodge, Il Risorgimento, working under the auspices of the G.O. of Italy. The W.M. of this Lodge is Bro. the Baron J. Castellnuovo M.D., Surgeon to the late King of Italy, and who, on the previous day, was exalted in the Ancient Carthage Chapter, and the subordinate Officers are as follow: Bros. Dr. Funaro S.W., Professor Vais 33° J.W., Professor Ayra Orator, G. Maltesopolo Sec., Pariente Treas., Attia D. of C., and J. Enriquez Almoner. The Lodge being opened in due form, the D.G.M. was received under the Arch of Steel, and with the honours peculiar to Italian Masonry. A most cordial reception was accorded to W. Bro. Broadley and his Officers, and Bro. Broadley returned thanks in appropriate terms. The work of the evening was proceeded with, and two candidates, Messrs. Parienti and Senigallia, satisfactorily initiated according to the peculiar Ritual practised in Italy. After the ceremony an address of much real value and research was delivered by the Orator, Bro. Professor Ayra, and listened to with deep attention by all present. At 9·30 the members and visitors, over sixty in number, adjourned to refreshment, and in order entered the beautiful and tastefully decorated banquetting room of the Lodge, which is held in one of those ancient Moorish palaces which excite the admiration of all European visitors. The room and tables were most elaborately decorated with flowers, national flags, &c. While speaking on this head, it would be difficult to accord too much praise to the courteous and hard working Stewards, Bros. Catalanotti, Attia, Sannino and Jedetchi, whose exertions added not a little to the perfect success of the entertainment, which can only be described as a dinner of the most elaborate kind. The toasts of the King of Italy and the G.M. of the G.O. of Italy having been drunk, coupled with that of our own Royal M.W.G.M., the W.M. proposed the health of the D.G.M. of Malta, in felicitous terms declaring that his visit to Tunis would be considered an epoch in the annals of Italian as well as English Masonry. The D.G.M. returned thanks, and W. Bro. Lenghi explained his remarks in Italian. The W.M. proceeded to propose the health of W. Bro. Broadley, whom he characterised as his co-worker in the Masonic ranks, and to him he attributed the credit of bringing about, by indefatigable exertion, the great Masonic revival now taking place in Tunis. W. Bro. Broadley returned thanks, declaring that the evening they had spent was a full recompense for any effort of his, and expressed a hope that harmony, affection and brotherly love would unite and cement the two sister Lodges of Ancient Carthage and Risorgimento, which might be appropriately considered as typifying the mutual goodwill and regard existing between the two nations to which they belonged. Several other toasts were proposed and drank with great enthusiasm, particularly that of an absent Bro., J. H. Stevens British Vice-Consul, at present recovering from severe illness, to which W. Bro. Broadley responded, and appropriately answered by proposing the health of his able medical adviser, Dr. Funaro, the S.W. of Lodge Risorgimento. The W.M. having to leave for Goletta by special train, placed W. Bro. Broadley in charge of the Lodge, and the harmony of the evening was continued till a late hour, when a burst of enthusiasm was awakened by the chairman proposing and giving the parting toast according to our English usage. The brethren separated about midnight, with but one feeling as to the reception accorded to them by their Italian brethren, viz., one of complete and universal satisfaction.

After a visit to the ruins of Carthage, and a few hours of needful repose on Friday, the R.W.D.G.M. and his officers proceeded to Goletta, on Saturday the 29th June, by the 10 a.m. train, accompanied by a large number of brethren belonging to both the Tunis Lodges. Here the party was received by the respected agents of the Tunisian Railway, Messrs. Williamson and Gardiner, and going on board the steam launch belonging to the Company, soon reached the steam ship "Lancefield," on which they embarked. All being prepared for departure, the last adieus were exchanged, and the Tunis brethren quitted the steamer, which soon left them and North Africa behind. Nothing more remains to be said, but that the R.W.D.G.M. during his visit, by his patience, courtesy and ability, earned the hearty good-will of every Mason in Tunis, English or foreign, and that his sojourn amongst them will ever be pleasantly and gratefully remembered in the days to come.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—These highly-efficient remedies should be at once resorted to on the first appearance of febrile or bowel complaints. It is well known that during the heat of summer and early autumn the mucous membrane of the alimentary canal is peculiarly liable to become excited and inflamed, and then dysentery, diarrhœa, cramps, English cholera, and various other complaints of that nature are very frequent. To remedy these painful and dangerous diseases, Holloway's Ointment should be thoroughly rubbed into the surface of the stomach and bowels, and it will be found that so soon as it penetrates the skin, the vomiting and nausea will abate, the cramps and pain disappear, and all other symptoms quickly subside.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

AT the Quarterly Communication held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday, 15th April 1878, there were present—W. Bros. W. H. Simpson D.D.G.M. in the chair, Henry Westcott D.S.G.W., Wm. George Cassidy D.J.G.W., Rev. W. Beg M.D. LL.D. D.G.C., Nicholas Hopson D.G. Treas., A. Gardner D.G. Reg., N. Selfe Pres. Bd. Gen. Purp., R. Lewerthy D.G. Sec., M. Medway D.S.G.D., N. J. Robinson D.J.G.D., John Booth D.G.S. of W., F. B. Davidson D.G.D. of C., H. J. Wager D.G.A.D. of C., J. Carroll D.G. Organist, H. Perdrian D.G.A. Purs., S. A. De Lisa D.G.T., and other brethren. D.G. Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the Communication of the 21st January, also those of the Special Communication, held at Maitland, for the purpose of consecrating and dedicating the new Hall at that place, on the 25th February last, were severally read and confirmed.

The D.D.G.M. read a letter addressed to himself, from the D.G.M., regretting that he was unable, through indisposition, to attend D.G. Lodge that evening, and requested the D.D.G.M. to inform the members of D.G. Lodge that no change would be made in the Officers who had been appointed on the 19th November last; and also to state, for the information of D.G. Lodge, that a new Lodge, named the Goulburn, had been opened by himself, assisted by W. Bro. Hopson D.G. Treas., in Goulburn, on the 25th February last. The D.D.G.M. stated that the Committee elected at the January Communication to revise the By-Laws of D.G. Lodge, were unable to bring up their reports that evening. He had obtained the by-laws of the D.G. Lodge of Victoria to assist him, and had drafted a revised code for the consideration of the Committee. Their report would be brought up at the next Communication of D.G. Lodge. W. Bro. Webster P.S.D.G.D., read the Auditors' Report with Balance Sheets of D.G. Lodge, and Benevolent Fund for the past year. W. Bro. E. O. Smith P.D.D.G.M. said, as this was, according to their by-laws, the Annual Meeting, the D.G. Treasurer should be elected. This part of the business had been omitted in the agenda paper. Bro. Harper, W.M. 655, also supported this view of the matter. The D.D.G.M. said the Treasurer had been elected in November last, and in the opinion of the D.G.M. should hold office until the same month in the present year, but if it was the wish of D.G. Lodge, he had no objection to the election of Treasurer that evening. After some farther discussion it was decided to proceed to the election, when Bro. Webster proposed, and Bro. Westcott D.G.S.W. seconded, that Bro. Hopson be elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. This was put and carried. W. Bros. Davidson and Ballard were appointed Scrutineers for the election of six Past Masters to serve on the Board of General Purposes. A ballot having been taken, the result was declared as follows:—Bros. Webster 1169, Wager 390, Kennedy 1653, Monckton 937, D. Mitchell 1552, and Read 817. A ballot was then taken for the election of six Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence; the Scrutineers declaring the result of the ballot as follows:—Bros. Webster 1169, Wager 390, Kennedy 1653, Monckton 937, D. Mitchell 1552, and Read 817. Bro. Medway S.D.G.D. moved, and Rev. Bro. Beg D.G. Chaplain seconded, that Bro. D. Mitchell W.M. 390, and Bro. Mulholland P.M. 656, be elected Auditors for the ensuing year, which motion was duly carried. The D.G. Sec. stated that no meetings of Committee of General Purposes had been held during the past year. Bro. Wager, President, brought up the Report of the Committee of Benevolence, showing the amount voted in relief of applicants since last Communication to be £27, and the amount granted during the past year £216. The D.G. Sec. brought up the Report of the Committee of Orphan Society, with the Balance Sheet for the year ending in January last, which was read and ordered to be printed and circulated. Bro. Hopson, D.G. Treasurer, proposed, seconded by Bro. Taylor, acting S.D.G.W., that the Secretary's Salary be the same as last year, namely, £150,—carried. The same brother moved that the salary of Tyler be the same as last year, namely, £8. This was seconded by Bro. Davis P.M. 655, and carried.

The D.D.G.M., in reply to a question from W. Bro. E. O. Smith P.D.D.G.M., said the D.G.M. was not aware that any distinguishing badge was worn by members of the Lodge Empress of India.

W. Bro. E. O. Smith P.D.D.G.M. said the D.G.M. had stated he would only hold office for three years, and was proceeding to comment thereon, when Rev. Bro. Beg, D.G. Chaplain, rose to a point of order, and said the remarks of Bro. Smith were out of order as the question was not before the D.G. Lodge. The D.D.G.M. ruled the discussion out of order, the subject was not before the D.G. Lodge that evening, the proper time to discuss the matter would be when it came before them in the new by-laws, he also declined to answer questions of which proper notice had not been given to the District Grand Lodge. The business being ended, the D.G. Lodge was closed in form.

From the balance sheet of D.G. Lodge, we find that the New South Wales Freemasons' Orphan Society has a balance in hand of £532 15s 3d, besides £3,437 invested in shares of the Freemasons' Hall Co., and £1,100 in Government Debentures. The Masonic Benevolent Fund also exhibits a most satisfactory condition, there being, after payment of all charges, a cash balance of £101 15s 11d, with £300 on deposit, and £100 invested in Government Debentures. Thus, the two Masonic Charity Funds of New South Wales together possess property representing £6,633 11s 2d, a result, we feel sure, that the brethren of that district must be highly satisfied with, showing as it does that during times of prosperity they are not unmindful to lay up funds which hereafter may serve to relieve any who from unforeseen circumstances may have occasion to avail themselves of their benefits.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire will be held on Friday next, at Watford, under the banner of the Watford Lodge,

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SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

IN these days of Summer Festivals the first and most important question to decide is,—where to go? Some like a water trip, others are particularly averse to that mode of locomotion, while few can say they enjoy a long journey by train during such hot weather as we usually experience at this season of the year. We are, therefore, pleased to hear of any place which offers accommodation for ourselves and friends and yet is within easy reach from all parts of London. We feel sure that those who visited the Zoological Gardens on Thursday last, to take part in the festival of the New Concord Lodge, will agree with us, that here are to be found such attractions as are not attainable elsewhere within a reasonable distance. Such of our friends as were able to spare an hour or two previous to the meeting found a pleasure in inspecting the varied collection of the Zoological Society, and may have had an opportunity of judging of the effect of the surroundings on the appetites of the wild residents of the Gardens. Bro. Trotman, who has the management of the refreshment department, has too wide a reputation to need praise from us, still we have pleasure in adding our meed to the innumerable recognitions he has received. The meeting of Thursday was the first Masonic gathering that has been held in the Gardens of the Zoological Society, but we feel sure that it will not be the last; in fact, as we write, we are informed that the Belgrave Lodge intend holding their Festival there on Thursday next. If they are favoured with fine weather, we predict for them a successful gathering. At the conclusion of the banquet, Bro. Stead, the W.M., who occupied the chair, gave the toast of the Queen, which having been duly honoured, was followed by that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal family. After a song, the president proposed the Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers. With this toast he had the pleasure of coupling the name of Bro. Buss, who he felt sure was heartily welcomed by every member of the Lodge. Bro. Buss in his reply referred to the mention that had lately been made by the heads of the Craft to the pleasure they experience in seeing ladies join in banquets connected with the Order. He thought it would be a source of gratification for the Grand Officers to see such good feeling as always prevailed at the New Concord Lodge. With the next toast, that of the Masonic Charities, the W.M. coupled the name of Bro. Gallant, who briefly enumerated, for the benefit of the ladies and non-Masons who were present, the various Institutions connected with the Craft, and the particular work they were appointed to carry out. Prosperity to the New Concord Lodge was next given, coupled with the name of the Past Masters thereof. To this toast Bro. Main responded. Being one of the oldest members of the Lodge, he could refer to its prosperity with pride. In the first two years of their existence they had made themselves Vice Presidents of the three Charities, since that time they had never lost an opportunity of working for the benefit of the Craft. He felt that what they had done for the Charities was a sure proof, if any were needed, that they had not wasted their money. Bro. Harper the S.W. of the Lodge gave the health of the President, to most of whom present he was personally known, but to those who had not the pleasure of his acquaintance the speaker could assure them he was a true friend and a brother in every sense of the word. Bro. Stead briefly acknowledged the compliment paid him. If in introducing the various toasts, or in responding to the kind remarks made in reference to himself, he had not said all that was necessary, he must excuse himself on account of time being limited. He felt he had the good wishes of the members of this Lodge, on all of whom he could rely for support. He then gave the health of the Vice-President, coupling with the toast the Officers and Stewards of the Lodge. Bro. Harper responded. The Visitors were next honoured. The members of the New Concord always held this toast in high esteem, and were always pleased to receive visitors. Bro. Painter of the Belgrave Lodge replied, he felt that the Visitors had one and all enjoyed themselves, and were greatly indebted to their hosts for providing so pleasant an entertainment. The Masonic Press was next given, coupled with the name of Bro. W. W. Morgan jun., and then Bro. Cusworth I.P.M. proposed the health of the Ladies, calling upon Bro. Thomas to respond on their behalf. This brother did so, and thanked the brethren for having remembered the ladies when making arrangements for their Summer Festival. The party then repaired to the lawn, and there enjoyed themselves until the lateness of the hour suggested the desirability of the homeward journey. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Mr. Arthur Jarratt, who was assisted by Miss Matilda Roby and Mr. H. Seligman, who carried out their duties in first rate style. Especial praise is due to Miss Roby, whose rendering of the two songs entrusted to her called forth well merited applause; in the case of the latter the demand for an encore was kindly acceded to.

THE AMERICAN MASONIC PILGRIMAGE.

ON Thursday next the Pilgrims of the Mary Commandery, No. 36 (K.T.), Philadelphia, U.S.A., who arrived at Moville this week by the Anchoria from New York, and who are this day *en route* from Belfast to Glasgow, will visit the ancient city of York, the scene of the earliest traditional gatherings of Freemasons in England, and the centre of so much that is interesting in the history of our country. We are glad to hear that they are to meet with such a truly Masonic reception in the old capital of the North as will prove to them that there is still a living spirit in the brethren of the mother country, and that the exercise of hospitality has not been forgotten in the great northern county. The pilgrims will reach York *vid* Leeds on the evening of the 24th inst., and will stay at the New Station Hotel. On the following morning they will be conducted by the W.M. of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, assisted by several brethren, to the various places of interest in the city. The ruins of St. Mary's Abbey, the Cathedral, the walls and ancient gateways, will all be inspected, and in the afternoon the Pilgrims will be entertained at luncheon by the members of the Eboracum Lodge. At 4 p.m. there will be an emergency meeting of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory of Knight Templars, No. 101, at which the American members of the Order will be present, when the ceremonies of reception and installation will be worked by a number of Preceptors and Officers of the Order, and the visitors will receive a formal welcome. At 7 p.m. there will be a grand banquet at the Station Hotel, under the banners of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory and Priory of Malta, at which the Americans will be the guests of the Knight Templars of York. By the kind permission of Bro. Major T. B. Shaw-Hellier of the 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards (W.M. of the St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 295 I.C.), the band of that regiment will be in attendance at the banquet, and will perform a selection of appropriate music. A novel feature in the banquet will be the introduction of ladies, who will be present during the proceedings. We may add that although the banquet is given by the Knight Templars, Masons of all grades may be present. On Friday morning the Pilgrims take their departure for Sheffield, where we understand they will receive an equally warm welcome from the united Craft Lodges of that city.

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THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I desire to correct a few errors, in regard to dates, which have occurred whilst passing through the press.

§ 4. List No. 2 (1723).—The date against No. 6 should be 17th January 1721.

§ 5. List No. 3 (1729, Pine).—The date against No. 12 should be *May* 1728. List 1730 (By S. Prichard, *not* Pine.) The date against No. 4 should be 17th January 1722. The date against No. 6 should be 19th January 1722.

§ 6. List No. 4 (1738, Anderson).—The date against No. 4 should be 11th July 1721.

§ 7. List No. 5.—Present No. 8 should be dated 19th January 1722.

Present No. 18 should be dated March 1723.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

THE LAUNCH AT CLACTON-ON-SEA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your remarks on the unsatisfactory arrangements for the comfort and convenience of brethren who were present at the launch of our Life-boat, certainly do not err on the side of severity; on the contrary, I think you have drawn it too mild, and that a sharper castigation should have been administered to the Clactonian small fry, who are already aping the conduct of the frog in the fable, and imagine they are an important municipality. I believe there is a law in Essex by which those whose duty it is to attend Prov. G. Lodge, and who do not put in an appearance, are fined a brace of guineas. Those present therefore were there in the fulfilment of a duty with a penalty attached to its non-fulfilment. But even if this were not the case, the majority of those present had travelled many miles in order, as far as each individually was concerned, to make the launch as great a success as possible. But the launch and the procession over, the Masons, who with their Life-boat had formed the principal attraction, were left to shift for themselves, while the Committee and its principal guests, Lord Skelmersdale, &c., &c., who could not be ignored, sat down to banquet. Looking at the matter from a purely business point of view, the show was a capital paying advertisement to Clacton-on-Sea, and the local Committee should not have ignored those who helped to make the day a success. For a man to be compelled to travel sixty or seventy miles to take a part in a show for the benefit of others, and then to be ignored by those others, well—it is simply disgusting.

Fraternally yours,

"OBSERVER."

A meeting of the Rose Croix Chapter will be held at the Phœnix Lodge, Portsmouth, on Monday evening, when several distinguished visitors of the degree are expected to attend.

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MARK MASONRY.

GRAND LODGE OF THE PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Master of the above Province, the Reverend Bro. George Raymond Portal, M.A., with his Officers, honoured the Aldershot Mark Lodge, No. 54, by holding their annual meeting at the Assembly Rooms, Aldershot, on Wednesday 10th July, 1878. The Lodge was tyled at 2.30 p.m., when there were present:—The M.W. and Reverend Bro. G. R. Portal, M.A., in the chair. The Very Worshipful Bro. W. Hickman, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; The Very Worshipful and Reverend Bro. Johnson, No. 17, Prov. Grand Chaplain; The Very Worshipful Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, Prov. Grand Secretary; Worshipful Bro. R. Eve, No. 54, Prov. Senior Grand Warden; Worshipful Bro. Groves, No. 17, Prov. Grand Junior Warden; Worshipful Bro. Harrison, No. 62, Prov. Grand Deacon; Worshipful Bro. Osborne, No. 17, Prov. Grand Sword Bearer; Worshipful Bro. T. J. Pulley, No. 54, Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies; Bros. Hacker, Gold, Adnett, Douglas, Benham, Nichols, Westall, Dormor, Bruce, Ellis, White, and others of Lodge 54. After the ordinary business of the Lodge, the M.W. Prov. Grand Master invested his Officers for ensuing twelve months as follow:—Very Worshipful Bro. Hickman, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Worshipful Bro. Everard, No. 17, Senior Grand Warden; Bro. Henry Hacker, No. 54, Junior Grand Warden; Reverend Bro. Johnson, No. 17, Grand Chaplain; Bro. J. Lillywhite, No. 17, Grand Treasurer; Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, No. 63, Grand Secretary; Bro. Thos. Benham, No. 54, Senior Grand Deacon; Bro. Osborne, No. 17, Junior Grand Deacon; Bro. Douglas, No. 54, Master Overseer; Bro. Payne, No. 2, Senior Overseer; Bro. Harrison, No. 62, Junior Overseer; Bro. Cole, No. 54, Inspector of Works; Bro. McKenzie, No. 54, Assistant Director of Ceremonies; Bro. Askham, No. 54, Inner Guard. The business of the Lodge being over, it was closed in due form after solemn prayer. The brethren then retired to an excellent banquet, which was provided at the Wellington Hotel and served in that *recherché* style for which this hotel is noted. After the usual loyal toasts had been proposed and drunk with that enthusiasm which characterises Freemasons, the Prov. Grand Master expressed the great satisfaction experienced in complimenting the Master, Wardens and members of the Aldershot Lodge upon having made during the past two years greater progress than any other Lodge in the Province. The Prov. Grand Master then proposed the health of the "Provincial Officers" which was responded to by Worshipful Bro. Hickman and Bro. Eve, who stated that it afforded the brethren of the Aldershot Lodge much pleasure in having the honour to entertain the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and still more to hear the complimentary terms in which the Most Worshipful Prov. Grand Master had been pleased to speak of their efforts to promote the best interests of Freemasonry in this district, and that he might depend that what had been done in the past was an earnest of their zeal in the future. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then proposed the health of the "Master, Wardens, and Members of the Aldershot Lodge." Bro. Hacker, in the absence of the W.M., responded, and thanked the Provincial Grand Master for the honour done the Lodge in appointing Aldershot for the meeting this year, and also in selecting members of that Lodge for his Officers. After some excellent songs by Bros. Eve, Adnett, White, and Hacker, the brethren left, at an early hour.

United Service Lodge, 1,428.—The installation of Bro. James Leggett as Worshipful Master of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, on Friday 12th inst. About 130 members and visitors attended. The Lodge met at three o'clock, and after the ordinary business on the notice paper had been transacted, the W.M. elect was presented to the installing master (Bro. H. Townsend, the retiring W.M.) and duly installed, in accordance with the ancient customs of the Craft, the Board of Installed Masters being composed of the following:—Bros. M. E. Frost P.G. Treasurer. G. S. Lancaster P.P.G. Warden, E. G. Holbrook P.P.G. Registrar, Dr. J. O'Connor W.M. 257, Payne W.M. 342, H. Threndingham W.M. 487, G. Felton Lancaster P.M. 903, A. L. Emanuel P.M. 1069, Lieut. J. R. W. Quinn W.M. St. Aubyn Lodge 954, Bros. Lieut. Bourke, J. R. Wilson, Holmes, Lind, Jackson, and Farran, P.M.'s of the Lodge. Among the other Visitors were Bros. R. Barnes J.W. 342, R. W. Mitchell J.W. 903, W. R. Bowden P.G. Pursvt. (Oxon), Palsgrave S.D. 487, Lieutenant W. M. Noel, R.E., St. John and St. Paul 349 D.G. Supt. of Works, T. Page 342, Outridge I.G. 487, &c., &c. At the conclusion of the ceremony of installation, which was ably and impressively conducted by Bro. Townsend, the following brethren were appointed Officers of the Lodge:—Bros. Williams S.W., John J.W., T. Mares Treasurer, Woodward Secretary, Strick S.D., May J.D., J. R. Wilson P.M. D.C., Wilton Organist, Laverty I.G., Nesder and Walton Stewards, Mansell and Vinnicombe Tylers. The W.M. subsequently presented a P.M.'s jewel (which had been subscribed for by the members of the Lodge) to Bro. Townsend, referring in eulogistic terms to his exertions for the welfare of the Lodge during his year of office. The Treasurer's account showed the Lodge to be in a highly satisfactory financial position, and notices of motion were given to vote the sum of 10 guineas to the widow of a deceased member, 10 guineas to the Eurydice Relief Fund, and £50 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The banquet was served in the large dining hall of the Lodge, the tables being tastefully arranged, a choice collection of foliage and other plants from Messrs. Cripps and Son, Portsea, adding considerably to the effect. About 100 members and visitors attended, the W.M. presiding. The usual toasts were given from the chair. Bro. Frost, in responding for the Provincial Grand Officers, alluded to the fact of his having installed Bro. Townsend as W.M. twelve months since. He said he then felt he would do credit to the Craft by his working, and honour to the Lodge, and he thought this had been proved. The next toast, "The W.M.," was proposed by Bro. Townsend, the I.P.M., and received with great enthusiasm. In giving the toast, Bro. Townsend said it had been his pleasing duty that evening to instal in his stead Bro. Leggett, one of the oldest members of the Lodge, and he felt sure if his zeal and attention to the duties as W.M. were in keeping with what he had hitherto shown, they would have no cause to regret the choice they had made. Having referred to the possible absence of the W.M. on duty during some portion of the year, Bro. Townsend said he felt it was not fair to a brother who had attained a position entitling him to the chair that he should be debarred from filling the post of W.M. in consequence of his duties in the service to which he might happen to belong. The toast was drunk with musical honours. The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the hearty reception accorded to the toast, assured the members of the Lodge he would do his best to keep up the name of that Lodge—one of the youngest, but the strongest in number, and by no means the weakest in funds, as their balance-sheet would show (Applause.) He should do his utmost to keep up the position of the Lodge—no easy task after succeeding their late W.M. In proposing the health of the Installing Master, the W.M. said he was sure they would all join in saying he had performed the ceremony in a most able manner. He also spoke of his services to the Lodge during the past year, a reference which evoked expressions of approval from all present. Bro. Townsend, in acknowledgment, said he had always made it his study, from the foundation of the Lodge, to watch its interests. They had had their little drawbacks at times, but the present position of the Lodge showed that it had not suffered from them. Alluding to the presentation made him in the Lodge, he said he esteemed it a very high compliment. He looked forward to the time when the Lodge would have a building of its own, worthy the united services (Applause.) It only required a long and strong pull of all hands, and he hoped in a month or two to submit a scheme which would meet with their approval (Hear, hear.) Other toasts followed, "The Visitors" being proposed by Bro. Lieut. S. G. T. Bourke P.M., and responded to by Bro. Bowden, P.G. Pursvt. (Oxon). Some excellent songs were given during the evening, those by Bro. Sylvester being specially worthy of mention. The new W.M. enters upon his year of office under the most favourable auspices, the Lodge being, as already stated, numerically and financially strong.—*Portsmouth Times.*

NEW ZEALAND.

AT the invitation of the Lodge Waitemata, E.C., a large gathering of Masons was held at the Masonic Hotel, Auckland, on 21st May, to attend a banquet, as a mark of respect on the occasion of the departure from the district of the R.W.D.G.M. Bro. Geo. S. Graham. The Lodge business, after the Lodge had been opened, was formally adjourned for the specific business of the evening. A banquet was spread in the Lodge-room by Bro. Hood, proprietor, at which all the customary viands and wines were supplied regardless of cost. Bro. G. S. Graham presided, and amongst the visitors and guests were Bros. W. Lodder A.G.J.W., H. G. Wade D.G. Sec., J. Warren D.G.J.W., Moet W.M. Lodge Rodney, Walker R.W.M. St. Andrew. The whole of the Officers of the Lodge Ara which attended as a Lodge were represented, and the other Lodges were all fully represented. The principal Officers were Bros. Cole W.M. of Lodge Waitemata, P.M. Warren, Moet W.M. Rodney, Lery W.M. Prince of Wales, Buchanan W.M. Tauranga; P.M.'s Mitchell, Rees, Burns, Lears; Bros. Haase Remuera Lodge. In fact, all the Lodges were fully represented. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Bro. F. Whitaker R.W.P.G.M., S.C., G. P. Pierce R.W.P.G.M., I.C., Nelson W.M. and others. After the supper, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. Bro. P.M. Lodder proposed the toast of the Grand Masters of the three Masonic Constitutions, coupled with the names of Bros. Graham, Whitaker, and Pierce. In the course of his address he bore testimony to the efforts of Bro. Graham in the cause of Masonry. Bro. Graham in reply expressed regret at having to offer apologies from Bros. Pierce and Whitaker. He thanked those present for the manner in which they had responded to the toast, and for the good fellowship with which he had always been received. Although absent in body from them for a short period, he would be present in spirit. He referred more particularly to his connection with Lodge Waitemata, and expressed his hearty good wishes to the brethren generally, and more especially to Bro. Lodder, who had rendered him such able and willing assistance. Bro. Wade proposed the toast of the Senior Lodge Ara, referring to the close fraternal connection which had existed between that Lodge and Waitemata. Bro. Wilcox responded. Bro. Hatswell proposed the toast of "the Sister Lodges, which was responded to by the Visitors present. In replying to this toast Bro. Buchanan, from Gisborne, gave some curious reminiscences. He had instituted Lodge Waitemata, and had at the installation taken one of the junior offices. In 1854 he became W.M. On looking around him he could see few of the old faces. His old friends had gone, but Masonry was still progressing. The good work the old masters had performed still existed, and where they sowed, fruit was borne. The various Lodges had prospered, and he believed they would carry Masonry through New Zealand till it flourished as it did in England. Bro. Burns proposed the toast of the "Visiting Brethren, coupled with name of Bro. Irving." Bro. Irving responded in a neat speech, alluding to the cordiality which he found existing amongst the Auckland lodges. He referred to the subject of the building of a new hall in Auckland, also to that of the formation of a district Grand Lodge in Auckland for the colonies of New Zealand. Bro. Buchanan proposed the toast of "The W.M. of Lodge Waitemata," and Bro. Cole responded, proposing the toast of "The R.W.D.G.M. Bro. Graham." To this the latter responded. A number of other toasts, including "The health of Bros. Wade and Burns," "The Press," "The Host and Hostess," and others followed. Intervening between the speeches were a numbers of songs, and a very interesting and pleasant evening was spent.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

IN the House of Lords on Thursday last, after a question by Earl Granville as to when our Plenipotentiaries would arrive in London, the Foreign Jurisdiction and Epping Forest Bills—the former on the motion of the Lord Chancellor, and the latter on the motion of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon—were read a second time. The Earl of Shaftesbury then rose and asked if the Government intended to maintain or suppress slavery in Cyprus, as they had done in India. Lord Stanley thought the question was put prematurely, and the Duke of Richmond and Gordon said the Government would be able to state the course they intended to pursue when they had received the report of Sir Garnet Wolseley. Earl Granville having asked if the island possessed any harbours, and the Earl of Kimberley having said that he saw no reason why the Government should not make a general declaration against slavery, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon replied that there was no harbour in the widest sense in Cyprus, but there were excellent anchorages, while as for slavery, he thought their action in Zanzibar and their Convention with Egypt were evidence that the Government were not less concerned than others about the abolition of slavery. Vivisection, Muzzle v. Breech-loading Guns, and Railway Platforms, occupied their Lordships' attention on Friday for a short time. On Monday, a question as to when the Treaty would be on the table of the House, was shortly afterwards followed by another respecting the sanitary condition of the island. Then an amendment of their Lordships to the Poor Law Act Amendment Bill, which had not found favour with the Commons, was supported by 41 to 27 Other Bills were dealt with, and in the course of the debate which followed a question by Lord Waveney as to the number of English officers with Indian Regiments, to which Lord Cranbrook replied satisfactorily, the Duke of Cambridge bore splendid testimony to the efficiency of the Indian troops, and spoke most highly of what he had seen of them during his visit to Malta. Lord Napier of Magdala, Lord Napier and Ettrick, Lord Lawrence, and the Earl of Northbrook also spoke on the subject. On Tuesday, Lord Dunsany questioned the use of certain terms in the Annexe to the Anglo-Turkish Convention, and Lord Cranbrook answered the objections. His Lordship then announced that the ill-fated Eurydice, which was struck by a squall some months since, and went down with nearly all on board, had been raised from the sandy bed on which it had gradually settled down and moved to a firm bottom some 180 feet nearer the shore. The vessel has since been got into shallow water.

Questions respecting Cyprus, its institutions, and its harbours, if any, were put in the House of Commons on Thursday, after which an unsuccessful attempt was made to get rid of the Irish Sunday Closing Bill, the result being that the House agreed by a large majority to go into Committee and consider the amendments. On Friday, further amendments were made in Committee to the Highways Bill, after which the House went into Committee on the Admiralty and War Office Retirement of Officers Bill, and made some progress with it. At the evening sitting, a resolution was submitted by Mr. Henry, respecting the circumstances attending the death of the released Fenian convict, Sergeant M'Carthy, but it was defeated by 101 to 35. On Monday, a whole batch of questions about Turkey, Cyprus, Russia, &c., was asked, after which the Marquis of Hartington sought to obtain a statement from the Chancellor of the Exchequer as to the progress of business during the remainder of the Session. The Intermediate Education (Ireland) Bill was read a second time on the motion of Mr. Lowther, after congratulatory speeches from all parts of the House. Having passed the Irish Education Votes in Committee of Supply, the House rose. On Tuesday, after a protracted discussion and several divisions, the House agreed to go into Committee on the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Bill, but no progress was made with it, and on Wednesday afternoon, after further sparring, the House settled down and got as far as Clause 9.

By the time these lines meet the eye of our readers the Queen will have arrived at Osborne, where she will be visited by the Prime Minister. Her departure from Windsor would have taken place earlier in the week, had not her Majesty waited in order that she might receive the Premier's visit; but his lordship needed a longer period of repose after the fatigues of his journey, and his recent attack of bronchitis. However the Marquis of Salisbury has had an audience of the Queen, and presented formally to her Majesty the Berlin Treaty. The Prince and Princess of Wales have been on a visit to Bristol to see the Bath and West of England Agricultural Show, and their reception, as usual, was of a most enthusiastic character. They have likewise been down to Aldershott, where a review and sham fight of the force quartered there was held in their presence, the Duke of Cambridge being likewise present. The Prince has since left London for Paris, and His Royal Highness was present at the grand English Concert given in the Exhibition Palace.

We consider that Freemasonry is still pretty hard at work, even though it is holiday time. The annual gathering of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Surrey was held at Dorking on Tuesday, under the presidency of the very popular Prov. G.M., General Brownrigg, C.B., and the following day the annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held at the Alexandra Palace, the chair being taken by Lord Skelmersdale, Grand Mark Master of England and Wales, &c. Particulars of these gatherings will be found elsewhere. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire will hold its annual meeting next week at the Freemasons' Hall, Watford, the day fixed being Friday, the 26th instant. The P.G. Lodge will be opened at three p.m., and after the transaction of business, a banquet will follow.

The reception accorded to the Earl of Beaconsfield and the Marquis of Salisbury on their return from Berlin, surpasses in enthusiasm anything of the kind which has occurred during the present generation, or it may be said, perhaps, during this century. There was hardly any display—no banners and troops, and gay equipages. The landing-stage at Dover, and the Station at Charing Cross, were decorated and carpeted, and the fortunate hundreds who were able to secure admission within its precincts saw a pretty sight. Outside, right away to Downing Street, there was an enormous gathering of the people, and both at Dover and in the Metropolis their Lordships were greeted with applause which was thoroughly genuine and spontaneously given. At Dover an address was presented, and Lord Beaconsfield in acknowledging it, very gracefully pointed out that it should have been addressed to his colleague as well as to himself, as the country was as much indebted to the one as to the other. He excused the omission, however, on the very probable ground that it was not known the two Ministers were travelling together. On reaching Downing Street, the crowd surged in, and there was a tremendous shout for the Premier, who shortly afterwards appeared on the balcony of his house, and briefly addressed those present. The Marquis of Salisbury likewise briefly responded to a similar call for him, after which the crowd dispersed. It was arranged that the Prime Minister should make a statement when in his place in the House of Lords on Thursday, but a dispatch from Lord Salisbury was published early in the week, so that we knew pretty well beforehand the character of the statement it was his intention to make.

The weather has been of unusual brilliance all this week, and the business at Wimbledon has progressed most favourably, the attendance of visitors being unusually great. To-day, the principal prizes will be given away by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, but all the contests are not settled at the time of writing. Lowe,

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of the Queen's Westminsters, was the winner of the Silver Medal and £60 in the first stage for the Queen's Prize, but the prize itself, consisting of £250 given by the Queen, with Gold Medal of the National Rifle Association, was carried off by Private Rae of the 11th Stirling R.V., with a score of 78, Lieut.-Col. Walrond of 1st Devon being second with 77. Most of the other important contests have been settled. The Lords have beaten the Commons by 443 to 435 points. England has won the International Trophy from its only competitor, Ireland, as Scotland, for reasons of its own, has taken no part in this trial of skill for the last two or three years. Cambridge has beaten Oxford; and Cheltenham has won the Public Schools' Veteran Match, while the Donegal Cup, given to the winners of a match between Volunteers and Regulars, has been taken by the former by 1,002 points to 987. There have also been several good matches in Cricket, notably that between Eton and Harrow, played at Lord's on Friday and Saturday, when the latter won by 20 runs, the scores being—Harrow, 119 and 224; Eton, 117 and 206. The Australians have beaten Leicestershire by eight wickets, A. Bannerman making 133 in his second innings; and the match between Middlesex and Notts was left drawn, the latter having two wickets to fall and 19 runs to make to secure victory.

Sir Garnet Wolseley has been appointed Administrator of Cyprus by the style of Lord High Commissioner and Commander-in-chief. The island has already been taken possession of by our forces, under Vice-Admiral Lord William Hay, the transfer of sovereignty from the Turkish to the English authorities having been made satisfactorily. The new Administrator reached Malta on Wednesday, and on Thursday the embarkation of troops for Cyprus commenced. The island will be garrisoned by the Indian contingent and three British regiments, in all 10,000 men.

According to advices received on Thursday an unarmed English boat has been fired on by the Russian force quartered in the Gulf of Saros. It had been sent in search of some English sailors who had landed in the Russian lines and were detained there, and was flying a white flag when the alleged outrage took place.

The work of the Congress was concluded on Saturday, when the treaty was signed, after which the Plenipotentiaries were entertained at a banquet at the White Palace by the Crown Prince and Princess of Germany, all being present except the Earl of Beaconsfield and Prince Gortschakoff, who were prevented by indisposition. Thus, after the anxieties of the last year, thanks to the firmness of ministers, we escape war and have instead a peace with honour, as the Prime Minister put it, which will gratify the sovereign, and, it is hoped, be approved of by the nation. We need not dwell on the changes sanctioned by the treaty. We think, however, that Lord Salisbury's despatch is a sufficient defence of the work our negotiators have accomplished, and shows satisfactorily that the Government has consistently followed the main principles laid down in the noble Lord's despatch of 1st April. Now that peace is secured, we ought to emerge from our state of depression, especially as a new field of enterprise for our people has been opened up in Cyprus and Asia Minor, to which our Protectorate extends. Let us hope this will be the case.

The following new lists, or additions to former lists, have been received since the day of the Festival of the Boys' School, namely:—METROPOLIS—Lodge No. 1, £10 10s*; No. 4, £10 10s*; No. 11 (addition), £1 1s*; No. 749, £13 18s; No. 860 (addition), £5 5s*; Bro. Lewis, £10 10s*. PROVINCIAL—Bristol (addition), £6 6s*; Essex, Lodge No. 1000 (addition), £5 5s, and Lancashire East, Lodge No. 1170, £21*; Somersetshire, £52 10s; Surrey, No. 452, £10 10s*; Sussex, Lodge No. 1466 (addition), £29 8s*. Those marked (*) were included in the list we published last week, but no account was taken of them in the Analysis. These amounts raise the product of the Festival thus far to £10,345 15s 7d.

It may be as well to remind our readers that for some time past a scheme has been on foot in West Yorkshire to raise a Presentation in Perpetuity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be called the "Bentley Shaw Presentation," in memory of that most excellent and respected brother, Bentley Shaw, for eleven years Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, and at the time of his death P.G. Superintendent of the Prov. Grand Chapter. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., P.G.M., has headed the list with a donation of £50, and the sum to be raised is One Thousand Guineas.

The Speech Day at Christ's Hospital was held on Wednesday under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs being likewise present. Among those who took a leading part in the proceedings were Bros. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., the Treasurer of the School; Rev. A. H. Lee, the Head Master; and Dr. Bretto, French Master. Everything passed off well.

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

COLONEL Creaton presided over the Quarterly Court of this Institution, which was held on Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall. The brethren who attended were—Bros. J. Wordsworth, H. Browse, H. A. Dubois, Thomas Massa, H. Massey, A. H. Tattershall, J. Terry, T. R. Eames, W. Ashwell, C. G. Rushworth, and Hodges Secretary. The only business before the Court was adopting a recommendation of the General Committee to place twenty-nine girls on the list for the October Election, to declare three vacancies, and to consider Bro. Warren's notice of motion for altering Rule 74 of the Institution, by omitting the words: "in the sum of £300," and inserting, in lieu thereof, "in such sum as the Committee shall from time to time deem fit," also to omit the word "two" in the first line, and add in line four, after the word "him," "by Guarantee Society or otherwise." The Court agreed to the alteration, and adjourned.

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

A QUARTERLY General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton presiding. Bros. F. Adlard, H. Muggeridge, Charles J. Perceval, H. Massey, Jas. Terry, H. Browse, and F. Binckes Sec. also attended. The letter of Bro. Binckes to the eldest son of the late Bro. Bentley Shaw, West Yorkshire, expressing the feeling of regret of the General Committee on the loss sustained by the death of Bro. Shaw, was read by Bro. Binckes, together with the answer received from Bro. J. Lancaster Shaw. These letters were ordered to be entered on the minutes. Eleven vacancies were declared for the October election, and sixty-seven candidates were placed on the list. Bro. Jesse Turner's motion, giving the Committee power to aid deserving boys who leave the Institution with £40 instead of £30, dropped for want of the presence of the mover. The Court then dissolved.

GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

THIS Provincial Grand Lodge held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, the 16th instant, under the banner of the Dorking Lodge, No. 1149, at the Public Hall, Dorking. The R.W. Bro. General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., the Provincial Grand Master, presided. The brethren assembled at one o'clock, when amongst those present we noticed Bros. the Deputy Prov. G.M. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., G.C., the Rev. Ambrose William Hall, M.A., P.G.Ch., Charles Greenwood Prov. G. Sec., E. Marsh Prov. S.G.W., Charles Keen Prov. J.G.W., a goodly array of Present and Past Provincial Officers, as well as several visitors. Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the first business of the day was to call over the Roll of Lodges, and it was gratifying to note that each one in the Province was well represented. The minutes of the last Provincial meeting, held at Farnham, in July last, were then read, and on motion duly proposed and seconded, received confirmation. The R.W. Prov. G.M. then formally obligated his Deputy Prov. G.M., that ceremony not having hitherto been performed. The Report of the Finance and Audit Committee was next presented, and this showed the financial position of the Province was in a very satisfactory condition. The following amounts were voted:—To the Earlswood Asylum, ten guineas; to the Dorking National Schools, five guineas; and to the three central Masonic Institutions, ten guineas each; making a total of forty-five guineas as the amount dispensed by Prov. Grand Lodge in the cause of charity. This result is eminently satisfactory, and of this the Province may be proud. The election of Treasurer resulted in the reappointment for the twenty-second time of R.W. Bro. George Price. General Brownrigg then appointed and invested the following as his Officers for the ensuing twelve months:—Bros. Rev. C. W. Arnold Deputy G.M., Dr. Brushfield S.G.W., Dr. Spence J.G.W., Rev. Ambrose W. Hall G.C., George Price Treas., Milner G. Reg., C. Greenwood G. Sec. (reappointed for the twenty-second time), A. T. Jeffery S.D., Wells J.D., Street Supt. of Works, Owens D.C., Capt. Ormsby S.B., E. M. Lott Org., Stacey Purst., Speight Tyler; Browne, Taylor, Streeter, Honeywell, Lendrim, and Aldridge Grand Stewards. The Prov. Grand Officers were then saluted, and General Brownrigg addressed Grand Lodge. He was pleased to find the financial position of the Province was in so satisfactory a condition; indeed, he might congratulate the members on the progress that was being made. For himself, he had been especially favoured in having a most energetic and excellent Deputy, who had made it his business to pay an official visit to almost all the Lodges in the

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Province since last they met. The reports he makes touching these Lodges are necessarily of a confidential character, but on the whole they were favourable, and he could not but be pleased with the result. The speaker then urged on Masters of Lodges the necessity of making themselves competent to adequately fulfil the important duties devolving upon them, and urged that there could be no excuse, as but little labour was required to enable them to master the details. He did not wish it to be thought he wanted to interfere with the right of selection of the members of Lodges, but he held it of the highest importance that not only the Worshipful Master, but the Officers of the several Lodges should be able to do the work efficiently. He made it a point never to announce his visits, and in this he was followed by his Deputy. They both preferred dropping in at the several Lodges when opportunity offered. He would, in concluding his remarks, repeat what he had already said, that he was much pleased with the state of Freemasonry in his Province. In the course of the day's proceedings a discussion arose as to what course should be adopted in reference to the appointment of Stewards. The Prov. G. Master observed that he did not wish to make it a hard and fast rule, but his sympathies were in favour of presenting the collars of office to those brethren only who had served the office of Steward for the Province. Bro. C. Greenwood was in favour of the Stewards being selected from the senior Lodges of the Province, but in this it was anticipated there would be a difficulty; moreover, this would be scarcely fair, as these Lodges would monopolise the right to nominate brethren for the post. Eventually it seemed to be recognised that the appointment should be conferred, first, upon those Masters of Lodges who were desirous to hold the office, and then the Senior Officers might prefer their claims. Several letters—apologising for the inability of the writers to attend—were then read, amongst them being communications from Col. Burdett, Capt. Philips, &c. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to the Parish Church of Dorking, which had kindly been placed at their disposal by the Vicar, the Rev. P. Ralph Atkinson, who conducted the service. The sermon was preached by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. Ambrose Hall, M.W. Prov. Grand Chaplain, who took for his text Jer. xxxii. 39,—"And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear Me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them." Our esteemed and Rev. Brother commenced his remarks by alluding to the occasion that called forth these words from the prophet, and a consideration of their application to the gathering of the day. He saw before him a mixed congregation, some drawn thither by the singularity of the occasion of a body of Freemasons being assembled in their church, and some perhaps from feelings of curiosity, who thought they might gather from the crumbs that fell—or rather that were cast like bread upon the waters—some insight into those mysteries which it has been our custom, from time immemorial, to keep secret from the uninitiated or outer world. After a hope that the G.A.O.T.U. would bless what he was about to say, he assured the latter section of his hearers that, however we might choose to encircle our teachings with a cloud of mystery, that cloud had a silver lining; for our obligations contained nothing inconsistent with civil, moral, or religious duties. They might be assured of one thing—our Society was founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue, and was replete with valuable privileges. The true Mason would fear God for ever. At his first entry into our body, the aspirant is asked whether, in danger and in difficulty, he puts his trust in God? and he binds himself to succour a brother in infirmity, and to relieve his wants;—to love his neighbour. But his neighbour did not cease to be his neighbour if he was beyond the circle of the brotherhood. Our obligations embrace all. It was our duty to pour the oil of consolation upon the stricken conscience, to bind up the wounds of sin, to care for the afflicted. He (the preacher) felt sure that his Masonic brethren would go with him. He would now say a few words to them,—as Masons. Here he experienced a difficulty; when he looked upon the many eminent members of the Craft, who that day had left their homes to gather round their leaders in that important Province, he felt how little he had to offer for their instruction, and how much, Masonically, he needed to learn of them. As they, therefore, knew so well the duties to which they had bound themselves, he would only endeavour to refresh their memory with a few remarks upon the teachings, the principles, and the moral symbols which they possessed; and might the many excellent things which they had already learned be manifested in their allegorical lights—might they be blazoned forth to dignify and adorn the science. Would they, by example, teach morality,—do it by referring to the Master's jewel. Would they inculcate equality,—take the Senior Warden's for their emblem. For integrity,—let the Junior Warden's jewel be their symbol. Each told a Masonic lesson. Let them carry their thoughts back to that all glorious time when their great prototype, King Solomon, stood before the ark of God, and let it teach them how the light of God's countenance would shine on the dark places of the earth. Although the beautiful temple then built for His praise had long since crumbled into dust, yet the same God was still with them to answer their call when they called aright. Although He did not show Himself, yet He was still as present with them as when the Shechinah of old spoke to the Israelites out of the cloudy pillar from the mercy seat. In all their dealings let the square emblematically guide them to be upright, just and true; let the jewel lead them to rejoice in a brother Mason's good fortune; and if ever angry thoughts arose within their bosoms, let the compasses symbolically teach them to keep their passions within due bounds. These were some of the symbols of their Order, and by acting upon them they would not only be at peace within, but they would show to the outer world the true spirit that animated a Mason's heart. He urged them to practise those virtues both in their inner walk at home and in their outer pilgrimage among the children of men, so that they might know them by their fruits, just as they (Freemasons) knew each other by secret signs and tokens. They all knew that their system was founded on Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth—or, Charity. This was what he wished to impress upon the minds and hearts of his non-Masonic hearers, for he knew that there existed in the outer world conflicting opinions as regarded the great principles of the Order. People did not really take in the true meaning of the word charity. Considered in the light of almsgiving we call it relief, as in the asylums for our Boys and Girls and Aged Brethren in poverty. But that was not all. There were other virtues connected with our teaching—virtues which an inspired writer brought before them so beautifully in 1 Cor. xiii. Faith and hope—in faith that would not end in sight, a hope that would end in enjoyment, and a charity that was greater than either. Our reverend brother dwelt on the virtue of charity; he would put their charity to the test that day. It was the custom at the annual meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge to testify their gratitude for past mercies; and for that purpose a collection was made for any local charity that the Vicar might select, as a small thankoffering for his kindness in allowing them to worship in that sacred and beautiful building. The charity to which the Vicar that day proposed to devote their contributions was the National School of the parish. After a few words on the utility of the school, the preacher concluded by asking his hearers to so live that when life's frail flower lay broken they might hear the great God Himself saying to them, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Before leaving the church a collection was made, and we may as well state here that the amount realised was £7 11s 10½d, which, with the £5 5s voted by Prov. Grand Lodge, makes a total of £12 16s 10½d to be handed over to the Dorking National Schools as the result of the gathering of Prov. Grand Lodge for 1878. The banquet was then served at the Public Hall; it seemed to give every satisfaction; in fact, the arrangements of the day were most ably carried out by the entertaining Lodge. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. General Brownrigg, who presided, rose: He regretted that in consequence of the delay of the trains in the early part of the day their arrangements had been put somewhat out of gear. He had another engagement for that evening, and found he could only spare an hour to be with them. Under these circumstances he would push forward with the toasts. He then proposed the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and with it coupled the Craft. After the National Anthem, the chairman gave the M.W. the Grand Master. Not only has the Prince of Wales taken a most active part in the doings of the Order, but his two brothers—the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold—hold responsible positions. He had been associated with the Duke of Connaught, and as an old Mason it charmed his heart to notice the interest the Duke took in Masonic affairs. Freemasonry was so well grounded in the hearts of Englishmen that it did not absolutely need the attachment of members of the Royal Family, still he should be sorry to see the connection severed. With the toast he would combine the health of the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, and the rest of the Grand Officers, and associate with it the name of Rev. Bro. Arnold, Grand Chaplain. Bro. Arnold felt proud in having his name associated with the toast of the Grand Officers. Time, however, prevented him saying much, and he would, therefore, content himself by thanking the brethren for the way they had received the toast. Before sitting down he would propose the health of their Provincial Grand Master, General Brownrigg, who was always ready to attend any meeting where he could advance the interests of Freemasonry. In a letter he had sent him, General Brownrigg had remarked that if he were to die they might inscribe on his tombstone, "Killed by Freemasonry." However, he trusted the Freemasons of Surrey would never work their Prov. Master to this extent. General Brownrigg immediately rose; he regretted exceedingly time would not permit his staying longer. He felt flattered by the many kind things that had been said of him. He had received ample support in the conduct of his duties, from all parts of the Province, and it was eminently gratifying to him to know that during his Mastership the Lodges had nearly doubled. He regretted the meeting of the Lodge Frederick of Unity fell on the same day, at the same time it was gratifying to see so many of the members of that Lodge present in the early part of the proceedings. For the future he thought it desirable they should fix a date for their Prov. Grand Lodge meeting, and he suggested the second Tuesday in July, and then the several Lodges could arrange so that their meetings might not clash. He again thanked them for the way in which they had received the toast. The gallant General then said he found he had yet three minutes left that he could pass with them, and he could not better expend the time than by proposing the health of the Deputy Grand Master; this he accordingly did, in most kind and eulogistic terms. He then handed to Rev. Bro. Arnold the gavel, and took his departure, amid the cheers of the brethren. After the dnet—A Famous Victory—admirably rendered by Bros. Chaplin Henry and Montem Smith, Bro. Arnold rose: He remarked that before the Prov. Grand Master left he had proposed a toast. It was now his (the speaker's) duty and privilege to respond. In the absence of Gen. Brownrigg he had to conduct the proceedings. He assured the brethren that to him it had been a great pleasure to visit the Lodges in the Province. He had been able, on the whole, to report the Province of Surrey to be in good working order. On every side a desire was evinced to carry out the wishes of the Prov. G.M as regards the duties of Freemasonry. As Deputy Grand Master his ambition was to report all the Lodges thoroughly efficient, and he was sure the brethren would adopt any suggestion he might make to them. And now with respect to the Charities; he thought it very desirable that a union should be made with one of the adjoining Provinces—say Middlesex or Essex—for the purpose of organising their voting powers. The remaining toasts comprised The Visitors, replied to by Bro. Hinckes; the Prov. Grand Treasurer and G. Secretary, to which Bros. Price and Greenwood replied; the W.M., Wardens and Brethren of the Dorking Lodge, No. 1149, replied to by Bro. Spence; the Press, by Bro. Morgan, &c., &c. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Chaplin Henry, who was assisted by Bro. Montem Smith, and we need scarcely add, from the well known ability of these brethren, that they gave every satisfaction.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

SATURDAY, 20th JULY.

1404—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Paddington, at 4.
1623—Ecclesdon, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 22nd JULY.

174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
190—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.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Trafalgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

46—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)

TUESDAY, 23rd JULY.

Audit Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
66—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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1623—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
341—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
953—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1616—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield.
1600—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 24th JULY.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
212—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1388—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1534—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

230—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
873—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1361—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

THURSDAY, 25th JULY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Peruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1326—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1534—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston.
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.
205—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex.
340—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
894—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport.
1326—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple street, Newcastle.
R. A. 202—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 424—De Burgh, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
R. A. 1096—Walton, Skelmeresdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale.
K. T. 101—Ancient Ebor, Masonic Hall, York. (Emergency.)

FRIDAY, 26th JULY.

Provincial Grand Lodge Herts, Watford.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
607—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 6. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1284—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1296—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1442—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

790—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
1260—Hanover, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1713—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
K. T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.

SATURDAY, 27th JULY.

1441—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
1466—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.
1481—Chislehurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

York Mark Lodge, Time Immemorial.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the W.M., Bro. T. B. Whytehead, presiding, and the following Officers and Brethren being also present:—T. Cooper P.M., G. Balmford P.M., the Rev. Wm. Valentine, G. Garbutt, J. S. Cumberland, M. Millington, C. G. Padel, A. T. B. Turner, &c. Bro. Bishop, De Grey and Ripon Lodge, was duly advanced to the honourable degree. Amongst the Visitors present were Bros. M. C. S. Tynte, J. Hanly, T. B. Shaw-Hellier, L. Murphy, J. B. Somerset, and J. Pedley of the 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards, now stationed at York.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., on the 17th inst. Bros. Bush W.M., Sayer S.W., Biddle J.W., Gottheil P.M., Pitt Sec., Moss S.D., Woodward I.G., Walker, Meyer, Cranke, Burns and Bohlman; the latter two brethren, both of 438 S.C., became members of the Lodge. The third ceremony was very ably rehearsed by the Worshipful Master, who it is most gratifying to observe, is gradually abandoning many of the incongruities which tyros in the Craft are so apt to adopt. The delivery was careful and distinct, and elicited special marks of approbation from the Preceptor and brethren. The two last sections of the lecture were worked, and the Lodge resumed and closed. Bro. Sayer was elected W.M. for Wednesday next.

Harmonic Lodge, No. 216.—The regular meeting was held at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 11th inst. Bros. Rev. J. R. Jenkins W.M., R. P. Gill S.W., Dr. Castine J.W., W. Laidlow P.M. Treas., Rev. Bro. Blake as S.D., E. B. Hartwright as J.D., W. H. Ball Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. McKune, Armstrong, Beazley, Dr. Sheldon, and Dr. Kisch, and Bros. Benner, Brakel, Rumney, Gilmour, Morris, Jackson, Pusey, Overbeck, and Busfield. Visitors—Bros. Green P.M. 1275, Tuski 1502, and Davies, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read, and after discussion carried. We have cause for regret that there was no work done, as the Lodge has the reputation of working the York Ritual with great proficiency. This Lodge has exercised a powerful influence in the Province; there is abundance of talent, and there is no reason why it should not be one of the most harmonious, compact, and wealthy in Liverpool. The Present W. Master is a brother eminently qualified to make it so, and the brethren should follow well his guidance. There being no further business, it was the W.M.'s command that the brethren adjourn to banquet. On the removal of the cloth the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. All were duly responded to. To Bro. J.W. was entrusted the toast of the Prov. G.M., the Deputy Prov. G.M., and the other P.G.L. Officers. He said: Brethren,—the Worshipful Master has honoured me with the gavel, and his commands to propose this toast; I do so with pleasure, and need only advance the claims of those distinguished brethren upon you to ensure the toast being well received, but I may add, that in doing so I may safely say I am expressing the opinion of the members of this Lodge, and the Masonic body of this town and Province, that we should like to see our Masonic heads more frequently among us. (Hear, hear.) The toast was duly honoured. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Visiting Brethren, alluded very kindly to Bro. Green, who had come to visit them, which showed he had not forgotten the Lodge of which he was formerly a member; he also referred to Bro. S. M. Davies and his visit to the Province, and informed the members of the active interest that brother took in the Craft. He next expressed to Bro. Tuski the pleasure he derived from seeing him present, and accorded to each Visitor a most cordial welcome. To this toast suitable replies were made. The Lodge was then called to resume labour, and nothing more offering it was closed in due and solemn form. The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the excellent harmony rendered.

Alliance Lodge, No. 667.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday last. Present—Bros. John Ellis W.M., H. Firth S.W., J. Devaynes P.M. as J.W., T. Peake Sec., D. Lloyd S.D., Bailey and Craghill Stewards, Foulds I.G., P. Ball Tyler; P.M.'s Bulman and Jackson. The Lodge was opened in ample form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read, found correct, and ratified. The W.M. initiated Messrs. H. Sefton and Wm. Walker. The Lodge voted four guineas for charitable purposes. The Lodge was then closed in due form. By request of the W.M. the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—Meeting held on 5th July, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, at 7.30. Bros. Gomm W.M., Costelow S.W., Goss J.W., Blasby S.D., Gunner (Hon. Sec.) J.D., Talbot I.G.; Kyezor, Botley, Franckel, Acworth. Lodge opened and minutes were read, confirmed and signed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Botley candidate. Lodge was called to refreshment, and upon labour being resumed, Bro. Botley answered questions leading to second degree, and was passed. The W.M. for next meeting was elected, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

On 12th July. Bros. Goss W.M., May S.W., Blasby J.W., Gunner (Hon. Sec.) S.D., Acworth J.D., Josey I.G.; Kyezor, Botley, &c. Formalities complied with, Bro. Botley was passed, after which he answered questions leading to the third degree, and the brethren received the call to refreshment. Bro. May resumed labour, and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Botley again acting as

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candidate. The usual routine having been transacted, Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer, and adjourned till 19th July, on which evening the W.M. of the mother Lodge and his Officers will take their respective positions.

Carnarvon Lodge, No. 804, Havant.—The ceremony of installing Bro. T. P. Hall, as Worshipful Master, took place in the Masonic Hall, Havant, on Tuesday afternoon, when there was a large attendance of brethren, including several Past Masters and Officers of neighbouring Lodges. Among those present were Bros. J. Clay W.M., C. H. Liddell J.W., J. Weeks P.M. Treas., Thos. Francis P.M. Sec., J. W. Hillman P.M.D.C., J. Lintott P.M. Prov. G.S. of Works, H. R. Trigg P.M. P. Prov. G.S. of Works, J. Harrison P.M., O. C. Harries S.D., W. Dart J.D., H. Kimber I.G., W. Blackmore Tyler, J. Clark, H. G. Richardson, T. Slaiter, Wheeler, Askew, Thompson, Reed, Elverstone, Field, Woodman, J. Price, C. U. Burr. Visitors—Bros. A. MacMillan J.W., Clapton Lodge 1365, W. Payne W.M. 342, O. N. Wyatt W.M. 38, W. A. Butt W.M. 56, E. Smith, E. J. Smith 342, J. Maltby P.M., G. Sherman 457, J. Hamilton Bridle 487, H. Martin Green P.M., Stratton, Bolton 127, &c. Congratulations were received from the W.M.'s of 309, 903, 1428, and several other brethren. The installing Master was Bro. Francis P.M., who was assisted by a full board of Masters. After the installation, the Worshipful Master proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers as follow:—Bros. C. H. Liddell S.W., O. C. Harris J.W., J. Weeks P.M. Treas., T. Francis P.M. Sec., J. N. Hillman P.M. M.C., W. Dart S.D., H. Kimber J.D., J. E. Elverston I.G., H. Richardson and A. J. Reed Stewards, T. B. Askew Org., W. Blackmore Tyler, and G. Blackmore Asst. Tyler. The important business of the Lodge having been concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Dolphin Hotel, where a *récherché* banquet was served, which reflected the greatest possible credit on Bro J. Purnell and his staff. On the removal of the cloth, the Worshipful Master proposed the Queen and Craft, and subsequently he gave the Most Worshipful the Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. He was sure the brethren would agree with him that their Royal brother was one of the most hardworking men in the world, and that he did all he possibly could to advance the interests of the Craft. The toast was received with great enthusiasm. The W.M. next proposed the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master (the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon), the Right Worshipful Lord Skelmersdale (Deputy Grand Master), and the Grand Officers, the toast being well received. He next gave the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach), and the Prov. Grand Officers present and past. It was perfectly clear that Freemasonry could not have flourished as it had flourished without good Provincial Officers, and he was glad to welcome that day those brethren who had taken Provincial offices, and who had done him the honour to be present at his installation. The Provincial Officers had a deal of rough work to do sometimes, but they invariably acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of the brethren (Hear, hear). He coupled with the toast Bros. P.M.'s Lintott, Maltby, Hillman and Green. Bro. Lintott, in responding, dwelt at some length on the merits of Bro. Beach, the Provincial Grand Master, and alluded to his great efforts to advance the best interests of the Order. It was not long ago that Bro. Beach had put himself to great inconvenience and travelled a great many miles in very inclement weather to perform the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Carnarvon Lodge, and subsequently, when the erection of the Lodge premises had been completed, he came among them again to perform the ceremony of consecration. This, and, in fact, all the incidents of Bro. Beach's life, showed most conclusively that he had the welfare of the whole fraternity at heart. (Hear, hear). Bro. H. Martin Green P.M. also responded. Bro. Clay I.P.M. proposed the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, and in the course of his observations wished him a happy and prosperous year of office. The Worshipful Master, in responding, thanked the brethren heartily for the kind reception they had accorded him from time to time, and for the great honour they had done him in electing him as the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. He sincerely trusted that he should so carry out the duties which would devolve upon him as to afford satisfaction to the brethren, and he promised faithfully that nothing but sickness or business of great emergency should ever prevent his being present in his place at the various Lodge meetings. Of course, in all gatherings there must of necessity arise now and then some little unpleasantness, but he trusted that any little hitch that might occur during his year of office would speedily be overcome, and that they would be able to work harmoniously together. If peace and harmony existed, and the various Officers and brethren did their duty, the Lodge must prosper (Hear, hear.) Bro H. Martin Green P.M. proposed the Visitors in a neat speech, the toast being duly acknowledged by each visiting brother present. The health of the Installing Master was proposed by Bro. Weeks P.M., and responded to by Bro. Francis P.M., who expressed a hope that the year upon which they were about to enter, under the guidance of Bro. Hall, would prove even more prosperous than the years which had gone by. The Worshipful Master proposed the Past Masters of the Carnarvon Lodge, to which Bro. Clay I.P.M. and Bro. Hillman responded, and both promised to render the W.M. every possible assistance during his year of office. The remaining toasts were the Officers of the Carnarvon Lodge, present and past, proposed by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by Bro. Liddell S.W.; Bro. Weeks P.M., proposed by Bro. Trigge P.M., and responded to by Bro. Weeks; the Host, proposed by Bro. Clay I.P.M., and responded to by Bro. J. Purnell; and the Tyler's toast. The proceedings, which were of the most enjoyable character, terminated soon after 11 o'clock.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Wardell W.M., Christian S.W., Williams J.W., Hunt S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Forss I.G., Dallas Secretary, Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor. Bros. Slaiter, Davis, Finch, C. Lorkin, Brasted, Carr, Wyman and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes read, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Weige candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Gilham answered the necessary questions, the Lodge was opened in the third degree. The Preceptor then occupied the chair. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Gilham as candidate. Bro. Slaiter gave the traditional history, the W.M. resumed the chair, the Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree. Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860.—The first summer banquet of the brethren of this Lodge took place on Friday, 12th July, at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne, the W.M. Bro. T. B. Dodson presided, and was supported by a good attendance of the brethren and their ladies. The day being fine, the drive down was thoroughly enjoyed. After an exceptional repast, served by Bro. Benningfield, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. The company adjourned to the beautiful gardens, and amused themselves in various ways until the time for departure. Amongst those present were Bros. Wallington P.M., Worsley J.W., Dickins S.D., Smith J.D., Barker, Bond, Jones, Christian, Pavitt, Sadler, Windus, Cornu, Tompkins, Ellis, &c.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—At the weekly meeting of this Lodge, held on Wednesday evening, 17th July, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet-street, Bro. J. S. Brown of the Mother Lodge in the chair; Bro. Hallam S.W., Abell J.W., Bull S.D., Vizzard I.G., Long P.M., and several others. The minutes of the previous Lodge being confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Gladwell offering himself as a candidate, was raised to the third degree in an unexceptionable manner. The whole of the sections of this degree were then worked by the brethren. Bro. Hallam was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge was closed.

Stanley Lodge, No. 1325.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 16th inst. Bro. J. H. Bradshaw W.M. was supported by Bros. J. W. Burgess I.P.M., R. B. Burgess as S.W., T. Foulkes J.W., W. J. Bell as Sec., A. Samuels S.D., John Holme J.D., F. Knight P.M. D.C., S. Hill I.G., M. Williamson Tyler. The usual preliminaries gone through, the W.M. worked up to the second degree, and Bros. Arnold and Sanders took their seats among Fellow Crafts. This was the first occasion since his installation that Bro. Bradshaw had officiated, and he did his work remarkably well. It was anticipated that a candidate who had been accepted would put in an appearance, but some unaccountable reason prevented, otherwise the W.M. would have commenced his year of office by making and passing candidates, for which work he is competent. There was an application for assistance, and the Lodge voted two guineas. The labours being ended, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and all spent a very pleasant evening.

Fermor Hesketh Lodge, No. 1350. — The officers and members of this highly prosperous Lodge met at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Monday, the 8th inst. The meeting was summoned for four o'clock, and punctually Bro. W. H. Cooper took his seat in the East, C. P. Titherly acting as S.W., W. P. Evans J.W., T. F. Cooper Sec., T. A. Collinson P.M. Treas., J. H. Johnston P.M. D.C., R. Carruthers as S.D., E. Gordon as J.D., R. Thomas I.G., W. H. Ball Tyler; P.M.'s R. Collinson, and Dr. A. Samuels; J. Shaw, E. C. Sanxay, J. R. Storey, W. C. Riches, J. Hodgson, M. Jones, A. L. Jones, R. Gracey, H. A. Hill, W. Yallop, E. W. Airey, T. G. Grundy, J. B. McAllister, W. O. Blott; and Hon. Members—H. S. Alpass P.G. Sec., J. R. Goepel P.P.G.D.C., J. P. Platt P.P.J.G.W. Cheshire. Visitors—Rev. J. Rees Jenkins W.M. 216, R. G. Meller P.P.G.D. N. Wales and Salop, T. Ockleshaw P.M. 667, L. Ellis 1289, J. P. Bryan 1035, S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c. After the Lodge was duly opened and preliminaries despatched, the ballot was taken for Bro. E. Airey P.M. 281 as a joining member. It proved unanimous. Other business was rapidly gone through, after which the W.M. signified his intention of proceeding to the important event of the day. The Lodge was advanced to the second, and Bros. R. Collinson P.M. and J. H. Johnston P.M. introduced Bro. W. P. Evans as the Worshipful Master elect. The customary formalities being complied with, Bro. W. P. Evans was obligated, invested, and installed W.M. for the ensuing year, I.P.M. Cooper very ably performing the ceremony. Bro. Evans received the salutations of the brethren, and at once proceeded to invest his Officers, which with the able assistance of Bro. Cooper was accomplished as follows:—W. H. Cooper I.P.M. and D.C., T. F. Cooper S.W., C. P. Titherly J.W., T. A. Collinson P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Shaw Secretary, R. Carruthers S.D., G. Gordon J.D., R. Montgomery I.G., C. Leighton, George Grundy, and W. Yallop Stewards, John Hodgson Org., Rev. C. T. Mermagen Chaplain, W. H. Ball Tyler. The ancient charges were delivered by Bros. T. A. Collinson, and Dr. A. Samuels. It was proposed by the W.M., and seconded by the I.P.M., that Bros. Alpass, Goepel, Platt, Marwood, Johnston, and Hughes, become hon. members—carried. At this period the W.M. commanded the Lodge to cease labour, and signified his pleasure to banquet with the brethren. The table was prettily set out, in keeping with the tone of No. 1350. The menu was of *récherché* character, and wines of celebrated vintage. Justice having been done to the well-catered menu, the W.M. rose to propose the toast of the Queen, which was duly honoured by the brethren, all joining in the National Anthem. The W.M. rose to propose a toast only second to the first from the intimate connection it had with the Craft. He

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invited the brethren to drink to the health of the G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal family. This was received with enthusiasm by the brethren, who sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The third toast on the list—the Pro G.M. and the other Grand Lodge Officers—was honoured, after which the W.M. gave the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale Prov. G.M., the Deputy P.G.M., and the rest of Prov. Grand Officers, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Alpass, Prov. Grand Secretary. Bro. Alpass rose with pleasure. Lord Skelmersdale's avocations seemed to increase daily. His popularity in London is equal to the high esteem in which he is held in the Province. If he were not so much sought after, he might come down to enjoy the comforts of his home, and the brethren of his Province might see more of him. At the same time, if Lord Skelmersdale thought the Masons of his Province needed his help, they would certainly receive it. He is fully posted as to all Masonic movements in progress. With reference to Col. Stanley, he is making himself felt, and should we require his services, they would be readily given. Bro. Alpass alluded to the movement in the Lodge to establish a Benevolent Fund, and not knowing the object of the Fund, directed attention to the Hamer Fund, the Almoners' Fund, to the three London Charities, &c. Their Province was the largest subscribing one in the kingdom, and they ought to carry their candidate into either of the three London Charities when needed. The I.P.M., on rising to propose the fifth toast, remarked it was the toast of the evening. They had had the gratification of installing Bro. Evans as Worshipful Master for the coming year, and it was a great gratification to see him in his exalted position; all know how efficiently Bro. Evans has filled the offices confided to him in the Lodge, and we have every reason to believe that those good traits which have characterised him from the day of his initiation in this Lodge, and distinguished him in his several capacities, will, now he is W.M., be equally conspicuous, and at the end of his term of office we shall find that the Lodge has lost none of its lustre by being entrusted to his Mastership. He gave them the toast of the Worshipful Master, and knew all would join in wishing him long life and a prosperous year. The toast was enthusiastically drunk. At this stage of the proceedings, Bros. Bryan, Hodgson, Grundy and Watson favoured the brethren with a quartet, which was admirably rendered. The W.M., on rising, said he felt deeply the kind remarks spoken by the worthy I.P.M. He thanked the brethren for the cordial way in which they had endorsed those remarks; he assured them in the past he had endeavoured to do his best for the interests of the Lodge, and would endeavour during his term of office to prove how greatly he appreciated the honour they had conferred on him. Before sitting down he had a pleasing duty to perform; to present, in the name of the Lodge, a handsome Past Master's jewel to our worthy I.P.M. He hoped Bro. Cooper would wear it as a mark of the high esteem in which he is deservedly held, and that he might have a long and prosperous life. The toast was heartily drunk, with musical honours. After a song by Bro. Watson, the I.P.M. rose. He felt grateful for the complimentary manner in which his health had been proposed. During his year of office he had tried to give satisfaction, and it was a pleasure to feel that his endeavours had been appreciated. His term had not been free from difficulties, yet they had overcome them, and the Lodge to-day stands in a prosperous state. We have been taken to task, because our efforts to establish a Benevolent Fund in the Lodge have not been understood. Although this particular fund has a local aspect, yet in looking after it it does not follow that we pay no attention to the great Charities of London. He was sure the Lodge was always willing to do its utmost for all charitable demands. He should greatly prize the jewel they had presented him, and should wear it with a conviction that it was voted from the best motives. In the future he would devote his energies with as much fervency as heretofore. (Cheers). The W.M. now rose to propose the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge, and in a few remarks united the names of Bros. Samuels and Johnston. Bros. Bryan and Hodgson favoured the brethren with a duet, after which Bro. Johnston said he felt sure that the Lodge would go on prospering, and he was ever ready to do his best for its interest. Bro. Samuels followed to the same purport. Bro. R. Collinson, as the junior P.M., always felt great pleasure in performing his duty, and to be present in Lodge; he had that day come from Manchester to give his support. The worthy Bro. Treasurer followed. He was particularly wishful that the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge should flourish. The W.M. on rising to propose the toast of the Visitors, said he was pleased to see so many distinguished brethren present, and assured them that they were most cordially welcome to the Lodge. He thanked them for the honour of their company, and in giving the toast, with every fraternal feeling, he united the names of Bros. Mellor, Davies, and others. The toast was heartily drunk. Bro. Mellor P.P.G.D. North Wales and Shropshire thanked the W.M. and brethren for their bountiful hospitality; for the kindness with which the toast was proposed, and the cordial manner in which it had been received. He knew he was expressing the sentiments of the visitors when he said that it was a great pleasure to be privileged to be a guest of such worthy brethren. He was delighted to be with them, and had spent a most pleasant evening, and wished the Fermor Hesketh Lodge every success. Other brethren followed, and expressed the delight they felt in being present. Bro. Cook volunteered the next song, after which Bro. Airey thanked the brethren for their kindness in unanimously electing him a joining member of the Lodge. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Charities, and coupled therewith the names of Bros. Platt and Goepel. The toast was duly honoured and ably responded to by Bro. Platt for the Provincial Charities, and by Bro. Goepel for the London Charities. The Officers of the Fermor Hesketh Lodge were next honoured. Bro. S.W. responded; when he was initiated he had no idea of ever attaining to the important office confided to him that day. He would discharge the duties with pleasure and fidelity. Bro. Secretary and other Officers also returned thanks. The next toast Bro. Evans was sure would be drunk with every mark of appreciation; all felt indebted to the Musical Brethren, who by their talent had conduced greatly to the pleasure of the evening. He, therefore, asked the brethren to drink with him most cordially to the health of the Musical Brethren, which was done. Our genial and talented brethren again rendered a quartet, and Bro. Hodgson, the Organist of the Lodge, was called upon to respond. He thanked the W.M. for proposing the toast in such a considerate manner. He felt sure the other brethren would endorse what he said, and with him do all in their power for the good of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master next proposed success to the Masonic Press, and with the toast united the names of Bros. Bryan and Davies. The toast was warmly received. Bro. Bryan replied on his own behalf, and Bro. Davies gratefully acknowledged the mark of esteem shown him and the journal he represented. The Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most enjoyable evenings it was possible to participate in. We wish the Fermor Hesketh Lodge every success, and hope that the worthy brethren may live long to enjoy such gratifying and harmonious celebrations as that of the 8th inst.

Era Chapter, No. 1423.—The installation meeting was held on Saturday, 13th July, at the Island Hotel, Hampton. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation were read and unanimously confirmed. Apologies were received from Comps. T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S. Middlesex M.E.Z., and T. J. Hooper Wilkins, excusing and regretting their non-attendance. By the invitation of the Installed Principals Comp. Frederick Walters P.P.G. 1st A.S. Middlesex P.Z. 73, in an able and efficient manner installed Comp. E. H. Thiellay as the M.E.Z., who in return installed Comp. F. Walters as H. The Joshua elect, Comp. John Mason, was too ill to be present, so his installation had to be deferred. The other officers were invested and appointed. Comp. E. H. Thiellay P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex M.E.Z. gave proofs of his proficiency by the able manner in which he exalted Bro. John Beresford Ryley (1423). The candidate expressed himself pleased with the interesting ceremony. The report of the Audit Committee showed the funds to be in a good state. The I.P.Z., although absent, was not forgotten, for a jewel was unanimously voted him from the Chapter Funds. A vote of thanks was given to Comps. H. A. Dubois P.Z. for his services, rendered to the Chapter as its first Treasurer. Business ended, the Chapter was closed, and adjourned to meet on Saturday, 14th September, at 3 o'clock p.m. Banquet followed.

Lodge of Israel, No. 1502.—The monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 15th inst. Present—Bros. A. Jones W.M., S. Schonstadt S.W., Rev. H. D. Marks J.W., M. Hart I.P.M. Sec., J. Skeaf P.G.O. as Org., S. J. Waring as S.D., S. J. Henochsberg J.D., R. Robinson P.M. D.C., J. Saber Steward, M. P.Tueski I.G., W. H. Ball Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. A. J. Henochsberg, J. Frank. Visitors—Bros. J. P. Wright W.M. 786, Dr. Bailey 786, Brotherton 241, Davies 22 G.R.C. The usual formalities having been duly observed, the W.M. in a pleasing and able manner initiated Mr. Harris into Freemasonry. Bro. J.W. explained the working tools in a most accomplished manner, and Bro. S.W. very ably delivered the charge. It was proposed by Bro. Robinson P.M., and seconded by Bro. Henochsberg P.M., that the customary sum of £5 be voted from the funds of the Lodge to the Masonic Relief Fund, carried unanimously. A Committee was then appointed to represent the Lodge on the Masonic Hall Relief Committee. The labours of the evening over, the W.M. closed the Lodge, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A very pleasant evening was spent round the festive board, where the enjoyment was enhanced by the kindness of Bros. Marks, Schonstadt, A. J. Henochsberg, M. Hart, Dr. Bailey, Robinson, and S. J. Henochsberg, who delighted the brethren with some capital songs and recitations. The toast list was dispensed with, as the time was very agreeably taken up with harmony, but the W.M. did not forget to propose the health of the newly initiated Brother. Bro. Jones, in his usual fraternal spirit, gave the toast of the Visitors, according all a hearty welcome. The toast was most cheerfully accepted by the brethren, and Bro. Wright replied. This Lodge, it is pleasing to state, is one of the most harmonious and prosperous in Liverpool, and the Officers work superbly.

Llanidloes Lodge, No. 1582.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 10th instant, at the Trewythan Arms Hotel, Llanidloes, and was numerously attended by members and visitors. Bro. W. Collender P.M. and P.P.G.D.C. North Wales and Shropshire presided, and there were also present Bros. J. Kitto S.W. (W.M. elect), W. H. Williams J.W., Hugh Jones Treasurer, J. D. Davis Hon. Secretary, W. Russel J.D., J. H. Webb J.G., J. Trewin Tyler, D. P. Owen P.M. 938, C. Morgan W.M. 1594, J. Danily P.M. 1594, F. Britton P.M. 1594, Edward Hamer P.M. 1072 Prov. Grand Secretary South Wales, A. Hughes P.M. 1072, John Owen 1594, D. Swancott 1582, E. Hughes 1582, Thomas Bennett 1582, J. Williams 1072, W. Pell 1072, J. Morris 1124, &c. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last regular Lodge read and confirmed, the first business was the passing of Bro. Edward Hughes to the second degree, after which Bro. John Kitto (W.M. elect) was presented by Bro. Edward Hamer to receive at the hands of Bro. W. Collender the benefit of installation. The ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner, and in accordance with ancient custom the W.M. (J. Kitto) then invested his Officers for the ensuing year, after which the W.M. said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was to present to their I.P.M. (Bro. W. Collender) a P.M.'s jewel, for the great services rendered by him since the formation of the Lodge in 1876 as first Master. He then, in a speech of considerable length, attached the jewel to his breast, remarking that he hoped Bro. Collender would live many years to wear it (applause). The jewel is a very handsome one. It

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has two clasps on the suspending ribbon, and on the back is the following inscription:—"Llanidloes Lodge, 1582. Presented by the Brethren to Bro. William Collender P.M., as a token of esteem, and in appreciation of valuable services rendered the Lodge, 1877 and 1878." It is enclosed in a handsome jewel case. The other formal business having been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to a well-furnished banquet, provided by Bro. W. Russell, at which Bro. Kitto presided. On the withdrawal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the formal loyal and Masonic toasts, all of them being cordially responded to. The health of the W.M. being proposed by Bro. W. Collender amidst the applause of the brethren, the W.M. replied thereto in a lengthened speech. Other toasts were then given, and the evening was passed in complete harmony, interspersed with songs, &c., Bro. J. D. Davies presiding at the piano. The Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren separated at eleven o'clock.

Kendal Castle Chapter, No. 129.—It has been the custom for some years past in this Chapter to hold the Annual Festival in the Summer, and to go from home to celebrate it. This year the Grange Hotel, at Grange-over-Sands—the Torquay of the North—was chosen for the occasion. We most heartily congratulate the M.E.Z. and his Officers on their good taste and power of selection. The locality is extremely beautiful, the Hotel charmingly situated and the appointments perfection. Dinner was put on the tables at four o'clock, and the M.E.Z. E. Comp. Joseph Bintley was supported by E. Comps. John Talbot H. Prov. G. Assist. S., George M'Kay J. Prov. G.S.E., John Holme P.Z., John Bowes P.Z. Prov. G.S.N., W. Kirkbride P.Z. Prov. G.P.S., Arnison P.Z., Titus Wilson P.Z. Treasurer of 129, and Comps. John Armstrong P.S. No. 148, W. Cartmel, Banks, Nelson, Taylor, Baron, T. O. Atkinson, &c. The dinner, which was served *à la Russe*, included every delicacy of the season, and the wines were of the choicest brands. Grace after meat having been said by E. Comp. J., the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts received due honour. The M.E.Z., in proposing the Prov. G. Supt. the Earl of Bective and the Prov. G. Chapter, referred to the excellent manner in which his lordship ruled over the Province and made a happy allusion to the proverbial hospitality of Underley. E. Comp. M'Kay Prov. G.S.E. responded, and referred to the many advantages that would accrue to Royal Arch Masonry in the Province by the formation of the Provincial Chapter. He hoped soon to have the bye-laws ready for distribution, and also to have the bye-laws of individual Chapters approved by the Prov. G. Supt. E. Comp. Bowes proposed the M.E.Z., Officers, and members of the Kendal Castle Chapter, No. 129, and in doing so referred to his long connection with the Chapter, having been one of the promoters and the first M.E.H. He complimented the present Officers for the zeal they manifested as promoters of the Royal Art, and made an especial reference to the M.E.Z., E. Comp. Joseph Bintley, who had been for many years a worker in the good cause. The toast was very warmly received. E. Comp. Bintley in reply thanked all present for the reception they had given to the toast, so kindly proposed by their old and valued friend Comp. Bowes. He had done something for the good of Masonry; and he hoped to do still more. Their Chapter was in a good position, financially and otherwise, and with such an overseer of the work as Comp. Bowes, he did not doubt that they should meet with as much success in the future as they had in the past. The Visitors having been proposed, Comps. Kirkbride, Arnison and Armstrong respectively responded, and expressed their great pleasure in being invited to take part in such enjoyable festivities. Comp. McKay having obtained permission to propose a toast, said he had the utmost pleasure in proposing the health of E. Comp. Bowes. No one present was more indebted to that Comp. than he was; no matter what work had to be done, Comp. Bowes was always equal to the occasion, and not only so, but his services were always most willingly rendered. The whole Province was greatly indebted to that Comp., both in the Craft and the Arch; he proposed his good health with the greatest cordiality. Comp. Bowes, in responding, said he was conscious of having done something for the good of Masonry in the Province, and the fact that his services were acceptable to them was a sufficient reward for the trouble he had taken. He was not tired yet; he loved Masonry now better than ever he did; he hoped for many years to be spared to assist in rendering their beautiful ceremonies in a creditable manner. The health of E. Comp. John Holme P.Z. having been proposed, that Comp. made a suitable reply. He had presided on the occasion of three of their annual gatherings, and it always afforded him very great pleasure to meet his Brothers and Companions for the purpose of promoting those principles which they all professed to admire. During the evening Comps. Kirkbride and Nelson sang some excellent songs, and a most enjoyable day was brought to a close at an early hour.

Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.—This young Lodge will give a Summer Festival to the ladies and friends of the brethren at Lewis's Hotel, Maidenhead, on Thursday, 25th July. Bros. Willing W.M., J. Douglas S.W., Clemow J.W., and Stiles Secretary have made arrangements, and the Great Western Railway have granted special terms. The banquet will take place at five, giving the company ample time to stroll along the banks, or row on this magnificent part of the river. We understand Bro. Clemow has placed two of his boats at the disposal of the W.M., and everything promises to go off well.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF TASMANIA.

THE First Annual Communication was holden at Freemasons' Hall, Hobart Town, on Tuesday, the 7th day of May 1878. When the following members were present:—W. Bros. William Simmons Hammond D.G.M., George Smith Deputy D.G.M., F. H. Wise D.G.S.W., L. Susman D.G.J.W., R. D. Poulett-Harris D.G. Chaplain, Charles Toby D.G. Sec., C. W. Rocher D.G.S.D., John Clark D.G. Purs., John Hamilton and W. R. Davey D.G. Stewards, W. G. Beaumont D.G. Tyler; also representatives of Lodges 536, 618, 801, &c. District G. Lodge having been opened, and formal matters disposed of, the report of the District G. Sec. was submitted. Little demanding special comment had been accomplished, but the G. Sec. hoped that at the next Annual Communication a report of more substantial and practical results would be placed before Grand Lodge. Several causes he stated had lately operated to retard the active prosecution of, and attention to Masonic duties; amongst which might be specially named the rich and valuable coal and other deposits recently discovered, and now in course of development in many portions of the colony, in which direction the attention of the capitalist and the trading portion of the community had been largely diverted. Another cause existed in the distance between Hobart Town and Launceston, rendering it very inconvenient for members of the Committee of General Purpose (who were selected from all the Lodges) to meet to prepare a draft of laws and regulations for the government of the D.G. Lodge. It was found requisite to appoint a sub-committee composed of members of the Hobart Town Lodges for the purpose.

On the subject of finance, the G. Sec. reported that in the absence of any power to demand or receive payment of any fees from the Lodges until after the making, confirming and subsequent approval of D.G. Lodge laws and regulations, it had hitherto been necessary to meet all the disbursements from private sources. The only amount received had been £2 2s from the D.D.G. Master for fee payable to the Grand Lodge on his appointment, which has been remitted to and acknowledged by the G. Secretary. The whole of the regalia and appointments for the D.G. Lodge were imported to the order of, and paid for by the R.W.D.G. Master, for which the D.G. Lodge is still indebted to him, less £10 10s, proposed optional fee payable to D.G. Lodge on his appointment, and which he has authorised to be deducted from the amount. D. Grand Secretary then gave a brief report of the condition of the various Lodges under the rule of the District Grand Lodge, and then referred to the Tasmanian Masonic Benevolent Fund, which, he stated, was established in Tasmania, A.D. 1843, with the object of assisting aged and distressed worthy brethren, and to afford relief to their widows and orphans. It was supported by annual subscriptions and voluntary contributions by members of the Order, its constitution being such as to invite subscriptions from, and afford relief to, all contributing members of Lodges subscribing to the fund, without respect to the constitution under which the Lodge is held. He hoped that such arrangement may be made by D.G. Lodge, relating to the collection of Masonic funds for purposes of benevolence, as will not materially interfere with the constitution of this old established and thoroughly effective Masonic organisation. He was informed there was also a Masonic Fund for benevolent purposes in Launceston, but no account of its constitution or report of its proceedings had reached him.

In concluding what may be justly termed merely an inaugural or progress report on the establishment of the District Grand Lodge, the D.G. Sec. would fain express a hope that the rulers of the Craft in Tasmania would not permit the present Masonic inactivity long to continue. The immense extension of the Order in all parts of the world would bring with it a corresponding demand on their benevolent resources; it therefore behoves those in authority in the Lodges to be earnest in practising the principles they profess to admire, and on which the Order is mainly founded, viz., Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and also to use all legitimate means at their disposal in disseminating the principles and more widely extending the influence of this time-honoured and truly benevolent institution, and thus render unnecessary any further reports on the existence of unconstituted or inoperative Warrants in the District.

The R.W. the D.G.M. then re-appointed the following Officers of D. G. Lodge for the ensuing year, viz., Bros. F. H. Wise D.G.S.W., L. Susman D.G.J.W., R. D. Poulett-Harris D.G.Chap., Charles Toby D.G.Sec., W. A. B. Jamieson D.G.S.D., C. W. Rocher D.G.J.D., J. A. Ferguson D.G.D. of C., John Clark D.G. Purs., R. B. Davey and John Hamilton D.G. Stewards, William George Beaumont D.G. Tyler. Bro. T. H. Magrath was unanimously appointed D.G. Treas., Bros. Hobkirk, Sadler, Jamieson, Clark, and Poulett-Harris, were appointed members of the Committee of General Purposes, and Bros. John Hamilton and Thomas May Evans Auditors. The draft copy of laws and regulations for the government of D.G. Lodge was then considered, and the clauses read seriatim, and, with a few alterations, passed. Apologies for non-attendance were read from several members of D.G. Lodge. After which, there not being any further business the D.G. Lodge was closed in due form, the R.W. the District Grand Master intimating that he would hold the next Annual Communication at Launceston.

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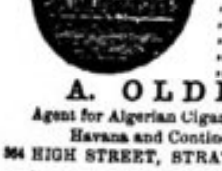
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THE LATE CONTEST FOR SECRETARYSHIP, R.M.I.G.

WE intend offering a few remarks on this important contest, and we have purposely delayed doing so till the present time, in the belief that, now that any excitement there may have been at the election has calmed down, and any sense of disappointment on the part of the defeated candidates has ceased, or, at all events, been considerably mitigated, our remarks will run no risk of being misinterpreted. The result, which is too well known to need recapitulation, may be described, in racing phraseology, as to the effect that Bro. Hedges won in the commonest of canters from Bro. Storr, Bro. Matier being a bad third, and the rest of the field nowhere. The result once published, the successful candidate received, in the first place, the congratulations of those who had striven against him for the post, and then of the Craft generally, those among them who had predilections in favour of other candidates being well content to know that the post was occupied by a good man, in whose hands the interests of the Institution would not be likely to suffer. As to the arrangements on the day of the election, they were in all respects admirable, and reflect the highest credit on the authorities. There were eight tables where voting papers could be obtained, five of these being set aside for London brethren, Lodges, Chapters, &c., and three for the Provinces. Then there were two other tables, where, in one case, the voting papers were marked, and, in the other case, where information was furnished. Thus all confusion was avoided, and a member wishing to record his vote had but to turn to the table—say No. 2, E to K London—which included the initial letter of his name, and he was furnished with the needful document, and having marked it at No. 9, and deposited it with the other voting papers, he had nothing more to do than to wait for the result, either in the Hall or its precincts if so minded, or till it was announced in the journals of the day. Nor must we pass over in silence the considerate kindness of Bro. A. Best, the proprietor of the Tavern, in placing the Great Hall at the disposal of the Committee. But for this accommodation it is well-nigh certain that, considering the numbers present, there must have been a great amount of pushing and "squeedging," and these are far from being conducive to the maintenance of placidity and good temper. Some men, too, are choleric, and albeit the most glorious fellows in the world when they are not being subjected to bodily pressure, are apt to indulge freely in the vernacular. This is far from being an edifying spectacle, even though we have it on the authority of a Latin writer that the Gods delight in seeing good men struggling with adversity. That the good men and true who were present on the 11th instant and recorded their votes did not afford the deities who preside over the fortunes of Freemasons' Tavern any such amusement is entirely owing to the kindness of Bro. Best, and we acknowledge it accordingly and with much gratitude.

We now offer certain remarks on the manner in which the voting was carried out. As our readers are aware, all entitled to vote are required to attend in person, and fill in voting papers according to the instructions given on the face. Many weeks before the election took place—indeed, long before the day was fixed for the contest—we suggested that steps should be taken to amend the law on this point, so as to substitute proxy for personal voting. Our object in offering this suggestion was stated at the time with sufficient clearness. We were simply anxious that Provincial voters should be on exactly the same footing as their London brethren. "Why," we asked, "should the voter resident at Berwick-on-Tweed, at Penzance, or in North or South Wales, who has a right to claim the exercise of an undoubted privilege, and he who lives within a stone's throw of Freemasons' Hall, not be in every respect on a footing of equality? What more has the latter done for the Institution that he should enjoy such privileges, while his unfortunate colleague must either lose his vote or his money?" This was written on the 11th May, or two months before the day fixed for the contest, and the question had been mooted in these columns, and commented on by us at an even earlier date. No response, however, was made, that is, no one concerned himself to the extent of taking the necessary steps to bring about an alteration in the law. There was ample time to have done it. A reference to the laws will show this, though some one, in criticising the proposal, was pleased to remark that whether the plan was worthy or unworthy of acceptance, it could not be substituted in time for the election which has just past. As the eventful day approached, many Provincial brethren entitled to vote began to realise the trouble to which they would be subjected. What a nuisance, it was said on more than one occasion, and in more than one Province, that we should be compelled to undertake a journey to London in order to hand in our votes! And it might have been added with equal reason, what an injustice that we should be called upon to spend a sum of money, more or less considerable, in order to do this! Had proper steps been taken, these brethren might have voted without incurring expense or trouble, and then London and the Provinces would have been on the same footing; but what was every one's business, according to the well-known rule, appears to have been no one's business, and the proposal was lost sight of. Now, however, that its merits have been brought home to at least some among the electors, it is to be hoped that measures may be taken to secure an alteration in the law, so as to substitute proxy for personal voting, and the result of the contest on the 11th instant makes it certainly desirable that the change should be made. There were, as we have said, eight tables, five London and three Provincial, at which voting papers were issued, and a friend, who is curious in such matters, has kindly furnished the numbers, as far as he could ascertain, which were issued from each table. The figures, it must be borne in mind, are not official, but we have no doubt they are substantially correct. At all events, though there may be errors in the statement, they will not in the slightest degree affect the justice of our argument. These numbers are as follow: London, table No. 1., individuals, nobility, and A. to D., 181 papers; No. 2 ditto, E. to K., 211 papers; No. 3 ditto, L. to R., 200 papers; No. 4, S. to Z., 179 papers; No. 5, Lodges, Chapters, and other Societies, 38 papers: giving a total issue for London of 809 papers. Provincial, No. 6, Lodges, Chapters, and other Societies, 89 papers; No. 7, individuals, Berks and Bucks to Middlesex, 84 papers; No. 8, ditto, Monmouthshire to Ireland and Unknown Addresses, 66 papers: giving a total for the Provinces of 239 papers. Now, if we take a few of the more distant Provinces, we find that, for instance, East Lancashire has 52 individual voters, and 41 Lodge, Chapter, &c., votes, together 93; West Yorkshire has 211 individual voters, and 48 Lodge, &c., votes, together 259; North Wales and Shropshire has 15 individual and 7 Lodge votes, together 22; Devonshire 17 individual and 18 Lodge, &c., votes, together 35. These

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added together give a total of 409 votes, or 170 more than were actually polled by all the Provinces together. The four we have taken at hazard, though not the most remote, are distant enough from the Metropolis to make attendance at Freemasons' Hall a matter of some labour and considerable expense. Had proxies been admissible, all these might have voted at the cost of a postage stamp, but it was exacting too much of them to compel a journey to London and back from London for the purpose of signing a paper which they could as well have signed at home. Or, as was suggested by one of our correspondents, a receiver of votes might have been appointed for each Province, and the papers forwarded under seal to the General Committee for scrutiny and acceptance if duly filled in. But, whatever arrangement might have been made, it is obviously unjust to penalise a voter from an outlying Province to the extent of two or three pounds and the fatigue of a long journey, that he may exercise the same privilege as his Metropolitan brethren, whom it costs a few pence and a little trouble. If we take the total number of voters at 4,000—it may be more, or it may be less, for we have done enough in respect of figures for the sake of argument, and we have no mind to cast up the voters in the list of Governors, &c.—we shall find them apportioned between London and the Provinces in the ratio of 5 to 3—about 2,500 in London and 1,500 in the Provinces. If we take the papers, spoiled and informal included, we have about one-third of the London constituency recording their votes, and one-sixth of the Provincial constituencies, a result which might well have been anticipated from the system presently in force. Under these circumstances, it occurs to us that no time should be lost in amending the law. We know that at the last revision there was a very considerable difference of opinion on this very question, and now that we have had experience of the manner in which personal voting works, we think, in justice to the Provinces, the experiment of proxy voting should be tried. Even in such case London would have the advantage in point of numbers, but as it is, this advantage is simply overwhelming. We shall revert to the subject at some future time.

LODGE VICTORIA IN BURMAH.

OUR readers will have noted from a letter which recently appeared in our columns, that the unfortunate differences which for so long a time have prevailed in this Lodge have not been terminated, but on the contrary, there seems to remain the same disposition as ever to resist the mandate of Grand Lodge and keep the restored members, Bro. Vaillant and others, outside the portals of the Lodge. We are not concerned very particularly about the nature of these differences. Whatever they my be, however they may have arisen, there can be no question that had the instructions conveyed by Bro. Hervey to the W. Master been obeyed, the Craft would have been spared a most unseemly exhibition of indiscipline, which, in our humble opinion, merits a most decided rebuff, if, indeed, it is not worthy of the heaviest punishment which it is in the power of Grand Lodge to inflict. However, the authorities in Great Queen-street are in a position to uphold their own dignity, and, come what may, G. Lodge will stifle, with justly fraternal sternness and most effectually, whatever feeble opposition this subordinate—or should we rather say, this exceedingly insubordinate—Lodge may raise. Orders are orders, edicts are edicts, and it is the duty of the inferior to obey, unhesitatingly, whatever emanates in the shape of a command from his superior. This, of course, is a truism, and we take some discredit to ourselves for having noted it with so much distinctness and force; but, in a case of this kind, force and distinctness are imperatively necessary. We must make it clear to our readers, that there is, and can be, no doubt whatever about the necessity—we will not condescend to use the word propriety—there is for an absolute and unreserved obedience to the supreme authority, for without it, as a correspondent remarked last week, no system of Government is possible. Thus far have we spoken in general terms, which are no more applicable to Victoria in Burmah than to any other Lodge in the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England. Let us now comment on the special circumstances of this particular case—but briefly, or we shall disgust the majority of our readers. We have received a letter from the W. Master of Victoria in Burmah, accusing us of unfairness in commenting on a case, which he says, is still *sub judice*, but which, from our point of view, is determined. Well, some time since, we received a long and very elaborate letter, which was mainly intended to be a defence of the other side of the question than that adopted by our correspondent, "A LOOKER ON." It was signed by the Past Master who, if we remember rightly, preceded the Rev. Bro. Marks in the chair. Our idea of this letter was, and is, that it was a communication distinguished, if in any way, by its profound insolence of tone and contempt for all constituted authority. In support of this view, we quote an early paragraph from the letter in question. It is to this effect; "I wonder what the members of the Grand Lodge will say when they discover that the appeal of Bros. Vaillant and others was entertained and disposed of in an unconstitutional manner. This perhaps may make the Grand Registrar's hair stand on end, but he must be prepared for this disclosure, and learn that he is just as liable to be deceived as any other human mortal" (*sic*). We commend this paragraph to our readers as the most unmitigated specimen we have yet seen or read of fraternal impudence. A simple W.M. of a subordinate Lodge declaring an appeal to Grand Lodge has been disposed of unconstitutionally. A W.M. who has sworn to obey faithfully the edicts of Grand Lodge setting them at defiance, and that in the most outrageously brazen and barefaced manner! And then the Grand Registrar's hair—our special wag standing by remarks that whether the learned and Very Worshipful Brother's natural hair or the hair of his professional wig is intended, does not *hairpear* on the record; but this is owing, no doubt, to the confusion of ideas caused by the hot weather. Be this as it may, it would have been more respectful to the Grand Registrar to have omitted all reference to his hair, legal or natural. He is capable of forming a judgment on a simple matter of Masonic usage or practice, as well as on the most intricate points of Masonic Law. His decision in this case has been fully and unanimously endorsed by Grand Lodge, and it would better have become the recalcitrant members of Victoria in Burmah had they accepted at first and without reservation what they will be compelled to accept ultimately on peril of being excluded once and for ever from their Masonic rights and privileges. Our opinion is, that no appeals, no subsidiary statements should be even listened to, until the present W. Master of the Victoria Burmah Lodge, No. 832 of Rangoon, has obeyed the orders transmitted to him in December last by our respected Grand Secretary. Let him observe the solemn oath he has taken in open Lodge on the occasion of his installation, and receive the now unjustly excluded brethren again into his Lodge; and when he has done these things, then, if he desires it, let him respectfully approach the supreme authority in Grand Lodge, and make whatever presentment he may choose to make.

As to the origin and circumstances of the quarrel, we have received a most elaborate statement, covered with pencil comments of great variety, and mostly uninteresting. We neither know nor care anything about the origin, &c., &c., of these unseemly squabbles. What we mean to do, and what we have done, is simply to uphold the authority of Grand Lodge, and the sneers and objections of the recusant brethren of Victoria in Burmah have more than ever confirmed us in this resolution.

The Annual Meeting of the Masons of the Province of Cornwall will be held on Tuesday, the 6th August next, at the Masonic Hall, Redruth. Prov. Grand Lodge will be opened at 10 a.m., and the business of the Province will be transacted. Among the items on the agenda paper is the dedication of the Masonic Hall of the Druids' Lodge, No. 589, to Masonic purposes. At 12 o'clock, the brethren will proceed to Church, where a sermon is to be preached by the Rev. Frederick J. Wintle, Prov. G. Chaplain.

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THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

BRO. R. F. GOULD.

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§ 17.

I.—On the 1st of May 1777, Lord Petre was succeeded by the Duke of Manchester, during whose administration the tranquillity of the Society was interrupted by private dissensions. An unfortunate dispute having arisen among the members of the Lodge of Antiquity, on account of some proceedings of the brethren of that Lodge on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, after his Grace's election, the complaint was introduced into the Grand Lodge, where it occupied the attention of every Committee and Communication for twelve months. It originated from the Master, Wardens, and some of the members, having, in consequence of a resolution of the Lodge, attended divine service at St. Dunstan's Church in Fleet Street, in the clothing of the Order, and walked back to the Mitre Tavern in their regalia, without having obtained a dispensation for the purpose. The Grand Lodge determined the measure to be a violation of the general regulations respecting public processions. Various opinions were formed on the subject, and several brethren highly disgusted. Another circumstance tended still farther to widen the breach. This Lodge having expelled three members for misbehaviour, the Grand Lodge interfered, and without proper investigation, ordered them to be reinstated. With this order the Lodge refused to comply, conceiving themselves competent judges in the choice of their own members. The privileges of the Lodge of Antiquity were then set up in opposition to the SUPPOSED uncontrollable authority of the Grand Lodge; and in the investigation of this important point the original cause of dispute was totally forgotten. Matters were agitated to the extreme on both sides; resolutions were precipitately entered into, and edicts inadvertently issued; memorials and remonstrances were presented. At last a rupture ensued. The Lodge of Antiquity supported its immemorial privileges; appointed Committees to examine records; applied to the old Lodge in York City, and to the Lodges in Scotland and Ireland, for advice; entered a protest against, and peremptorily refused to comply with, the resolutions of the Grand Lodge; discontinued the attendance of its Master and Wardens at the Committees of Charity and Quarterly Communications as its representatives; published a Manifesto in its vindication; notified its separation from the Grand Lodge; and avowed an alliance with the Grand Lodge of all England held in the City of York, and every Lodge and Mason who wished to act in conformity to the original Constitutions. The Grand Lodge enforced its edicts, and extended protection to the brethren whose cause it had espoused. Anathemas were issued, several worthy men in their absence expelled from the Society for refusing to surrender the property of the Lodge to three persons who had been regularly expelled from it; and printed letters were circulated, with the Grand Treasurer's accounts, highly derogatory to the dignity of the Society. This produced a schism, which subsisted for the space of ten years.

II.—To justify the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, the following resolution of the Committee of Charity, held in Feb. 1779, was printed and dispersed among the Lodges:—

"Resolved—That every private Lodge derives its authority from the Grand Lodge, and that no authority but the Grand Lodge can withdraw or take away that power. That though the majority of a Lodge may determine to quit the Society the constitution, or power of assembling remains with, and is vested in the rest of the members who may be desirous of continuing their allegiance; and that if all the members withdraw themselves, the constitution is extinct, and the authority reverts to the Grand Lodge."

III.—This resolution, it was argued might operate with respect to a Lodge which derives its Constitution from the Grand Lodge, but could not apply to one which derived its authority from another channel, long before the establishment of the Grand Lodge, and which authority had been repeatedly admitted and acknowledged.(1) Had it appeared upon record, that after the establishment of the Grand Lodge this original authority had been surrendered, forfeited, or exchanged for a warrant from the Grand Lodge.(2) The Lodge of Antiquity must have admitted the resolution of the Grand Lodge in its full force.

But as no such circumstance appeared upon record, the members of the Lodge of Antiquity were justified in considering their immemorial constitution sacred, while they chose to exist as a Lodge and act in obedience to the ancient Constitutions.

Considering the subject in this point of view, it evidently appears that the resolutions of the Grand Lodge, could have no effect on the Lodge of Antiquity; especially after the publication of the Manifesto avowing its separation. The members of that Lodge Continued to meet regularly as heretofore, and to promote the laudable purposes of Masonry on their old independent foundation.

IV.—The Lodge of Antiquity, it was asserted, could not be dissolved, while the majority of its members kept together, and acted in conformity to the original Constitution; and no edict of the Grand Lodge *or its committees* could deprive the members of that Lodge of a right which had been admitted to be vested in themselves, collectively, from time immemorial; a right which had never been derived from, or ceded to, any Grand Lodge whatever. To understand more clearly the nature of that Constitution, by which the Lodge of Antiquity is upheld, we must have recourse to the usage and customs which prevailed among Masons at the end of the last, and beginning of the present century. The Fraternity then had a discretionary power to meet as Masons, in certain numbers, according to their degrees, with the approbation of the Master of the work where any public building was carrying on, as often as they found it necessary so to do; and when so met, to receive into the Order brothers and fellows, and practise the rites of Masonry. The idea of investing Masters and Wardens of Lodges in Grand Lodge assembled, or the Grand Master himself, with a power to grant Warrants of Constitution to certain brethren to meet as Masons, on the observance of certain conditions at certain houses, had no existence. The Fraternity, were under no such restrictions. The ancient charges were the only standard for the regulation of conduct, and no law was known in the Society which those charges did not inculcate.

To the award of the Fraternity at large, in general meeting assembled, once or twice in a year, all brethren were subject, and the authority of the Grand Master never extended beyond the bounds of that general meeting. Every private assembly or Lodge was under the direction of its particular Master, chosen for the occasion whose authority terminated with the meeting.(3) When a Lodge was fixed at any particular place for a certain time, an attestation from the brethren present, entered on record, was a sufficient proof of its regular constitution; and this practice prevailed for many years after the revival of Masonry in the South of England. By this authority, which never proceeded from the Grand Lodge, unfettered by any other restrictions than the Constitutions of Masonry, the Lodge of Antiquity has always been, and still continues to be governed.

V.—[(4) And it is well known to have been an invariable rule, long after the establishment of the Grand Lodge in London, on its present system, for the Grand Master, at his installation, solemnly to engage to observe the ancient Constitutions, and to preserve the ancient privileges, of the Masons of England, as landmarks not to be removed.

From this state of the case, it must appear obvious that any regulation of the Society that is subversive of the original Constitutions, must be an encroachment on the ancient privileges of Masonry; and however, it may operate with respect to Lodges which have been constituted in conformity to that regulation, it can never affect others which are not warranted by their constitution to give it a sanction.]

VI.—While I have endeavoured to explain the subject of this unfortunate dispute, I rejoice in the opportunity which the proceedings of the grand feast in 1790 have afforded of promoting harmony, by restoring to the privileges of the Society all the brethren of the Lodge of Antiquity who had been falsely accused and unjustly expelled in 1779. By the operation of our professed principles, and through the mediation of that true friend to genuine Masonry, William Birch, Esq., present Master of the Lodge of Antiquity, unanimity has been happily restored, the Manifesto published by that Lodge in 1779 revoked, and the Master and Wardens of that truly ancient Association, the first Lodge under the English Constitution, have resumed their seats in Grand Lodge as heretofore; while the brethren who had received the sanction of the Society as nominal members of the Lodge of Antiquity during the separation, have been reunited with the original members of the real Lodge, and all the privileges of that venerable body now centre in one channel.

§ 18.—Brother Preston, however, in the foregoing narrative, omits to mention, that during the pendency of the secession, the Lodge of Antiquity, original No. 1, founded a separate Grand Lodge of its own, under the title of the "Grand Lodge of England South of the Trent." There being in consequence, at such time, four Grand Lodges of England in contemporaneous existence, viz.:—(5)

1. The Grand Lodge of England (Regular Grand Lodge), Established 1717.

2. The Grand Lodge of *all* England, York Masons,(6) 1725.

3. The Grand Lodge of England according to the Old Institutions ("Seceders"), 1753.

4. The Grand Lodge of England South of the Trent (7) (Lodge of Antiquity, original No. 1), 1778.

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(1) APPROBATION.

THEREFORE WE, the *present Grand Master* of the Right Worshipful and Most Ancient *Fraternity* of *Free* and *Accepted Masons*, the *Deputy Grand Master*, the *Grand Wardens*, the *Masters* and *Wardens* of particular *Lodges*, [*with the consent of the Brethren and Fellows in* and about the cities of LONDON and WESTMINSTER (*)] having also perused this performance, do join our laudable Predecessors in our solemn *Approbation* thereof, as what we believe will fully answer the end proposed: all the valuable things of the old *Records* being retained. —*Constit.* 1723.

This "Approbation" was appended to the *first* Book of Constitutions, A.D. 1723, and was followed by the names of Philip Duke of Wharton, G.M.; J. T. Desaguliers, D.G.M.; and others, as set out in Note. Note the passage within brackets (*); and compare with § 15 (II., III. and VI.), and § 16 (III., last note).

(2) It is here plainly implied that original No. 1 is the *only* Lodge which has preserved its Time Immemorial privileges intact. Compare, however, with preceding note.

(3) *N.B.—In antient times no brother, however skilled in the Craft, was called a Master Mason until he had been elected into the chair of a Lodge.—Constit.* 1873.

(4) Preston, Ed. 1781 (*only*).

(5) Hughan, *Masonic Memorials*, p 9; *Masonic Sketches and Reprints*, p 59.

(6) Before this date, the chief officer was styled the President, and no such term as *Grand Lodge* is recorded.—Hughan, *History of Freemasonry in York*, p 41.

(7) Established by Warrant of Confirmation from the Grand Lodge of *all* England (York).

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§ 19.—The exceptional privileges granted to the Grand Stewards will be noticed in Part III.; but Bro. Preston's commentary thereupon, may here be appropriably cited.(1) "A privilege has been lately granted to the Stewards' Lodge, of taking precedence of other Lodges; *a measure incompatible with the Constitutions, and which can never be sanctioned by the rules of the Society;* this privilege is said to have been irregularly obtained, and therefore several Lodges have entered protests against it in their private books, which in due time may have an effect, and probably induce a re-investigation of the subject."

Bro. Preston further states, "that it having been reported to the Lodge of Antiquity, that a member of the Stewards' Lodge, had threatened to enter a complaint, against the Master of a Lodge at Paddington, for having paid the usual compliment to the Master of the Lodge of Antiquity, on a visit, in preference to a member of the Stewards' Lodge, it was resolved by the members, 'That no Lodge, or member of a Lodge, under the constitution of England, shall take precedence of the Master of this Lodge. And that a letter be immediately transmitted to the Master of the Lodge at Paddington, thanking him for the respect shown to the Master of the oldest Lodge, and promising to defend him and his Lodge against the said complaint.' 'The complaint,' continues Preston, 'was never brought before the Society, and the matter dropt of course.'"

§ 20.—I. It should be recorded, however, that the power of the Four Old Lodges to erect a Grand Lodge in 1717, was somewhat rudely called into question, by the Ancient or Seceding Masons, and though the arguments adduced by them, command no weight whatever, and were probably invented by Bro. Laurence Dermott, (2) for the sole purpose of disparaging the Regular Grand Lodge—these, it must be recollected, were, up to the date of the Masonic Union of 1813, repeated in successive editions of the book of Constitutions *(Ahiman Rezon)*, published by authority of the Grand Lodge of England, "according to the Old Institutions," with which Masonic body, moreover, the *Regular* Grand Lodge of England eventually amalgamated, on terms of equality. With respect to the resolution passed by the Regular Grand Lodge, "after the first meeting in 1717 (Revival), '*that without a warrant from the Grand Master for the time being, no Lodge should hereafter be deemed Regular or Constitutional,*' (3) the Seceding brethren contended that the above assembly (Grand Lodge of England) did not possess the power to pass such a resolution; because it was not only self-created, but defective in numbers, whereas, in order to form (what Masons mean by) a Grand Lodge, there should have been the Masters and Wardens of *five* regular Lodges, that is to say, five Masters and ten Wardens, making the number of installed Officers fifteen.

"This (they continued) is so well known to every man conversant with the ancient laws, usages, customs, and ceremonies of Master Masons, that it is needless to say more, than that the foundation was defective in number, and consequently defective in form and capacity.

"Nor can it be urged that such defection or irregular formation was owing to necessity, as there were numbers of old Masons then in (and adjacent to) London, from whom the present Grand Lodge of Ancient Masons received the old system without adulteration."(4)

II. The author or compiler, however, of the *Complete Freemason*, or *Multa Paucis*, an unauthorised account of Freemasonry, issued about 1764-6, speaks of *six* Lodges being present or represented at the Revival; but as this statement is in direct contradiction to that of Dr. Anderson on the same subject, few will be found to differ from the opinion expressed by Bro. Hughan, "that the preference must be given to the account by Dr. Anderson, who clearly wrote at a time when many personally knew as to the facts narrated, and whose Book of Constitutions (1738) was really the official statement issued by the Grand Lodge, having indeed been written by its order, and agreed to in M.S. by the same body."(5)

(1) Preston, Ed. 1796, p 272.

(2) Grand Secretary, "*Ancients:*" 1752-70. Hughan's *Masonic Memorials*, p 10. It is not a little curious that Bro. Preston, the historian of the Regular Grand Lodge (1717), should have been initiated in a Lodge ("the White Stag") on the Roll of the "Ancients," whilst Bro. Laurence Dermott, the Secretary, Deputy Grand Master, and General Chronicler of the Seceders (Grand Lodge of England, "according to the Old Institutions") (1753), was a member of a "Regular" Lodge in London (Moderns) prior to his connection with the "Ancients."

(3) See § 15 (I).

(4) *Ahiman Rezon*, Ed. 1778, p 14. Origin of the English Royal Arch (*Oliver*), p 18.

(5) See § 11, Note 2.

LIST No. 8.

PINE'S LIST OF LODGES 1736.(1)

A List of Regular Lodges, *according to their Seniority and Constitution.*(2)

1	King's Arms, St. Paul's Church-yard	
2	Ball and Gate in Holborn(3)	
3	Horn, Westminster	
4	Shakespeare's Head, Marlborough-street	17th Jan. 1722
5	Bell, Nicholas-lane	11th July 1721
6	Mr. Brand's Head, New Bond-street	19th Jan. 1722
7	Rummer, Queen-street, Cheapside	28th Jan. 1722
8	Daniel's Coffee House, Temple Bar	25th April 1722
9	Red Cross Barr(4)	
10	King's Arms, New Bond-street	25th Nov. 1722
11	Queen's Head, Knave's-acre	27th Feb. 1723
12	Castle, Drury-lane	
14	Queen's Head, Great Queen-street	30th March 1723
15	Bull's Head, Southwark	1st April 1723
16	Turk's Head, Fleet-street(4)	
17	Crown, St. Giles'	1723
18	Sun, Holborn	5th May 1723
19	Mourning Bush, Aldersgate	15th May 1723
20	French Swan Lodge, Long-acre	12th June 1723
21	Chain and Anchor, Chancery-lane	4th August 1723
22	Bull's Head, Gracechurch-street(4)	
23	Half Moon, Cheapside	18th Sept. 1723
24	Swan, Whitecross-street	
25	House, Spitalfields	24th Dec. 1723
26	Key and Garter, Pall Mall	
27	Forrest's Coffee House, Charing Cross	27th March 1724
28	Queen's Head, City of Bath	
29	Nag's Head, Bristol	
30	Three Tuns, City of Norwich	
31	Dolphin, City of Chichester	17th July 1724
32	Double Eagle, Castle-lane, City of Chester	
33	Crown and Mitre, Northgate-street, City of Chester	
34	Bunch of Grapes, Carmarthen, S. Wales	
35	Pillars? Portsmouth	
36	Red Lion, Congleton, Cheshire	
37	—— Arms? Moore-fields	July 1724
38	Goat, Eagle-court, in ye Strand	
39	Swan and Rummer? Finch-lane	Feb. 1725
40	To the Tun, St. Paul's Church-yard(4)	
41	Tree, Holborn	20th May 1725
42	Crown and Angel, Whitechappel	
43	King's Arms, Strand	25th May 1725
44	Swan, Long-acre	Sept. 1725
45	Hart, Without Bishopgate	19th Jan. 1726
46	Mount's Coffee House, Grosvenor-street, near Hanover-square	12th Jan. 1727
47	Lion, Aldersgate-street	9th Aug. 1727
48	—— Head? Salford	
49	Bunch of Grapes, Drury-lane	31st Jan. 1728
50	—— Arms? St. Bernard-street, in Madrid	
51	Rock, Gibraltar	Nov. 1728
52	Cushion? Warwick	22nd April 1728
53	Hoop and Griffin, Leadenhall-street	1728
54	Prince of Wales' Head, King-street, St. Ann's(4)	
55	Fountain, Fleet-street	1728
56	Crown and Sceptre, King-street, Seven Dyals(4)	
57	Ball and Red Lion, Red Lyon-street, Holbourn	15th April 1728
58	Crown, Corn Market, Oxford	8th Aug. 1729
59	Three Tuns, Scarborough	27th Aug. 1729
60	George-street, Mary Ax(4)	
61	Fountain, Snow-hill	24th Jan. 1730
62	George and Dragon, Northampton	16th Jan. 1730
63	Bacchus and Grapes, Gravill-street, Hatton-garden	
64		
65	St. Rooks-hill, near Chichester, Sussex,	In the reign of Julius Cæsar
66	Red Rion, in ye City of Canterbury	3rd April 1730
67	Castle, St. Giles'	
68	Tree, Long-acre, Masters' Lodge	28th April 1730
69	Bacchus and Bunch of Grapes, Bloomsbury Market	22nd May 1730
70	Lion, Lynn Regis	1st Oct. 1729
71	Cushion, Cheapside	26th Jan. 1730
72	East Indian Arms, Bengal, in the East Indies	
73	—— Head? Lincoln	7th Sept. 1730
74	University Lodge, at the Bear and Harrow in the Butcher-row	14th Dec. 1730
75	Rainbow Coffee House, York-buildings	17th July 1730
76	—— Head? Old Baily, Master's Lodge	
77	Lion, Jockey-fields	11th Jan. 1731
78	Fountain, Bury St. Edmunds	1731

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79	Crown and Angels, Little St. Martins-lane			
80	Angel, Macclesfield			
81	Golden Fleece, Bury St. Edmunds	1st	Nov.	1731
82	Three Tuns, Newgate-street	21st	Oct.	1731
83	Three Tuns, Smithfield	17th	Dec.	1731
84	Old Castle of Antwerp, behind the Royal Exchange			
85	Fountain, Borough of Southwark	24th	Jan.	1732
86	King's Arms, St. Margaret's-hill, Southwark	2nd	Feb.	1732
87	New King's Arms, Leigh, in Lancashire	22nd	Feb.	1732
88	Crow and Bell, Wolverhampton	28th	March	1732
89	Horse Shoe and Rummer, Drury-lane	11th	April	1732
90	At Hotel de Bussy, Rue de Bussy a Paris	3rd	April	1732
91	Sun, Fleet-street	12th	April	1732
92	King's Head, Tower-street(4)			
93	Two Heads, Rosemary-lane	21st	June	1732
94	—— Arms? Ludgate-street	29th	June	1732
95	King's Arms, Dorcett-street, Spittlefields	12th	July	1732
96	White Horse, Ipswitch			
97	New Inn, Exeter(3)	11th	July	1732
98	King's Arms, Piccadilly	17th	Aug.	1732
99	Hoop and Griffin, in Leadenhall-street(4)			
100	George and Dragon, Butcher-row	19th	Aug.	1732
101	Crown, Upper Moore-fields	29th	Aug.	1732
102	Royal Vineyard, St. James's Park	5th	Sept.	1732
103	Royall Standard, Leicester-fields(4)			
104	Virgins Inn, Derby	14th	Sept.	1732
105	A Private Room, Bolton le Moors	9th	Nov.	1732
106	Clothworkers Arms, Upper Moor-fields	15th	Nov.	1732
107	Turks Head, Greek-street, Soho	12th	Dec.	1732
108	Seven Stars, Bury St. Edmunds	15th	Dec.	1732
109	Old Mitre, Salisbury	27th	Dec.	1732
110	Ship Coffee House, near the Hermitage Bridge	2nd	Feb.	173¾
111	Theatre Tavern, Goodman's-fields	17th	Feb.	173¾
112	King's Arms, Tower-street, near the 7 Dials	3rd	March	173¾
113	Bear and Collar, City of Bath	18th	March	1733
114	The Fountain, in Catherine-street, Strand(4)			
115	Daniel's Coffee House, Temple Bar			
116	Harrow and Boar, Master Masons' Lodge, Butcher-row			
117	Shakespeare's Head, Stewards' Lodge, Covent Garden	25th	June	1735
118	Red Lion, Bury, in Lancashire	26th	July	1733
119	Lion, Stourbridge, Worcester	1st	Aug.	1733
120	Oate's Coffee House, Masters' Lodge, Great Whild-street			
121	Crown, Fleet Market(4)			
122	Forrest's Coffee House, Charing Cross			
123	Castle, Kingston, Middlesex			
124	Hamburgh, in Lower Saxony			
125	Swan, Birmingham			
126	Boston, in New England(5)	30th	July	1733
127	Valenciennes, in French Flanders			
128	D.M. and Figure, Petticoate-lane, Whitechapell	5th	Nov.	1734
129	Masons Arms, Plymouth			
130	Mitre, Mint-street, near St. George's Church, Southwark	11th	June	1735
131	At the Hague			1735
132	Two Fencers, Newcastle-on-Tyne	24th	June	1735
133	At the Castle, Aubigny, in France	22nd	Aug.	1735
134	Sun, Old Round-court	26th	Aug.	1735
135	Lisbon Lodge			
136	Lord Weymouth's Arms, Warminster, in Wiltshire			
137	Rummer, Bristol	12th	Nov.	1735
138	Anchor, Cock-lane, Snow-hill			
139	Savannah, in ye Province of Georgia			
140	Ashley's London Punch House, Ludgate-hill			1736
141	Three Cups, Colchester			
142	Fountain, Shrewsbury	16th	April	1736
143	Fountain, Gateshead	8th	March	1735
144	Running Dog, Lamb-street, Spittlefields	11th	June	1736
145	Three Crowns, Weymouth			
146	—— Head? Norwich			
147	George and Dragon, Tythe Barn-street, Liverpool	25th	June	1736
148	Sun, Fish-street-hill	16th	Aug.	1736
149	King's Arms, Edgebarton-street, Birmingham			
150	Yorkshire Grey, Beer-lane, Thames-street	2nd	Dec.	1736
151	Black Dog, Castle-street, Seven Dyals, Masters' Lodge	21st	Dec.	1736
152	Blossom's Inn, Lawrence-lane, Cheapside	31st	Dec.	1736

This is the latest List in which all four of the Old Lodges appear.

It will be seen that No. 13 is missing.

(1) From Engraved List (Grand Lodge).

(2) It is probable that these words appear at head of the 1729 List, of which I have only seen a reprint, but the earlier List of 1725 is simply headed "List of Regular Lodges as constituted till March 25th."

They appear in the Engraved List for 1734.—See §§ 11 (note 5) and 13.

(3) Crossed out.

(4) Pasted over the original printed description.

(5) Date written in.

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THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Feeling assured that anything, however remotely associated with the Four Old Lodges, will prove of interest to your readers, and especially at the present time, when Bro. Gould's series of articles is appearing in your columns, I submit the following particulars relating to the original Nos. 1 and 4, which happily still exist. They are gathered from a valuable publication of Messrs. Cassell, Petter and Galpin, entitled *Old and New London*, the first two volumes of the work having been compiled by that able writer Mr. Walter Thornbury.

(a) Original No. 1,—*hodie*, Antiquity No. 2. This Lodge, as most of us are aware, held its meetings at an alehouse in St. Paul's Churchyard, bearing the uncommon sign of the "Goose and Gridiron." This sign, writes Mr. Thornbury, is found at Woodhall, in Lincolnshire, and other places, but the St. Paul's Churchyard Goose and Gridiron is supposed to have been originally the Mitre, a Musical house in London House-yard, at the north-west corner of St. Paul's. Two origins are given of the name. (1) According to the *Tatler*, when the Mitre ceased to be a music-house, the new landlord set up as his sign a goose striking the bars of a gridiron, in ridicule of the "Swan and Harp," a common sign for Music Houses. (2) It may be a vernacular rendering of the coat of arms of the Company of Musicians, which was probably suspended at the door of the Mitre, when a Music-house. These arms were "A Swan with his wings expanded within a double tressure, counter, flory, argent," and the double tressure might easily be mistaken for a gridiron. This was the first music-house in London, and its first master, Robert Herbert, *alias* Farges, sworn servant to His Majesty, besides being a publican and lover of music, was a great traveller, who, in the course of his thirty years' wanderings, collected many natural rarities, which were on view "*at the Mitre*, near the West end of St. Paul's Church, 1664." A great portion of the collection was purchased by Sir Hans Sloane, and it is conjectured that the site of this Mitre was afterwards occupied by the Goose and Gridiron alehouse. I should add that the foregoing particulars have been excerpted by Mr. Thornbury from Messrs. Hotten and Larwood's *History of Inn and Tavern Signs*.

In a few years Original No. 1, migrated from the Goose and Gridiron to the King's or Queen's Arms in St. Paul's Churchyard, where it remained till after 1715. Respecting this we learn that, in order to keep well with the City men, Garrick was in the habit of attending a Club held here. Here, too, Dr. Samuel Johnson, the great lexicographer, started a City Club, of which we read in Boswell, and here, some years later, there was a sixpenny Card Club, of which a Mr. Brasbridge, silversmith of Fleet-street, has left some interesting particulars.

The Mitre, Fleet-street—not the present Mitre in Mitre-court—ceased to be a tavern in 1788, and became, first, Macklin's Poets' Gallery, and then an auction room. It stood next to Hoare's Bank, and was pulled down in 1829, in order to enlarge the latter. The Society of Antiquaries met here from 1728 to 1753. In 1733, Thomas Topham, "The Strong Man," rolled up a large pewter dish in his fingers in the presence of a goodly company at the Mitre, and it was at the Mitre that in 1765 Johnson and Boswell met by appointment, when was formed that intimacy which is so memorable. Goldsmith was often with them, and the famous "Tour to the Hebrides" was planned here. It was hence likewise that the Masters, Wardens, and members of the Lodge walked in procession and wearing their regalia, to St. Dunstan's Church to attend Divine service, and then back again in like form. This apparently innocent perambulation was one of the causes which led to the rupture in 1779 between the Grand Lodge and the Lodge of Antiquity, in consequence of which the latter threw off its allegiance, as Grand Lodge held the procession in full Masonic clothing to be in violation of its law against such display. The healing of this rupture and the restoration of Antiquity to its place on the roll of Grand Lodge was one of the last Masonic acts of the Duke of Cumberland, Grand Master 1782-90, his death occurring very shortly after the reconciliation had taken place.

(b) Original No. 4, *hodie* R. Somerset House, Inverness, No. 4. This was held at the Rummer and Grapes in Channel-row, which is the same as Canon or Cannon-row, so called from its being assigned as a residence to the canons of St. Stephen's Chapel. According to Stow, the inhabitants in his time included "divers noblemen and gentlemen," as Sir Edward Hobbes, John Thynne Esq., Henry Clinton, Earl of Lincoln, and the Earl of Derby and the Duchess of Somerset, mother of the Earl of Hertford. On the south side is a dull and heavy building, erected in 1784 for the Board of Ordnance, but devoted to the then newly-formed Board of Control. This is now the Civil Service Commission. In this row, too, stood "the Rhenish Wine House of good resort," mentioned by Strype, and referred to by Prior and Montague:—

> "What wretch would nibble on a hanging shelf,
> When at Pontack's he may regale himself,
> Or to the house of cleanly Rhenish go,
> Or that at Charing Cross, or that in Channel Row."

This is no doubt "the Rummer and Grapes," where our original No. 4 held its meetings. It was the Lodge of Mr. George Payne, Antiquary and twice Grand Master, who, like many another Antiquary, was probably a man of taste in things vinous as well as a man of learning.

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It was likewise to a lady residing in Channel Row that King Charles I., two nights before his execution, despatched his faithful Herbert to deliver to her a ring, and she in return gave Herbert a box sealed with three seals, two bearing the King's arms, and one a Roman figure, to deliver to the King. The following day Charles opened it, and showing the diamonds and jewels and parts of Georges and Garters it contained, said, "You see all the wealth now in my power to give my children." This touching anecdote is quoted by Mr. Thornbury from Wood's "Athenæ Oxonienses."

As regards the Turk's Head in Gerrard-street, Soho, where the Lodge was quartered in 1775, it was the headquarters of the Loyal Association in the Scottish rising in 1745. Here in 1764 the Literary Club was founded by Dr. Johnson and Sir Joshua Reynolds. On death of landlord in 1783 it became a private house, and the Club migrated to Sackville-street, and after oscillating, as it were, between there and Dover-street went thence and settled at the Thatched House Tavern, St. James's-street. Dryden lived and died in 1700 at Gerrard-street at present No. 43, and Edmund Burke lived in the same street, but number unknown.

Many of these particulars, indeed, the most of them, are non-Masonic, but they are interesting from a domiciliary or topical point of view and as such worthy, I think, of mention. It cannot be otherwise than agreeable to find the earlier homes of our oldest existing Lodges in localities or houses associated with eminent personages, whether Masons or non-Masons.

Fraternally yours,

YOUR REVIEWER OF HUGHAN'S REPRINT OF PINE'S LIST FOR 1734.

THE LONDON MASONIC CLUB LODGE OF INSTRUCTION,

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Would you be so good as to inform the brethren (London and Provincial) who peruse your useful Journal, that the above Lodge of Instruction, at their last meeting, closed until Monday, 14th October, at 6 o'clock.

I am, thanking you in anticipation,

Fraternally and faithfully, yours,

J. E. SHAND,

Hon. Sec. L.M.C.L. of Instruction.

26th July 1878.

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN'S CONNECTION WITH FREEMASONRY.

FALLACIES AND FACTS CONCERNING.

By BRO. JACOB NORTON.

ACCORDING to Dr. Anderson, Sir C. Wren was made S.G.W. by G.M. Henry Jermyn, Earl of St. Albans, on St. John's day, 27th of December 1663, and upon the death of G.M. Arlington in 1685, Sir Christopher was elected Grand Master, &c.

Again, "Grand Master Wren, who designed St. Paul's, London, A.D. 1673, as Master of Work, had conducted it from the footstone, had the honour to finish the noble Cathedral, the finest and largest temple of the Augustan style, except St. Peter's at Rome; and celebrated the copestone when he erected the cross on the top of the cupola in July 1708."

And again, "King George I. entered London most magnificently on the 20th of September 1714; and after the Rebellion, A.D. 1716,* the few Lodges in London finding themselves neglected by Sir Christopher Wren, thought fit to cement under a new Grand Master as the centre of union and harmony;" and this led to the election of "Mr. Antony Sayer, gentleman, Grand Master of Masons," on the ensuing St. John's day, 24th June 1717.

The above statements are mere *fallacies*; the title of Grand Master was unknown to Masons before 1717. There is no evidence whatever about the Earl of St. Albans, or [Lord] Arlington's connection with Freemasons. Sir Christopher Wren was, indeed, a member of the Masonic Fraternity, but we have the written testimony of his intimate friend Aubrey that Sir Christopher was not adopted a brother of the Fraternity before 18th May 1691. (See *Halliwell's Constitution*).

Dr. Anderson's dates of laying the foundation stone and of completing the Cathedral are also incorrect, the corner stone of St. Paul's Cathedral was laid, not in 1673, but two years later, and the completion of the building, or the laying of the copestone, took place, not in 1708, but in 1710. The following extracts from Dean Milman's Annals of St. Paul's will be read with interest, and will confirm the above remarks.

"The Architect himself (says Milman) had the honor of laying the first foundation stone, 21st June 1675. There was no solemn ceremonial, neither the King nor any of the Court, nor the Primate, nor the Bishop, not even, it should seem, was Dean Baucroft or the Lord Mayor present."

It is certainly surprising that neither King, nor Court, nor Primate, nor Bishop, &c., were present at the beginning of so important an undertaking; but the absence of the Freemasons would be more surprising still, if Sir Christopher had been connected with the Craft at that time. Mr. James Elmes, in his Memoirs of the Life and Works of Sir C. Wren, says, "The architect was assisted by Thomas Strong, the Master Mason, and the second by Mr. Longland." It is not stated that either of these Masons belonged to the Fraternity, but whether they were or not, their presence there was not what we (in the modern sense) would call their "Masonic capacity," but merely as assistants of the architect. Here is the account of the completion of the exterior of St. Paul's:—

"The exterior of the Cathedral was adjudged complete. It stood with its perfect dome and encircling colonnades, its galleries and ball, and surmounting cross. Sir Christopher Wren, by the hand of his son, attended by Mr. Strong, the Master Mason who had executed the whole work, and the body of Freemasons, of which Sir Christopher was an active member, laid the last and highest stone of the lantern of the cupola, with humble prayers for divine blessing." &c. (*Annals of St. Paul's*, by Dean Milman.)

Upon this occasion we see that *the Freemasons* were present, because Sir Christopher was then, in 1710, an active member of the Masonic Fraternity. The absence of the Freemasons in 1675, and their presence in 1710, seems to confirm Aubrey's testimony, that Sir Christopher began his connection with the Craft after the foundation stone of St. Paul's was laid.

So much for Dr. Anderson's fallacies about Wren's Freemasonry. But Laurence Dermott made some curious additions of his own to Masonic history. Repeated inquiries, he says, had been made by English and American brethren as to the cause of the origin of the *Moderns* (for so he styled the Grand Lodge of 1717), which he explained after the following fashion:—Anderson's account of Wren's Grand Mastership is fully admitted by Dermott as "gospel truth," but he attributes Wren's neglect of the Lodges not only to extreme old age, but to his dismissal, in the 90th year of his age, from the office of Surveyor to the King (which he held for fifty years) by King George I., and the appointment of Benson in his place.

"Such usage (says Dermott) added to Sir Christopher's great age, was more than enough to make him decline all public assemblies. And the Master Masons then in London were so much disgusted at the treatment of their old and excellent Grand Master, that they would not meet, nor hold any communication under the sanction of his successor Mr. Benson. In short, the brethren were struck with lethargy, which seemed to threaten the London Lodges with final dissolution.

"About the year 1717, some joyous companions, who had passed the degree of a craft (though very rusty), resolved to form a Lodge for themselves, in order (by conversation) to recollect what had formerly been dictated to them, or if that should be found impracticable, to substitute something new, which might for the future pass for Masonry amongst themselves. At this meeting the question was asked, whether any person in the assembly knew the Master's part, and being answered in the negative, it was resolved *nem con* that the deficiency should be made up with a new composition," &c.

The same authority also assures us, that though the London Lodges were closed for reasons already given, the country Lodges, particularly in Scotland and York, kept up their regular meetings, and consequently retained the original *Simon Pure*, and hence the London Masons were called *Moderns*, and the others, including his own Grand Lodge were *Ancients*.

This nonsense was printed in the 1764 edition of the Ahiman Rezon. It was reprinted in two or three other English editions before the Union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813, it was reprinted in American editions of the same work, and was received by the credulous so-called *Ancients* as veritable history, and, as far as I know, the statement was never questioned by Masonic writers. Nay, I have even read in Magazines about the ancient law of the English Freemasons, of being compelled to submit to the authority of the Surveyor of the King, or in other words, they were compelled by some law to elect him as G.M.

We all know that no such a law existed in the 18th century anywhere, nor did such a law ever exist in England. But assuming that such a law did exist when Sir Christopher was dismissed—that the Lodges were actually closed because the brethren would not submit to Benson's authority, and that in consequence thereof the Master's part was forgotten by all the London Masons. In such a case, we would be justified in supposing, that the appointment of Benson to the office so long filled by Wren must have taken place at least ten years before 1717, for otherwise the whole assembly of the London Masons in 1717 could not have forgotten such an important part. The fact, however, is, King George succeeded Queen Anne in August 1714; he did not arrive in London, as Dr. Anderson correctly states, until the 20th September following. We must naturally suppose that King George did not *immediately* after his arrival dismiss Sir Christopher. But, anyhow, the period between the appointment of Benson and the "revival" of 1717, must have been considerably less than three years—scarcely time enough for the whole of the London Masons to have become so rusty as Dermott made them out to have been. I could not at first find out the exact year of Benson's appointment, but if Dermott's statement was correct, about the 90th year of Sir Christopher's age, all I had to do was to find out when Wren was born; now all the biographical dictionaries agree that Wren was born in October 1632, hence, his dismissal from the office could not have taken place before 1722, or five years after the revival. The truth, however, is, Benson's appointment took place on the 20th April 1718, and Wren must have been dismissed about the same time. But be that as it may, it is certain that Wren still held the office of Surveyor several months after the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, as the following extract from Wren's letter to his tormentors will clearly show:—

"I have received [says Wren] the resolution of the Honourable Commissioners for adorning St. Paul's Cathedral, dated 15th October 1717, and brought to me on the 21st."

The above letter to the Commissioners is printed in Elmes' Life of Wren, also in the Life of Wren by the "Society of Useful Knowledge" (Lives of Eminent Men). So much for the fallacies

* Probably means the Rebellion in Scotland in 1715.

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promulgated by our Masonic luminaries about Sir Christopher Wren's connection with the Masonic fraternity.

Wren's tormentors, above referred to, were mainly composed of the Church dignitaries, who were appointed as Commissioners in connection with Sir Christopher to superintend the decoration of the interior of St. Paul's Church. These men were so ignorant of the rudiments of architecture, as (so it is said) not to have understood the technical phrases contained in Wren's letter, these undertook to dictate to Wren, and consequently marred the work materially. Dean Milman's following tribute to Wren, and scathing rebuke to his opponents, will be heartily approved by all lovers of truth and justice.

"Wren (says Milman) descended from his lofty elevation, or awoke from his ennobling contemplation, not to meet with homage, not with ardent admiration, not with merited gratitude from the Church, the city, the nation, for his wonderful work, but to encounter petty presumptuous jealousy, injustice, hostility, even—the word must be spoken,—unprovoked malignity, and finally absolute degradation,—as far as mean men could degrade one like Wren."

I have only one more remark to make, Wren is often referred to as "the Author of Parentalia." As far as I can learn, the book was written by Sir Christopher, and was continued by his son and grandson. The said book may perhaps contain some allusion to Wren's association with the Craft, but, unfortunately, I could not find a copy of that work in our principal Boston libraries.

VISIT OF AMERICAN MASONIC KNIGHTS TEMPLAR TO LONDONDERRY.

THE Freemasons of this city had an opportunity, of which they were happy to avail themselves on last Tuesday evening of welcoming a number of the brethren who had crossed the Atlantic for the purpose of visiting some of the principal Lodges in this country. The event is one of considerable importance, as showing the fraternal relationship which exists between the members of the Order, and the bond that unites them as closely in the new as it has for centuries in the old world, teaching the ennobling lesson to mankind that, amidst all the changes through which empires and peoples have passed, Freemasonry is immutable in its adherence to the principles of love and charity that the Supreme Architect of the Universe intended should bless and guide His creatures. About eight o'clock a body of the Knights Templar of Mary Commandery, No. 36, Philadelphia, conducted by Bro. W. E. Franklin P.G.S.D., Durham, arrived at the Quay per the steam tender from Moville, which the brethren had reached in the Anchor Liner Anchoria, and, on landing, proceeded to Mr. Jury's Hotel, Foyle-street. After remaining there for a short time, they left for the Freemasons' Hall, Magazine-street, where the Provincial Grand Lodge of Londonderry and Donegal of Free and Accepted Masons entertained them to a grand reception, under the presidency of Sir William Miller, M.B., Provincial Grand Senior Warden. The brethren, to the number of about seventy, sat down at nine o'clock to supper, supplied by Bro. James Johnston, confectioner, Ferryquay-street, in *récherché* style, and the night passed over in the most enjoyable manner, to the delight of all present. The following are the names of the guests:—Bro. Charles E. Meyer P.M., Daniel Sutter P.M., George T. Conrade, Charles Matthews jun., John Borden, Thomas A. Harris P.M., H. Edward Wendel, Chas. W. Packer P.M., Charles W. Leary, M.D, Jackson Heiss, William M'Carter, John Dornan, William J. Norris, Christopher Johnson, Thomas Kelsh, Lewis G. Drake, John A. Bickel, John S. M'Kinlay, Daniel Alfred Davidson, Edward White, Jacob V. Gotwalts. The presence of a large number of ladies in the gallery also graced the proceedings. Nor should we forget to mention that the lady friends kindly supplied each guest with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, to which was attached a card bearing the Derry Arms and the words *cead mille failthe*. The visitors left Derry yesterday for Portrush, and will visit Belfast, Dublin, &c. Another party of American Knights Templar will arrive in this city to-night (Thursday), and will also be entertained by the Derry brethren.—*Londonderry Sentinel*, 18th July.

ANECDOTES, &c., IN RELATION TO MILITARY MASONRY.

Capture of an English Ship by a French Privateer.—An interesting anecdote is recorded, at some length, to the following effect:—An English ship, whose crew consisted only of the master and three men, was captured by a French privateer. The officer who boarded the vessel discovered among the papers a Grand Lodge certificate that belonged to the master. He was not himself a Mason, but knew that his captain was; his manner was courteous; he took the papers and reported to the captain of the privateer, who came on board the prize, and on receiving a promise that on the master's reaching Plymouth he would use his best endeavours to obtain the release of a prisoner of war then at that depot, he gave him liberty and his ship. The grateful master kept his word; on landing he met the Masters of the Lodges, who memorialized government, and as speedily as possible the French prisoner was restored to liberty and his country.—*Latomia*. Leipzig, 1842.

Lodge of Unity, No. 18 (17th Regiment).—Lodges were established before and after 1733 to the British armies, and were called "Travelling Lodges," and are at present common to the armies of Europe and the East, and are productive of wholesome effects. Their tendency is to strengthen the bonds of friendship, and to diffuse among the officers and privates a spirit of charity, fraternal kindness, and subordination; this is beautifully illustrated by an event in our revolutionary war. 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 and advance the welfare 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 misfortune have put it in my power to return to you.—*Address by Bro. C. W. Moore*, 1836.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

SCARCELY a day passes but the Government is worried in both Houses of Parliament by innumerable questions as to Cyprus, its intentions as regards Asia Minor, the Berlin Treaty, and whatever else it has done or left undone in relation to the Eastern Question. For instance, on Friday last, an exposition of the Ministerial policy having been tendered on the day previous by the Earl of Beaconsfield, Earl Granville asked Lord Salisbury for a more explicit answer respecting slavery, whether and to what extent it exists on the island of Cyprus, and the intentions of Her Majesty's Government respecting it. Lord Salisbury regretted his inability to answer the question until the Government were in possession of full information on the subject. Lord Carwell offered a remark and Lord Lilford gave some particulars as to the island, the acquisition of which he held would be a gain to the country. The Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Bill was, on the motion of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, read a second time. On Monday, after Lord Napier and Ettrick had called attention to the Madras and Bombay famine, with a view to urge on the Government the necessity of obtaining returns as to the losses caused by those calamities, and Lord Cranbrook had replied, the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Bill passed through Committee. On Tuesday, the Premier brought down a gracious message from the Queen, suggesting with reference to the approaching marriage of her son, the Duke of Connaught, that a suitable provision should be made for his Royal Highness, and it was arranged that the message should be considered on Thursday. Later in the evening, the question of Cyprus was again started by the Earl of Camperdown, who was exceedingly anxious to obtain a mass of information respecting the island, and in this wish he found two supporters, animated by a similar spirit of curiosity, in Earl Granville and Lord Hammond. The Premier defended the course pursued by Government in withholding information they themselves had as yet been unable to obtain; but this did not satisfy Lord Cardwell, nor was Lord Selborne content with the further defence offered by the Lord Chancellor. In fact, the greater part of the sitting was occupied with what can only be described as a most unseemly wrangle.

In the House of Commons, after a variety of questions respecting Eastern matters had been disposed of, the House made further progress in Committee with the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Bill, more than one division taking place on sundry of the clauses. On Friday there was an afternoon sitting, when the Marquis of Hartington gave notice of his intention to question the policy of the Government in the part they took in the Berlin Treaty and in concluding the Anglo-Turkish Convention, and requested that an early day might be devoted to the discussion of his resolution. The Chancellor of the Exchequer did not think he could fix an earlier day than Monday week (the 29th instant). The Committee on the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Bill was resumed, and further progress made. At nine o'clock the sitting was renewed, but the House was immediately counted out. On Monday, Mr. D. Plunkett gave notice of an amendment he should move to the Marquis of Hartington's resolution, and subsequently

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an attempt was unsuccessfully made to have this important debate set down for Thursday. The Contagious Diseases Bill was again discussed in Committee, and when clause 67 was reached progress was reported, and the House resumed. On Tuesday, after questions respecting the Anglo-Turkish Treaty and Cyprus had been answered, the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced the Message from the Queen already referred to, and gave notice that on Thursday he would move a resolution in accordance with its terms. Sir Charles Dilke gave notice that in such case he should move for certain returns. A resolution by Mr. Gladstone on the Indian Press Act was debated at length, among the speakers being Mr. Gorst, Sir G. Campbell, Mr. Smollett, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The resolution was defeated by 208 votes to 152 votes. The greater part of the sitting on Wednesday afternoon was occupied in Committee on the Contagious Diseases Bill, and the Highways Bill as amended was likewise considered.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice are now at Osborne, and on Saturday the Earl of Beaconsfield visited Her Majesty, and continued his visit till Tuesday. On Monday afternoon the noble Earl was invested without formality by the Queen with the insignia of the Order of the Garter. The Princess Beatrice was present, and his Lordship was introduced by Sir John Cowell, preceded by Sir Albert Woods (Garter), and having received the honour of Knighthood, kissed hands, and the Garter, with the Riband and George of the Order, were then delivered to him by Her Majesty. The other vacant Garter has been bestowed on the Marquis of Salisbury. These are not the only honours which our successful plenipotentiaries will receive, for, on Saturday next, the freedom of the City of London will be conferred upon them in Guildhall, after which they and all their colleagues will be entertained by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress at the Mansion House.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have been well occupied during the current week. On Monday, their Royal Highnesses paid a visit to the London Hospital and spent a full hour in inspecting the wards, stopping every now and then to express their sympathy with the patients. The visit had been kept secret, but, somehow on the day itself a rumour of the Prince and Princess's intention got abroad, so that on quitting the Hospital, a large crowd had assembled and greeted the Royal visitors with the greatest enthusiasm. On Tuesday, the Prince and Princess visited Dartmouth, whither the Duke of Connaught, on board the Royal Yacht Osborne, had preceded them. They were received by the Duke and the naval officers of the district. The Royal Galley was in waiting, among the cadets who manned it being Prince Albert Victor, who acted as coxswain, and his brother, Prince George, who pulled an oar on the bow side. In the evening, a large number of distinguished guests was entertained on board the Osborne, while on shore there was a brilliant illumination. On Wednesday, the Mayor and Corporation of the borough presented a most loyal address of welcome to the Royal visitors, after which the latter were rowed aboard the training-ship Britannia, where Her Royal Highness distributed the prizes, among the distinguished company present being the Duke of Connaught, Prince Louis of Battenberg, the First Lord of the Admiralty, Lord and Lady Ramsay, Lord and Lady Chas. Beresford, Admiral Wellesley, &c. When the ceremony was over, the Prince expressed the pleasure it had afforded Her Royal Highness to be present and give away the prizes, and the First Lord of the Admiralty having called on the cadets to testify in the usual manner among boys their sense of the honour done by the Royal visitors, a number of hearty cheers were given, and the Prince and Princess returned on board the Osborne, leaving for London later in the afternoon.

Among the Masonic events of the week must be mentioned the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire. The gathering was held this year at Watford, under the banner of the Watford Lodge.

On Wednesday an entertainment was given to Viscount Cranbrook, Secretary of State for India, by the noble Viscount's friends in the little Kentish town from which his lordship has taken his title. Indeed, it was with a view to celebrating his elevation to the peerage that the banquet was held. The chair was taken by Mr. Beresford-Hope, M.P., and amongst those present were Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., Sir Walter Stirling, Sir C. Oakley, Lord John Manners, Sir W. Hart Dyke, &c. The meeting was non-political, members of both parties attending. In the evening ladies were present, among them being Viscountess Cranbrook and her daughters. Everything passed off admirably.

Official notice has been given that the services of the Army and Militia Reserves will not be required after the 31st instant, and very minute instructions have been issued by the War Office as to their demobilisation. At the Royal Dockyards there is a cessation of that activity which prevailed so long as the issue of peace or war remained doubtful.

The arrival at Larnaca, in Cyprus, is announced of Sir Garnet Wolseley and staff, and his Excellency has already made a proclamation to the people that he has taken possession of, and will administer the island in the name of Queen Victoria. The British troops which had already arrived, and the Turkish forces were drawn up at the landing-place, and presented arms to his Excellency, a salute of seventeen guns being fired. The Queen's Proclamation was enthusiastically received, both the Greek Bishop and the Mahometan Mollah delivering addresses of a very congratulatory character. Every preparation is being made to organise the new Government, and we doubt not Sir Garnet will very speedily have things in order. Already numbers of people from Malta, &c., are flocking to the island, and the Cypriots, both Greek and Moslem, are looking forward to a very different state of things from what prevailed under the Turkish Government.

The President of the French Republic has duly ratified the Berlin Treaty, and the other Powers will follow France's example sooner or later. As we anticipated, the first feeling of jealousy on the part of our French neighbours is already passing away, and M. Gambetta, who was supposed to be the bitterest opponent of the Treaty and Anglo-Turkish Convention, has expressed himself to the Special Commissioner of the *Times* as on the whole well pleased with what has been done, and as especially rejoiced that England has resumed her place in Europe, for in this way the almost identical interests of the two great Western Powers will be most effectively promoted. In Italy there is very great soreness, and meetings are being held in various cities and towns which cause uneasiness to the government. As regards Austria, there have been delays in making the necessary arrangements between her and Turkey respecting the occupation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, but the Austrian troops will cross the frontier at an early date. It is feared there may be armed resistance to their entry. However, affairs in the East, will, let us hope, now settle down soon, and all fears of further troubles—at least for a long time to come—will then have passed.

It is with great regret that we announce the death of Bro. Samuel Tomkins, who till the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in March last held the position of Grand Treasurer of England. It will be in the recollection of our readers that the firm of Willis, Percival, and Co., bankers, of which he was a member stopped payment in February, and hence his non-re-election for the present year. Bro. Tomkins had held the office for very many years.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE July meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held at Freemason's Hall on Wednesday evening. Bro. Joshua Nunn, Bro. James Brett, and Bro. S. Rawson, occupied the President's, Senior Vice-President's, and Junior Vice-President's chairs respectively. Amongst the other brethren present were Bros. Bartlett, Cottebrune, C. Atkins, Cobham, Hogard, Britten, Hewett, C. G. Hill, E. C. Massey, Way, Poynter, White, Good, Darcy, W. H. Cobon, Malton and Allan. Bro. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, acted for Grand Secretary, who is on his holidays. After the confirmation of grants made by last Lodge, £440 was granted to new cases, of which there were twenty on the list. Three were faulty, and the remaining seventeen were relieved with sums of £50, £40, £30, £20 and £10.

COMMITTEE MEETING, GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall. The brethren present were Bros. A. H. Tattershall (in the chair), Finney, Webster, Browse, Gladwell, Rucker, Thomas White, Letchworth, Peters, Wellsman, Dubois, Massey, Baker, Massa, W. Paas, Saunders, Rushworth, E. Spooner, Rosenthal, Faulkner and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. Only one petition was before the brethren, and the candidate was placed on the list. £500 was fixed as the amount of security to be given by the Secretary, and the salary of the head clerk in his Office was raised to £100 a year.

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EVERTON LODGE, No. 823.

THE monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 17th inst. Present—Bros. J. Houlding W.M., H. Ashmore S.W., J. S. Cuthbert J.W., P.M. Oglesby Sec., W. J. Lunt P.M. Treas., W. Boulton P.M. D.C., T. Webster S.D., J. Boyle J.D., J. Beesley Steward, T. H. Carefull I.G., Bryan as Org., W. H. Ball Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Cottrell, Shaw, Turner, Wilson, Halland, and a very large attendance of members, with a good muster of Visitors, among whom were—R. W. Yelland P.M. 1094, R. R. Martin P.M. 1094, R. P. France P.M. 594, John Pemberton P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, John Devaynes P.M. 667, T. Clarke P.M. 673, J. T. Callow P.M. 675, S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c. After routine business had been disposed of, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Worshipful Master then signified his pleasure to proceed with the important business before the Lodge, viz. the installation of the W.M. elect; consequently, Bros. P.M.'s Turner and Lunt introduced Bro. Henry Ashmore as the Brother elected. Bro. J. Houlding addressed the Lodge, and instructed the Secretary to put the customary questions to Bro. Ashmore, which being answered, he was obligated, invested, and installed Worshipful Master of Everton Lodge, No. 823, for the ensuing year. Bro. Ashmore then received the salutations of the brethren, and with the assistance of the I.P.M. invested his Officers as follow:—J. Houlding I.P.M., J. S. Cuthbert S.W., T. Webster J.W., W. J. Lunt P.M. Treas. (for the eleventh time), J. Boyle Sec., T. H. Careful S.D., J. Beesley J.D., W. Brassey I.G., R. H. Webster S.S., J. M. King J.S., Galley and Gotham Assist. Sts., W. Boulton P.M. D.C., R. Brough Org., W. H. Ball Tyler. The charge in the East was delivered by Bro. Wilson P.M. most impressively, and that in N. East by Bro. Cottrell P.M., followed by Bro. Houlding I.P.M. delivering the final one. Never probably in the history of the Craft in this town has the beautiful ceremony of installation been more efficiently performed than on this occasion. The intense interest exhibited by the crowded gathering (every seat in the large Hall being occupied), and the gratifying expressions made use of by all, showed how great an honour each one thought it to be present. For our own part, we considered it one of the most enjoyable ceremonies we ever took part in. Availing himself of the proper time, the W.M., in the name of the Lodge, presented a magnificent P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M., as a mark of esteem, and to which Bro. Houlding is so justly entitled. Bro. Houlding had scarcely returned thanks, when Bro. Henry Hipson advanced to the East, and with a few telling remarks presented a morocco album to the I.P.M. On this unique testimonial of fraternal regard being opened, it was found to contain, on the inside cover, an address, written by Bro. W. Maddox, and illuminated by Bro. Lowe, which read as follows:—

"Presented to Bro. J. Houlding, as a small token of remembrance of the very impressive manner in which he conducted the initiation service of the following eighteen brethren during his term of office as Worshipful Master of the Everton Lodge.—No. 823 of A.F. and A.M.

"Liverpool, 18th July 1878."

The album contained also the photographs, with names, of the eighteen brethren who had the distinguished honour of being initiated into our glorious Order by one of the most worthy Masons and efficient Masters that ever sat in the chair of K.S. Before closing the Lodge, a sum of £6 was voted from the funds for a benevolent purpose, and the business being concluded, the Lodge was closed in solemn form, and the brethren were invited to partake of supper, to which every one did ample justice. On the removal of the cloth, the Worshipful Master proposed the toast of the Queen, which was duly honoured, the brethren singing the National Anthem. United with the toast of our Grand Master was the Princess of Wales and the Rest of the Royal Family, which was heartily received, the brethren singing God Bless the Prince of Wales. Without loss of time, Bro. Ashmore gave our Masonic Rulers supreme and subordinate, and this toast being cordially received, Bro. Cottrell rose to propose the health of the newly installed Master. In assuming the responsibility of proposing what he considered the toast of the evening, he did so with great pleasure. Whoever aspires to the exalted position of Master must feel proud of the distinction conferred upon him when he occupies the chair of K.S. Bro. Ashmore is not a stranger to the office he has been elected to fill; yet, as regards this Lodge, he is. We know how he has worked his way up, and how entitled he is to have the honour of occupying the chair. Unity and concord have been the characteristics of this Lodge, and long may it continue so. He then called on them to drink the health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Henry Ashmore. The toast was heartily received, and drunk with musical honours. After a song from Bro. Callow, the W.M. rose to respond. The time is advancing, and the brethren are desirous to be on their way home to prepare for the morrow's picnic, so he would be as brief as possible. He thanked the worthy brother for proposing the toast so kindly, and the brethren for its reception. In coming into the chair after so worthy a Master as their I.P.M., he could not say anything better than that he should do his best to give as much satisfaction as Bro. Houlding had done. He would rely on the cordial support of the officers and the brethren unitedly. With a settled and prosperous state of affairs, let us hope we shall enjoy peace and prosperity in our homes and in our Lodge. The W.M. then said he was pleased to see so many members and visitors present. He was sure they had appreciated the excellent manner in which the installation ceremony had been conducted, and he felt that it had been a great loss to those who did not witness the splendid manner in which it was done by Bro. Houlding. He fancied the excellence to which that brother had attained in the ceremony must have interfered greatly with his business, and perhaps disturbed his rest at night; such proficiency could only be attained by heavy sacrifices, especially as Bro. Houlding has so many calls on his time, demanded by his valuable services in aid of the Stanley Hospital. Without further preface, he would give the health of the Installing Master. The toast was enthusiastically received, and drank with musical honours. Bro. Handford, in his usual capital style, favoured the brethren with a song. The I.P.M. thanked the W.M. and brethren for the very kind manner in which his health had been proposed and responded to. It was now twelvemonths since he was elected to fill the chair of this Lodge, and he did not know an honour that he appreciated so greatly, or a position that had given him more pleasure to fill than the one he had that day vacated. During his term of office he might sometimes have appeared severe in his ideas of discipline, but for this he felt consoled by feeling that all his aims had been for the happiness of the brethren and the welfare of the Lodge, and it is gratifying to know, at the expiration of the year, that he had the thanks of the Lodge. In being consigned from the active post of W.M. to that of P.M., he felt a feeling somewhat akin to Othello's when he felt "his occupation gone." At the same time he trusted he might not fall into the "sear and yellow leaf." In the future, as in the past, he hoped to be of service to the Lodge, and should ever manifest the same interest for its welfare. He was also pleased to recognise the noble spirit of unanimity that had pervaded the Lodge. During the year they had carried out the grand principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. Our esteemed Brother then gave some interesting particulars of what had been done for the Stanley Hospital Charity, whereby a surplus of £4,200 had been realised, and having again expressed his thanks resumed his seat amid the applause of the brethren. The Past Masters were next toasted. All the members knew how deeply they had the love of the Craft at heart, and all are aware how well they support the Master. In fact all profit by and are indebted to their good work. The toast was warmly received. Here Bro. King kindly favoured the brethren with a song, and Bro. Boulton, as the oldest Past Master present, said it devolved on him to respond to the toast proposed by the W.M. and so heartily received by them all. He felt great pleasure in responding, as he was sure that all Lodges owe, in a great measure, their success and prosperity to those who have had the responsibilty of governing. He could look back to the childhood of this Lodge, and see the difference between now and then. The large number of members here to-day must be a guarantee that we have attained the full stature of Masonic excellence. We can now teach others what we once were glad to learn, and we can extend sympathy and support to branch Lodges that strike out from the Everton. He should always feel proud of the distinction of being a Past Master of the Everton, and as long as he was among them his services were at their disposal. Bro. Shaw P.M. proposed the next toast. If the time should ever come, that we have no Visitors to toast in the Everton Lodge, something must go wrong. He felt that visiting brethren contributed greatly to our pleasure and harmony. By their presence we perceive fraternal regard exhibited, and brotherly love was fostered. We extend to one and all our unbounded hospitality and most cordial greeting. The toast was most enthusiastically drunk, with musical honours. Bro. Devaynes P.M. 667 said he would not inflict on the brethren a long speech, but would heartily thank the Lodge for according such genuine hospitality. Other brethren followed, each and all expressing the delight they had experienced from being present on such an important occasion. The W.M. next honoured the Officers of the Lodge; he thought the selection which had been made would give every satisfaction. The toast met with favour, and the S.W. replied, after which the I.P.M. rose. The last toast reminded him of a duty he owed to the Officers, and he took this opportunity of thanking them for the kind and able manner in which they had aided him during his Mastership. The W.M. rose to propose the last toast: In all well regulated Lodges the absent brethren are not forgotten, he asked the brethren to drink the toast in the warmest manner. After a response from Bro. Callow, a few more songs and an animated chat ushered the time for the concluding toast; after which the brethren dispersed, highly delighted with the proceedings of the day, and looking forward to the morrow with hope and pleasure.

On Thursday, the 18th inst., the members of the Everton Lodge assembled, with their lady friends, at the Woodside Station, Birkenhead, where a special train, per G.W. Railway, was waiting to convey them to the *place de rendezvous*. Punctually the train started at 9·45, and after a clear run reached Chester. After a short stoppage the party steamed away through a lovely country to their destination, and soon reached the pretty little Station of Gresford. Alighting from the train, the party commenced the round of pleasures of the day. The short hill leading to the old village of Gresford was soon surmounted, and the Griffin Inn was taken possession of (so to speak) as a convenient depository for shawls, overcoats, umbrellas, and such like tiresome, but withal sometimes indispensable requisites for an "out." The venerable old Parish Church was the first object visited. By the kind permission of the vicar it had been opened for the inspection of the tourists. This ancient structure, so full of artistic, architectural, and historical interest, was greatly admired by all. After visiting the churchyard, and gazing in astonishment at the prodigious yew trees, all assembled within the sacred precincts, and sang with heart and voice, "The Old Hundredth." By 12 o'clock the party had reached the camping ground, which was situated on an elevated table land, commanding a magnificent landscape view; here a tent was erected, with two rows of tables, joined at the farther end by a short one extending across the width. On the tables at proper distances were placed some fine salmon, with every adjunct to tempt the appetite. The tables were decorated with bouquets, which sorely tried many a brother who had a fair tempter by his side. The tables were amply supplied with fruit, consisting of grapes, cherries, currants, and strawberries. After the course of fish, came cold meats, served with abundance of hot

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vegetables, and every one enjoyed the capital repast provided, while the proceedings were enlivened by some good selections from harp, lute and violin. While the room is being re-arranged, we will for a few minutes explore the surrounding scene. The spot where our party assembled is on an elevation commanding a view of the charming Vale Royal. The eye glances away in the distance, over mead and woodland, and the mind discerns the renowned old City of Chester. There, standing out in bold relief, we recognise the grand old Cathedral tower, and nearer still, and to the right, is seen the Storm-beaten St. John's Church, many other points of interest are discernible; on the right of us, in the rich plains of Cheshire, the locality of Eaton Hall is indicated by the fine clock tower which now and then gleams out brightly, as the fleecy clouds pass over the mid-day sun. In the front, and to the left of us, rise grandly the natural bulwarks of Cymry, whose every inch of ground is replete with historic renown and deeds of valour, wrought by a noble and unconquered race. Those sons of Wales no longer make the mighty mountains and deep defiles resound with their warlike cries, but, by honest, peaceful toil, are content to till and draw from mother earth the fruit of labour. To add to the delight of all, and make this picturesque and charming retreat so truly enjoyable, we are favoured with a day which may be termed warm but not oppressive, a bright and clear atmosphere without a glaring sunshine, and a gentle breeze just strong enough to waft the sweet perfume of wild flowers and the odours of new mown hay from the plains beneath. But the musicians are ready, and our brethren are standing to order with their fair companions, and, at the given signal from our genial Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Boulton, away they merrily trip. Dance follows dance, and a merry time is spent until tea is announced. This meal, like the former, is admirably served. Indeed, too much praise cannot be given the Stewards for their indefatigable exertions. It must have been an ample recompense for their trouble that the brother Stewards, in due course, were favoured by being waited on by the ladies. The secret of the success of this admirably arranged pic.nic is owing to the efficiency of the Committee, which consisted of Bros. Ashmore, Houlding, Wilson, Beesley and Boulton, the latter brother acting as Secretary. Bro. Casey, of Lodge No. 1086, also ably assisted. When we consider that upwards of 250 guests sat down, we must add that everything was done in accord with the discipline and zeal which so eminently characterises the Everton Lodge. Moreover, the Great Western Railway executive must be thanked for the special arrangements so considerately made by them. By 9.45 p.m. all were safely deposited at Liverpool, the return journey having been accomplished while it was yet light. It was pleasing to hear the expressions of delight with this most enjoyable trip. Ere we conclude, we must wish the Everton Lodge every prosperity, and to each brother in his daily vocation health, wealth and happiness.

Temple Chapter, No. 1094.—The regular Convocation was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 23rd instant. Present—Comps. R. Washington M.E.Z., R. C. Yelland H., J. W. Burgess J., D. A. Davis S.E., J. Pemberton P.Z. Treas., J. H. Bradshaw P.S., R. B. Burgess A.S., T. Shaw Z. as S.N., Peter Ball Janitor, and Comps. P. Macmuldrow I.P.Z. and P.G.S.N., John Cribbin, R. Upton, S. Gordon, J. C. Fish, Thos. Gray, &c.; Visiting Comps. S. M. Davies 16 G.R.C., Thomas Shaw Z. 823, J. Skeaf P.Z. 216 P.G.O., William Avis 580. The Chapter was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of the last regular Convocation read, declared correct, and ratified. On a proposition by Ex-Comp. Pemberton, which was promptly seconded, a sum of five pounds was voted from the funds of the Chapter for a benevolent object. On the suggestion of the M.E. Principal, there being no candidate present for exaltation, Comp. J. gave the lecture of his high office, and was followed by Comp. H., both doing their work most creditably. The M.E.Z. followed with the beautiful and difficult Ritual of his office, and performed his task with impressiveness and power, entitling him to be called one of the first R.M. Masons in the town. Working without a candidate and with one, are two different things; and it is much to be regretted that we have again to chronicle a visit to a Liverpool Chapter where there was no exaltation. We know there are many candidates on the lists; that it will be a busy time for Officers in the various Chapters during the coming month or two, and we are sure any visitor from the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE will receive a cordial reception. The Chapter was solemnly closed, and by command of the M.E.Z. the Companions were invited to refreshment.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—Met at the Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, on Monday the 22nd inst. Bro. Cole acted as W.M., Rawley S.W., Frankel J.W., Gottheil P.M., G. Hollington Sec., Hubbard I.G. The W.M. very efficiently rehearsed the initiation ceremony. A well deserved vote of thanks was proposed to him by Bro. Gottheil, who complimented Bro. Cole upon his remarkable progress in the short time he had been a member of the Craft. Bro. Hollington, S.W. of the Mother Lodge, in which Bro. Cole was initiated, seconded the proposition with much cordiality, and remarked that he had watched with great pleasure and gratification the efforts of Bro Cole in perfecting himself in the work in which he succeeded so well. There was no doubt he would ultimately become a shining light in the Lodge. Bro. Rawley will be W.M. on Monday next, Lodge meets at 5 p.m.

DEATH.

On Saturday, the 20th July, at Belsize-terrace, Hampstead, WILLIAM KELL, aged 62.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE EZRA, No. 1489, AND METROPOLITAN, No. 1507, CHAPTERS.

OWING to the great pressure on our space last week, we regret to say we were unable to insert any account of these auspicious events in R.A. Masonry. Auspicious they undoubtedly are, for they show unmistakably that the Royal Arch is surely and continuously increasing in the estimation of Craftsmen. The consecration of the Metropolitan Chapter took place on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Metropolitan Club, Pentonville-road, the performance of the ceremony being entrusted to our respected Comp. James Terry Prov. G. D. of Ceremonies, Herts, who was assisted in his important functions by Comps. Joseph Smith as H. and Thomas A. Adams as J. There were present Comps. James Willing jun., J. R. Stacey, and W. J. Ferguson Z., H. and J. designate respectively, together with Comps. W. M. Stiles, C. W. Hudson, H. H. Child, B. H. Swallow, J. J. Michael and C. B. Payne. Having performed the ceremony of consecration with all due solemnity, and in his usual impressive manner, Comp. Terry proceeded to instal the three principals, Comps. Stiles and Hudson being subsequently invested as Scribes E. and N., and Comp. Child as Sojourner, while Comp. Barnes was elected and invested as Janitor. A vote of thanks, with the further compliment of honorary membership, was unanimously voted to Comp. Terry, who, as usual, very gracefully acknowledged it. The Chapter having been closed, the Companions adjourned to banquet, and on the removal of the cloth, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given with praiseworthy brevity and responded to most cordially. The Companions at length separated, after having spent one of the most agreeable evenings in the recollection of those present.

The Consecration of the Ezra Chapter, No. 1489, took place at the Hall of the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Balls Pond-road, Dalston, on Friday, the 12th inst., at the hour of 4 p.m. There was a numerous gathering of Companions, the duties of consecration having been entrusted to Comp. John Hervoy the esteemed Grand Scribe E., who was assisted by Comp. H. G. Buss P.Z., Grand Standard Bearer, and Comp. Jas. Terry Z. No. 228, Prov. G.D. of Cerms. Herts. The ceremony having been duly performed, Comp. Hervoy installed Comps. J. E. Walford, Wm. Stephens, and T. Hastings Miller, the three Principals Designate as M.E.Z., H., and J. respectively. The Officers were then appointed and invested, after which Comp. Walford proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. Hervey and his able coadjutors for their kindness in presiding over the important functions of the day, and to that he added a motion that the privileges of honorary membership should also be conferred on the worthy Companions. The motion having been passed unanimously and the compliment acknowledged in suitable terms, and what other business remained to be done having been disposed of, the Chapter was closed and the Companions adjourned to the banquet. Among the most noteworthy toasts were those of the Consecrating Officers and the M.E.Z., which were received with enthusiasm and responded to by those concerned with great warmth of feeling. We trust that Ezra, and its companion Chapter, the Metropolitan, may have a long and prosperous career before them.

SURREY MASONIC CLUB ENTERTAINMENT.

THE Musical and Dramatic Costume Recital by Mr. F. H. Macklin of the Duke's Theatre and other artists, which was fixed for the 17th instant, proved a very successful entertainment, and though the Hall was not so full as it might have been, the attendance must be described as respectable, having regard to the intense heat of the weather. The arrangements, which had been entrusted to Bro. James Stevens, Honorary Secretary of the Club, were well planned, and as well carried out, and the audience dispersed, evidently well pleased with what had been done both for their entertainment and comfort. Part I. of the programme commenced with an overture by Madame Armytage Cooper, and this was followed by a selection played in character from the *Happy Pair*, the parts of Mr. and Mrs. Honeyton being well sustained by Mr. L. Earle and Miss Grace Armytage respectively. Mr. C. H. Jesse having sung Green's song, entitled "Somebody," and Mr. R. Markby having very successfully recited Edgar Poe's well-known poem of "The Raven," Miss Grace Armytage delighted the audience with her rendering of "Thy Face," a song by Marriott. Mr. E. Campbell's Imitations of Popular Actors were very successful, and were well and justly applauded. The Second Part began, like the first, with an overture by Madame Armytage Cooper, after which Mr. R. Markby as John Mildmay, and Mr. F. H. Macklin as Captain Hawkesley, played in a selection from *Still Waters Run Deep*. *Beautiful Roses*, gracefully and artistically sung by Miss Grace Armytage, was followed by the song of *The Untidy Family*. Mr. Macklin (Modus) and Miss Agnes Leonard (Helen)—the lady being also of the Duke's Theatre, and like Mr. Macklin, appearing by permission of Mr. J. Mortimer—appeared in scenes taken from acts IV. and V. of the well-known play, by Sheridan Knowles, of the *Hunchback*, and their rendering of their respective parts was worthy of all praise. *God Save the Queen* brought the programme to a close, and we cannot but congratulate the Club and its energetic Secretary, Bro. Jas. Stevens, on the success of the evening.

LIBRARY.—The *Voice of Masonry* is pleased to know that the Craft, at Richmond, Va., are earnestly working in behalf of their library. They are awake to the idea of being *Reading Masons* and not wanting in general Masonic intelligence. Let all who can, lend them a helping hand.

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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 JULY.

1641—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.
1531—Chislehurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst.

MONDAY, 29th JULY.

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.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1635—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

148—Lights, Masonic Hall, Warrington.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)

TUESDAY, 30th JULY.

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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)

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.
R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.

WEDNESDAY, 31st JULY.

Provincial Grand Chapter of Kent, Apollonian Hall, Dover.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1378—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1388—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

973—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
996—Soudee, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1566—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead.
1119—St. Bede, Mechanic's Institute, Jarrow.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

THURSDAY, 1st AUGUST.

9—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
720—Panmure General Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1142—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1272—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

FRIDAY, 2nd 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.)
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (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.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1284—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1488—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road, N.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

849—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
765—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Instruction.)
[illegible]—Welshpool, Railway Station, Welshpool.

1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
1353—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1526—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1661—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.

SATURDAY, 3rd 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, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

WEDNESDAY.

304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds.
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
1283—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.

THURSDAY.

289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY.

242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
1646—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Royal Naval Chapter Rose Croix, Portsmouth, No. 9.—A meeting of this degree was held at the Phœnix Lodge, on Wednesday evening, when Comps. Lieutenant-Colonel Clerke and Sandeman attended from London as representatives of the Supreme Grand Council of the Degree. The Officers of the Chapter present included Comps. J. Lillywhite M.W.S., E. Groves, A. Cudlipp, W. C. Redward, R. Osborne, H. M. Green, and Cecill. Among the visitors were Colonel G. F. C. Bray and Jellicoe (Southampton). At the close of the business it was unanimously resolved that a cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the representatives of the governing body of the Degree who had attended the Chapter.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday evening last, 25th July, at 7.30. Present—Bros. Nordon W.M., Grammer S.W., Chapman J.W., Biddel S.D., Da Silva J.D., Maidwell I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Moss acting as candidate. The first four sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Webb, assisted by the brethren. Bro Grammer was elected as W M. for next Thursday, and the Lodge was closed.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 23rd inst. Bros. Maidwell W.M., Powell S.W., Daniel J.W., Hollands S.D., Roberts I.G., Davis, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Davis answered the questions leading to the third degree and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Davis was duly raised, Bro. Maidwell giving the traditional history. The Lodge was closed down to the first degree, Bro. Powell was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed in due form. In answer to several inquiries, we announce that it is intended to keep this Lodge of Instruction open during the summer months.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.— Met at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 24th inst. Bro. Biddle occupied the chair, Moss was S.W., Fells J.W., Gottheil P.M., Walker S.D., Craske I.G. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of the third degree. The work was fairly done, the few faults arose from want of practice. The meetings of this Lodge having been continued with unhoped for success during the hottest part of the summer months, the brethren have determined not to adjourn; the meetings will therefore take place regularly without intermission every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Bro. Moss, a young but persevering Craftsman, will be W.M. on the next occasion, when he proposes to work the initiation ceremony.

Ellesmere Lodge, No. 758.—Installation—Picnic at Halton Castle.—The annual meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Runcorn, on Wednesday, 17th inst., at half-past nine in the morning. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. W. R. Wass, 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. Cumberland and Westmoreland, to take the chair as installing Master, Bro. Wass W.M.,

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assisted by Captain Simner P.M. P. Dist. G.S.W. British Burmah, presented Bro. Charles Gerrard S.W. and W.M. elect for the benefit of installation. The first part of the ceremony being completed, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, when the Installing Master appointed P.M.'s as Wardens and Inner Guard. The Master Masons having retired, the W.M. was entrusted, and withdrew. Bro. Bowes then opened a Board of Installed Masters in ample form, being assisted by twelve P.M.'s. The W.M. elect was then readmitted and placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The brethren were afterwards re-admitted in their respective degrees, and the W.M. saluted, proclaimed and greeted in the manner usual among Masons. After the investiture of the Officers for the ensuing year, the Installing Master delivered the addresses to the W.M., Wardens and Brethren. Bro. Capt. Simner proposed, Bro. Wass I.P.M. seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the cordial thanks of the Lodge be given in writing to W. Bro. John Bowes, for the very able and impressive manner in which he had discharged the duties of Installing Master that day. Bro. Bowes having acknowledged the compliment, and the other business before the Lodge being completed, the Lodge was closed in form with prayer. The brethren then left the Hall in conveyances, accompanied by their wives and sweethearts, to the Castle Hotel, Halton, where they sat down to a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Charles Gerrard, who was supported by nearly seventy brethren and ladies. Grace after meat having been said by the Chaplain, Rev. J. Lockwood, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The presence of the ladies afforded scope for some divergence from the usual post-prandial proceedings, and many happy allusions were made for the especial benefit of the fairer part of the audience. During the proceedings the W.M., on behalf of the members of the Lodge, presented Bro. Wass with an elegant Past Master's jewel, on which was the following inscription:—Ellesmere Lodge, 758. Presented to Bro. W. R. Wass P.M., by the members of the Ellesmere Lodge, 758, as a token of their esteem and appreciation of his services to the Lodge during the eighteen months he held the Office of Worshipful Master. July 1878." Several excellent songs were sung by Bro. Dumville P.M., the leading tenor of the Manchester Cathedral, and Bro. Greenwood, Organist of All Saints' Church, Manchester, the latter gentleman being "a host in himself." The party then adjourned to the grounds of the Castle, where dancing, bowling, and other out-door amusements were engaged in until six o'clock, when they proceeded to Halton Church, which, by the kindness of the Rev. J. Lockwood, the Chaplain of the Lodge, was thrown open to them for their inspection. On entering, the party quietly seated themselves, and Brother Greenwood, having taken his place at the organ and played a short voluntary, the Rev. J. Lockwood gave out the Old Hundredth Psalm, which was heartily and devotionally sung by all present. Bro. Greenwood then sang, most ably and artistically, the aria from Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, "Oh, rest in the Lord," accompanying himself on the organ; after which Bro. Dumville sang most effectively the tenor solo from the *Messiah*, "But Thou did'st not leave," being accompanied on the organ by Bro. Greenwood. The party then returned to the Castle, where they sat down to a sumptuous tea; after listening to some excellent singing by Bros. Greenwood, Dumville and Wareing, they again repaired to the grounds, where out-door amusements were engaged in until half-past nine o'clock, when they returned in conveyances to Runcorn, all well pleased with the day's proceedings.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on 19th July at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. The Officers of the Mother Lodge took their places, viz.:—Bros. Walter Goss W.M., C. May S.W., Gomm J.W., Blasby S.D., Franckel (for Bro. Erwin) J.D., Costelow I.G., Gunner (Hon. Sec. to Lodge of Instruction) Tyler; Past Master Roe, and Bros. Kyezor and Acworth. Lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of last meeting read, confirmed, and signed, the W.M. opened up to the third, and, with Bro. Gunner acting as candidate, rehearsed the ceremony of raising. Lodge was closed down, and the brethren received the call to refreshment. Upon labour being resumed, Bro. Acworth offered himself as candidate, and the first ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. May was elected W.M. for 2nd August, 26th July being the meeting of the Mother Lodge. Bro. Secretary read the report of the Audit Committee; from this it appeared that the accounts and vouchers tally; that the receipts during the past season were £14 4s 10d, and payments £10 11s 10d. The latter item includes purchase of regalia, furniture, &c., and explains its large proportion as compared with receipts. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned till Friday, 2nd August, at half-past seven p.m. We congratulate the members on the successful result of the first year's operations, and feel we can predict equal prosperity in the next and following seasons.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road Dalston. Bros. M. Christian W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., Forss J.W., Weige S.D., Slniter J.D., Gilham I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Turquand, Brasted, Carr, and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brasted candidate. Bro. Carr answered the questions, the Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Turquand worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Lorkin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Hartington Lodge, No. 1085, Derby.—The monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Wednesday. Present—Bros. G. Pipes W.M., M. H. Bobart P.P.S.G.W. Treas. as S.W., W. B. Hextall J.W., J. O. Manton Sec., S. Steele S.D., W. Butterfield as J.D., T. H. Hepworth as I.G., S. Pipes P.M. and P.P.S.G.D., J. Worsnop P.M. and P.P.G.P., and a number of other brethren, including Bro. R. W. Hollon P.M. 236 P.G.S.B. England, Prov. G. Sec. North and East Yorkshire, &c., &c. The Lodge was opened in the several degrees, there being the usual intermediary business, and Bros. Hefford and Arnold were raised in ancient form by the W.M. The name of a candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry was submitted to the Lodge, and other business, of local import only, was dealt with, and then the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The brethren afterwards adjourned to a substantial banquet.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 1299.—A meeting was held on 18th July, at West Derby Hotel, near Liverpool. Present—Bros. J. Capell W.M., Wm. Jones P.M. as S.W., F. B. Bramham J.W., P. Macmuldrow P.M. P.G.S.D. of W. Lanc. Treas., W. S. Bennett S.D., Wm. Hiles J.D., Wm. Avis I.G., Robinson Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Rd. Bennett, W. S. Vines P.M. P.G.D.C., Joseph Clegg. Visitor Bro. Evans P.M. The business comprised the initiation of Mr. Thos. Deane by the W.M.; after which Bro. Macmuldrow took the chair and passed Bro. T. W. Blackstone. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at next meeting, and some private business was transacted; after which the brethren sat down to refreshment, separating at 10 o'clock.

Felix Lodge, No. 1494.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday, the 20th of July, at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington. Present—Bros. Edward B. Grabham P.P.S.G.W. W.M., Archer S.W., Atkins as J.W., Francis Bradley Archer P.M. Sec., Knyvett P.M. Treas., H. R. M. Belward S.D., A. C. Hunter J.D., Hunter I.G., W. Y. Laing Tyler; Past Master Bro. W. G. Moore, &c. Visitors—Bros. Charles Atkins P.M. 27, W. W. Morgan 211, John Grabham 1609, Nicholson, Yeo, &c., &c. At the opening of the Lodge, the attendance of members was somewhat meagre, but this was accounted for by counter attractions, and the engagements of several of the brethren; moreover, it was the last day of the Wimbledon Meeting. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Grabham, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Evelyn Brookshank Tattershall, who was proposed and seconded by Bros. E. B. Grabham and W. G. Moore; the result was satisfactory, and Mr. Tattershall received his introductory step, Bro. Grabham most impressively conducting the ceremony. Routine business followed, and then the Lodge was closed. After a brief interval, most enjoyably spent in the well-ordered gardens of the Clarence Hotel by some, and by others in a ramble in Bushey Park, the banquet was given. The tables were tastefully laid out, and the viands capitally served. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Grabham, who presided in right genial fashion, gave the toasts Loyal and Masonic, which were heartily responded to. In giving the health of the Prov. G. Master, Col. Burdett and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present, the W.M. regretted there were not more present; on the last occasion they met they were honoured with the presence of Col Burdett and several other distinguished Craftsmen of the Province; on the present occasion he would associate with the toast the name of Bro. Knyvett, who gracefully acknowledged the compliment. In giving the health of the initiate, Bro. Grabham felt he had introduced a gentleman who would prove to be a true and good Mason, and one every member of the Lodge would be pleased to associate with. After the Entered Apprentice Song, by Bro. Hunter, Bro. Tattershall replied: He felt proud at being received into the Order; he had formed his ideas of it from many worthy men with whom he was associated in daily pursuits. He assured them his hopes had been fully realised, and trusted they might never regret his having joined the Felix Lodge. To Brother Moore was entrusted the toast of the Worshipful Master. It was to him a great privilege to perform this act of duty. All the brethren were acquainted with the sterling qualities of Bro. Grabham, and he (Bro. Moore) felt great pleasure in bringing the toast under notice. Bro. Grabham felt greatly honoured by the kind expressions of Bro. Moore. He felt gratified at having been selected to fill the chair for the first and fourth years of the existence of the Lodge, and greatly appreciated the compliment thus paid him by the members. He assured them he should continue to make the success of the Lodge his first study, and hoped in the way its affairs were conducted it might be second to none in the province of Middlesex. The remaining toasts were then duly honoured and responded to. During the evening Bros. John Grabham, Hunter and others exerted themselves most successfully to entertain the company by songs and recitations.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602. Held at Bro. Wood's, Crown and Woolpack, 162 St. John-street-road, on Tuesday, the 23rd inst. Present—Bros. Hallam sen. W.M., W. Rawley S.W., H. P. Isaac J.W., Hirst S.D., Summers J.D., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner acting Secretary, Hallam jun. I.G.; also Bros. Wood, Trewinnard, F. Goode, T. Goode, Powell, Morris, &c. Lodge opened, minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Pearcy worked the first section of the second lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hirst having given proof of his proficiency, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M. in a careful manner. Bro. Pearcy worked the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge being resumed to the first degree, Bro. H. P. Isaac, J.W. of the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, was elected a member. Bro. W. Rawley was elected W.M. for next week, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612.—This Lodge held an emergency meeting on Saturday, the 20th of July, at the Ealing Institute, Ealing. Present—Bros. A. Beasley W.M., Henry Kasner S.W., A. J. Burr J.W., J. Chambers Roe P.M. Sec., J. Green S.D.,

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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 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, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1468—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

TUESDAY, 6th AUGUST.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, Masonic Hall, Redruth, at 10 a.m.
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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
293—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
456—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.
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 Woking-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1536—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1478—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6.0. (Instruction.)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore, Middlesex.
R. A. 908—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 7th AUGUST.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire, College Hall, Worcester, at 12.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8.(In.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1368—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
298—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
527—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
906—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, at 8. (Instruction.)
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.
1065—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes.

THURSDAY, 8th AUGUST.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
16—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.)
720—Panmure General Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

38—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
87—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
208—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
293—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
427—Mersey, 85 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
596—Dogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
629—Pilgrim, Rodney Arms Hotel, Blyth.
742—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
761—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1058—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1094—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1204—Royd's, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1343—St. John, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex.
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.

FRIDAY, 9th 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. (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.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1296—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 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Instruction.)
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.

SATURDAY, 10th AUGUST.

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

969—Gresham, Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1637—Unity, De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton, Middlesex.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

TUESDAY.

265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

WEDNESDAY.

358—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
275—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
837—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.

FRIDAY.

459—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
806—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780.—The last gathering of the session, and meeting for election of W.M., &c., for the ensuing year was held on Friday last, the 26th ultimo. There was a very fair attendance of members, and the visitors on this occasion were represented by Bros. W. J. Kennaby 1420, E. J. Acworth 133, R. E. Clarke P.M. 1158, Charles Misselbrook 781, E. Benjamin P.M. 348, D. E. Bandmann 32°, G. W. Lay 569, W. E. Haycock P.M. 1441, W. W. Morgan 211. The Lodge was opened at two o'clock by Bro. Walter Goss, who was supported by Bros. Charles May S.W., William Gomm J.W., J. Smith P.G.P. Treas., William Hilton P.M. Sec., B. Blasby S.D., Erwin J.D., Costelow I.G., Tarling W.S., Franckel Assist. Steward. Gilbert Tyler. There were also present Past Masters Brown, Littlewood, Lloyd, Beasley, Gardiner, Potter, &c. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and declared correctly recorded, Bro. Frederick Botley was examined, and duly raised to the sublime degree. There were three candidates on the list for passing, but two only were present; both these brethren, however, sustained their claim for advancement, and Bro. Walter Goss performed the ceremony, much to their edification and satisfaction. The ballot was taken for two gentlemen—Messrs Richard Wood and Robert Gifford. It resulted satisfactorily, and they, with Messrs. J. Snook and Edwin Eydmann, who were balloted for at the last meeting, were severally initiated into our mysteries. Bro. Walter Goss performed all the ceremonies with his wonted care, to the gratification of the members and visitors. The election of Worshipful Master resulted in Bro. Charles May being unanimously chosen to fill that important office, and he was cordially congratulated on the auspicious event, which congratulations he briefly but heartily acknowledged. The election of Treasurer resulted in the reappointment of Bro. Smith, while Bro. Gilbert again received the suffrages of the members for the post of Tyler. Bros. Gunner, Eydmann, and Becket were then appointed auditors, and a day was fixed for the audit to take place, the W.M. expressing a hope that all his Officers would endeavour to be present. Notice of motion was given that the customary P.M.'s jewel be provided out of the Lodge funds, and that it be presented to the retiring Master at the next meeting, and then a pleasing incident occurred. A request had been made by the Worshipful Master of a Bombay Lodge that the Master of the Royal Alfred would invest Bro. P.M. Beynon, who was now in this country, with a jewel which had been voted to him by the members of his own Lodge. The brethren of this Lodge were

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desirous that Bro. Beynon should be able to exhibit, while he was in this country, the mark of esteem in which he is held by the members of his own Lodge, hence they preferred the request. Bro. Walter Goss, addressing Bro. Beynon, stated it afforded him much gratification in being the medium of conveying to a worthy brother this mark of respect in which he was held by the brethren of the Lodge to which he belonged, and trusted he might always bear in mind the Lodge where he first received the elegant gift. After an acknowledgment by Bro. Beynon, the Lodge was closed. The banquet was served in Bro. Stanbury's New Hall, and was placed on the table in that worthy brother's best style. On the removal of the cloth, the toasts were briefly introduced. Bro. J. Smith replied for the Grand Officers. Bro. J. Chambers Roe, in his customary hearty way, proposed the health of the W.M. He did so on this occasion with infinite pleasure; Bro. Goss had laboured now for nearly twelve months, and with great advantage to their Lodge. This would be the last occasion on which he (Bro. Roe) would have to propose the toast, and he was sure the members would heartily respond. After Bro. Gunner had favoured the company with one of his humorous songs, the W.M. replied. He briefly referred to the principal events of his year of office, and concluded by thanking all for the kindness and consideration he had always experienced. The next toast was the health of the four initiates, and each of those brethren acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Snook, kindly complying with the request of the W.M., sang "Have faith in one another." The P.M.'s next received their meed of praise from the W.M., and replies to the toast were made by all who were present. For the Visitors Bro. Morgan replied; he referred with satisfaction to the election of Bro. Charles May to fill the chair of the Lodge in which his father, the late Samuel May, had always occupied so distinguished a position. Bro. Bandmann followed; he also referred to the eminent qualities of our late Bro. May; qualities which had endeared him to all with whom he was brought into association. Bro. Samuel May was a Mason in the truest and best sense of the term, and he (Bro. Bandmann) was sure his son Charles would follow in the footsteps of so worthy a sire. Other visitors also addressed the members, and all expressed their pleasure at the hospitality displayed. Bro. Morgan here, by request, gave "the Balaclava Charge," after which Bro. Goss requested Bro. Bandmann to give the brethren a taste of his quality. Bro. Bandmann immediately rose; he thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks. He would gladly do anything he could to entertain the company, but he feared the piece he might select would prove somewhat heavy, and he had no desire to weary the brethren from whom he had received so much kindness. True, he could give them something from Shakspeare, but in this he should prefer a little help, and he would suggest that Brother Morgan might be induced to render the requisite assistance. Bro. Morgan having expressed his willingness, the last scene from Act I. of the Merchant of Venice was selected, in which the efforts of both brethren were highly appreciated. In reply to his health, which was given from the chair, Bro. May thanked the members for the confidence they had shown in electing him, and assured them he would exert himself to uphold the prestige of the Lodge, and advance the best interests of its member. He also thanked Bros. Morgan and Bandmann for the many pleasant things they had said of him. The remaining toasts comprised the Masonic Charities and the Press, replied to by Bro. Morgan; the Treasurer and Secretary; and the Officers; to each suitable replies were made, and then the Tyler was summoned, a heavy storm raging at the time making it desirable those present should not run the risk of missing their trains. Thus terminated one of the many pleasant evenings we have spent with the members of the Royal Alfred.

Prosperity Lodge, No. 65.—This Lodge, for some years, has annually held a summer festival; the members determined this year to engage the *Maria Wood*. The ladies and brethren assembled early, and were received by the W.M., Bro. Brown. A substantial breakfast was provided, and the vessel was gently towed along the beautiful scenery, dancing being kept up to the strains of the Hon. Artillery Company's Band. The trip up the river was delightful. At 3 o'clock, the vessel was brought to a stand, and the ladies and brethren adjourned to the saloon, where a sumptuous and *récherché* banquet and dessert was provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford, of the Guildhall Tavern; Bro. Ritter personally superintending. Brother Brown occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Burge S.W. and Simm as J.W.; 138 guests were present. The W.M. proposed the toast of Her Majesty the Queen. He alluded to the Marquis of Lorne having been appointed Viceroy of Canada. The National Anthem was sung. After the toast of H.R.H. the Grand Master, Bro. Daniel I.P.M. had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M., who, since he had occupied the chair, had given them every satisfaction. Last year he (Bro. Daniel) thought he had done something for the Lodge, but the W.M. had fairly eclipsed him, and this trip in the *Maria Wood* would be long remembered by all. He would ask them to cordially drink the health of the W.M., his wife and family. (Cheers.) After Bro. James had given an excellent recitation, the W.M. thanked Bro. Daniel and the ladies and brethren for their enthusiastic reception of the toast; it was to him a day of great rejoicing to see so numerous an assemblage; it afforded him and his family great pleasure to be present on this occasion. There were over 100 members in the Lodge of Prosperity, and he, a young member, was proud to be its W.M. As long as he occupied the chair he would do all he could to make the Lodge prosperous. Before resuming his seat he would offer for their acceptance the toast of the Visitors; they were very numerous, and he would call on Bro. H. M. Levy to respond. Bro. Levy complimented the W.M. on his admirable arrangements, and the hospitality shown the Visitors. The efforts of the Stewards had resulted in the party spending a most enjoyable day. The next toast was that of the P.M.'s and Officers of the Lodge; without the working of the P.M.'s the Lodge could not have prospered so greatly, and the Officers were all worthy of esteem. He would call on Bro. Goodwin P.M. and Treasurer to respond. Bro. Goodwin said all the efforts of the P.M.'s would be for the welfare of the Lodge. The toast of the Ladies was humorously proposed by the W.M. Bro. Burge S.W. responded. Bro. Speight efficiently acted as Toast Master. After dinner dancing was resumed. Bro. L. A. Leins P.M. ably contributed to the enjoyment of the day, indeed nothing was wanting on the part of the W.M. and the Committee to ensure the enjoyment of the ladies.

Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Warrington.—The regular monthly meeting of this old Lodge was held on Monday. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Thomas Tunstall I.P.M. presided, assisted by the Wardens and a goodly number of members and visitors. The Lodge was opened in form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bros. Dr. Mackie and G. F. Curzon, being candidates for preferment, were examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the two brethren re-admitted and passed. The lecture peculiar to the Fellow Craft degree was delivered by Bro. John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. of Cumberland and Westmoreland. The Lodge having been closed down in solemn form, the brethren separated in harmony.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Met on Wednesday, the 31st July, at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C. Bro. Moss W.M., K. Harris S.W., Walker J.W., Gottheil P.M., J. K. Pitt Sec., Wharman S.D., Woodward I.G.; also Bros. Blinkhorn, &c. The ceremony of initiation was ably worked by the W.M. Three of the sections were also worked, the responses being given with gratifying efficiency. This being the first time Bro. Moss presided in this Lodge, Bro. Gottheil, in proposing the usual vote of thanks, remarked upon that brother's abilities as a working Mason, having watched with considerable interest the speedy progress he has made, and the intelligent manner in which he had performed the duties of the minor offices, and now, having reached the chair, the work, as has been seen, was done in a way second to none in any other Lodge. Bro. Moss gave every indication of becoming a valuable worker in the Craft, and the Lodge to which he belonged might justly be proud of having him as a member. Bro. Walker seconded the proposition, and stated that in his long experience he had never heard the initiation ceremony rendered with so much perfection. The vote was carried unanimously. Bro. Moss, in thanking the brethren for the compliment, said, he had only been a Mason eight months, but during the whole of that time, every evening, with scarcely an exception, he spent in either Lodge or Lodge of Instruction. That he thought was the only way of becoming efficient. He had been connected in official capacities with many other societies, but since his initiation such was his love of the Order, he neglected all of them for Masonry. Bro. Kennett Harris was elected W.M. for next Wednesday, when he proposes to rehearse the first ceremony. Lodge meets at 7 p.m.

Lodge of Harmony, No. 220, Garston.—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Wellington Hotel, on Wednesday, the 24th July, at four o'clock in the afternoon. The W.M. Bro. Samuel Tickle presided, assisted by his Officers, and a large number of P.M.'s, members and visitors, including Bros. H. S. Alpass Prov. G. Sec., John Bowes P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, Vines Prov. G.D.C., &c., &c. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bros. Baker and Vines presented Bro. George Price S.W. and W.M. elect for the benefit of installation. The preliminaries having been completed, the W.M. invited Bro. John Bowes to instal Bro. Price, which he did with the aid of a Board of Installed Masters properly constituted. The charges to the Wardens and brethren were delivered by Bro. Baker P.M. After the transaction of some routine business the Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, well served by Bro. Wood, the host of the Wellington, and under the presidency of the newly installed W.M. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly cared for, and in the course of the evening the W.M. presented, on behalf of the Lodge, a costly Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., Pro. Tickle.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday evening, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. This being privilege night, Bro. Dallas, the worthy Secretary, occupied the chair; he was supported by Bros. J. Lorkin S.W., Slaiter J.W., C. Lorkin S.D., Gilham J.D., Davis I.G., Smyth Treasurer, Brasted Preceptor; also Bros. Harding, Polak, Hunt, Borer, Wardell, M. Christian, &c. After the Lodge had been opened, Bro. Carr answered the questions, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed; the Lodge was closed to the 1st degree. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Trewinnard of Lodge 228 was elected a member. Bro. J. Lorkin will preside next Tuesday evening.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—At the weekly meeting held on Wednesday, 31st July, at the Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street, Bros. Abell W.M., Gladwell S.W., Hallam jun. J.W., Pate S.D., Brown J.D., Corns I.G., Long P.M. and many other brethren being present. After the confirmation of the minutes, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Thompson having offered himself as a candidate, was examined, entrusted and finally raised to the degree of M.M. The whole of the lecture was worked by the brethren, the questions being put by Bros. Tate and Brown. Bro. Gladwell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No.

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1602.—Held its meeting at Bro. Wood's, Crown and Woolpack, No. 162 St. John-street-road, Clerkenwell, on Tuesday, the 30th July, at 8 p.m. Present—Bros. W. Rowley W.M., H. P. Isaac S.W., Greenfield J.W., Hallam jun. S.D., Gibbs J.D., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner acting Secretary, Arkell I.G.; also Bros. Hallam sen., Osborne, Wood, Mountstephen, H. Huggins, Hirst, Rimell, Green, Stock, Cook, Hyland, and F. Goode. Lodge regularly opened; the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was well rehearsed by the W.M., who then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Pearcy, and the Lodge was advanced. Bro. Hirst gave proofs of his proficiency, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed; Bro. Pearcy working in his usual earnest manner, and giving the traditional history. Bro. Rowley resumed the chair. Bro. Arkell of the Lion and Lamb Lodge 192, and H. Huggins of the Finsbury Park Lodge 1288, were elected members. Bro. H. P. Isaac was appointed W.M. for Tuesday next. After which Lodge was closed.

NEW ZEALAND.

The late William Westbrooke Squires.

A VALUABLE member of the brotherhood has been snatched away, in the zenith of his working. Seldom has a more solemn scene been realised than that of Tuesday, 16th April, when a message came from Brother Squires, only recently stricken, conveying to the Master and Brethren of Lodge *Southern Star*, 735 E.C., "Hearty good wishes," and an eternal farewell, accompanied by a request that the Worshipful Master would visit him, as he lay on the bed of death. The visit was accordingly made, and the request preferred that the brethren should receive his mortal remains in the Lodge, and afterwards confer the rites of Masonic burial. The good brother lingered until the next Sabbath bell called together the worshippers of the great Father, and soon after its chime had ceased, the spirit took its flight.

The following obituary appeared in one of the Nelson papers, having been contributed by his friend and brother, W. M. Stanton.

'Died, on Sunday, 21st April, aged 37, at his residence, Hardy-street, Nelson, after an illness of 12 days, William Westbrooke Squires, M.D., eldest son of the late Dr. William Westbrooke Squires, of Liverpool, England. Deceased was born at St. German-en-Laye, near Paris, 31st August 1840, and received his professional training at Liverpool, Edinburgh and Pisa. He was a M.R.C.S. England, and graduated as M.D. Edinburgh, 1864. His health being precarious, he sought to benefit it by a voyage to this country, and he arrived in Nelson by the ship "Magna Bona," in December 1864, and was induced to settle here in the practice of his profession, in which he continued until the time of his attack. Shortly after his arrival he was appointed Coroner, subsequently Public Health Officer, Consulting Surgeon to the Nelson Hospital, and he has filled other offices of importance in public matters, as well as being frequently elected to the Surgeonship of the Odd Fellows and other Friendly Societies. The lamented gentleman was also a distinguished member of the Masonic brotherhood, in whose active work he took an important and unflagging interest.

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He preferred a request to the Worshipful Master of his Lodge for the right of Masonic burial according to ancient usage, as provided by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, at the same time expressing a desire that the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he was Past Provincial Grand Master, and the Foresters' Court, of which he was an Honorary Member, should also join in the funeral procession.

Deceased married on the 23rd of April 1872, Catherine J. C., daughter of Mr. John Simpson, of Montere, by whom he has one son. He was presented with an affectionate address of condolence from the Southern Star Lodge on the death of his wife, which took place on the 20th August 1873. As a good Mason, a skilful physician, a useful citizen, and a warm friend, his loss will be deeply felt for a long time to come. He was tenderly cared for in the closing hours of his life, and fully realized and appreciated the watchful anxieties of his numerous sympathising acquaintance.

"On some fond breast the parting soul relies,
Some pious drops the closing eye requires,
E'en from the tomb the voice of nature cries,
E'en in our ashes live their wonted fires."

But five weeks ago, in apparent health, deceased followed the remains of his brother to his long home, in which he is now called to join him.

The day appointed for the funeral began with clouds, followed by unusual heavy rain; nevertheless, a large number of brethren, including eight Past Masters, assembled at the Masonic Hall, and at one o'clock Lodge was opened in the first degree, and ten of the brethren were told off to proceed to the house of the deceased, and accompany the hearse. Meanwhile, Lodge was formally opened to the third degree, and finally to the "Lodge of Sorrow," when the coffin was borne into the Lodge by six Past Masters, and placed on the bier in the centre, the organ playing a Dead March. The furniture was draped with black and white, and on the coffin lay a chaplet of acacia, with a beautifully-woven cross of immortelles and an illuminated scroll. The funeral procession was then formed, and proceeded to the New Cemetery, a distance of four miles. Arrived at the Cemetery, the burial service of the Church of England was read in the mortuary chapel, and at the grave, by Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon Thorpe, after which the Worshipful Master, Bro. Stanton, delivered the Masonic portion of the ritual. The hymns in the chapel and at the grave were accompanied on a cabinet organ by Bro. W. G. Sealy. The brethren afterwards returned to the hall, and the Lodge was closed.

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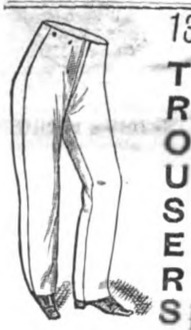
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FREEMASONRY IN BERKS AND BUCKS.

AS is the case in most of our Provinces, the early records of Freemasonry in Berks and Bucks were so indifferently kept or looked after, that it is well nigh impossible to throw any light on the history of its introduction into these counties, and the progress it subsequently made. However, from Cole's List of Lodges for 1763, we gather that a Lodge, No. 244, constituted on the 6th June 1759, was held at the Mermaid, Windsor, and from an historical sketch by Bro. Biggs, till recently Grand Secretary of the Province, we learn that a Lodge, No. 195, existed anterior to 1783 at Reading, there being in possession of Lodge Union, No. 414 of that town, two mahogany columns (Ionic and Corinthian) for the Wardens' pedestals having, on a brass plate let into the bottom, the inscription, "Lodge, 195, the gift of Bro. Wm. Coyler, W. Master, 18th April 1783." There are, likewise, in possession of the same Lodge, a mahogany box of the same style of workmanship for the Secretary's use, "The gift of William Chaplin and Edward Richardson, Lodge, 195," and a Cambridge Bible, printed in the year 1769, "the gift of T. Burton P.M. to Lodge, 195." According to Hughan's *List of Lodges on the Roll of the United Grand Lodge of England* A.D. 1814, there was a Lodge of Virtue, No. 122, at Reading, holding under the Grand Lodge Ancients, which on the re-numbering of Lodges became Lodge No. 147 after the Union, and deceased, as will be seen hereafter, some time between the years 1814 and 1832. In the same list we find a St. John's Lodge, Windsor, which in 1813, stood No 269 on the Roll of the Ancients, became by the Union No. 340 in 1814, and, by the alteration of numbers, No. 239 in 1832. This Lodge has since passed away. The oldest existing Lodge, the Etonian, Windsor, was warranted by the Duke of Atholl on 27th May 1794, and held, therefore, under the Grand Lodge Ancients, the Warrant being originally granted to meet at the Crown and Cushion Inn at Eton, in the county of Bucks, and was No. 284, "Ancients," in 1813, 359 in 1814 after the Union, 252 in 1832, and 209 in 1863. In 1794, according to Bro. Biggs, Colonel John Deacon was appointed Prov. Grand Master of Berkshire by the then Grand Master, George Prince of Wales, and in 1796 Sir John Throgmorton, Bart., had conferred upon him the same office for the county of Bucks. The latter of these is mentioned in the *Freemasons' Magazine*, Vol. VI., for January and June 1796, as having been present in his capacity of Prov. Grand Master for Buckinghamshire at the Grand Feast for that year held at Freemasons' Hall on 11th May, under the presidency of his Royal Highness the Grand Master. On the retirement in 1817 of Bro. Arthur Stanhope, who succeeded Colonel Deacon, in 1795 from the Prov. Grand Mastership of Berks, Sir John Throgmorton was re-appointed Prov. Grand Master for the united counties, and from that date till now they have remained one Province. This is about all that is known of Freemasonry in these counties till the year 1813, when we find the earliest authentic record known to be in existence, in the shape of a minute book of the aforesaid Lodge of Virtue, No. 122, of Reading, and from this, which commences with 4th January 1813, we learn that the Officers of the Lodge at that day were J. B. Monck, Esq., M.P., W.M., John Parker S.W., John Hornbuckle J.W., Joseph Warry S.D., Thomas Williams J.D., Matthew Boulter Treasurer, and Nathan Elliott Secretary. The minutes of the first meeting record, that owing to the irregularities which had occurred, all arrears of fines up to St. John's Day should be considered void. In 1814 Bro. H. Hall, the then Secretary, having misapplied the funds of the Lodge, was expelled, and the same year, owing to the Union which had happily taken place between the Grand Lodges of the "Moderns" and "Ancients" respectively, the Lodge was renumbered, and became No. 147 on the Roll of the United Grand Lodge. At this time the Lodge included among its members Bro. Letchworth, Mayor and Alderman, the well known classical scholar Dr. Valpy, James and John Sutton, Blackall Simonds, Esq.,—described as "still living" at the time Bro. Biggs compiled the sketch from which we have extracted most of these particulars, that is, in 1871,—William Montagu, of Caversham, and Dr. Workman. On the 7th September 1814, the Lodge bespoke, at the Theatre, Reading, the play of *The Way to get Married*, but it does not seem to have recovered from the financial difficulties caused by the late Secretary's defalcations, for on the 2nd November of the same year, a Mr. Coles's bill, of a fraction over £16, was "ordered to be paid as soon as the Lodge funds would permit." The historian, however, has not recorded whether this order—albeit it was formally entered on the minutes and read and confirmed, we presume, at the next regular meeting—was deemed satisfactory by the aforesaid Mr. Coles. On the 18th of this month, Cornet Brandon was passed and raised on the same night, a not uncommon practice in those days. On the 7th December a letter was read from Grand Lodge inviting a deputation to attend for the purpose of receiving instructions as to the Union of the Grand Lodges, and accordingly a deputation, consisting of the Master, Wardens, and a Bro. Bath—one of the masters in Dr. Valpy's school—attended and received the requisite instruction on 7th June 1815. On the 3rd May just preceding, application for a Warrant, signed by the Officers and members, to hold a new Lodge at Newbury, was granted by G. Master the Duke of Sussex, and this was constituted in the following year under the style and title of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 672, John Parker being the first W. Master, and John Hoskins and Edward Poynter Hoskins the first Wardens. Its existence, however, was of the briefest. It made no returns to Grand Lodge after 1818, and ceased to be on the 5th March 1828. But to return to the Lodge of Virtue. Nothing further is recorded till the year 1820, when there appears to have been a falling off in the number of members. But few meetings were held, and on the 8th May 1822, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony with but *six* brethren present. For nearly twelve years after this, it remained in abeyance, the furniture and effects being removed to Coley Park, the residence of J. B. Monck Esq., M.P., W.M. in 1813, for safe custody. In fact, it actually ceased to exist, for when on the 17th September 1833, the brethren again assembled together as a Lodge of Freemasons, it was under a new Warrant, as the Lodge of Union, No. 507, since altered to No. 414. Why a new Warrant should have been deemed necessary, does not appear on the record, for many existing Lodges have been in abeyance for as long, or even a longer time. The effect is, of course, to place the Lodge of Union as the second on the roll of Lodges in the Province of Berks and Bucks, the post of honour falling to the Etonian, which till the alteration in numbers in 1832 ranked as No. 359 only. However, the Lodge of Union met, as we have said, on the 17th September 1833, at the "Wheat Rick Inn," on the East side of London-street, and Bro. Graynham Rackstraw was installed first W. Master, while Bros. Baker and Munday were the Senior and Junior Wardens respectively, the celebrated

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Bro. Peter Gilks being present in the capacity of Instructor. When the Lodge was closed, the brethren sat down to a banquet, and on this occasion there was drunk with great enthusiasm the health of Bro. John Ramsbottom, as Provincial Grand Master, though a Provincial Grand Lodge does not appear to have been regularly constituted till May 1837. On the 8th October 1833, the meeting of the Lodge was suspended for an hour and a half, in order that some fifty ladies might be admitted to see its decorations. On the 10th December of the same year the Lodge moved from the Wheat Rick Inn to the Upper Ship Inn and increased in numbers. On 2nd December 1835, a dispensation was granted by the Provincial G. Master for the burial of Bro. Charles Smith with Masonic rites. On 11th June 1836 the Lodge removed from the Upper Ship to the Woolpack, where it remained till its removal to the old buildings in St. Lawrence's Churchyard, on the 17th May 1837, when an emergency meeting was held for the purpose of receiving the Provincial Lodge. On this occasion Bro. Ramsbottom congratulated the brethren on the opportunity thus afforded them of constituting a Grand Lodge of Berkshire and of organising a scheme for the purchasing of the necessary regalia. From the list of officers which Bro. Biggs has appended to his historical sketch we learn that Captain Montague was appointed Deputy Prov. Grand Master, John Ramsbottom jun. and Samuel Ramsbottom Prov. Grand Senior and Junior Wardens respectively, Rev. Bro. Benwell Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. W. Leigh Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. J. F. Baker Prov. Grand Secretary, and Bros. R. T. Woodhouse, M.D., Palmer, Wood, and Nathaniel Treasure as Prov. Grand Senior Deacon, Supt. of Works, Director of Ceremonies, and Pursuivant respectively. On 7th November 1837, Dr. Woodhouse was installed as Master of the Union Lodge, and held the office for two years. On 26th October, on the occasion of the foundation stone of the new chapel in the cemetery being laid by Bro. Ramsbottom P.G.M. in the presence of several Grand Officers, the same Dr. Woodhouse was appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master. On 22nd April 1843, mourning for twelve months was decreed in consequence of the death of Grand Master the Duke of Sussex, and on 17th November 1845, it was ordered that the brethren in the Province should wear mourning for six months out of respect to Bro. Ramsbottom P.G.M., deceased. On the 21st February 1848, the late Marquis of Downshire, was installed as Provincial Grand Master, having previously been installed as W.M. of the Union Lodge. Up to this time there were in the two counties together, but the two Lodges, Etonian, Eton, and Union of Reading, and it is not till the 21st March 1850, that a warrant was granted for the constitution of a Lodge at Newbury, now bearing the style and title of "The Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574." Bro. John Parker—query, the same who was the first W.M. of the defunct Royal Sussex, No. 672, founded in the same town in 1815—being the first W.M., and Bros. John Beale and Edward Balding, the first Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. On the 5th April 1852, at a meeting of the Lodge of Union, Bro. Robert Gibson made an offer of 40,000 bricks towards building a new Masonic Hall. The offer was accepted, and ultimately it was resolved to erect one in the Grey Friars Road. On the 25th April 1851, a warrant was granted for the Buckingham Lodge, then No. 861, now No. 591, Aylesbury, and the Lodge was consecrated on the 3rd May 1852, A. A. le Kan being the first W.M., and J B. Reade and Chas. Lowndes the first Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. After a lapse of six years a Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 20th December 1858 at Reading, and adjourned till the 23rd of March of the following year, for the appointment of officers, and likewise for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall, the ceremony being performed by the Marquis of Downshire, Grand Master of the Province, assisted by his Officers and a large number of brethren, the sermon being preached at St. Lawrence's Church, by the Rev. A. Roberts, P. Prov. Grand Chaplain. A short time previously—that is on the 10th February 1859—a new Lodge known as the Windsor Castle Lodge, now No. 771, was consecrated with Bro. Madigan as the first Worshipful Master. On the 10th May 1859, was founded the St. John's Lodge, No. 795, Maidenhead, the first W. Master being Bro. Egbert Steer Cousins, and the first S. and J. Wardens Bro. Charles Venables and John Langton respectively. The ceremony was performed in the Town Hall by Bro. Jeremiah Hood P.M. 82, Prov. G.D.C. Herts, in the presence of a considerable gathering of brethren. On the 20th November 1860, the new Masonic Hall in Grey Friars Road, Reading, was opened, the ceremony, which consisted of the opening and closing in the three degrees, being of a simple character. The Lodge Room or Hall is capacious, measuring 38 ft. by 24 ft., but the ante-rooms are very confined in space, and consequently unsuited for the purposes for which they are designed. Bro. J. B. Clacy was the architect, and Bro. H. L. Orton the builder, and the total cost, including site and decorations, amounted to £1,350. On the 15th December 1860, Bro. John Hervey P.G. Deacon, now Grand Sec., consecrated the Scientific Lodge, No. 840, at Stoney Stratford, and subsequently installed Bro. J. E. McConnell as W.M., the Wardens being Bros. Smith and Stevenson. In 1862 this Lodge migrated to Wolverton, where it still flourishes. In 1861 the Marquis of Downshire, who, during the fourteen years he had been the Prov. Grand Master, held only four Grand Lodges, resigned his post, and the Province was in October 1862 accordingly placed under the charge of Bro. Æ. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, and he, with the assistance of Bro. Joseph Devereux, of Windsor, the Prov. Grand Secretary, and other active brethren, revived the condition of Freemasonry in the Province. In 1863, two new Lodges were consecrated, namely, the Abbey Lodge, No. 945, at Abingdon, and the St. Barnabas, No. 948, at Linsdale, the Rev. R. W. Norman being installed the first Worshipful Master of the former, and Bro. James Shugar of the latter. On the 19th November 1864, the Windsor Masonic Hall was dedicated, the chief credit being due to Bro. Devereux, who conceived and, aided by other brethren, carried out the idea of a building specially set apart for Masonry. On 17th May 1866, a second Lodge, the Grey Friars, No. 1101, was consecrated by Bro. McIntyre, G. Registrar in charge of the Province, at Reading. On the 21st May 1869 a Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Windsor, when Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., was installed as Grand Master of the Province, the ceremony being most impressively rendered by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary. On 25th February 1870, Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, who had been Chaplain of the Grey Friars, No. 1101, from its foundation, being about to leave the Province, was presented with a most affectionate address in testimony of the services he had rendered and the respect in which he was held. On the 27th May following, at a Prov. G. Lodge held especially for the purpose, a Code of Bye Laws for the Province was discussed and adopted, and on the 1st July of the same year H.R.H. the Prince of Wales performed his first Masonic ceremony subsequent to his initiation by the late King of Sweden by laying the foundation stone of the Reading Grammar School, Sir Daniel Gooch, Prov. G. Master, and over three hundred brethren being present. The same year the Methuen Lodge, No. 631, founded in April 1854, removed from Swindon, Wilts, to Maidenhead, and it has since migrated to Taplow, Bucks. In 1872, the St. Peter and St. Paul Lodge, No. 1410, was consecrated at Newport Pagnel, Bucks; in 1874, the Alma Mater, No. 1492, at Bletchley, and the Wycombe, No. 1501, at High Wycombe, both in the same county; in 1875, Freemasonry received a great accession of strength at Maidenhead, owing to the constitution of a new Lodge—the Ellington, No. 1566—and in 1876, Stoney Stratford, which, as we have shown, had a few years previously been able to boast of a "Scientific" Lodge, but, owing to its migration to Wolverton, had been left unprovided with Masonic accommodation, awakened once again to a proper sense of its Masonic requirements, and the result of such was the consecration of the Watling Street Lodge, No. 1639, having its headquarters at the Cock Hotel.

In respect of R. Arch Masonry, we note that a Warrant for the Downshire Chapter, Reading, was granted in 1851, the Marquis of Downshire being Z., Comps. J. B. Gibson H., Sir J. W. Hayes, Bart., J. It does not, however, appear to have been successful, and was erased in 1861. On 1st February 1865, a Warrant for the Windsor Castle Chapter, No. 771, was granted, the principals being Comps. Jas. Cottrell Z., Jas. Devereux H., and John Wiggington J. On 22nd October 1867, was consecrated by Comps. Devereux and Muggeridge, the Union Chapter, No. 414, Reading with Comps. W. Biggs as Z., Geo. Botly as H., and F. A. Bulley as J. On the 13th December 1870 the Buckingham Chapter, No. 591, Aylesbury, was consecrated, Comps. Rev. O. J. Grace, Rev. G. S. Ffinden and John Williams being Z., H., and J. respectively. The St.

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Barnabas Chapter, No. 948, Linslade, and the St. George's, No. 840, have since swelled the number of R.A. Chapters to five, and in the person of Sir Daniel Gooch, who was appointed in the year 1875, the Prov. G. Chapter has a most efficient Superintendent. Such, in brief, is a history of Constitutional Freemasonry in the Province of Berks and Bucks, the chief details being derived from Bro. Biggs's interesting sketch. May it long flourish like a green bay tree!

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I.

Original MS. in the Lodge of Antiquity, A.D. 1686. Book of Constitutions 1723, pp 32, 33——1738, p 65——1767, p 84. Illustrations of Masonry, 1776, p 196. Freemason's Calendar, &c. MS. in the British Museum, and a variety of Publications on the subject of Masonry. Old MS. in the hands of Mr. Wilson, of Broomhead, near Sheffield, Yorkshire, written in the reign of K. Henry 8th.

WHEREAS the Society of Free Masons is universally acknowledged to be of ancient standing and great repute in this kingdom, as by our Records and Printed Constitutions, it appears that the first Grand Lodge in England was held at York, in the Year 926, by virtue of a Royal Charter, granted by King Athelstan—And, under the patronage and government of this Grand Lodge, the Society considerably increased; and the ancient charges and regulations of the Order so far obtained the sanction of Kings and Princes, and other eminent persons, that they always paid due allegiance to the said Grand Assembly.(1)

II.

Constitution Book, 1738, p 81——1767, p 104 & seq. Illustrations of Masonry, p 234 & seq. Old Records Constitution Book, 1723, pp 52, 60, 69, 72——1738, pp 150, 155——1767, pp 341, 344. Illustrations of Masonry, p 119, MS. in the Lodge of Antiquity.

AND WHEREAS it appears, by our Records, that in the year 1567, the increase of Lodges in the South of England being so great as to require some Nominal Patron to superintend their government, it was resolved that a person under the title of Grand Master for the South should be appointed for that purpose, with the approbation of the Grand Lodge at York, to whom the whole Fraternity at large were bound to pay tribute and acknowledge subjection.—And, after the appointment of such Patron, Masonry flourished under the guardianship of him and his successors in the South, until the Civil Wars and other intestine commotions interrupted the assemblies of the brethren.(2)

III.

Constitution Book, 1738, p 106——1767, p 176. Illustrations of Masonry, p 244. Biographia Britannica, vol. I, Ashmole. Constitution Book, 1738, p 108——1767, p 188.

AND WHEREAS, it also appears that, in the year 1693, the Meetings of the Fraternity in their regular Lodges in the South became less frequent and chiefly occasional, *except* in or near places where great works were carried on.—At which time the Lodge of Antiquity, or (as it was then called) the Old Lodge of St. Paul, with a few others of small note, continued to meet under the patronage of Sir Christopher Wren, and assisted him in rearing that superb Structure from which this respectable Lodge derived its Title. But on completing this Edifice in 1710, and Sir Christopher Wren's retiring into the country, the few remaining Lodges, in London and its suburbs, continued, without any nominal Patron, in a declining state for about the space of seven years.(3)

IV.

Constitution Book, 1738, p 109——1767, pp 186, 189. Illustrations of Masonry, pp 246, 247. Constitution Book, 1723, p 70. Ibid. Ibid, pp 73, 74. Constitution Book, 1723, p 69.

AND WHEREAS, in the year 1717, the Fraternity in London agreed to cement under a new Grand Master, and with that view the Old Lodge of St. Paul, jointly with three other Lodges, assembled in form, constituted themselves a nominal Grand Lodge *pro tempore*, and elected a Grand Master to preside over their future *general* meetings, whom they afterwards invested with a power to constitute subordinate Lodges, and to convene the Fraternity at stated periods in Grand Lodge, in order to make Laws, with their consent and approbation, for the good government of the Society at large—BUT SUBJECT to certain conditions and restrictions then expressly stipulated, and which are more fully set forth in the 39th article of the general regulations, in the first book of Constitutions. This article, with 38 others, was afterwards, at a meeting of the Brethren in and about the cities of London and Westminster, in the year 1721, solemnly approved of, ratified and confirmed by them and signed in their presence by the Master and Wardens of the Four Old Lodges on the one part, and Philip Duke of Wharton, then Grand Master, Dr. Desaguliers D.G.M., Joshua Timson and William Hawkins Grand Wardens, and the Masters and Wardens of sixteen Lodges which had been constituted by the Fraternity, betwixt 1717 and 1721, on the other part. *And* these articles the Grand Master engaged for himself and his successors, when duly installed, in all time coming to observe and keep sacred and inviolable—By these prudent precautions the ancient Landmarks (as they are properly styled) of the Four Old Lodges were intended to be secured against any encroachments on their Masonic rights and privileges.(4)

V.

See the alterations in the last Edition of the Book of Constitutions, by comparing it with former Editions. See also State of Facts, by Bro. Preston, passim.

AND WHEREAS, of late years, notwithstanding the said solemn engagement in the year 1721, sundry innovations and encroachments have been made, and are still making on the original plan and government of Masonry, by the present nominal Grand Lodge in London, highly injurious to the institution itself, and tending to subvert and destroy the ancient rights and privileges of the Society, more particularly of those members of it under whose sanction, and by whose authority, the said Grand Lodge was first established and now exists.

VI.

Constitution Book, 1738, p 185. State of Facts, by Brother Preston, pp 38, 40.

AND WHEREAS, at this present time, there only remains one of the said four original ancient Lodges—The Old Lodge of St. Paul, or, as it is now emphatically styled, The Lodge of Antiquity. Two of the said four ancient Lodges having been extinct many years, and the Master of the other of them having, on the part of his Lodge, in open Grand Lodge relinquished all such inherent rights and privileges which, as a private Lodge acting by an immemorial Constitution, it enjoyed.—BUT, The Lodge of Antiquity, conscious of its own dignity, which the members thereof are resolutely determined to support, and justly incensed at the violent measures and proceedings which have been lately adopted and pursued by the said nominal Grand Lodge, wherein they have assumed an unlawful prerogative over the Lodge of Antiquity, in manifest breach of the aforesaid 39th article, by which means the peaceable government of that respectable Lodge has been repeatedly interrupted, and even the original independent power thereof, in respect to its own Internal Government, disputed:(5)

VII.

State of Facts, passim.

THEREFORE, and on account of the Arbitrary Edicts and Laws which the said nominal Grand Lodge has, from time to time, presumed to issue and attempted to enforce, repugnant to the ancient Laws and principles of Free Masonry, and highly injurious to the Lodge of Antiquity.(6)

VIII.

WE, the Master, Wardens, and Members of the Lodge of Antiquity, considering ourselves bound in duty, as well as honour, to preserve inviolable the ancient rights and privileges of the Order, and, as far as in our power, to hand them down to posterity in their native purity and excellence, do hereby, for ourselves and our successors, solemnly disavow and discountenance such unlawful measures and proceedings of the said nominal Grand Lodge; and do hereby declare and announce to all our Masonic Brethren throughout the Globe, That the said Grand Lodge has, by such arbitrary conduct, evidently violated the conditions expressed in the aforesaid 39th article of the general regulations, in the observance of which article the permanency of their authority solely depended.(7)

IX.

And in consequence thereof, WE, do by these presents retract from, and recal, all such rights and powers, as We, or our predecessors, did conditionally give to the said nominal Grand Lodge in London; and do hereby disannul and make void all future Edicts and Laws which the said Grand Lodge may presume to issue and enforce, by virtue of such sanction, as representatives of the ancient and honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons.(8)

X.

Records in the Grand Lodge of York. Constitution Book, 1723, p 60.

AND WHEREAS we have, on full enquiry and due examination, happily discovered, that the aforesaid truly ancient Grand Lodge at York does still exist; and have authentic Records to produce of their antiquity, long before the establishment of the nominal Grand Lodge in London, in the year 1717; We do, therefore, hereby solemnly avow, acknowledge, and admit the Authority of the said Most Worshipful Grand Lodge at York, as the truly ancient and only regular governing Grand Lodge of Masons in England, to whom the Fraternity all owe and are rightfully bound to pay allegiance.

XI.

Private Correspondence.

AND WHEREAS the present members of the said Grand Lodge at York have acknowledged the ancient power and authority of the Lodge of Antiquity in London as a private Lodge, and have proposed to form an alliance with the said Lodge, on the most generous and disinterested principles.—We do hereby acknowledge this generous mark of their friendship towards us, and gratefully accept their liberal, candid, and ingenuous offers of alliance:—And do hereby, from a firm persuasion of the justice of our cause, announce

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a general union with all Regular Masons throughout the world, who shall join us in supporting the original principles of Free Masonry,—in promoting and extending the authority of the said truly ancient Grand Lodge at York, and under such respectable auspices in propagating Masonry on its pure, genuine and original plan.

XII.

AND LASTLY, we do earnestly solicit the hearty concurrence of all regular Lodges of the Fraternity in all places where Freemasonry is legally established, to enable us to carry into execution the aforesaid plan, which is so apparently beneficial to our most excellent institution,—and at the present critical juncture, so essentially necessary to curb the arbitrary power which has been already exerted, or which hereafter may be illegally assumed, by the nominal Grand Lodge in London,—and so timely prevent such un-Masonic proceedings from becoming a disgrace to the Society at large.

By order of the Right Worshipful Lodge of Antiquity, in open Lodge assembled, this 16th day of *December*, A.D. 1778. A.L. 5782.

J. SEALY, *Secretary*.

*** As a few Expelled Members of the Lodge of Antiquity have presumed to associate as Masons at the *Mitre* Tavern, in *Fleet Street*, under the denomination of this Lodge,—Notice is hereby given, that the Right Worshipful Lodge of Antiquity, acting by an Immemorial Constitution, is removed from the said *Mitre* Tavern, to the *Queen's Arms* Tavern, in *St. Paul's Church-Yard*; where all letters to the Lodge are requested to be directed.

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(1) It is somewhat singular and noteworthy to mark the fact that these Manuscript Constitutions, of whatever date, usually agree in stating that the General Assembly was held at York; even the M.S. Constitutions of Scotland contain the same statement, and admit York to have been the first favoured City for a General Assemblage of the Craft. Though we are not anxious to invest Legends with the significance of Historical facts, yet we cannot but think so uniform an agreement respecting York, in Manuscripts found in different parts of England and Scotland, and of such various dates, must have its origin in something more stable than fiction.—"History of Freemason in York" (Hughan), p 38.

Much unnecessary stir has been made about the York Constitution of A.D. 926. None such exist now, and no one can say *where* they did, or *when*.—*Ibid.* p 39.

There can scarcely be a doubt that there does not exist a Masonic Charter of the year 926. Should, however, an original be found similar to Krause's translation, it could nevertheless lay no claim to be called a York Charter.—"Findel," p 90.

The common legend of a Grand Lodge having been convened at York by Edwyn, son of King Athelstane, A.D. 926, is disposed of in Sharon Turner's "History of the Anglo-Saxons (vol. ii., pp 325-365), where it appears that Athelstane acceded to the Crown in 924, he had no son, Edwyn was his brother, and in the same year, on a false charge of conspiring against him, was exposed at sea in an open boat and drowned.

(2) In 1567, it is stated in the famous Manifesto of the Lodge of Antiquity of 1778, the Grand Lodge permitted the creation of a Grand Master for the South, but of this no other proof is, as I am aware, so far forthcoming, and this is the only existing evidence that in 1567 there was a Grand Lodge at York.—"The Connection of York with the History of Freemasonry in England" (Rev. A. F. A. Woodford.)

But York being in a remote part of the kingdom, it was many years ago thought proper, for the convenience of the Fraternity, to remove the Grand Lodge from that city to the Metropolis—and the present Grand Lodge of England are the true York Masons. (?)—"Principles of Freemasonry Delineated" (Trueman), Exeter, 1777, p 153.

(3) As against this disparagement of the other *old lodges*, it will be sufficient to remind the reader that the 1st Grand Lodge was held under the banner of the lodge, meeting at the *Apple Tree Tavern*, original *No.* 3, a member of which lodge was elected the *first Grand Master*, upon whose vacation of this office, the honour of supplying the head of the Craft *next* devolved upon original No. 4.

"It must be borne in mind that the seventeenth century had been very turbulent and full of commotions: Masonry, therefore, which can only flourish in times of peace, continued in a fluctuating state, and found many difficulties to struggle with. In such unsettled seasons, *particular* Lodges could not be regularly attended in the Southern parts of England, near the principal theatre of political action; but were held occasionally when circumstances favoured the brethren, except in or near places where great Works were carried on. Thus Sir *Robert Clayton* held an *occasional* Lodge of his Brother *Masters* at St. *Thomas's Hospital, Southwark*, A.D. 1693, and to advise the governours about the best design of rebuilding that Hospital as it now stands most beautiful; near which a *stated* Lodge continued for a long time afterwards. Besides that and the *Old* Lodge of St. *Pauls*, some brothers, living in 1730, remembered another in *Piccadilly* over against St. JAMES Church, one near Westminster Abby, another near *Covent Garden*, one in *Holborn*, one on *Tower Hill*, and some more that assembled statedly."—(Constit. 1738, p 106; 1756 and 1767, p 176; and 1784, p 193.)

(4) See §§ 3, 15 and 22; also p 4, note 7, and p 67, note 1.

(5) See §§ 6, 9.12, and 16.

(6) Compare with Part III. *post*.

(7) See § 22 (II.) *post*.

(8) Bro. Hughan says ("History of Freemasonry in York," p 56), "Reasons were not wanting to give a colour to the action on the part of the York authorities; on the other hand, the 'Lodge of Antiquity' presumed too much on their 'time immemorial' privileges after forming a part of the Grand Lodge of England, 1717." But with all deference to so high an authority, I venture to question the soundness of the conclusion he has drawn.

The right to expel from the Union (exercised by the Grand Lodge in 1747, see § 12) would imply a right to secede from the Union; if many could withdraw from one, one could withdraw from many. If the Union could become inconvenient or disagreeable to all the Lodges but one, such majority might become disagreeable to that one. If the many, for that reason could expel, why could not the one for that reason retire? And if the logic of expulsion be sound, that of secession is equally sound. These rights it might be contended—if there was any right at all to break up the compact of Union—were correlatives.

But the privilege of secession, possessed by the time immemorial lodges, though fully justified by *precedent*, derived yet a higher sanction from *principle*. Since without conceding the rights of expulsion and secession to be correlatives, either of the four old Lodges could protest against ejection because it involved compulsion, and yet claim a right to retire, because if compelled to remain, that was equally a compulsory restraint. Both really involve the same principle, ejection and imprisonment, they are equally acts of compulsion, and this might be alike objected to in both cases.

A Lodge compelled to go or remain had a forcible restraint imposed on its will, but in seceding it imposed no restraint on the will of others—they remained free to follow (*i.e.*, the time immemorial lodges) or to continue as before. It may be urged that reasonable men would not have framed a system exposed to ruin at any time by the secession of its constituents. But the question is, not whether the terms of the compact were wise or prudent, but simply what those terms were, and the force they possessed.

("Ambrose's Letters," New York, 1865, pp 41, 205; "Spence's American Union," 2nd Ed., pp 198—200 and 210.) Many points of similarity will be found in the principle of State Rights (U.S.A.), and in that upon which the rights of the Old Lodges are, or were, based. A comparison is recommended between Art. 39 "Constitutions G. L. of England, A.D. 1723" (§§ 15 (V.) *ante* and 22 *post*), and Art. 2 "Constitutions U.S. of America, A.D. 1781," viz.: "Each State *retains* its sovereignty, freedom, and independence, and every power, jurisdiction and right, which is not, by this confederation, expressly delegated to the United States in Congress assembled." Compare also:

1. The four original Lodges—rights of?	1. The thirteen original States—rights of?
2. New Lodges—rights of—by Grant or Charter of Grand Lodge?	2. New States—rights of—by Grant or Charter of Congress?
3. The rights of all Lodges (1717 to 1813) original and new—as affected by Amendments of Constitution?	3. The rights of all States, original and new—as affected by Amendments of Constitution.

NEW ZEALAND.

OUR Budget of News from this prosperous colony, which came to hand by the mail on Monday, is somewhat voluminous. We gather from it that Masonry is in a very flourishing condition in the Northern Island, and Lodges are being multiplied rapidly. The District G. Master of Auckland, Bro. Graham, had left for the South, which was causing some inconvenience, especially as his Deputy, Bro. Wildman, resides on the Thames Goldfield, some forty miles distant. A new Lodge, under the Irish Constitution, was shortly to be opened at Gisborne.

Funeral of a Veteran.—Donald McKenzie, who, as a man, soldier and Freemason, was one of the oldest in the colony, expired on Friday, 14th June, at his residence, Onehunga. Amongst his last wishes was that he should be buried with Masonic honours. The request was conveyed through the Officers of Lodge Manukau, and of course it was complied with. The deceased was born in the year 1800, and consequently at the time of his death was 78 years of age. His father was a soldier in the 42nd Highlanders (the famous "Black Watch"), and young McKenzie, on the discharge of his father, joined the regiment when 19 years of age, and in November 1819 he was initiated a Freemason in the 42nd Highlanders' Lodge, hailing under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. This Lodge has since become dormant. Mr. McKenzie served with the regiment in which he was born, during the trying times of 1815, when the famous battle of Waterloo was won and lost. He did not take an active part in that famous fight and victory, but he was on the scene the preceding day, and was under fire. He was then connected with the baggage guard, which was several times attacked by the French troops. He was amongst the oldest settlers in the Pensioners' Settlement of Onehunga. On the opening of Lodge Manukau, S.C., of Onehunga, he resumed his connection with Freemasonry, and, as already stated, one of his latest wishes was that he should be recognised as a Mason, with the customary mortuary ceremonials. The Masonic brethren responded in a most fraternal spirit. Not only did Lodge Manukau muster in full strength on Sunday, but every Lodge in Auckland, including Lodge Romuera, was fully represented by Officers and brethren, and at least 150 members of the Craft took part in the procession. Captain Burns, of the Artillery Company, kindly placed the excellent band of his corps at the disposal of the parade, as a recognition of the military claims of the veteran, and they added

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largely to the impressiveness of the solemn *cortège*. The Lodge Manukau was opened, and raised to the third degree, after which the order of procession was formed in the Lodge. Brother M. Niccol R.W.M. presided, and Brother Hendry ably officiated as Marshall. The procession, headed by the band, playing appropriate solemn selections, marched through the main street of Onehunga and up the by-street to the late residence of the deceased. Here the procession opened, and the Officers came to the front, and after the coffin containing the deceased was taken out, the line of march was resumed to St. Peter's Cemetery, the bank playing the Dead March in "Saul," and other appropriate solemn tunes. The son and grandchildren of deceased followed the coffin in the capacity of chief mourners. At the entrance to the cemetery the procession again opened out, and the coffin was carried up the centre, where it was met by the Rev. Mr. Tomlinson, incumbent of St. Peter's. The remains were taken into the church, where the portion of the burial service of the Church of England appointed to be read in churches was read by the rev. gentleman. Upon the removal of the coffin to the grave the brethren formed a cordon round it, while the Rev. Mr. Tomlinson concluded the ritual, consigning the body of the deceased to the earth in the sure and certain hope of a resurrection. The R.W.M. then, in a feeling and impressive manner, gave the solemn and impressive address from the Masonic ritual, after which the brethren cast their acacia sprigs into the open grave, and gave the grand honours of the Order. There was an immense concourse of people present during the ceremony, probably the largest that was ever collected on such an occasion in Onehunga. The residents were greatly gratified at the marked respect paid to their old neighbour. The old pensioners and their wives listened with mingled feelings to the solemn strains of the Dead March from the band, the sounds no doubt bringing back many strange recollections to their breasts, and while the streets were lined with the young and healthy, the aged couples looked wistfully on and after the procession from their cottage doors. At the conclusion of the burial service, the brethren marched back to the Lodge room, where the Lodge was duly closed, and the visiting brethren took their departure for home.

Presentations.—One of the most interesting and imposing events in connection with Freemasonry which has taken place in Auckland since the starting of the Order in New Zealand, was the presentation of a Past Master's jewel, by the United Service Lodge, to Bro. P.M. Burns, on Wednesday evening, the 29th May. A feature was that the chiefs of the three Prov. Grand Lodges met for the first time to do honour to a member of recognised worth, and every Lodge in the district was fully represented. The Ara and Manukau attended as Lodges, and there was hardly a Lodge in the North Island unrepresented, besides which there were several Southern Lodges which had members present. Amongst those present were Bros. G. P. Pierce P.G.M. I.C., G. S. Graham D.G.M. E.C., F. Whitaker P.G.M. S.C., E. T. Wildman D.D.G.M. E.C., T. Rycroft W.M. 421 I.C., G. Redfern P.M. 421 I.C., W. Sloane P.M. 421 I.C., A. Brock P.M. 421 I.C., J. H. Burns P.M. 421 I.C., Josh. Hydes P.M. 421 I.C., M. M. Levy W.M. 348 I.C., Jas. Buchanan P.M. 348 I.C., J. Trimble P.M. I.C., H. G. Wade P.M. 689 E.C., Thos. Cole W.M. 689 E.C., M. S. Leers P.M. 350 I.C., P.P.G.J.D. Victoria, Rev. C. M. Nelson W.M. 1338 E.C., W. P. Moet W.M. 1710 E.C., M. Niccol W.M. 586 S.C., W. C. Walker W.M. 418 S.C., E. K. Tyler P.M. Prov. G. Sec., Trimble P.M. 111 I.C. The Lodges represented included the Ara, United Service, Rodney, Waitemata, Corinthian, Prince of Wales, Manukau, Tauranganui, Dunedin, Sir Walter Scott, and others. After the regular Lodge business had been disposed of, Bro. Pierce R.W.P.G.M. made the presentation. It was a massive jewel of Past Masters' Order, with a suitable inscription. In making the presentation, Bro. Pierce referred in terms of commendation and eulogy to the great pains and ability which he had observed Bro. Burns display. He was a good all-round man, good as a Volunteer officer, good as a public man, and good in the working of the benefit orders to which he belonged, but what they had met that night for was, more especially to recognise the good which he had done to Freemasonry here, and he attributed the high position which the United Service Lodge now held to the energy displayed by Bro. Burns. Bro. Burns, in reply, felt deeply the honour conferred on him by the large number of visiting brethren and the Lodge, and hoped that his future conduct in Freemasonry would merit their approbation. A banquet was then held. It was a really efficient and excellent spread, which reflected credit on Mr. Hood, the caterer, and on his establishment, and merited the encomiums which it received. The following toasts were proposed and responded to, the chair being occupied by the Master of the Lodge:—The Queen and Craft, The Three Grand Masters of the English, Irish and Scottish Constitutions, The Provincial Grand Master I.C., responded to in a neat speech by Bro. Pierce. The other Provincial Grand Lodges were also proposed and responded to, after which Bro. Pierce proposed the toast of the evening, The Health of Bro. Burns. This was responded to in a neat and modest speech by the recipient. The health of Bro. Wildman D.D.G.M. E.C. was also drunk, as well as those of the sister Lodges. Other toasts followed, and as there was quite an array of excellent singers, and Bro. Wildman accompanied on the piano, a musical treat of no ordinary character was afforded, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

On the 24th June, a particularly interesting ceremony, consisting of the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel, took place at the regular monthly meeting of the Lodge St. Andrew, S.C. The meeting was held at the Lodge-room, Masonic Hotel. There was a large attendance of brethren, and amongst the visitors were Bros. A. Whitaker R.W. P.G.M. S.C., E. Tyler P.G.S. S.C. P.M. 348 S.C., Trimble P.M. 111 I.C., Buchanan 1840 E.C., Burns 421 I.C., R. C. Dyer D.G. Pursuivant E.C., Wade D.G.S. E.C., and other dignitaries of the Order. After the regular business of the Lodge, consisting of initiation, raising &c., the proceeding in open Lodge terminated in the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Walker, who for the last three years has occupied the chair of R.W.M. in the St. Andrew's Lodge. The jewel has a gold segment on top and bottom, and an intermediate scroll, the whole bearing the inscription "Lodge St. Andrew, No. 418, S.C." Beneath this is the square and compass wrought in gold, with a blazing sun in the middle, and in the centre of the sun is a beautiful emerald. The jewel itself is locket-shaped. The obverse side bears the square, compass, and segment, and on the inverse side, beautifully and artistically engraved, is the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. W. C. Walker P.M., by the Officers and Brethren of Lodge St. Andrew 418, S.C., as a token of their appreciation of his ability and untiring attention, while discharging his duties as Right Worshipful Master during the years 1866, 1867, and 1868. Dated, Auckland, New Zealand, 1878." Bros. P.M.'s Tyler and Burns led Bro. Walker, the recipient, to the chair, which was occupied by the R.W.P.G.M. Bro. Whitaker said on this interesting occasion they were called to do honour to a brother to whom honour was due, and an occasion of this kind afforded an opportunity of impressing on the other brethren the duty of which they had a bright and good example. As they all knew, it was easier to preach than practise, but when they found one who preached and practised as did Brother Walker, it was fit that he should be recognised. Bro. Walker was admitted to St. Andrew's Lodge in 1871. He immediately commenced rising, and after going through the several offices to the satisfaction of the brethren, he rose to the position of Right Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and he had now held this position for three years. This was an unusual occurrence, but Bro. Walker had been found so courteous, so conscientious, and so efficient, that the brethren had unanimously chosen him to this honourable position on each occasion. He believed he was justified in saying that during the time Brother Walker had been in office, he had never missed attending his Lodge but once, and that was through illness. He was sure few Masons fulfilled their duties so well, and the handsome presentation did credit to the Lodge as well as to the recipient. Addressing Bro. Walker, the R.W.P.G.M. then said: Bro. Walker, I now at the request of the Lodge St. Andrew, present to you this jewel. Parenthetically, I am glad to say that it has been manufactured in Auckland. In presenting it to you, I feel it is worthy of the occasion, as your conduct has been such as to merit it from the Lodge. I know that in future you will work up to the principles you have so far carried out, and I therefore feel pleasure and honour, Bro. Walker, in, at the request of your Lodge, presenting to you this Past Master's jewel. Bro. Walker, addressing the R.W.P.G.M. and brethren, said, that he was unable to express his thanks for the kind manner in which the presentation had been made, and for the presentation itself. He felt that he had only done his duty, and he had done so not to win the favour of the P.G.M. nor yet of the Lodge, but to carry out his obligation. He had erred as others had done, but he had done his best to the utmost of his power and ability in the interests of the Craft generally and St. Andrew's Lodge in particular, and he might now lay his hand on his heart and say he had never willingly violated his obligation. He thanked them for the great honour they had done him, and while he lived in New Zealand, or when, as he intended, he should return to his native home, his brightest thought would be his reception that night. The event was celebrated by a banquet, to which most of the brethren remained. It was a *recherché* and well-served spread, reflecting credit on the catering abilities of Mr. Hood. Bro. Walker occupied (of right) the chair, with his Wardens in their proper positions. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, after which Bro. Wade P.M. proposed the "Guest of the Evening." Bro. Walker responded, and alluded to the flattering terms in which he had that night been spoken of by the Provincial Grand Master and Bro. Wade. He would make it his endeavour to do better in the future than the past. "Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Bro. Hewson, and responded to by Bros. P.M. Buchanan (E.C.), Trimble (I.C.), and Dunwoodie (S.C.). Bro. Spencer, on behalf of Lodge St. George, Dargaville (the youngest Lodge in the colony), also responded. "The Officers of Lodge St. Andrew" was proposed by Bro. Buchanan, and responded to by Bro. T. Whitson D.M. The toasts of Poor and Distressed Masons, and the Host and Hostess followed. In the intervals songs were sung, and a convivial evening was passed.

Rodney Lodge, No. 1711.—The installation of the Officers of the Rodney Lodge, No. 1711, E.C., for the ensuing year, took place at the Lodge Room, Warkworth Hotel, on Thursday, the 23rd May. Although the weather was unpropituous, there was a good attendance. The first business, after the Lodge had been opened in the first degree by W.M. Bro. Moat, was the proposal of a candidate, after which the principal ceremonies were commenced. Bro. P.M. Leers, who, twelve months since, acted as Consecrating Officer and Installing Master of the above Lodge, acted also as Installing Master on this occasion. Bro. W. P. Moat, the Master elect, was presented to the Installing Master by Bros. M. W. Munro and C. Thomson, and duly obligated and installed. The Master having been duly proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees, the following brethren were installed in their various offices by Bro. W. P. Moat:—Bros. M. W. Munro S.W., C. Thomson J.W., J. Darrach Treas., J. S. Darrach Sec., F. Howard S.D., J. Brebner J.D., G. Dibble I.G., and C. Grillin M.C. Bro. Leers addressed and charged the Wardens and Brethren on their several duties. An excellent spread was provided by Bro. Brebner. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and responded to. The toast of "The Host and Hostess" was duly honoured, and a very pleasant evening was spent by all present at the second installation banquet of the Rodney Lodge.

Masonic Trip to Dargaville.—A correspondent writes:—The paddle steamer City of Cork left the Queen-street Wharf on 17th June, with a large number of Freemasons on board, to take part in the Consecration of the St. George Lodge at Dargaville, Northern

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Wairoa, among whom were Bros. M. S. Leers P.M. 942 E.C., 380 I.C., I. C. Victoria, P.P.J.G.D., W. J. Rees P.M. 348 I.C., P.M. 421 I.C., P.G.S., J. H. Burns P.M. 421 I.C., P.M. 154 E.C., M.W. P.G.D.C. I.C., and a number of other less illustrious brethren of the fraternity. Arriving at Riverhead, we proceeded by rail to Helensville. Arrived at Kumea at 3.15. Left a letter bag, apparently without any letters, and arrived at Helensville at 4.30 p.m. We were met by Mr. Clarke, of the Railway Terminus Hotel (late of the City Club). The accommodation of this house would do credit to any hotel in the city. Left Helensville by the steamer Minnie Casey, at 12 midnight, arriving at Dargaville on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30. During the passage of the steamer up the splendid Wairoa River, marks of progress were visible on both sides, showing what an industrious population can do. This part of the Province has been neglected in the past by the Provincial Government. The General Government have made great promises, and if faithfully kept a great future is in store for the residents of this District. It being my first visit to Dargaville, the future city of the North, I was surprised at the progress made. We found a large town properly laid out, and the buildings which are erected would do credit to many of the villa residences in the suburbs. On Sunday last, a very handsome church was opened, built at a cost of about £1,000. The fittings are very tastefully executed, and the architect and builder must feel proud of the result. The town is situated in a commanding position. The roads and drainage can be completed without any engineering difficulty. As my object in visiting Dargaville was to aid in the Consecration of the Lodge, and the installation of Bro. Dargaville as the first W.M., we proceeded to inspect the building, and finding everything correct, at noon on Wednesday the Lodge was Consecrated by Bros. Leers P.M. acting D.D.G.M., Burns P.M. acting D.G.D.C., Rees P.M. acting D.G. Org., George Powley D.G.S.W., Rev. F. Gould D.G. Chaplain, W. Mackinn D.G.J.W., Wells D.G.S.D., Austin D.G.J.D., Spiers D.G.P., and Dr. Morton D.G. Tyler. After the consecration, Bro. Dargaville was installed W.M. by Bro. P.M. Leers, in a very impressive manner. Bros. George Powley S.W., Morton J.W., and Robert Dargaville Treas. The investiture of the rest of the Officers was postponed until the next monthly meeting. In the evening, the brethren sat down to a *récherché* banquet, provided by Mr. Raynes, at the Kaihu Hotel. This hotel was the surprise of all who had not visited the district before. The house is well furnished, and the comforts provided do credit to Mr. and Mrs. Raynes, whose attention and courtesy during our stay were very gratifying.

One of our most pleasant anticipations was the promised excursion to the head of the river in the steamer Tangihua, at the invitation of Bro. J. M. Dargaville. The morning was ushered in with rain, but about 9 o'clock the weather cleared, and a beautiful day appeared in prospect. We left the wharf with a large party of ladies and gentlemen. The scenery on both sides of the river was enchanting. The dark and lofty kahikateas were interspersed with the graceful pungas and weeping willows. On arriving at Mr. Watson's our party landed and dispersed in various directions—some proceeding to inspect the remains of a primitive flour mill, while others went to the house to see the family. Amongst the Visitors was the Rev. F. Gould, who was rather unexpectedly required to perform the rite of baptism, Mr. Dargaville standing godfather. Having partaken of refreshments, we re-embarked, and, after a splendid passage, reached Dargaville at 8 p.m., exceedingly gratified with our pleasant excursion. After supper, we bid good-by to Mr. and Mrs. Raynes, of the Kaihu Hotel, and took up our quarters on board the steamer *en route* for Helensville, arriving there next morning at 11.30.

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A PUZZLE SOLVED.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It strikes me that Bro. Jacob Norton belongs to that class of critics which is known as the hypercritical. I have no doubt that Rev. Bro. Woodford is quite capable of defending his own work, but Bro. Norton should have some consideration for the faults which are *inevitable* in a large Cyclopædia. That what the latter is pleased to denominate "*the Aberdour Puzzle*," might never have arisen had a little more care been taken in reading the proofs is most likely; that the information as at present arranged in the Cyclopædia might lead ignorant people to imagine there were two Aberdours, one G.M. Scotland and the other G.M. England, is not to be denied; but with all due deference to Bro. Norton, some allowance should be made for faulty arrangements in a work of nearly 1,000 pages. As for the confusion between Morton and Heaton, it seems to me this is a mere printer's error which has escaped correction. Had the copy been in my handwriting, at least I should have offered this explanation. As I have been frequently told, those who compose my copy are not favourably impressed with my handwriting, and, *mirabile dictu*, do not consider it by any means a brilliant exhibition of caligraphy. But to return to the Aberdour difficulty, or rather the difficulty which Bro. Norton has apparently raised, and by which he is, or was, so perplexed. The editor of the Cyclopædia might have been more careful, but I do not think he has misled any one conversant with Masonic history—I beg his pardon, except Bro. Norton, who has brought up a tremendous array of matter in order to correct a clerical error; in short, a Nasmyth hammer to crack a nut! *Cui bono?*

Truly yours,

GAMMA.

OUR FRENCH BRETHREN.

We have been favoured with copy of a letter addressed by the Council of the Grand Orient of France to foreign and French Lodges, and beg to place before our readers the following translation.

A.·. L.·. G.·. D.·. G.·. A.·. D.·. L'UNIV.·.

Grand Orient of France,

Supreme Council for France and the French Possessions,
O.·. of Paris, 1st August 1878 (E.·. V.·.)

To Foreign Masonic Powers and the Lodges in their several jurisdictions, as well as to the Lodges in that of the Grand Orient of France. Thrice Greeting:—

VERY DEAR BRETHREN,—The General Assembly of the Grand Orient of France, at which the Presidents and Delegates of all the Lodges in its jurisdiction will be present, will be held during the second week of September, and, as is usually the case, the Session will terminate with a banquet, to be given at the hotel of the Grand Orient, 16 Rue Cadet, on Saturday, the 14th of the month.

The Universal Exhibition will still be open to the public at the time of this gathering, and doubtless will have attracted to Paris, from all parts of the world, a considerable number of Freemasons. Under these circumstances, the Council of the Order, inspired with a happy recollection of the fête held under similar conditions during the Exhibition of 1867, have arrived at the conclusion that the meeting of the General Assembly would offer an excellent opportunity for strengthening the ties which unite the members of the great Masonic family. They therefore invite the Freemasons of other Orients and Lodges to join with their French brethren in giving a character for universality to the approaching Fête.

The Grand Orient of France entertains the hope that this appeal will be favourably received; and for its part, it rejoices in being able, at a Convention of Masons of different Rites, to offer the brethren, who may convene together, the testimony of its deep and fraternal sympathy.

Accept, Very Dear Brethren, the assurance of our sentiments of esteem and brotherly affection.

In the name of the Council of the Order,

(Signed) DE SAINT JEAN, *President.*
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GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The labours of the Grand Orient will commence at 4 p.m.

The banquet will take place at 6 p.m.

Tickets, the subscription or price of which is fixed at 15 francs, to be obtained at the Secretariat of the Grand Orient, 16 Rue Cadet.

N.B.—The subscription is, and will remain open till the 5th September, and not later. This arrangement being necessary in order that the Stewards may know beforehand the number of those who intend being present at the banquet.

A MASONIC GRIP.—And speaking of signs reminds me of an old-time Masonic incident. When the anti-Masonic hostility was at its height, one of the hostiles met a sturdy old Boston caulker and framer, with a hand as hard as iron and as big as a ham, and, taking him by the hand, he began making gripe of a significant character, that the old caulker did not answer. "I thought you were a Mason," said the gripper. "Well, suppose I am; what then?" "Why, you seem to know nothing of your own signs that I have been making you." "Oh, was that what you were doing? Well, you did not make the sign right. See here now," and taking the gripper's hand in his, he crushed his tarry, caulking-iron grip upon it, till the bones cracked, and the fellow danced with a howl of pain. "There," said old Oakum, "that is the grip of the first degree, and when you want the second come to me." He never came for further light. The signs should be judiciously used, and never played with. They are serious things, and the one to whom they have been confided should regard them as a sacred trust, kept ready for use when the proper time comes, and then not too lavishly.—*Masonic Jewel.*

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PICNIC OF THE CEDEWAIN LODGE, No. 1504.

THE Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren of this highly prosperous Lodge, held their annual Pic-nic, on Friday, the 2nd inst. The *place de rendezvous* was reached by the Cambrian railway, from Newtown, after a run of about thirty miles — sometimes through luxuriant vallies, at others past forest-clad hills and deep defiles, holding each and all in warm admiration and intense, nay, almost breathless rapture, for the trip was through one of the grandest routes a tourist could select. In due course the party alighted at Machynlleth Station, and it was only then that the strength of the party was apparent. During the trip we had secluded ourselves (with a "rare" few) in a bachelors' box, and over a smoke cracked a joke, thus losing the company of the gentler sex, who now disclosed to us their genial presence. While we enumerate the names of the brethren, it is but right to say that each was accompanied by either his wife, daughter, or a friend, thereby confuting the fallacy which attributes to Freemasons the appellation "selfish." Bros. C. Morgan, John Danily, E. R. Morris, F. Britton, Rev. John Williams, Pryce Jones, Robert Jones, D. Morgan, C. D. Ray, T. Turner, Richard Jones, J. Owen, T. E. Izgard, Dr. E. Monro, T. M. Taylor, W. Francis, L. Lewis, J. Nunn, E. Jones, A. Ikin, S. Davies. There were others whose names we could not obtain. Each member of the Lodge had the privilege of inviting two friends, this made the party number sixty-seven. Great were the speculations as to how the weather would turn out; "but soon the morn, like lobster boiled, from black to red began to turn," and a fresh breeze cleared the horizon of every cloud, and made the day such a one as could be desired by those who wished to enjoy a mountain ascent and mountain landscapes. The delightful spot selected by our esteemed brethen was Plas Machynlleth, the Manor of Bro. the Most Hon. the Marquis of Londonderry. Here, on the grassy mead, beneath the shade of majestic trees, a cold collation was spread, and by two o'clock all sat down to do ample justice to the repast. This is indeed a charming locality, and no prettier spot could be selected. Each enjoyed the good things provided, and all scanned with cheerful expression the magnificent scenery that surrounded us. The dinner over, Rev. Bro. Williams returned thanks to the G.A.O.T.U., and each responded with thankful heart. The musicians who had been engaged for the occasion, during dinner discoursed a variety of popular Welsh airs. They now fell to, while the company for a short time dispersed to explore the natural beauties of Cymry. For ourselves, we take kindly to the mountains on Montgomeryshire side, and on this occasion we wandered towards the mouth of the far famed Dovy. Upwards and onwards, each stride bringing the traveller nearer the goal of his ambition, and each step creating a longing desire to look back on the receding panorama which not long ago lay before him, only in different but equally grand perspective. After over an hour's climbing, an elevation was attained, which commanded a view that could not be surpassed. Gazing inland, as far as the eye can reach and the mind discern, we see the grand beacons of Montgomery and Merionethshire, gently converge to each other and throw, as it were, their giant forms to nestle the quaint old town of Machynlleth in the plain. Out from the mountain ranges, and skirting the town on the right, gently winds the clear water of the good river Dovy. Full many an angler has been tempted to linger on the banks of this river, and oft and again has his rod been weighted by the dashing struggle of the noble salmon, with which the river abounds, and of which, well garnished, we partook of this day. Down comes the sparkling waters, through the lovely vale below, and gazing seaward we perceive where, like a silvery serpent, it empties itself into its parent the ocean. But the scene before us defies the extent of our descriptive powers. Here where we stand, we are about 2,000 feet above the level of the sea; across the vale, bearing to the left, rises the still loftier Gran-y-Gessel, while far to the north, and more lofty still, rises the majestic Cader Idris, whose peak ascends nearly 3,000 feet. Away to the west is seen, glistening in the brilliant sunbeams, Cardigan Bay, and while we drink in the beauties of the picturesque scene, we wonder why Englishmen will travel abroad for change of scene and beauty of landscape, when here we have mountain and vale, river and ocean, and a country replete with historic recollections. From where we stand we can note the site of ancient *Maglona*, a Roman station; while at hand can be traced the "Old Parliament House" where, in 1402, Owen Glyndwr, after accepting the Crown of Wales, exercised his sovereignty by assembling a parliament. But we must not stay longer, as even now the hour has passed when it had been arranged tea should be spread, and in our rambling, pensive tour, we have deprived ourselves of the cheerful society and merry dance on the velvet-like lawn of the Plas. However, we rejoin our friends at the Railway Station, in time to meet the last train, when we find every one highly delighted with the day's trip. Great credit is due to the Catering Committee; to Bro. Nunn, who acted as D. of C.; to Bro. R. Jones, who acted as Secretary; and to Bro. Foster. The arrangements made by the Cambrian Railway Company were very satisfactory to all the brethren of the Cedewain Lodge, than whom there is not a more genial and fraternal body of Freemasons. In conclusion, we wish them and their families every prosperity.

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MASONIC COURTESY.

AT the first cursory glance at the heading of this article, the reader might possibly be inclined to say, "surely there is no necessity for urging upon the Craft the propriety of paying due attention to strict Masonic courtesy." Now, we are free to say *there is*. Our idea of Freemasonry teaches us to believe that the mere formalities of the Lodge room are not sufficient, that a closer tie should exist among the brethren, and that the teachings in the Lodge room should be practically exemplified in our every day life. There we are taught to meet as brothren, yet we daily witness the back-bitings, the jealousy and the contemptible meanness that some members of the Craft display toward each other, whom, for certain reasons, they, from their self-exalted standpoint, deem unworthy of their esteem or friendship. Like the Pharisees of old, they inwardly thank their God they are not as the Publican and Sinner. These men, by such a course, give the outside world an opportunity to cast a sneer at the Fraternity.

We hold, that in a community so extensive as ours, wide differences of opinion in politics, religion and business matters must necessarily exist among its members. The believer in the Koran views the faith of the Christian as erroneous, and the red man fails to understand the proclivities of the white. But on these points we should agree to differ; the hand of friendship should be extended to all alike, the act of courtesy should ever be passed between brothers who are bound together by the same solemn vows. It is impossible we can all move in the same social sphere or associate in the same business or political circle; but we can meet each other with that courtesy which always exists between gentlemen, and should be especially marked between Craftsmen.

How cold our Lodge-rooms, in some instances, have appeared to the newly initiated. He has received his first degree, and finds himself a stranger among those whom, according to the ritual, he has just been taught to look upon as brethren. He leaves with a heavy weight in his breast; he is disappointed, perchance disgusted, and leaves the Lodge-room never to re-enter it. We know of such cases from personal experience. How different is it when, after being brought to light and initiated into the mysteries of the first degree, he finds himself cordially welcomed by his newly found brothers, when they crowd round him with cheerful greeting and kindly words; when they encourage him by their courteous welcome and warm, genial, fraternal manner: that initiate leaves the Lodge-room feeling that he has met with brothers, that he is a member, with rights and privileges, in the great Masonic fraternity, and his heart warms within him, as in his secret chamber he exclaims to himself, "*I am a Free Mason.*"

Again, note the different receptions given in different Lodges to the visitor. In the one, a formal greeting, similar to a presidential reception at the White House; in the other, a cordial, whole-souled, courteous welcome, as brother gives to brother after a long absence from the paternal roof. In the first instance, a most unfavourable impression is produced upon the visiting brother; in the second, all the good qualities, and genial nature of the brother are brought to the surface, and often lasting and endearing friendships are formed, that perhaps in after years are looked back upon as green oases in the sandy desert of life.

If brethren then, by ordinary Masonic courtesy can accomplish so much, why are they ever careless in practising it? Life is not, to all, so bright and cheerful that they can afford to owe the mite of happiness and pleasure that the simple act of brotherly kindness can bestow. It is a trifle to him that gives, but often a priceless treasure to him that receives. By all our teachings we are bound to exercise it, by every tenet of the Craft we are taught that it is not only our duty, but our high privilege to bestow it.

Fortunately, in Canada we can pride ourselves as a rule upon the courtesy with which we generally welcome the visitor and receive the newly made brother, and it is right that it should be so. Masonry is something more than a mere symbolism, and there is not anything that so speedily attracts the attention of the visitor as the manner of his reception and welcome. Much depends upon the Worshipful Master; if he is cold, formal and precise, his welcome will accord with his manner, and the chilling reception will prevent the visiting brother making a repetition of his visit. It is very essential then that he who presides in the Oriental Chair should be urbane and courteous, displaying thus his knowledge of one of the leading characteristics of the Craft. The manner of the Master must, to a certain extent, raise or injure the Lodge; it is therefore very advisable, in the election of their Officers (but more especially their First Officer), that the brethren should select one who is not only a good ritualist and acquainted with the law, but who possesses a gentlemanly, kind and courteous manner, and the brethren themselves should vie with each other, not only to be courteous in the Lodge room, but also out of the Lodge room, and be particularly careful to prove their devotion to the Craft by being ever ready to welcome, with a cordial greeting, a kindly smile and Masonic courtesy the strange Brother, the Visitor and the newly initiated.—*Masonic Jewel.*

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE labours of the House of Lords have not seriously taxed their Lordships' energies during the past few days. A personal explanation between Lords Carnarvon and Beaconsfield, the reception of a message from the Queen, thanking them for their recent loyal address on the subject of the Duke of Connaught's income, and the passage through one or other of the necessary stages of certain measures, like the Highways Bill, which had been sent up from the Commons, occupying about an hour and a half on Thursday last. Half an hour sufficed for the transaction of Friday's business, and on Monday the sitting was not of much longer duration. On Tuesday, after sundry measures had been advanced, a discussion arose on the Reserve Forces, *apropos* of a question put to the Government by the Earl of Camperdown, who was desirous of learning how many of the reserves who had been called out, and since dismissed to their homes, had lost their civil employment. Lord Napier of Magdala, Viscount Bury, the Duke of Cambridge, and others took part in the debate.

In the House of Commons the great Eastern Debate was continued on Thursday and Friday last. On the former day Mr. Lowe opened the battle by making a tremendous and somewhat malicious attack on the Government, but Lord John Manners, who followed the right honourable gentleman, was fully equal to the occasion, and defended Ministers in a speech of great dignity and sound argument. On Friday, the principal speakers were Lord Elcho, who gave an independent support to the Government. Mr. W. E. Forster, who opposed them, Mr. Roebuck, who also supported Ministers, and Sir W. Harcourt who spoke against them. The one remaining speech worthy of notice was that of Sir Stafford Northcote, who summed up the case of Ministers with great calmness and lucidity. On the division being taken, it was found that 195 supported the resolution of Lord Hartington, while 338 opposed it, so that the majority for the Government was 143, or more considerable than it has ever been previously. On Monday the Chancellor of the Exchequer gave some indication of the procedure of public business during the rest of the Session. In Committee the House made further progress with the Estimates. On Tuesday, the House resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means, when the Chancellor of the Exchequer moved that a sum of two millions be granted towards the deficit caused by the additional expenditure which had been incurred over and above that which the House had sanctioned in the Budget. A long and desultory debate followed, in the course of which the Ministerial policy, both financial and otherwise, was assailed by Messrs.

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Gladstone and Childers. However, the money was voted. In the course of the evening there was a "scene" of no little excitement. Major O'Gorman insisted on interrupting the Secretary of State for War, and when called to order by the Speaker, refused to obey. Thereupon, on the proposition of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, seconded by Mr. Lowe, the Major, having been first named by the Speaker, was directed to withdraw, and a motion that he be called upon to attend the day following and make suitable apology to the House or be punished, was agreed to. Accordingly, on Wednesday, Major O'Gorman having been called, made his appearance, and at once tendered a most manly and sincere apology for his neglect to obey the Speaker's call to order. The apology was at once accepted, on the motion of the Chancellor, seconded by Lord Hartington. The rest of the sitting was occupied in Committee on the Military and other Estimates.

The Court at Osborne has been increased by the arrival of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, who we rejoice to say, has recovered from his recent indisposition. Both the Queen and the Prince have been to inspect the wreck of the Eurydice, which at the time was in Sandown Bay, but has since been towed to a securer position, where it is sheltered from the heavy seas which it was feared would cause her to break up. She will at once be towed into Portsmouth Harbour. The Prince and Princess of Wales having concluded their visit to the Duke of Richmond and Gordon at Goodwood, are now in the Isle of Wight, or rather, on the Royal yacht Osborne, where they have been joined by their children, and where it is expected, they will remain for some time. It is believed that the Duke of Connaught's marriage will take place in February next, in St. George's Chapel, Windsor.

The chief Masonic event of the week has been the installation of Sir E. A. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., as Prov. G. Master of Worcestershire. The ceremony was entrusted to Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and it is to be hoped that under the auspices of the new P.G.M. the lethargy which appears to have prevailed for so long in this Province will be overcome, and that we shall find Worcestershire playing a satisfactory part in the general affairs of the Craft. It should likewise be mentioned that at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, held on Monday, the 5th inst., the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold were elected honorary members of Grand Lodge, and the Grand Secretary, Bro. Murray Lyon, was directed to notify their Royal Highnesses of their election.

There are few who will rejoice—and that too with so much reason—more when the present Session of Parliament comes to an end than the Earl of Beaconsfield and the Marquis of Salisbury. The tremendous anxieties of the first half of the year are now being followed by the fatigues of victory. The explanations in Parliament gave place to a visit to the Queen. Then came the great political banquet of the 27th ult., and then the visit to the City on Saturday last, when the freedom of the City was conferred on the noble lords at Guildhall, and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained them and their colleagues at a grand banquet at the Mansion House. It is hardly worth while to describe the reception in detail, as our readers are no doubt already well posted in all the particulars. Suffice it that the Premier and his colleague were loudly cheered, along the whole route, that Temple Bar—or rather what still remains of it—was made to look gay, and that the Guildhall was thronged to overflowing by citizens and visitors, assembled to pay homage to two of our foremost statesmen. The ceremony of presentation was of the usual formal character, and the speeches of the noble lords were brief and to the point. The enthusiasm at the meeting was immense and proved how popular the Ministry is in the City. In the evening, at the banquet at the Mansion House, there was equal warmth of feeling displayed. All the Ministers were present, with the exception of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, who had been entertaining the Prince and Princess of Wales at Goodwood. On Tuesday the delegates of about five hundred Conservative Associations had an interview by appointment with the Prime Minister and the Marquis of Salisbury at the Foreign Office, and on the latter entering the applause was vociferous. The first hour and a half were occupied in presenting the delegates, who were not far under a thousand, and as each of them shook hands with the two Ministers in turn, it will be imagined the noble lords had to undergo a somewhat trying ordeal. They survived it, however, and the speeches they made on the occasion were interrupted by frequent outbursts of applause. We can imagine that the end of the Session, when Ministers can enjoy what little peace is permitted to our public men, must be looked forward to with no small amount of anxiety.

Tuesday next is fixed for the Review at Spithead of what is known as the Special Service Squadron, consisting of sixteen ironclads, turret and broadside, three gun boats, and a despatch vessel. Sir Cooper Key is in command, and Rear-Admiral Boys is his second. The squadron includes such vessels as the Thunderer, the Hercules, the Bellcisle, the Warrior, the Boadicea, the Penelope, the Resistance, the Valiant, and the Hector. This is a most formidable squadron, and had not our plenipotentiaries at Berlin brought home with them "peace with honour," would have played an important part in any naval operations it might have been necessary for the Government to undertake. Yet it is only one of many squadrons afloat, to say nothing of the ships available immediately, or at short notice, for active service. The review will be a great attraction, and there will be several vessels placed at the disposal of the Houses of Parliament and the officers of the Army, Navy, and Civil Service. Given, therefore, fine weather, and Portsmouth will have a magnificent treat. While on the subject, we may mention that the Inflexible, which, when complete, will be armed with four eighty-one ton guns, and be the most powerful ironclad afloat, had a preliminary run on Tuesday, for the purpose of testing her speed, but owing to there being something wrong with the blades of her screw, the result was not as satisfactory as might have been wished. She attained a speed of over 13½ knots, but the officials are satisfied she will realise the expected 14 knots. The cost of this vessel is set down at £700,000, so that our modern vessels of war are rather costly affairs.

The Bank Holiday on Monday was turned to very good account by the London public, and about the usual quantity of liquor was consumed, or, as the weather was none of the coolest, the usual and a little more. We wonder if any statistician will be at the pains of calculating how much is contributed to the public revenue in the shape of Customs and Excise duties on one of these public holidays. It would be an interesting question to determine this, and a far greater test whether Bank holidays are an unmixed good or an unmixed evil, than the number of police charges the following morning.

Shoeburyness is not ordinarily an attractive place, but this week the National Artillery Association has been holding its annual meeting, and consequently there are over a thousand Volunteer Artillerymen in camp, comprising nearly a hundred detachments who have met together to compete for the Queen's and other prizes. From all accounts the Camp is conducted in a most orderly manner, and the Volunteers here, as at Wimbledon, succeed in winning high encomiums from the regular officers in command.

This being Cricket Week at Canterbury, the ancient city has been thronged with visitors, and has given itself up to a course of pleasure with the most sincere devotion. Dinners, and private theatricals in the evening, and Cricket during the day, with luncheon at intervals, is not a bad way of spending a holiday; so, at least, think the good people of Canterbury, and we cannot say they have not reason on their side. On the contrary, if our engagements permitted, there is no place we should more gladly visit under such conditions.

The new Governor of Cyprus is settling down, and the work of organization has commenced in earnest, though necessarily but little progress has been made up to the present time. It seems that at no distant time the garrison will be reduced to a couple of British regiments and a battery of Artillery, and the Indian contingent sent home again, it being intended that the island should be a station rather than a garrison. And a very nice station it will prove when all is ship-shape, only people must not follow the example of certain members of the Opposition, and expect things to be completed before they are well begun. The work of making Cyprus rich and prosperous as of yore will take time.

The Austrian occupation of Bosnia and Herzegovina has already been attended with bloodshed, as the Moslem Begs are offering a strenuous, though hopeless, resistance to the occupying force. This, it is believed, is not the fault of the Turkish Government, though there are not wanting persons who say that the Turkish authorities are

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delay till the last moment her ratification of the Treaty. As to the Czar, there is said to be some hesitation on his part in signing the Treaty, owing to efforts made by the so-called "patriotic" party to induce him to reject it, but it is hoped and believed that the peaceful inclinations of His Majesty will prevail. Meantime, we hear of General Kauffman, of Khiva fame, undertaking a new expedition in Central Asia, Balk being the object this time of his amiable intentions. This, if successful, will bring the Russians close to the frontiers of Afghanistan, and looks as though it were intended as a counter-move to our defensive treaty with Turkey in respect of her Asiatic territories.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcester will be held on Wednesday, 7th August, at the College Hall, Worcester, under the Banner of the Worcester Lodge No. 280. Prov. Grand Lodge will be opened at twelve o'clock at noon and the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England, Lord Skelmersdale, will instal Right W. Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere as Grand Master of the Province. The banquet will be served at the Shire Hall, at 5 p.m., for which tickets may be procured from the Prov. Grand Stewards, or from Bro. H. Oram, Hon. Sec. of the Worcester Lodge.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held at the Philharmonic Hall, Southampton, on Tuesday, the 13th of August, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Province.

We understand that a third Lodge, of which Bro. Walshaw P.M. is to be the first Master, will be consecrated in Scarborough on the 12th September, by Dr. J. P. Bell, D.P.G.M. for North and East Yorkshire.

A Musical and Dramatic Entertainment will be given at the Surrey Masonic Club, Camberwell-new-road, S.E., under the direction of Bro. G. S. Graham, on Saturday evening, 3rd August 1878, at eight o'clock precisely. Brethren desirous of becoming members of the Club, may obtain particulars of the Honorary Secretary, Bro. James Stevens, at the Hall on any evening.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the late Festival was held on Monday, the 29th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bro. R. B. Webster in the chair. The Hon. Sec., Bro. F. Binckes, read the report relating to the Festival, which was adopted. There were present at the Alexandra Palace—147 Stewards, and the total number was 599. Bro. H. M. Levy proposed, and Bro. C. F. Hogard seconded, that in recognition of the valuable services of Bro. F. Binckes, Hon. Sec., he be presented with the balance resulting from the Stewards' fees, and that the sum of five guineas be presented to Bro. Taylor for his services in connexion with the Festival. After suitable reply from Bro. Binckes, cordial votes of thanks were recorded to Bros. T. Cubitt (Hon. Treasurer), J. H. Mapleson (for providing the artistes), and to Bro. R. B. Webster (acting Chairman). There were present Bros. C. F. Hogard, Murray, Winter, Jardine, F. Adlard, R. B. Webster, J. W. Garrod, Mellwham, T. Cubitt, Lacd and H. M. Levy.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

A MEETING of the Grand Masters Council, No. 1, was held at the Masonic Rooms, 2 Red Lion-square, on Tuesday, the 30th of July. Present—Bros. Rev. G. R. Portal M.P.G.M., Hyde Pullen G.P.C.W., Frederick Davison G. Treasurer, S. Rosenthal T.J.M. No. 3, General J. S. Brownrigg, Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, Magnus Ohren, Dr. F. W. Ramsay, S. C. Dibdin, D. M. Dewar, and Ill. Bro. Robert Morris, LL.D., of Kentucky. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bros. T. C. Walls and E. B. Bright were introduced and received the various degrees of Most Excellent Master, Royal Master, Select Master and Super Excellent Master. The other business before the Council having been transacted, the Meeting was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Wednesday the 30th of October.

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.

BOMBAY.

KURRACHEE witnessed on Monday, the 24th June, one of the greatest achievements recorded in the annals of Freemasonry in Sind. St. John's Day being recognised by all English Masons as one of high festival, the brethren of Lodge "Union" were determined to make it one of the most memorable, it being the installation to the chair of that Lodge for the second time of Wor. Bro. George C. Brayson. The entire credit and success of the undertaking is due to this brother, whose zeal for the Craft and admirable working are the admiration of his brethren.

The procession to Trinity Church was formed in the following order:—

Lodge Endeavour, Manora, represented by W. Bro. T. Ward W.M., W. A. Miles, W. R. Scroggie, D. D'Silva, J. Hughes, and W. S. Cope.

Lodge Hope, Kurrachee, represented by W. Bros. Adam Clark W.M., Thomas Cosser P.M., J. H. Duncan P.M.; H. F. Brayson, J. Davison, C. T. Edwards, E. King, A. McSween, G. Twells, W. Trevena, C. W. Rook, J. M. Horne, J. G. Quanbrough, and W. Bishop.

Lodge Industry, Hyderabad, represented by W. Bros. W. Wilson W.M., J. D. Wilson P.M.; W. Hoonahan S.W., A. Wiffin J.W., Brumby S.D., Mitchell J.D.

Lodge Union, Kurrachee, represented by W. Bros. George C. Brayson W.M., James Grant P.M., J. A. Hannah; J. Quinn, W. Aspinall, W. H. Miller, W. Cuzens, R. Allan, J. C. Elstone, T. Watson, W. H. Franklin, W. H. Bloss, H. S. Cocksedge, J. Collett, and E. Cardwell.

Visitor—W. Bro. Alexander Campbell, Lodge Felix, Aden.

Each Lodge, preceded by its Tyler and Banner Bearer, marched through the western entrance of the Lodge. On emerging therefrom it was met by an admiring crowd, amongst whom could be seen many of the chief residents of the Station. The scene throughout, variegated as it was by the different colours of each Lodge, was pretty in the extreme. The procession halted at the north door of Trinity Church, when the order of formation was reversed, Union being first, Hope second, followed by Endeavour and Industry. Entry into Trinity Church was made from the west door. The compound of the Church was fairly filled with "our gallant sons of Mars," belonging to H.M.'s 83rd and Royal Artillery.

At the west door stood Bro. the Rev. J. Higgins, in Masonic costume, who led the procession up the nave of the Church, when he retired and ascended the pulpit, and W. Bro. George Brayson led the brethren to the seats that had been specially reserved for them.

Every seat in that spacious Church was crowded with spectators. The Rev. D. Cotes from the reading desk gave out the hymn—

"Great Architect of earth and heaven,"—

which was sung by the full choir in attendance, accompanied by the sweet music of the organ, and followed by short prayers.

The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. J. Higgins, from 1 Kings vi. 7-8, "There was neither hammer, nor axe, nor any tool of iron, in the house while it was in building."

Reference is here made, as doubtless you all know, my Brothers, to one circumstance in the construction of that splendid Temple, which Solomon built to the Glory of Almighty God. Its stones were prepared and its timbers shaped at a distance from the spot where afterwards they were erected. In the distant quarries of Syenne; or in the Forests of Lebanon there was, doubtless, the sound of man's busy toil; but here on Mount Moriah, the jar and clang of labour was unheard. Tier upon tier, course above course, the Temple rose beneath the builder's hands, in stately and silent growth. In those explorations which are being carried on in the Holy City (under the auspices of the Palestine Exploration Society) we appear to have come upon the foundations of Solomon's Temple, and each great block of stone still shows the Mason's private mark designed to indicate its exact position in the building. In silence therefore the foundations were laid, in silence were the arches turned and fitted with their key-stones, in silence each pillar rose and was surmounted by its capital.

"No workman's axe, no pond'rous hammer rung,
Like some tall palm, the mystic fabric sprung."

"Majestic silence!" exclaims the poet, and in that silence was prefigured one of the deepest truths of God's natural as well as moral Government; namely, that God ever works silently if not secretly. Thus gradual are all the hidden processes of Nature, thus slowly and in secret the seed germinates, the sprout puts forth its tender leaflets, the sap ebbs and flows beneath the bark. Everywhere, through all its myriad of hidden recesses, the busy workers of living nature complete their task, and the secret laws of inert nature develop their consequences,—step by step, stage after stage, unwatched save by the All-Seeing-Eye. Whether it be the worm weaving the shroud-like cocoon, that in due time shall give birth to the ephemera of a day; or the nebulous particles (star seed, as they have been called) which gathering through millions of ages and forming at last the revolving world which men call a star: in each and all we find the same law, silent growth, progressive development, continuously passing from one growth of glory to another. There is no sudden bound in nature, its changes may surprise men, but hidden laws have long been working for their development, whether in the meanest animalcula that crowds a water-drop or in the brightest of those created intelligences, that circle around the Throne of Thrones.

Let us contrast with the masons of Solomon's Temple another group of Temple Builders and we shall see the types of divine and of human work, the types of a debased masonry, discarding Faith in God and love to man, and masonry in its purer form, acknowledging and obedient to the rules of the Great Architect of the Universe.

The first are those gathered on the plains of Shinar. They would build a city and a tower whose top should reach unto heaven. Forgetful of the divine command, to go forth in every direction and colonize and possess the world; forgetful of the divine promise that

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God would protect them and bless them wherever they might be; we see them herding together for mutual safety, filled with a slavish dread of the powers of nature (afraid that is, of another flood), and actuated by a selfish anxiety, which made them cling coward-like to one spot and to one another. What stir! and what commotion must have marked their efforts! Yet after all what result? So far from completing a common landmark and a rallying place for all, discussion and dispersion grew out of their very task, and doubtless for many an after age men pointed to those unfinished towers of Babel, and told from father to son how in the *babble* of divers tongues, in the strife of selfish and varying interests man's puny, ill-directed labour had come to nought.

Thus it may be said of much that man endeavours after and undertakes. There is confusion and turmoil, sound and strife, jarring interests, selfish struggles; he loves the roll of the drum and the fanfare of trumpets, nor is he deterred by garments rolled in blood.

God's work on the other hand is ever calm and peaceful. True power, true greatness is ever distinguished by repose and assured rest. Under a great variety of figures is this feature of Divine working inculcated in Scripture, but never more strikingly than in this instance when the Temple on Mount Moriah grew silently to its completion, scarce challenging man's notice or admiration, till it stood forth in all its finished beauty. As a ship's track upon the water, which no eye can trace—as a bird's path in air, which none can follow—as showers upon the tender herb, or dew upon the mown grass, thus does God reveal His presence and impart His influence, and thus peaceful and quiet growth are the distinguishing traits of His followers. God "hides them in His tabernacle secretly from the strife of tongues," they know nothing of the Babel warfare of the world. God teaches them the power of the still small voice "when the whirlwind, and the earthquake and the fire hath passed by: they are partakers of a kingdom that cometh not with observation, and ever, when weary with earthly toil, God speaks to them the words of comfort. In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."

Your predecessors, my Brothers in the Mystic Craft, were working Masons guided by divine wisdom. Both the Tabernacle and the Temple with their furniture were constructed after the pattern of heavenly things. But it is remarkable that our first Grand Master was of mixed birth—of a Gentile father though of a Jewish mother, one among many indications that God's gifts are not confined to any one race or people, and that Freemasonry especially is the heritage of the world. To the nations of Europe and the West, and even to the sea-girt home of the Anglo Saxon race, has passed by regular descent and transmission some share at least of that Masonic love. It has come now to be generally acknowledged that most of the Cathedrals of England, France and Germany were built by guilds or associations of Masons who passed from country to country and continent to continent and left behind them memorials of labour that have been ever since a world's wonder and a nation's pride.

Those days are past and gone! Not now, my Brothers, are you called upon to rear stately fanes consecrated to God's honor, or houses dedicated to the cause of Charity and Humanity. But other work lies before you. Still are you *builders*, collectively as well as individually, and Solomon's Temple remains an eternal type of what each Lodge and the united body of our order should be; and secondly what each separate and individual Mason should be. In "majestic silence the Temple rose;" so only in peace and order should and does Freemasonry work its quiet way; still it labours to leave behind monuments more enduring than those earthly piles that crumble to the touch of Time's "effacing fingers." Still secret and unostentatious is its working. It doth not "lift up its voice," or "cry aloud in the streets."

It seeks no addition to its members by argument or solicitation or proselytism. It seeks only that the Grand Master above may accept the work of Charity and Love with the approving sentence "well done! Good and faithful servant!"

Now, to accomplish such undertakings there must be unity of purpose, mutual endeavour, brotherly love and self-sacrifice. Dispute and contention never yet effected a good purpose. Axes and hammers cannot build up. "Now they *break down* all the carved-work thereof with axes and hammers." They can destroy but not build up. The best memorials a Lodge can rear are works of charity and piety such as that which claims your sympathies to-day. The alms-house which shelters four widows and their children has of late received but cold and insufficient support. I trust to your liberality to place it beyond the reach of want for many a day to come. Lastly, of that Temple who each man in himself is here too the law of its building, is identical with that enjoined on Mount Moriah. Slowly and gradually is each soul moulded to receive the most High. Secretly and silently does God reveal himself. Not in the noise and bustle of excited audiences, not in the passing emotions of a quasi religious fervor, is the heart of man prepared and edified. In all true religion is quietness and peace. Thus does God manifest Himself to His chosen ones. God is Love, and he that dwelleth in Love dwelleth in God, and God in Him.

And now, Brothers, in the words of the Apostle, "I commit you to God and to the word of His grace who is able to build you up" into the living temples of His Glory. *So mote it be.*

After the sermon a collection was made on behalf of the "Widows Home" by the Master and Senior Warden of "Union," when the Brethren responded most cordially.

After the business of the Lodge was completed the Brethren, numbering about 52, sat down to a most sumptuous Banquet, got up under the management of Brother Miller of H.M.'s 83rd Regiment; the full band of the 19th Regiment N.I. discoursed sweet music during the Banquet.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION, WIMBLEDON.—Lieut. G. Fenton, of H.M.'s 77th Regiment, was the winner of the Quarter Cask "Spécialité" Sherry given by Messrs. Feltoe and Sons, of Albemarle-street, W., which was shot for on the 16th July; and Major Burt, of the 1st Warwickshire, was the winner of the Three Dozen Cask "Spécialité" Saumur Champagne.

BADGE OF A MASON.

THE true and only badge of a Mason is a LAMBSKIN, not a piece of linen or muslin, or any other material, even though it be white. It must be a lambskin, and why? Because in all ages the lamb has been deemed an emblem of "innocence;" and in wearing it, the Mason is reminded of that purity of life which he is required to exhibit, and which is an essential prerequisite to his admission into "the Grand Lodge above."

The lambskin, therefore, is a very important Masonic emblem. It is a speaking, impressive, pleading emblem; always uttering its voice and eloquently urging its monitions upon him who wears it as a Mason. It not only pleads for, but demands, "purity of life," and he who will not hear and heed its pleadings, should lay it aside at once.

I confess to an admiration for the lambskin apron, not alone for its symbolic instruction, but for its inherent beauty. Purely white, in size about 14 by 16 inches, with a trimming of heavy sky-blue ribbon about an inch and three-fourths in width,—a Mason cannot wear anything more elegant and becoming, especially at a funeral, or other public Masonic procession. Indeed, I think there should be a prohibitory statute against permitting a Mason, when he appears in public as such, wearing an apron of any other material than the lambskin. And in addition to that, the Grand Lodge should prescribe the material, size, form and finish of a Masonic apron, and require that none other should be worn in public by Master Masons. The General Grand Chapter has described what the apron of a Royal Arch Mason is, and the Grand Encampment of the United States has prescribed the uniform of a Knight Templar, and permits none other to be worn. The symbolism of Ancient Freemasonry defines the material of the apron, or badge, of the Order, and every Grand Lodge should enact a law describing its form, size and finish, and then forbid Master Masons to wear any other in Masonic processions. The exhibition of material, size, style and finish of aprons worn, sometimes, in Masonic processions, is enough to make one shed tears of chagrin, or go off in convulsions of laughter: aprons of all sizes, materials and finish, and, if a novice, who had been told that a lambskin was the only badge of a Mason, were to see such a procession he would certainly discredit the information he had received, and, perhaps, conclude that all the instruction given him might as appropriately be disregarded.

Why the lambskin? It is not only its whiteness that is indicative of unstained purity; but the animal itself is the very personification of innocence. Some years ago, when I was dealing in Masonic clothing in connection with the publication of the *Masonic Review*, in Cincinnati, I received a letter from a Masonic acquaintance residing in central Pennsylvania. He was a very intelligent physician, as well as an earnest Mason, and one of those stern, honest, old-fashioned Presbyterians. He desired to wear "the badge of a Mason," and was told at his initiation that it was a lambskin. He had written to a dealer in Philadelphia for a Masonic apron, and a very beautiful apron was sent him, made from white satin, with the proper emblem of his rank upon it. He was greatly surprised, and immediately returned it to the manufacturer, with instructions to send him a *Masonic* apron. The dealer, concluding he would not be caught napping again, made and sent him a beautiful apron of the finest *goatskin!* This was too much for the stern old doctor, and he sent it back at once. "Why," said he, "the badge of a Mason is a lambskin, because of the purity and innocence of that animal; but you have sent me an apron made from the skin of one of the most repulsive, loathsome and beastly creatures in the land. I will not wear an apron from the back of such a creature; it is not a badge of innocence, but of everything low and sensual and disgusting!" I sent the good man an apron made from a lambskin—plain, white and neat; he was satisfied, and wore it with pride.

If there be anything in symbolism more than a name, why not apply it? If there be *only* a name, discard the whole system at once as a mockery and false pretence. For a man in mature years, as Master of a Lodge, to gravely inform the Neophyte that the *badge* a Mason should wear is a *lambskin*, and give him the reason in its impressive instruction as a symbol, and then invest him with an apron made from cotton or linen, is simply ridiculous. It is a warrant for discarding all other symbolic instruction, and will justify the young brother in neglecting the entire symbolic code. Indeed, is not Masonry suffering from that laxity in the *practical* exemplification of the instructions our symbols give? We *teach* one thing and *do* something else; we are taught to do or not to do thus and so, and promise to obey; and then, by example, we are instructed to regard this pledge as mere idle verbiage!

I once met an old Mason who must needs show me his apron as a curiosity, and it was a curious affair. It was made of heavy, coarse linen, and had *once* been nearly white. It was three and a half feet in length by two and a half in width, and would nearly cover a small man from his armpits to his ankles. On it was depicted almost every emblem known to Masonry, from those pertaining to the degree of Entered Apprentice up to those belonging to the orders of Christian Knighthood, not omitting the cock! It was a *wonderful* apron, and seeing I was greatly pleased with it, he presented it to me. I deposited it in the archives of my Lodge—Kilwinning—in Cincinnati, to be preserved for "future ages" to wonder at. The lambskin, brethren, the *lambskin*, is the badge a Mason should wear.

In conversing with a prominent and experienced Mason recently, on this matter, he referred to the practice of some Lodges where a piece of cotton was substituted for the lambskin as the badge of a Mason, and the use of jewels made of tin or pasteboard; said he, "Such Lodges never amount to anything, and such Masons are rarely an honour to the Craft." Was he not substantially correct?

Perhaps, however, I am pursuing this subject too far; but I wish I *could* see the teachings and injunctions of the Lodge-room exemplified outside of it, especially in the use of the plain, simple uniform and spotless lambskin as the true and legitimate badge of Masonry, with its eloquent and touching symbolism recognized everywhere and by every mason.—*Voice of Masonry.*

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at the bottom of the resistance. This, however, may well be doubted, and we prefer to think that the resistance is that of a number of individuals banded together against the foreigner. The insurrection in the Rhodope Mountains still continues, in spite of all attempts to quell it. In short, matters in Turkey might go more smoothly than they are going, though, no doubt, the disturbances may be set down as both local and temporary in their character. In other respects the Berlin Treaty is being duly carried out, and without serious difficulty.

No doubt our readers are aware that for some time past the Board of General Purposes has been investigating some very ugly circumstances in connection with one of the elections at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, an erroneous statement having been made of the result of one of the scrutinies. They are probably aware, likewise, that at a meeting of the Board, specially convened for the purpose, the principal offender, himself a member of the said Board, and a Past Grand Officer—albeit of rank of little or no account—was sentenced to two years' suspension from all his Masonic rights and privileges. In other words, the offender in question will, during that period of time, be reduced to the same level as the cowan or profane. The offence, which was of a heinous character, having been proved, the punishment, which is far from being excessive, has quickly followed. As Horace hath it:—

"Raro antecedentem scelestum
Deseruit pede Pœna claudo.

It may be as well to state that the verdict and sentence were passed by a unanimous vote, so that there cannot possibly be the slightest shadow of a shade of doubt as to the guilt of the accused person. We propose offering a few general remarks on the subject of Masonic offences and punishments next week.

We beg to acknowledge, with fraternal thanks, copy of the report delivered by the Hon. Judge Townshend, LL.D., to the Grand Chapter of the Rose Croix Degree in Ireland, at the Triennial Convocation held on the 19th of June last, at Dublin. We learn from this, and with great pleasure, that the Degree is in a very flourishing condition, and though the number of Chapters is still twelve, as it was at the Convocation in 1875, namely, seven in Dublin and five in the Provinces, still, the number of members has increased from 290 to 340, or at the rate of 13 per annum as compared with 10 per annum during the period from 1872 to 1875. It is equally satisfactory to know that financially likewise the Degree is flourishing, for, although a heavy expenditure was incurred last year for printing and furniture for Grand Chapter, there was, at the beginning of 1878, a handsome sum in hand for current expenses, as well as a reserve fund of £360 in Government Stock.

An oration on the beauties and claims of Freemasonry will be delivered in the Large Hall of the Surrey Masonic Club, on Saturday, 17th August 1878, at 8 p.m. precisely, by Bro. William Darley, P.M. Lodge No. 158, and late Assessor to the Honourable Board of Trade.

SYNOPSIS OF ORATION.—FREEMASONRY—Its Loyalty—Its Veneration for the Deity—Its encouragement of Arts and Sciences—Its moral excellence—Its advancement of civil and religious liberty—Its cementing influence—Its adaptation as a basis for the peace, happiness, and prosperity of all nations—Its crowning influence and claims.

We note from the *Keystone* that the corner stone of a new Masonic Temple at St. John's, New Brunswick, was laid on the 2nd July, by Grand Master Clinch, with imposing ceremonial. Twelve Lodges and three Chapters took part on the occasion, two Commanderies and five bands being present and acting as an escort. The oration was delivered by Past Grand Master Wedderburn. Both the Commanderies gave banquets, and later in the evening there was a promenade concert, at which some 1,500 persons were present. It will be remembered that the Masonic Temple shared the fate of pretty well the whole of the City of St. John at the recent terrible conflagration.

We learn, from the same source, that the Grand Lodge of New York has in its jurisdiction as many as 78 Lodges, with an aggregate membership of 78,050 brethren. Last year, 2,954 candidates were made Masons, and 1,048 brethren died. Over 5,000 brethren are unaffiliated, owing to the fact of their not having paid up their dues.

We gather from *le Monde Maçonnique*, which takes its information from *El Universo*, that a new Lodge has been founded at Cadiz, under the title of the Lodge of Peace. It appears, likewise, that this *El Universo* is a new journal whose self-imposed mission is "to expound unceasingly the lofty and generous principles of Freemasonry, to propagate instruction in accordance with those principles, and to compel their practical introduction into real life, so that Freemasonry may prove to be an institution which is truly instructive and beneficent." It also considers Freemasonry is an eminently progressive institution, and it is this character which makes it loved and welcomed by all well-disposed people. *Le Monde Maçonnique* considers that a journal which is animated by such sentiments, and maintains the strictest impartiality, is capable of rendering real service, and wishes it all prosperity in its career. We re-echo the wish.

COMMITTEE MEETING, BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee met on the 3rd inst., when Bro. H. W. Hunt was elected chairman. There were also present Bros. Hyde Pullen, F. A. Adlard, W. H. Perryman, H. Browse, R. T. Morris, Donald M. Dewar, E. C. Massey, J. W. M. Dosell. After the confirmation of the minutes of the last General Committee, the minutes of the Quarterly General Court and of the House Committee were also read, together with the report of the Audit Committee, and the bills passed by that committee were ordered for payment. A petition on behalf of a son of the late Bro. F. W. Steinam was accepted, and an outfit the value of £5 ordered for a former scholar, W. P. Barrett. The Secretary reported as the result of the late Festival, that all the lists but one had come in, and that the sum so received exceeded £10,400. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

THE Quarterly Convocation was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 7th inst. Present—Comps. Samuel Rawson Z., Capt. Platte H., Capt. Philips J., Col. Clerke P.S.; Rev. C. W. Arnold Assistant S.E., Erasmus Wilson N., H. G. Buss as E., J. L. Thomas Sword Bearer, Robertson D.C. There were also many others present, among whom were Comps. Col. Creaton, Nunn, Long, Rucker, Pullen, Glaisher, Gray, Filer and Holman. The report of the Committee of General Purposes was read, and petitions for five new Chapters were granted, to be attached to Lodges No. 142, 1044, 1066, 1399 and 1533.

READING MASONS.

FROM THE "VOICE OF MASONRY."

ONE of the greatest drawbacks to the Craft is that its members, as a rule, do not *read* sufficiently; we mean by that, do not *study* the periodical literature of the day which is devoted to the development of Masonic lore. This is greatly to be deplored, as, at the present period of our history, the diffusion of light is required to a greater extent than it has, perhaps, been for many years, and never before were there so many of the leading minds of the Fraternity, devoting their time, energies and talent to the dissemination of Masonic knowledge. The ignorance displayed by the majority of the Order with regard to the traditions, the history, the jurisprudence and the principles of Freemasonry, is truly lamentable, and the fault lies entirely at our own doors; we initiate, pass and raise a man, give him certain signs and tokens, administer to him certain obligations, tell him to read the Book of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and the by-laws of his own Lodge, and then inform him he is a full-fledged Master Mason. What a mockery! The brother is on the very threshold of the Institution, and barely understands its first principles. This is the time to impress upon his mind that our symbolism is a study in itself; that our history has absorbed the attention of the most erudite antiquarians, and is still shrouded in mystery; that our jurisprudence is written, unwritten, general and local; that our traditions are sublime truths elucidated and developed under the shades of fancy and poetry. This should be told to the neophyte; the works of standard Masonic writers should be recommended to him, and he should be advised to at once subscribe for one or more of the leading Masonic journals of the day. If this course were pursued a healthy interest would be excited, and the Mason having discovered there was something more in the Institution than mere ritual, day after day, month after month, and year after year, would become more ardent in his researches, more diligent in his studies, more anxious to become a Master in the Craft.

In former days, when Masonry was forced to hide its head to preserve its vitality, and it was necessary for brethren to meet with the

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greatest secrecy, in the loneliest places, then it was impossible to disseminate as much light as might have been desired; its mysteries had been handed down through generations by the "living voice," yet, through all those ages and amidst all those drawbacks and persecutions it lived, but now the age of reason and intellectual strength is assuming vast proportions, and as the mind of man develops so does the science of Freemasonry advance, and it can only advance by its members enlightening themselves in all its branches, rites, history, jurisprudence, symbolism, principles and traditions, and thus can only be accomplished by hard, unwearing study—by becoming READING MASONS.

How often have our readers heard the Worshipful Master glibly confer a degree, *verbatim*, too, at that, in a rapid, monotonous tone, without a word of comment or explanation, without even an emphasis upon a single important point. The candidate wonders, he has advanced a grade, but has he obtained value for his money? No, the *ignorance* of that official has probably cast cold water upon his preconceived ideas of the Institution. If the Worshipful Master had briefly, even hastily given an outline as to the origin of the degree, and the principles of the Fraternity, or called upon some other member before the evening was over, to discuss some subject in connection with the Institution, then the neophyte would have become interested, he would have at once grasped the thought that there was a hidden something beneath the surface which he could only obtain by study; his mind would have been turned to the advisability, nay, the necessity of searching for more light, by reading those works or periodicals that should be, yet are seldom found in a Masonic Lodge. At all events, the probability is that on the first opportunity he would ask his older brethren where and by what means he could obtain "more light."

It is the want of knowledge, in fact this *gross* ignorance, that has done so much harm to our Institution; that has driven some of our best men from our portals, and at the present time there is no excuse for it. On all sides, at little expense, can be procured most valuable works on every subject connected with the Craft, written, too, in such easy style that the initiated can understand, though to the profane they may appear a "conglomeration of absurdities," and besides our standard works, we have on this continent especially, weeklies and monthlies devoted to the interests of the Fraternity, in which regularly appear articles on every conceivable Masonic subject, written, as a rule, by brethren whose experience and knowledge are well known throughout the Masonic literary world.

It is really lamentable to contemplate the little interest that thousands and tens of thousands of Masons take in the literature of the Craft. Announce a *récherché* re-union of Royal Arch Companions, or a street parade of Knights Templars and all is flurry and excitement. Announce, on the other hand, a lecture upon Freemasonry, and the hall will be only half filled. Show, parade, pageantry usurp the place of those higher ambitions that all the symbolism of Masonry so steadily and constantly inculcates. This is not as it should be, and those who really have the welfare of the Craft at heart, should make an almost superhuman effort to check this love for tinsel and glitter, for the pure gold that lies within the reach of every brother. The very cheapness of the Masonic periodical renders it within the reach of every Mason. No Lodge should be permitted to exercise its functions that does not subscribe to one or more of the Masonic journals of the day. It is impossible for a member of the Craft to keep versed on the stirring events of the Masonic world unless he subscribes to, reads and studies a Masonic paper. The best Masonic ritualist is ignorant of our mysteries unless he is a *Reading Mason*. The assertion may appear bold, but such is the fact. The *Reading Mason* though he is ignorant of ritual, has a sublime knowledge of the symbolism of the Craft that no mere ritualist can ever possess.

As I before remarked, there is greater reason now than ever that "The Sons of Light," should become "*Reading Masons*;" when our numbers were limited to hundreds and thousands, forced by bigotry, prejudice and intolerance to meet in hidden places, then the opportunity for studying our mysteries was slight; but with the march of civilization the *science of Masonry* made greater strides, and as we increased in numbers and spread in every quarter of the globe our system was developed, the Masonic tree sent forth different shoots, which became great and mighty branches, assuming peculiar forms, bringing forth lovely blossoms and sweet fruits, varying in the many countries according to the tastes, ideas and principles of those who trained them. The Freemasonry of the Nineteenth Century, is very different, with its many rites, to the simple symbolism that existed at the translation of Operative to Speculative Masonry in and about the eventful era of 1717. At that time most of the brethren were Entered Apprentices, few were even Fellow Crafts, and fewer still Master Masons, whilst, until the schism of the Grand Lodge of England, the beautiful degree of the Royal Arch was merely a crude appendage, with certain secrets attached, to the third degree. And so Masonry has developed. At one time, aided by the Jacobins, it threatened to become a political organization, and at another, seized upon by the Saints, it would have floated into a fanatical religious society, if it had not been for the stern determination of the Grand Lodge of England (or rather at that period the Grand Lodges of England), to maintain their degrees as the basis and foundation of all others.

But to return to our subject. Our argument is this: That as we increase in numbers, as new Grand Lodges spring up, as our many rites develop, it becomes more imperative upon members of the Craft to read and study. We have withstood the assaults of politicians, laughed at the fiery mutterings and fierce tirades of ignorant branches of the Protestant church, and defied the thunderbolts and anathemas of Rome; but now, we are called upon to defend our principles, our honour, our faith against traitors from within, and it is upon the *Reading Masons* we rely, brethren who are versed in our traditions, our history and our laws, men who are with us because they devote their lives to our interests; these men can see what a frightful abyss yawns before us, if for a moment we yield to the tongue of the atheistical philosophers of the Grand Orient of France. To crush that movement we must principally rely upon the Masonic press, and the Masonic press must be supported in its efforts to expose this damnable attempt to remove the chief corner-stone of our temple. Such being the case, let Grand Masters and those in authority urge constantly upon the Craft the necessity of reading anything and everything that pertains to Masonry; let Worshipful Masters of Lodges teach neophytes the absolute necessity for *studying* our standard authors, and reading our principal Masonic publications; let Lodges endeavour everywhere to build up libraries, taking the Grand Secretary of Utah, our friend, R.W. CHRISTOPHER DIEHL, and his young Grand Lodge, as an example of how much can be accomplished in a very short time; let every brother purchase what Masonic books he can afford, and subscribe for one or more Masonic periodicals, then every brother will be able to discuss Masonic questions sensibly and logically, and all the efforts of a Grand Orient of France will be crushed. And that event will occur all the sooner by the brethren reading up the history of the subject and studying the landmarks and principles of our Fraternity.

Again, the Mason that does not read knows little or naught of what occurs beyond his own Grand Lodge, possibly Lodge jurisdiction. His ideas, like his mind, are contracted. By reading he gradually comprehends the cosmopolitan character of the Order, and becomes acquainted with its proceedings throughout all parts of the world. For example, the invasion, last month, by the Grand Lodge of Scotland of a sister jurisdiction, with which she was on terms of alliance (Quebec), is, of itself, a second important event in the Masonic history of 1878. It is, itself, a subject of vast interest to the Craft, as on its settlement rests the question of Grand Lodge sovereignty on this continent. True, American jurisdictions have before been invaded, but not by Grand Lodges working in the Anglo-Saxon tongue. The Masons made in these two Lodges in Montreal (King Solomon and Argyle), hailing under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, are clandestine or they are not. The Masonic press will be the means through which the question will be discussed, and those who read, will, in reality be the ones who will finally decide the same. We merely give this as a sample. Again, we might refer to the formation of the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, a body not recognised by any Grand Lodge in the World. The Mason who does not read has probably never heard of this spurious body, he meets one of these so-called brethren and unwittingly admits him to his Lodge; if he had been a *Reading Mason* he would have been aware that the Grand Lodge of Canada (foolishly so-called), was the Supreme Governing Body for the Province of Ontario, and thus he would not and could not have been the means of admitting a clandestine Mason into his Lodge. We could cite many such examples but space forbids. Every year fresh events of interest occur, and it is only through the Masonic press that their merits or demerits can be discussed.

Much, then, has yet to be accomplished to make the members of the brotherhood *Reading Masons*. If, however, a commencement once is made, the stone will soon gather rich moss, in which will be imbedded hidden treasures of priceless worth. Our Lodge rooms, our Chapters, our councils, and our asylums would attract the erudite, the philosophic and the learned. We should find that even the Masonry of to-day was in its infancy; we would be astonished at our own ignorance. Brethren of ability and learning, finding that the Craft was interested in dissertations upon subjects connected with the Fraternity, would yet more earnestly labour, and on discovering the precious gems would discourse upon them at our meetings; would publish essays upon them, and thus the mind of the body politic of Freemasonry would develop and expand, would grasp new ideas, would originate mighty thoughts. Our Institution, it is said, is founded upon the purest principles of piety and virtue, but they again are assisted and leaned upon the "science of Freemasonry," and the science of Freemasonry is progressive, liberal and rational in its character, and can only be comprehended by the most profound study and careful reading. Such being the case, how necessary is it to cultivate the mind and encourage the younger members in their efforts to obtain light. The present is the time to do this, and we cannot too strongly urge upon all those who have the Fraternity at heart to put out every effort, to strain every nerve, to harden every muscle, so as to inculcate this desire, this thirst for Masonic Knowledge, which is so essential for the welfare, the progress and the permanence of Freemasonry. Brethren, if you are *Reading Masons* encourage others to become so, if you are not *Reading Masons*, and have not discovered the wondrous mysteries of our Craft, seek them by reading and study. The sooner you ally yourselves with the reading portions of the Fraternity the sooner you will appreciate and understand the mysteries of our Order, and delight in that which to you now appears crude, illogical and incomprehensible.

ROBERT RAMSAY.

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.—CYPRUS, its history and characteristics. THE MICROPHONE AND TELEPHONE. THE GIANT PLATE MACHINE. DUBOSCQ'S CHROMATIC FOUNTAIN. TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION with the DIVER, &c. THE PARIS EXHIBITION. THE KAFFIR WAR. PROF. PEPPER'S Interesting and Instructive Sanitary Lectures, entitled PURE AIR, PURE FOOD and PURE WATER. EVOLUTION OF SPECIES.—Concluding daily, at 4 and 9, with a MUSICAL JUMBLE and THE BABES IN THE WOOD, by Mr. SAYMOUR SMITH.—Admission to the whole, 1s; Open at 12 and 7, Carriages at 5 and 11.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—This day, ROMEO AND JULIET, SWIMMING MATCH, &c. On Thursday, Firework Display, &c. Open daily, Aquarium, &c.

ALEXANDRA PALACE.—This day, FRA DIAVOLO. On Monday, TROTTING MEETING. Open daily. HIPPODROME, NUBIAN CARAVAN, &c.

EGYPTIAN (LARGE HALL).—MASKELYNE AND COOKE. Daily at 3 and 8 o'clock.

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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, 10th AUGUST.

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

869—Gresham, Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1637—Unity, De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton, Middlesex.

MONDAY, 12th AUGUST.

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.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

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 Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
589—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
804—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1421—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1350—Formor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
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.

TUESDAY, 13th 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.)
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, Fownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-street, E.C.
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
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.)
503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1259—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1328—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.

WEDNESDAY, 14th AUGUST.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
183—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8.(In.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1305—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe.
149—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
281—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
969—Stortford, Chequer's Inn, Bishop's Stortford.
983—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
986—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
995—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead.
1031—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
1072—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1209—Lewis, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1246—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1358—De Grey and Ripon, 150 North Hill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool.
1494—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1574—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
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1582—Llandilloe, Trewythen Hotel, Llandilloe, North Wales.
1643—Tynemouth, Masonic Hall, Hobson-on-Tyne.
R. A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M. M. 102—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 15th AUGUST.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
720—Panmure General Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby.
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town.
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.

FRIDAY, 16th 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.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
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1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Instruction.)
1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
1303—Hanover, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)

SATURDAY, 17th AUGUST.

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

615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
306—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.

MONDAY.

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
284—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
342—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
409—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

TUESDAY.

448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.
1522—Otticana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
R. A. 265—Jubilee, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1645—Colne Valley, Lowisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

THURSDAY.

600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Limiley, Huddersfield.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.

FRIDAY.

461—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—At the meeting of this Lodge which took place on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C. The attendance was limited, owing no doubt to the fact that many brethren who are most regular in their visits are away enjoying themselves on their holiday trip. There were, however, sufficient to open the Lodge and proceed to business. Bro. Kennett Harris occupied the chair, Brown S.W., Biddle J.W., Gottheil P.M., J. K. Pitt Sec., Moss J.D., Woodward I.G. The initiation ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Harris claimed the indulgence of those present, he having been greatly worried on account of a serious fire, which a day or two ago unfortunately occurred in his business premises, Monkwell-street; the insurance not covering his loss by several hundred pounds. Taking this into consideration, we are bound to state the work was performed, certainly not faultlessly, but still with commendable ability. Three of the sections were worked, several of the responses being given by Bro. Secretary Pitt in an unexpectedly fluent

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manner,—that brother seemingly having become at last alive to the fact that a Mason of several years' standing, and who has taken so warm an interest in the Order, might be expected to possess some knowledge of the ritual and sections, of which, however, hitherto there had been no indications. We trust Bro. Pitt will persevere in his efforts, for he possesses all the qualities calculated to make him an eloquent and intelligent exponent. Bro. Brown, W.M. of the Sincerity, will preside on Wednesday next. Those who are acquainted with this brother's working, both in Craft and Arch, will bear testimony to his abilities; and those who have not that advantage, will be gratified to witness the work done with exceptional skill. Lodge opens at 7 p.m.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860. — At the present time many of our Lodges of instruction are closed; still there is a large section of our brethren who, no matter whether it be summer or winter, devote one or more nights of each week to acquiring Masonic instruction. As we have time after time said, there are at the Dalhousie several competent brethren who are always ready to impart to the tyro the Masonic knowledge they themselves have acquired. Hence, whenever we visit this Lodge of Instruction we invariably find a fair attendance of members of the Craft. On Tuesday, 6th of August, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., Forss S.W., Slifter J.W., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., Hunt S.D., Gilham J.D., Polak I.G., Wallington Preceptor. Bros. Turquand, Verry, &c. Lodge was opened and minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Christian candidate. The Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Christian still acting as candidate. Bro. Forss was elected W.M. for next Tuesday.

MARK MASONRY.

THE Annual Meeting of the Masonic Mark Master Masons' Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon was held on Tuesday, 30th July, at the Masonic Hall, Devon-square, in the town of Newton. R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davey J.P. P.G.M.M. presided, supported by his Officers:—V.W. Bro. the Rev. R. Bowden P.P.G. Chap. D.P.G.M. pro tem; W. Bros. Dr. Woodgates S.G.W., Major J. G. Shanks P.P.G.S.W. J.G.W. pro tem, J. B. Gover M.O., T. B. Richards J.O., the Rev. T. W. Lemon M.A. P.P.G.C. Chap. pro tem, R. B. Twose Treas., Elliot Square Reg., Vincent Bird Past G.M.O. of England P.P.G.T. Sec., J. G. H. Evans D.C., R. Blight A.D.C., Jno. Masters S. of Works., R. Pengelly St. B., Thos. Searle Purs., H. Stocker St., Jno. Rogers Tyler. Among the brethren present were also the following P.P.G. Officers and Lodge Officers:—W. Bros. S. Jones Past S.G.W. of England, John Du Pré Past G.St.B. of England, J. T. Shapland P.P.G.J.W., S. Jew P.P.G.M.O., A. Bodley P.P.G.J.O., L. D. Westcott P.P.G. Treas., Jos. 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The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, held at Tavistock, 17th Oct. 1877, were read and confirmed. The Secretary, W. Bro. Bird, reported that all the dues and fees had been paid. There was a balance remaining in hand of £23 2s 7d. At a meeting of the Board of General Purposes, held at the Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on the evening of 26th July, the accounts were duly audited. Several applications for relief had been received, but not being submitted in accordance with the regulations, could not be accepted. They had to be deferred. The Board of General Purposes recommended that none of the money at present in hand should be voted by that meeting. The Treasurer, W. Bro. R. B. Twose, read his report in detail, which, together with the report of the Board of General Purposes, confirmed the Secretary's report. The reports were unanimously received and adopted. W. Bros. S. Jew, J. B. Gover, C. Godtschalk, and L. D. Westcott were reappointed the Board of General Purposes. The ceremony of the constitution of the new Mark Lodge as the Devon Lodge, No. 215, was then proceeded with. The new Devon Lodge was opened by the W.M. designate, W. Bro. John Olver. The P.G. Secretary announced to the P.G.M.M. that the W.M. and members desired to be constituted and consecrated in antient form, and the P.G. Secretary read the warrant from the M.W. the Grand Master of England, the Earl of Limerick, authorising the constitution of the said Lodge. In reply to a query from the P.G.M.M., the brethren of the new Lodge signified their assent to the appointment of the Officers named in the warrant, and nominated W. Bro. John Olver W.M., Bros. John S. Saunders S.W., W. Harris J.W., H. George Beachey M.O., W. Vicary S.O., F. D. Bewes J.O., C. G. Vicary S.D., John Ingle J.D., H. Martin Registrar of Marks, William Vicary Treasurer, C. Pope Secretary, Charles Stevens I.G., John Haywood Tyler. The Master and members of the new Lodge were pledged to obey the laws and constitution of the G.L. of Mark Masters. The P.G.M.M. then declared the Devon Mark Lodge, No. 215, to be a regular and duly constituted Lodge. The ceremony of the consecration of the Lodge followed:—The P.G.M.M. gave the Invocation, and the P.G. Chap. pro tem, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, offered up the consecration and dedication prayers. At the close of the consecration of the new Lodge, the ordinary business of the P.G. Lodge was resumed. On the proposition of W. Bro. R. B. Twose, seconded by W. Bro. Major Shanks R.M., Bro. William Vicary, 215, was unanimously elected the Treasurer for the ensuing year, and W. Bro. John Rogers was re-elected the Tyler. The P.G.M.M. then invested the following brethren as the Officers for the ensuing year:—V.W. Bro. the Rev. R. Bowden D.P.G.M.; W. Bros. the Hon. W. H. Joliffe 35 P.S.G.W., H. Horton 35 P.J.G.W., C. Godtschalk 66 P.G.M.O., Lieut. J. R. W. 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STEWARDS FOR OUR CHARITIES.

THE important question of providing for the ever increasing demands of our Charities is one which causes considerable anxiety to many of the foremost supporters of our Institutions, and we feel no apology is needed from us for again referring to the subject, or for supplementing previous articles analysing the results of the Stewards' labours with others which will point out how those results are obtained, and the best means for their augmentation. Under the present constitution of the Charities the Craft stands committed to an outlay of say £35,000 per annum, and the task of raising this large amount, in face of any eventualities which may arise, is no inconsiderable undertaking. That opinions as to the means to be adopted for the realisation of the desired object are divided is evident from the varied expressions which have been made during the past three months. The most recent, perhaps, is that of our Deputy Grand Master. Lord Skelmersdale, at the Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, held only a few weeks since, stated that, in his opinion, Charity dinners were a mistake, and that the money spent on them would be of much more use in the coffers of the Charities themselves. The opposite view was at once defended by Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School, whose experience renders his words of great weight. Again, when the qualifications required of a Secretary for our Girls' School were being discussed, some held that personal canvass of the Lodges by the Secretary was absolutely necessary, others in direct opposition laid it down that the Secretary should be in attendance at the office of the School to receive the money which, according to their idea, was to come in of its own accord, and to answer questions. A very good theory, we admit, but one which a brief study of the Stewards' lists of our Charities will, we think, soon upset. The idea of these advocates appears to be that every Mason throughout the country knows, or should know, the history and requirements of our Institutions. We would advise those who have such ideas to make a tour of our Lodges, Metropolitan or Provincial, they would soon find that not only is all mention of the central Charities omitted at the majority of the meetings, but in not a few cases the bulk of the members know nothing whatever of the existence of the Institutions, much less think of according them any support. While such is the case, we hold that it is necessary for our Institutions to have Secretaries who consider it their duty to travel, far and wide, to make known the work which is being done, and the amount yearly required to keep the Charities in a state of efficiency. Their prime effort is to obtain the names of brethren willing to act as Stewards, and in furtherance of this object we maintain that personal canvass is the main element for success.

On reference to the last lists of our three Institutions, which, of course, do not comprise the Festivals of the present year, we find that among the brethren who appear under letters A and B in the London Lists (which may be taken as fairly representing the whole alphabet), omitting those whose addresses are unknown, 202 have served the office of Steward, the number of Stewardships represented being 384, viz., 136 for the Benevolent Institution, 134 for the Girls, and 114 for the Boys' School, or nineteen Stewardships among ten brethren—nearly two to each Steward. This proportion, however, is not carried out in individual cases. Of the 202 Stewards, 112, or considerably over half the number, have only acted once (45 for the Benevolent, 39 for the Girls, and 28 for the Boys), while of the remaining 90, nearly one-half have acted on two occasions only, the figures being 21 for the Girls' and Boys' Schools jointly, 14 for the Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution, six for the Benevolent and the Boys' School, one Steward twice for the Girls, and one twice for the Benevolent. Thus we find that 155 out of the 202 Stewards have not completed what we consider the allotted duty of every energetic Mason, namely, that he should act as a Steward for each of the three Institutions in turn. To this number may be added eight others who, for some reason or other, have not patronised all three Charities, though six of them have served the office of Steward three times, and the other two four times each. We thus have 39 Stewards to account for, and of this number 23 have acted once on behalf of each of the three Institutions. The remaining sixteen total 91 Stewardships among them, five having acted four times each, four five times each, three six times each, one seven times, two eight times each, and one ten times. As we have stated above, these figures do not include the Festivals of this year, but the addition of those makes very little difference in the proportions. Of the 55 Stewards of the 1878 Festivals who should be included, 25 appear in previous lists, and of this number eight have acted once before, four twice, seven thrice, one each four, five, seven and eight times, and two six times each, while three served at two, and one at all three of the 1878 Festivals. Thus 1878 gives an addition of 26 to the number of "single" Stewards, and makes the totals on all accounts under letters A and B 439 Stewardships, represented by 230 Stewards (the Girls' School being first, with 152 representations, followed closely by the Benevolent Institution which shows 151, thus leaving the Boys' School with 136). Of the 230 Stewards, 130 have served once only, 49 twice, and 26 on three occasions, the remaining 25 have acted four or more times each, registering among them 133 Stewardships.

Having so far devoted ourselves to a section only of the Charity Stewards, we have given the exact figures in each case, but it will be necessary, in order to make our remarks complete, that we should include the whole body of Stewards, and we must now work on the above summary as a fair average of the whole. For this purpose we have totalled the number of Stewardships as given in the last lists of subscribers of the three Institutions, with the following results:—Girls 1,968, Boys 1,800, Benevolent 1,671; to these figures must be added the Stewardships of 1878, viz.: 211, 237 and 221 respectively; thus we have as the total number of Stewardships on record 2,179 for the Girls' School, 2,037 for the Boys' School, and 1,892 for the Benevolent Institution, together 6,108. These figures, on the above basis, would give 3,200 Stewards as the number at present on the books of the Charities, and of these 1,809 may be reckoned as having served once only, 682 on two, and 362 on three occasions each, while the remaining 347 have acted more than three times each. It would thus seem that it is not so difficult to enlist the support of a brother for a first Stewardship as it is to induce him to continue to advocate the claims of the Charities, and it therefore appears that the main point to decide is, not so much the best means of obtaining *new* Stewards, as how to induce those who have once acted to continue their exertions. We think we are within the mark when we say that 9 out of every 10 brethren who decide to act as Stewards, start with the intention of working on behalf of the three Institutions, and, therefore, that it is certain there is some reason why considerably over half the number stop after acting *once*. What this retarding in-

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fluence is, it is difficult to decide, but we think it is a question which might receive the attention of those brethren who are ever ready to advance the interests of our Charities.

MASONRY A UNIVERSAL RELIGION.

AN ORATION DELIVERED BEFORE THE GRAND LODGE OF IOWA OF A. F. AND A. M., CEDAR RAPIDS, 6TH JUNE 1878.

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MY GOOD FRIENDS AND BRETHREN.—There have been a good many mistakes made in this world. There are a good many lawyers who ought to have been cobblers. There are some cobblers who might have been doctors; and some doctors who ought to have been gravediggers for the rest of the profession. There are some men who are "jack of all trades," and some jacks who have no trade at all; and still it is true that every jack and every giant is striving, each in his own way, and by the easiest stepping stones, to better his condition.

In religion, as in secular pursuits, there ever remains an ideal. A spirit goes out from man like the twining tendril from the vine, reaching to take hold upon something better and higher. It is an instinct that cannot be extinguished; it is the yearning of the race for a better way. There is a happy condition just beyond, and to attain it our lives are fashioned to correspond with this ideal, which becomes our pattern, our example of human life and conduct, held above and beyond, but ever before us, like the pillar of fire. This ideal, this imaginary or, real person or thing, or god, or demi-god, is to individuals and to nations the standard of human actions—the measure of right and wrong. However obscure it may have become—however much enshrouded in mysticism—it still remains the test of life, to which all men bring their bundles of deeds and thoughts and aspirations, to determine whether they be holy or unholy. The ideal of the Christian world is the perfect man, Christ Jesus. The ideal of Judaism is the Saviour to come, but he is to appear with more regal attributes than those possessed by Him of Nazareth. The ideal of the Arab is Mohammed, the wandering prophet of the desert. The ideal of the Chinaman is Confucius, the moral philosopher. The ideal of the Hindoo is Bramah, the creator, succeeded and overshadowed by Buddha, or Gautama, "the enlightened." In all these ideals, in all the moral philosophies of the world, there are real affinities, and the end of each is to attain human happiness.

Men seek the same city by different roads, as all the religions of the world are stretching toward some spiritual aim. One road may be devious and winding, another more direct; here they diverge, and there converge. One seeks salvation through the ritual of the church; another translates only the language of nature into the voice of God; and thus all cannot bow to the same shrine. No one religion can satisfy the wants of all in man's present state, and hence the necessity for the toleration of all.

This principle of toleration is the Masonic religion; it is the grand principle of human kinship.

Men differ in views, in opinions, and in judgment. The affections of men are not the same; the test of conscience is not the same with all men. The food delicacies of one age or place are loathed in another. I used to hear of people eating frogs and turtles, but I had no appetite for such delicacies. The thought of eating a clammy frog, or a wriggling, crawling turtle, made the cold chills come spinning up my back in the middle of July. But since I have grown older, and seen swine fattened in the filth of the sty for man's food, and since, like the rest of erring mortals, I have eaten of frog and hog and turtle, I confess I cannot find it in my heart to condemn a Frenchman for eating horse, or a Fejee's relish for baked Englishman. I suppose there is no disputing about tastes. The illustrious Fremont dined with the Indians on roasted puppy, and the Esquimaux breakfasts on a pint of oil.

Adroit stealing was an honour to a Spartan youth, while larceny in any form is crime in ours. The gods of one nation are the devils of their neighbours, and the religion of one sect is the blasphemy of another. Each with zealous bigotry contends that he alone is right, and, thus contending, the stronger race, or nation, or party, or sect, has each in turn borne all before it like an avalanche, and, like a ship tacking before the gale, men have rushed to each extreme, and made slow progress.

The machinery of social life, of religion, of politics, has been cumbersome and erroneous, but, as a forked stick was once called a plow, and was better than no plow, and as a goat-skin bag was called a churn or a water pitcher, and was better than no pitcher, so the religions of early times were better than no religion. Men used to go to a dead stick, a stone, a cow, or a crocodile, and in the intensity of their superstition imagine that it was a god, and fall down and worship it. Men used to take a great ugly crocodile into their best room, on a rich carpet, and feed and pet it like a child, and then crouch before it in the humble attitude of prayer. Men used to fall on their knees before a good-natured family cow, and pray into her great vacant eyes, while she quietly chewed her cud, for health, and wealth, and happiness, and the destruction of their enemies. Now all this seems very ridiculous, and it was; but, after all, it was better than no religion, and the qualities or attributes with which the cow and the crocodile were endowed, were doubtless superior to those really possessed by man in his then primitive state.

Worship is better than no worship, and a fetish is better than no God, because men become like what they worship, in character and conduct; veneration in man has been the salt of his race, because it has ever kept before him some worshipful creature, endowed with real or imagined attributes better than his own. Whatever man may have worshipped in the infancy of his race, however cumbersome his religious machinery, it was relatively progressive, and each succeeding religion was better than its predecessor. But men had no idea of toleration then, and as one displaced another, strife was inevitable.

Each patriarchal family, each clan, each church, was encased like a great egg, in a thick crust of bigotry. The world was full of great eggs and there was room for each and for its growth and natural decay; but each chicken claimed the exclusive right to pip. Then came strife. It took a long while for the chickens in each egg to learn that their neighbours had rights and privileges. The Roman hierarchy denies it still, but Masons have an opinion, in which others, also, are agreed, that the Roman hierarchy is a bad egg.

It took a long time for the race to learn that men have different temperaments, that they are influenced in religion, as in politics, by education and surroundings. The old-time vendor of religious isms measured his creed and his convert by the same iron bedstead; great souls were compressed to the measure of a meaner life, until, like the Hellespont, they burst their unnatural fetters in obedience to a natural law. Then men's creeds began to widen like circling wavelets; they are widening still, and, to-day, I pray that nothing may stay their course, until they have burst to atoms the shell of every intolerant egg.

When I was a boy I thought I should like to be a minister; my relatives thought I ought to be a minister, and it may be I had a ministerial air or dignity. It was pretty nearly settled that I should enter upon that responsible labour; but somehow I began to feel myself trammelled by the religious machinery of that day. My people were Friends, and the Friends had their notions about theology, and the Baptists had theirs, and the Methodists and Presbyterians, and all; and the Catholics had theirs. Then I began to read the history of these different religions, and when I read of the strife and the discord among the churches and these men who worshipped the same God, I wondered if these all could be religions of the Prince of Peace. I read of a million of poor Waldenses who perished in France for religion's sake—I read that the Duke of Alva put to death, in the Netherlands, nine hundred thousand men, women, and children in less than thirty years—I read that the body of a venerable minister of Christ's gospel, after it had rested in peace for more than forty years, was torn from the grave and burned for heresy—I read that in our own country, the boasted land of liberty, innocent Quaker women were thrust from their families, and hurried away to loathsome prisons, the gallows, and the stocks. I saw, also, individual church differences at home—and when I read and saw all these things, I sat down and wondered, if in all the wealth and culture and intellect of this goodly world, there was not some knowledge of a divine spirit which should unite all nations, tongues, and people in a common brotherhood.

In the bonds of Masonic charity I have found what I sought; and now I say to you, that if all the bungling machinery of the fraternity shall be destroyed, if the secret words and signs shall be brought to the light of the world, I believe the divine principles of Masonic fraternity will still live in the broad light and charity of a better era, as the immortal spirit of man, freed from the chrysalis of earth, shall become more heavenly.

We are told that Masonry is no religion. I deny it. We have too long taught that Masonry is no religion. No wonder we have sometimes failed to keep the Craft in due bounds, when they are told that the sublimest principles of Masonry are but the doctrines of an insurance company.

Whether there is religion in Masonry, let our illustrious brother* answer, who, years ago, put on record his experience and his noble testimony by saying, "I am not ashamed, my companions, here to confess, that I seek daily to live the life becoming a follower of Him who, while on earth, went about doing good; and I glory that this heavenly light was first revealed to my darkened vision through the solemn and sublime mysteries of our beloved Order."

But the religion of Masonry is not sectarian—the religion of Masonry is not an exclusive religion. Masonry says to men: we are all members of the human family—we are full of faults; therefore, let us be full of charity—let us be brethren still. Upon this tenet I stand to-day and say to every man, you are my brother. There is a great spirit who is our common Father. This, then, should be my creed—let me write it before you, brethren, here: "THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN."

Under this formula, subaltern creeds might exist, contrary opinions might arise, individual differences might array themselves against each other; but over all, as the clear sky bends over the restless billows, unaltered and unshaken, would remain the proclamation of our brotherhood—a universal brotherhood, a universal religion; a great church of charity, which admits the test of conscience, and interferes with no man's religious duty or convictions.

"What is truth?" asked a great philosopher, centuries ago, and every man proposes his own ideal as an answer.

Three boys had been to the show and seen the elephant. John said it was white as snow and crooked like a scythe, but William contended it was the colour of dirt and rolled up like a window curtain, while Samuel emphasised his contempt for both, and declared that it looked more like a black snake or a Bologna sausage; when it transpired that they were talking, respectively, of the tusk, the trunk, and the tail.

A great castle once stood in the midst of a wilderness, alone. In the remembrance of the race no man had trodden its portals; but tradition, somehow, no man could tell how, whispered of its existence. People are curious mortals, and three great kings each sent a vassal to inspect the castle and return. One went by night, when there was no moon; the castle loomed up like a great black monster against the sky; the owl screeched, and the whippoorwill sang, and the man trembled and returned. One went and came by a circuitous route, and from a distant eminence saw only the bleak walls, the high turrets, and stern embrasures. The third was admitted to the court,

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and found himself surrounded by friends; he was offered tempting viands from delicate hands—he rested on luxurious couches—he ascended into the watch tower and beheld beautiful gardens of flowers, with mossy banked streams winding through; he was enchanted, and returned to tell a story disputed by the first, and the third contradicted both. The honour of three great kingdoms was at stake, and three great kings engaged in war; each soon to learn that the owl, and the whipporwill, and the darkness, belonged to the forest and the night, not to the castle—that a distant and exterior view reflects no beauty from within, but that all these things go to make up the magnificence of a sylvan castle. The exterior views were half views, and so the truths of Buddhism and Confucianism may be half truths, while the owls and the darkness may be excrescences of Christianity.

. Truth is absolute, whether found in the creed of the Jew or the Greek, the Christian or the barbarian. But truth in creeds is too often like the traditional needle in the hay stack; it is the mustard seed of truth enveloped in a great bundle of error. Creeds and dogmas are not the essentials of religion; creeds engender strife.

"One thinks on Calvin heaven's own blessings fell,
Another deems him instrument of hell:
If Calvin feels heaven's blessings or its rod,
This cries there is, and that there is no God;
What shocks one part will edify the rest.
Nor with one system can they all be blessed,
The very best will variously incline,
And what rewards your virtue punish mine."

Who is to determine which see clearly, and which darkly?

Brothers and sisters do not always agree in the minor details of family affairs; how, then, expect all men to conform to a single standard?

Though one should cast out devils in the name of Beelzebub, he is not against us, and, therefore, for us. If my brother cannot accept my opinion for his own, all must agree that I have no right to compel him to do so.

It is this principle of toleration which is the great Boaz of Masonry, and as brothers disagree and are brothers still, so I conceive that we who profess the Christian religion sacrifice no title of our holy faith when we clasp hands with all nations and peoples in the great, grand brotherhood which springs from human charity.

Masonry is so noble a principle, so grand, so elevated, that it overrides all creeds and sects, and embraces all who acknowledge the brotherhood of man, and the fatherhood of God.

The fondest dream of my boyhood days, was that I should live to establish a church whose creed should be no creed, whose foundation principles should be born of a charity so broad, that not only the churches, but the citizens of every state, and the peoples of every nation under the blue dome of this earth temple, should meet upon common ground in unity and concord. It was an idle fancy, and yet, as the distinctive colours of the rainbow blended in one become the purest white, so may the creeds of earth, though distinctive still, be blended in the bonds of charity.

The secret of my first love for the institution of Masonry was its enlightened toleration of opposite opinions. There is no exact standard or measurement of human life and conduct; who, then, shall have the audacity to erect a single standard and proclaim it the only true way?

"What would happen, do you suppose,
If the mignonette should say to the rose:
The pride of roses I hate to see;
Why don't you keep near the ground like me?

What if the rose should say to the phlox,
My form and colour are orthodox;
To please your Maker, you've got to be
Precisely, in all respects, like me?

What if a grape should say to a pear,
What are you flaunting about up there;
Beware of swinging alone and free,
You ought to cling to a trellis like me?

What if a swan should say to a crow,
You belong to a race of so and so;
It's a deadly sin for you to be free,
Your only hope is in serving me?

What if a goose should teach a wren,
Or an eagle try to follow a hen?
What if the monkeys should all agree
That there ought to be uniformity?

What if a man should say to another,
Differ with me and you're not my brother;
I have the truth, as the oracles tell,
Go with me, or you'll go to hell?"

I believe in the religion and dogma of Christianity; and, like my brother here, I am not ashamed to confess its illustrious and divine Founder as my ideal and my hope. But when a man comes to me and says, "See here! you're a miserable Quaker dog! you can't sing the doxology! and I'm going to take a little of that Quaker spirit out of you!" I ask you, candidly, if you would not think the man was a little over-zealous for his ology.

What profound logic the bigots of every age have had with which to support their positions. Truth is absolute—the opposite of truth is error. We teach the truth; therefore, you are in error.

It is all very well till you get to the third premise, and then I lose my patience. If I owe a man one hundred dollars, and pay him fifty, I may say I have paid him; I tell no lie, but I leave you to infer a falsehood. And when any man or church says, "I teach the truth, you do not teach what I teach; therefore, you are in error," the first premise is a half-truth, and the conclusion a lie.

And when any church or pontiff says, "I am infallible, I cannot err, I speak and command in truth, all else is falsehood," he clamours for the life-blood of liberty; and why? because he proclaims his opinions as your master and mine—because he puts an embargo on free thought—because he may take your wealth and mine, or destroy your life and mine, if only it is done in the name of religion. Religion, forsooth! a theocracy of the devil! Satan clothed as an angel of light! a wolf in sheep's clothing, seeking whom he may devour?

I am not ignorant of the power which I oppose, nor of its source. I am aware that the blasphemous assumption of papal infallibility is supported by oath, bound bishops, priests, and Jesuits, and that through their influence the edicts and decrees of the imbecile charlatan of Rome would, if possible, become the supreme rule for human conduct. Kings would be deposed, princes murdered, governments subverted and destroyed, adultery sanctioned, treason encouraged, and God blasphemed, to satisfy the selfish greed of this vampirical excrescence which fattens upon the blood and treasure of the human race.

I read somewhere, recently, of a hideous monstrosity, a man whose tongue was a snake's head; when the man slept the snake lay quiet within, but his breathing was a low and ominous hiss, and when he awoke and tried to speak the monster thrust itself out, hissing and spitting venom. And when I read I transferred the application of the legend to the church of Rome in its relations to the institution of Freemasonry. "They have sharpened their teeth like a serpent; adder's poison is under their lips."

I have no patience with any man's religion which assails the religion of another. There is much truth in the teachings of Romanism—there is truth in Buddhism and Confucianism; and there probably never was an ism which had only error for its foundation. But no religion has a right to say to another, in terms of reproach, "Stand aside, I am holier than thou." And the religion of our Jesus is false if is be not a religion of love.

I tell you it is charity that men need in this world—Masonic charity, which admits the test of conscience—and then the discords of life would become the harmony of the world.

The hardest lesson to learn is that of toleration of faiths more perfect or imperfect than our own. The Masonic philosophy is—

"Intolerance to none.
Whatever form the pious rite may bear,
Not even the poor pagan's homage to the sun
Would I scorn, lest even there
I spurned some element of Christian prayer."

Throughout the life of the world, the religions of the world have failed to satisfy the craving instincts of humanity. In the fanatical blunders of men after a more perfect system, they have over-ridden the correlative and benevolent instincts of the race, and in the end have given us too much of the isms of men, which have sometimes proved to be only fair apples of ashes. I borrow a thought in saying, "What a man wants is a religion in which all the systems of humanity may meet as in a field of the cloth of gold, to adorn it with their piety, their mysticisms, their mythology, their subtlety of thought, their splendour of ceremonial, their adaptability of progress, their elasticity of organisation, and meeting may exhaust their resources in the building of a common temple for the common good."

This is the grand philosophy of Freemasonry, which rises above words, and grips, and signs, and makes the institution worthy the patronage of the great and good.

The history of the human race has been a history of blunders and excesses—a history of a want of charity among men; but it is also a history of progress. We may mourn the processes through which we have passed, yet we can but observe that God has turned all to good account; He has builded better than man knew, and made the wrath of man to praise Him; and why not?

"If plagues and earthquakes break not heaven's design,"

Why should the violent clashing of interests and opinions among men? The blessings God sends upon men are sometimes the core of a great trouble; what is a great mishap to a single man may be a greater blessing to millions left behind.

"The spears which rushed through Arnold's heart"

Were thus made defenceless against the surging wave of liberty. The flood which drowns the brood of fledglings, discovers the worm to the mother. The shower which quickens the verdure of my pastures destroys my neighbour's grain. In the same manner the angel which bears away my darling child may have foreseen her bereft of home and friends; the victim of want and sorrow, and in mercy plucked the opening rose and carried it as a garland to the brow of the All-Father.

A mother sat over her darling boy and held the quickened pulse, bathed the parched lips and feverish brow, and struggled with the messenger from the spirit world. It was not in her heart to say, "Thy will be done," but only this, "I cannot let him go." Death fled without his prize, but left behind a muttering speech and idiotic face. The evils of the unseen were close at hand, the scylla of death was passed, but the charybdis of distorted life appeared instead.

Men cannot perceive the relation of things. From the height of heaven God overlooks the landscape of earth, and what to man is hideous deformity, is to him but an excrescence in the development of the race. A man from a mountain top views the landscape; it is a vivid picture of beauty and harmony, but he knows that in the valley are gnarled and deaden trunks, scraggy under-brush, and stagnant pools.

The ignorance and blunders of the child are the anxiety of the mother. She notes with pleasure its development, and observes that its most painful experience, its falls, its bumps, its bruises, become its best and lasting lessons. The discipline of pain is the angel of progress.

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THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

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PART III.

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I. The present status of the surviving "Old Lodges" having now to be considered, a retrospect of the Legislation of the Craft, so far as it bears upon the compact of 1721 becomes essential.(1)

It will be convenient, however, in the first instance, to examine into the power of amendment *actually* possessed by the Grand Lodge, together with that which it assumed the right of exercising. For this purpose, a comparison between Article XXXIX. of the *Old* and the *New* Regulations respectively, as shown in the Constitution Book for 1738, will be found useful.

The term "*Old*" *Regulations*, was used to denote the rules of the Society as published in 1723, whilst the expression "*New*" *Regulations* was applied to the various alterations that were subsequently made: these ("*Old*" and "New") are shown in parallel columns in the Constitutions 1738, from which the following extract is given.

Old Regulations.	New Regulations.
XXXIX.—Every *annual* G. Lodge has an inherent Power and Authority to make *New Regulations*, or to alter *These* for the real Benefit of this Antient *Fraternity*, provided always that the *Old Land Marks* be carefully preserved, and that such New *Regulations* and Alterations be proposed and agreed to at the 3rd *Quarterly* Communication preceding the *Annual* Grand *Feast*; and that they be offer'd to the Perusal of all *the Brethren* before Dinner in writing even of the Youngest *Enter'd Prentice*; the Approbation and Consent of the *Majority* of *all the Brethren* present being absolutely necessary to make the same Binding and Obligatory; which must therefore after Dinner, and after the *New G. Master* is install'd, be Solemnly desir'd; as it was desir'd and obtain'd for these *Old Regulations*, when proposed by the G. Lodge to about 150 Brethren at *Stationers Hall* or St. John *Baptist's* Day 1721.	XXXIX.—On 24th June 1723, at the *Feast*, the G. Lodge before Dinner made this Resolution; that *it is not in the Power of any Man or Body of Men to make any Alteration or Innovation in the Body of Masonry, without the consent first obtain'd of the* G. Lodge. And on 25 *Nov.* 1723, the G. Lodge in *Ample Form* resolved, *that any G. Lodge* duly met *has a Power to amend or explain any of the printed Regulations in the Book of Constitutions; while they break not in upon the Antient Rules of the Fraternity.* *But that no Alterations shall be made in this printed Book of Constitutions without leave of the G. Lodge.* Accordingly *All* the *Alterations* or New Regulations above written are only for amending or explaining the Old Regulations for the Good of *Masonry*, without breaking in upon the Antient *Rules* of the *Fraternity*, Still preserving the *Old Land Marks*; and were made at Several Times, as Occasion offer'd, by the Grand Lodge; who have an inherent Power of Amending what may be thought inconvenient, and ample Authority of making New Regulations for the Good of *Masonry*, without the consent of *all the Brethren* at the Grand Annual Feast; which has not been disputed since the said 24th June 1823, for the *Members* of the G. Lodge are truly the Representatives of *All the Fraternity*, according to Old Regulation X.
The end of the Old Regulations.	

II. It should be recollected, that virtually the contract of 1721 was *tripartite*, the parties thereto being,

1. The Four old Lodges.

2. The Sixteen new Lodges constituted between 1717 and 1721.

3. The Masons of London and Westminster.

From which it follows, as an obvious corollary, that the TRIPLE sanction was essential to any variation of its terms.

"The Constitutions of 1723," says Findel, (2) "have ever since been regarded as the legal foundation, in fact, of the Fraternity of Freemasons *under the form it should retain in the future.*

"That the laws and regulations therein contained were really those which were found in the ancient documents, and in use up to that period, the official character of the Book of Constitutions itself, as well as the repeated assurances of Anderson and Desaguliers, that everything was retained that was really ancient and authentic in the old Constitutions, is a sufficient security on the one hand; and on the other hand the full and complete investigation of Kloss, who compared them with the old Constitutions themselves, has established it beyond doubt."

III. A power of subsequent amendment was vested in the Grand Lodge, subject to certain well-defined conditions:—

1. It could be exercised at the Third Quarterly Communication, *only*, preceding the Annual Feast.

2. The old landmarks were not to be disturbed.

3. Every proposed alteration was to be submitted in writing to *all* the brethren, including the *youngest Enter'd Prentice.*

It will be shown, however, that the Grand Lodge soon proceeded to act, as though its power of amendment was without limitation, and that it possessed ample authority to change, one by one, or altogether, every feature of the Constitution.

IV.—Composition of Grand Lodge.—The Grand Lodge, by the Old Constitutions, could consist only of the *Masters* and *Wardens* (3) of regular Lodges, with the Grand Master and his Wardens at their head (4): and it had been customary even for these officers, at their annual election, and on other particular occasions, to withdraw, and leave the Masters and Wardens of the Lodges to consult together, that no undue influence might warp their opinion. (5) The first innovation upon the usages of the Society, occurred December 27th, 1720, when the office of Deputy Grand Master was established, and the Grand Master was empowered to *appoint* that officer, together with the *two Wardens.* The privilege of voting in Grand Lodge was a few years afterwards extended to Past Grand Masters (1724), Past Deputies (1726), and Past Grand Wardens (1727); (6) and was styled by Preston "a peculiar favour."

The Treasurer and Secretary were gradually admitted to full membership, it not having been settled till 1753, that the Treasurer "was a Grand Lodge officer, by vertue of his office, and as such to be elected from amongst the brethren who had served the Stewardship."(7)

Eventually, however, the privilege of voting in Grand Lodge was extended to *all* Grand Officers, present and past. By old Regulation XIV. in the absence of the Grand Master and his Deputy, the right of presiding in Grand Lodge was vested "in the Master of a Lodge, who should be the longest a Freemason," providing there was no one present who had been Grand or Deputy Grand Master, but before 1738 this privilege was transferred to actual or Past Grand Wardens.

26th Nov. 1728, N.R. (New Regulation) XII. If any Officer (Master or Wardens) cannot attend, he may send a Brother of that Lodge (but not a mere *Enter'd Prentice*) with his jewel to supply his Room, and support the honour of his *Lodge.*(8)

It has been well observed, that in agreeing to the *old* Regulations, the single (private or original) Lodges, had to sacrifice some of their former independence, which signified the less, as *at first* the Grand Lodge was composed entirely of representatives from the Lodges.(9)

V.—Committee of Charity.—On 13th December 1733, the following regulation was made (10):—

(1) See §§ 3, 15, and 21 (IV.): also p 4, note 7; and p 67, note 1.

(2) Page 147. Touching the names of those who signed the Book of Constitutions, as well as the extract from the Minutes of the year 1723.—See Kloss, History of Freemasonry in England, p 45.

(3) § 15 (IV.)

(4) O.R. XII. Constit. 1723.

(5) Preston, Ed. 1804, p 227. O.R. xxix.

(6) Page 3, Note 2.

(7) Constit. 1767, p 259.

(8) Nothing is more usual than to accommodate a young Mason as soon as possible with a Warden's jewel, even from another Lodge, if it cannot be readily procured in that wherein he was made, in order that he may see the Grand Lodge, as a matter of amusement.! Constit. 1812, Calcutta. (Note).

(9) Findel, p 143.

(10) N.R. XIII., Constit. 1738, p 181.—*Freemasons' Calendar*, 1775, p 47.

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1. "That considering the usual business of a Quarterly Communication was too much for one time; whatever business cannot be despatched here, shall be referred to the Committee of Charity, and their opinion reported to the next Grand Lodge.

That all questions debated at the said Committee, shall be decided by a majority of those present."

In consequence of this regulation, the Committee of Charity was considered as immediately dependent on the Grand Lodge; and the minutes of their proceedings were regularly read and confirmed at the Quarterly Communications.

2. The Grand Lodge, (1) thus, to a certain extent, voluntarily delivered over to this Committee the residue of that independence which had been left to it, in the passing of resolutions. This innovation, viz., the extension of the Committee for the administration of the Charity Fund, into a meeting of Master Masons, on whom power was conferred to make arrangements of the greatest importance, and to prepare new resolutions (2), not only virtually annulled the authority vested in the Grand Lodge, but likewise greatly endangered the equality of the brethren in the different Lodges.

VI. — PRIVILEGES OF THE GRAND STEWARDS. — 1. In the Grand Mastership of Lord Weymouth, the Stewards' Lodge was established (1735), and with its formation commenced the bestowal of those extraordinary privileges, which produced so widely spread a feeling of dissatisfaction among the Craft, and was, according to some high authorities, one of the chief causes of the great schism.

The twelve Stewards of the year (3) had to attend the Grand Lodge in their proper clothing and jewels, to pay at the rate of four Lodges towards the expense of the Communication, and (at first) "*were not allowed to vote, nor even to speak, except when desired, or else of what related to the ensuing feast only.*"

These privileges, however, were rapidly extended, it was soon passed, "that each of the twelve should vote in Grand Lodge (4)

Also to encourage *gentlemen* to serve the office (of Steward) it was agreed that all Grand Officers, the Grand Master excepted, should be elected out of that body.(5)

On the 7th February 1770 it was passed in Grand Lodge: "As the right of the members of the Stewards' Lodge in general to attend the Committee of Charity appears doubtful, no mention of such right being made in the laws of the Society, the Grand Lodge are of opinion, *that they have no general right to attend;* but it is hereby resolved, that the Stewards' Lodge be allowed the privilege of sending a number of brethren, equal to *any other four Lodges*, to every future Committee of Charity, and that, as the Master of each private Lodge only has a right to attend, to make a proper distinction between the Stewards' Lodge and the other Lodges, that the Master and *three other members* of that Lodge be permitted to attend at every succeeding Committee on the behalf of the said Lodge." This resolution, however, was declared not to be intended to deprive *any Lodge which had been previously constituted* of its regular rank and precedence. (6)

Bro. Findel thus expresses himself: (7)

"The newly created Stewards' Lodge, which was permitted to send a deputation of twelve members to the Grand Lodge, having the privilege of voting as individuals, and wearing distinctive aprons and ribands, as it was resolved that in future all the Grand Officers should be elected out of that body. The office of Steward, which was a very expensive one, became by this means associated with favouritism, in which rank and wealth had the preference, in total opposition to the liberal and equalising spirit of Masonry. The Grand Lodge, says Kloss, first introduced into Masonry that axiom, so abundantly practiced in the so-called higher degrees, that the more largely a brother contributes, the greater his weight in the Lodge. This unjust preference shown to the Stewards excited loud but righteous indignation among the Brethren, and such a disturbance ensued that Ward had to get up and make a speech calling for "decency" and "moderation."

The fortunes of the Stewards' Lodge culminated on 18th April 1792, when it was put over the heads of its Masonic parents, and placed at the head of the list without a number. (8)

VII.—The preceding paragraphs (I.—VI.) will have amply illustrated the great abuses which had found their way into our ancient Society. The numerous new regulations, which were introduced, caused dissatisfaction, as the rights of individual Lodges were more and more encroached upon, and the Grand Lodge was made gradually to assume the character of an independent and arbitary power.

§ 23.—The disturbance of the "Ancient Land Marks," as recorded in the previous section, or in other words, the repeated innovations upon the original constitutions, gradually effaced from the old Lodges all, or nearly all, their distinctive features of constitution, and in the result materially contributed to the great Schism of 1739-1813, which was only healed at the cost of their permanent displacement from the Ancient precedency.

§ 24.—I. The causes of the great schism of the last century are foreign to the scope of this article, except so far as they can reasonably be identified with the "Innovations" carried out by the Grand Lodge, which, no doubt, in the judgment of many worthy brethren, were rapidly effacing every vestige of the "Antient Landmarks." That the abuses, the leading features of which only have been outlined in § 22, produced great discontent, we know, but in the opinion of the writer, the great disruption of the Craft was attributable to three distinct causes.

II. (*a*) Speculative Masonry (9) was, so to speak, only on its trial, during the generation which succeeded the authors of the revival. The *institution* of a society of Free and Accepted Masons, on a cosmopolitan basis, was one thing; its *consolidation*, however, opposed as its practical working showed it to be, to the ancient customs and privileges of the operatives, was another and a very different affair.

(*b*) The importation from France of many varieties of spurious Masonry about 1740-50 had tended to disparage the primitive simplicity of the English Rite. (10) (§ 26.)

The introduction into this country of the then newly-devised and so-styled "High degrees" was doubtless greatly aided by the foresight of their originators, who whilst refraining from any direct rivalry with the Antient Craft *degree*, at the same time cleverly associated their invention therewith, by limiting the privilege of membership to Freemasons (11), thus instilling a belief that the alleged "High Grades" were a recovered portion of the ancient mysteries of the Fraternity, and thereby persuading no inconsiderable section of the Craft, that their general adoption was, so to speak, "a return to the old lines," and instead of an innovation, but the raising of a more stately and perfect superstructure *on the foundations* of the existing edifice of Masonry. (12)

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(1) Findel, p 154.

(2) See § 17 (II., III).

(3) Constit. 1738.

(4) Constit. 1756, p 305.

(5) Preston, Ed. 1796, p 269; Constit. 1784, p 364.

(6) Preston, Ed. 1796, p 272. See § 19.

(7) P 155.

(8) *Freemasons' Calendar.*

(9) The Fraternity, originally, being a purely Operative Society, was composed exclusively of actual workmen, i.e., *Masons*, and Artificers in some way connected with architecture. About the end of the sixteenth century, persons of superior position were *initiated* or *accepted*, becoming thereby *free* of the Society, i.e., being admitted to its privileges. Masonry, however, being only Speculative to the newly Accepted brethren, began now to be termed both *Operative* and *Speculative*; hence the modern expression *Free*-Masonry.

(10) Even England, the birthplace of Masonry, has experienced the French innovations; and all the repeated injunctions, admonitions, and reproofs of the Lodges cannot prevent those in different parts of the kingdom from admitting the French novelties, full of tinsel and glitter, and high sounding titles.—*Proofs of a Conspiracy*, (Robison), 1797. (The Abbé Barruel and Professor Robison wrote at the same era, without mutual consultation; one a French clergyman, the other a Scottish Professor, *and both Freemasons*. Their works produced an immense sensation, and evoked an elaborate defence of the Order from the Earl of Moira, Acting Grand Master.)

(11) See Preface to Findel's *History of Freemasonry*, 2nd Edition, by Bro. D. M. Lyon, p vii.

(12) Michael Andrew Ramsay opened the door (1740) to the so-called High Grades, of which the injurious effects, notwithstanding the utmost exertions of genuine Freemasons, are felt to this very day. *Findel*, p 204. Dr. Oliver (*Historical Landmarks*, Vol. I., p 9, 1846), speaks of the degrees practised on the Continent having settled down to about *forty*, though he mentions having before him a list of nearly *one thousand*, which had been or were then practised under one or other denomination of Freemasonry. In this respect, however, the palm must now be yielded to our American brethren,

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"The seeds thus disseminated had the more time to thrive, as the Grand Master (Lord Byron), from 1747 to 1752, was constantly absent from this country; the Grand Lodge (says Findel) becoming completely powerless, as no regularity in the business was observed." (1)

(c) Assuming the influences above summarized, to have been in active operation for some years prior to 1752, it may, I think, be reasonably concluded that the arbitrary and unconstitutional behaviour of Grand Lodge at last turned the scale in favour of secession.

III. From 1717 to 1722 the claims of the operatives, had been very fairly recognized in the distribution of Grand Lodge office, as is attested by the appointments of the latter year, when Mr. Joshua Timson, *Blacksmith*, and Mr. William Hawkins, *Mason*, appear as Grand Wardens. In 1723, however, a struggle for supremacy, between the operatives and speculatives, had set in, and the former from that time could justly complain of their total supercession in the offices of the Society.

IV. In 1730, Anthony Sayer, the Premier Grand Master, was publicly admonished and well nigh expelled for taking part in illegal assemblies of dissatisfied Masons, who were seeking to undermine the authority of the Society they and others had so recently constituted. (2) The following extract from a contemporary narrative (3) (1730), will further illustrate, the disagreement which then prevailed. "Some operative Masons (but according to the polite way of expression, Accepted Masons), made a visitation from the first and oldest Constituted Lodge (4) (according to the Lodge Book in *London*) to a noted Lodge in this city, and was denied admittance, because their old Lodge was removed to another house, which tho' contrary to this great Mystery, requires another Constitution, at no less expence than two guineas, with an elegant entertainment, under the denomination of being put to charitable uses; which if justly applied, will give great Enconiums to so worthy an Undertaking, but it is very much doubted, and most reasonable to think, it will be expended towards the forming another system of Masonry, the old Fabrick being so ruinous, that unless repaired by some occult Mystery, will soon be annihilated."

V. About 1738-39 certain brethren were charged with working a "different Master's part," when several meetings were held in open defiance of the regulations. (5) By way of detecting the schismatics, and thus excluding them from the orthodox Lodges, the expedient was adopted of introducing a slight alteration in the system, (6) or as otherwise expressed (7) "some trifling innovations were sanctioned, upon the ancient customs of the Order." This resolution was unfortunate, and produced the very evil it was intended to avert.

VI.—Schisms in Societies (says Laurie), (8) generally arise from misconduct on both sides, and the rule applies to the case now under consideration.

The "Moderns" undoubtedly departed from their usual custom and propriety of conduct, by authorising the slightest innovation upon the ceremonies of an ancient institution; but the "Ancients" were guilty of a greater impropriety, in being the active promoters of the schism, and still more by holding up their brethren to the ridicule of the public.

They propogated an opinion, (9) that the ancient tenets and practices of Masonry, were preserved by them; and that the regular Lodges, being composed of *modern* Masons, had adopted *new* plans, and were not to be considered as acting under the *old* establishment. Whilst, therefore, arrogating to themselves, the high sounding title of "Ancient" Masons, they branded the brethren of the *Regular* Lodges with the odious appellation of "Moderns," who they averred never existed till 1717 (§ 20). This has been rightly styled by a distinguished living writer, as (10) "a paltry attempt to throw doubts on the legality and Masonic character of a Body from which they, as also the "*Moderns*," received their knowledge of the Craft." A similar view was expressed by the late Dr. Oliver (11). "I shall use the words *ancient* and *modern* in their general acceptation, the former to designate the Seceders, and the latter the Constitutional Masons: although both were alike ancient or modern, being equally derived from the same source.

The two phrases have been, however, very happily characterised in Bro. Findel's great work on Freemasonry, where we find, by way of commentary on the rituals of the rival Grand Lodges. "The simpler one, the Catechism of Moderns, is the *more ancient;* and that of the Ancients is the *more recent.*" (12)

On the 5th December 1753, Robert Turner, W.M. 15, was elected the first Grand Master of the "Seceders," by the representatives of some dozen Lodges. (13)

The distinctive epithets, "Ancients" and "Moderns," were commonly employed by both parties alike, to denote the seceding and the regular Masons respectively, as may be illustrated by two extracts from the minutes of the Moira Lodge, No. 92, constituted 1755 (Moderns).

"4th December 1758, Brother Glover of St. John's Lodge being an 'Ancient' Mason, having taken his obligation of this Lodge, paid the ujal fine of two shillings, and became a member."

"19th January 1761, Bro. Wright proposed Mr. Willm. Gee, to be made a Modern Mason in this Lodge, which was seconded and thirded properly."

VII.—The chief feature of the new ritual (Seceders) consisted in a division of the third degree into two sections, the *Second* of which was restricted to a few Master Masons, who were approved as candidates. Thus it comes to pass (says Hughan), that the arrangement as we have it now, was practically set on foot by the Ancients: the Moderns were compelled to accept the alteration in the Master Masons' degree, or the "Masonic Union" of 1813 would not have been cemented.

The special object of the Seceders was the promotion of Royal Arch Masonry, and as many gentlemen preferred joining the Grand Lodge of "Four Degrees" to associating with the Society which worked but three, the rival body was successful in its career of innovation. A clue being thus afforded to the reasons which prompted its formation, as well as to the causes of its extraordinary success. (14)

The Grand Chapter of the "Moderns" was constituted about 1766, and (says Hughan), virtually, though not actually, was countenanced by the Grand Lodge: (15) this, however, is scarcely reconcilable with the action of their Grand Secretary, who, writing to the Prov. G. Lodge of Frankfort, in the *same year*, calls the Royal Arch, "a society which we do not acknowledge, and which we regard as an *invention* designed for the purpose of introducing *innovations* amongst the brotherhood; *and diverting them from the fundamental rules which our ancestors laid down for us.*" (16)

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who, according to a recent writer (*Macmillan's Magazine*, June 1878), "can boast of more Grand Lodges, more members, *and more degrees of Masonic folly*, than the whole of the old world combined."

(1) Findel, p 173.

(2) Mas. Mem., p 4.

(3) "Masonry Dissected. By S. Prichard, late member of a Constituted Lodge (1730).

(4) Original No. 1, Now Lodge of Antiquity.

(5) Mas. Mem., p 4.

(6) Some account of the Schism, Oliver.

(7) Laurie, p 59.

(8) History of Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, p 60.

(9) Preston Ed. 1804, p 242.

(10) Hughan, Mas. Mem. p 14.

(11) Some account of the Schism among the Free and Accepted Masons in England (1847), p 18, Note 17.

(12) Findel (quoting Kloss), p 176.

(13) Mas. Mem., p 4. See § 18.

(14) Mas. Mem., p 5.

(15) As a defensive organisation only; to obviate the necessity of the Regular Brethren joining the "Antients" for "Exaltation." *Ibid.*, p 8.

(16) Findel, pp 183-4.

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WARDENS AND THEIR POWERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have a copy of bye-laws in my possession, in which the following occurs:—"When a sufficient number of the brethren shall be assembled, the Master, or in his absence a Past Master, or the Senior or Junior Wardens, shall open the Lodge and proceed to business." Does this imply that the Wardens have power to initiate, pass and raise eligible candidates, although they have never passed the Chair of K.S.? An answer will oblige.

Yours fraternally,

A W.M.

[Oliver, p 141 *Masonic Jurisprudence*, lays it down that though competent to rule the Lodge, a Warden must not "assume the Master's chair in which he has not been installed," but "occupy a seat in front or to the right of it, in accordance with the practice of Grand Lodge, as a token of his incompetency to perform the highest rites of the Craft; because the chair is for Installed Masters only, and no initiations can be legally performed from any other place in the Lodge. If these premises be correct, it follows, as a matter of course, that, being a mere *locum tenens*, he has no power to initiate, pass, or raise—for the terms 'rule a Lodge' do not embrace the privilege of admitting candidates." He adds, however, that in a case of extreme emergency, the conferring of any degrees by a Warden, in the absence of any Past Master or actual Master, "would not be held absolutely illegal, though highly undesirable." He also lays it down that if a Past Master of any other Lodge is present, it is for him and not the Warden of the Lodge in question to confer the degrees.—Ed. FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.]

In answer to an inquiry that has been made to us, we gladly intimate that non-Masons and Ladies can attend the meeting at the Surrey Masonic Club this day (Saturday), where Bro. Darley, P.M. 158, will deliver his Oration on the Beauties and Claims of Freemasonry. The chair will be taken at eight o'clock precisely. As we write, we learn that Ill. Bro. Robert Morris LL.D., of Kentucky, has promised to attend on this occasion, and deliver an address, also to recite an original poem. Brethren and their friends will be heartily welcomed, and may be assured of an interesting evening.

MARK MASONRY.

THE Consecration of the Hereward Lodge, No. 227, took place at Bourne, Lincolnshire, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., and thereafter Bro. the Rev. Dr. Ace was installed as W.M., and appointed and invested Bros. W. H. Radley and Chamberlain as his S. and J. Wardens. Bro. Dr. Ace was afterwards installed as W.C.N. of a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, attached to the Hereward Lodge of Mark Master Masons. The consecration was performed by Bro. Dewar Grand Assist. Secretary, at the request of the D.P.G.M. of the Province, and the same Brother afterwards installed the W.M. and W.C.N.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC CHARITY UNION.

A MEETING was held on Thursday evening last, at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Col. Creaton in the chair, to discuss a project for forming an Association for the purpose of furthering the claims of London candidates for the Masonic Charities, when Bro. the Rev. A. F.A. Woodford explained that as the Provincial Organizations of this description, by their great success in promoting the election of provincial candidates, told very unfavourably upon the chances of Metropolitan candidates, it was advisable to form a Metropolitan Union to prevent deserving London cases being excluded from the benefits of the Charities.

Bro. A. E. Gladwell read some statistics compiled from the reports of the three Charities, which showed that in proportion to the money contributed in London to the funds of the Institutions, there were very few successful London candidates.

It was proposed by Bro. Perceval, "That it is expedient to form a London Masonic Charity Union," and this motion having been seconded, was carried unanimously.

Bro. Woodford read a set of bye-laws which had been prepared for the consideration of the meeting, and after some conversation on the subject, it was proposed by Bro. Erasmus Wilson, seconded and carried unanimously, that the meeting stand adjourned till Wednesday, the 21st inst., to give the brethren opportunity for mature consideration of the whole subject. Among the other brethren present we observed:—Bros. Tinley, J. White, Thos. Mason, J. H. Southwood, Hyde Pullen, E. C. Massey, S. Rosenthal, E. Letchworth, J. H. Watt, and J. G. March.

NOTHING NEW—EVERYTHING NEW.

FROM THE "KEYSTONE."

WE are not much given to paradox, but paradox is sometimes a forcible method of expressing truth, and for the moment we shall be apparently self-contradictory, for the purpose of establishing the assertion that while there is nothing new, everything is new.

King Solomon has been credited with the authorship of the well-known statement, in *Ecclesiastes*, that "there is no new thing under the sun." We are always fraternally inclined to stand by King Solomon, and we shall not desert him now. He was wisdom personified, and derived his gift of wisdom from the Grand Architect of the Universe himself. There is nothing new. The earth is not new—it is as old as creation. Man is not new—he is as old as Adam. (It will be observed that we are no evolutionists, and do not believe that oysters and monkeys are first-cousins to men.) God is not new, but "the same, yesterday and to-day and for ever." History repeats itself, men repeat themselves, and thus there is nothing new under the sun. Freemasonry certainly is not new. The law of brotherhood has been written on the hearts of the elect at least ever since King Solomon's time. All of this is true, and yet—

Everything is new. Every child born into the world is a new creation. It is in many respects unlike all of its progenitors. Every soul is a new soul. It leads a new life on this earth, and death will only introduce it to a new life in the world to come. Every day is new, every year is new, all time is in succession now, and eternity will be the subtlest novelty of all.

Our Craft is new in form, though old in substance. The mode of initiation has varied with the centuries, but the germ of Freemasonry has ever been, and ever will be, the same. It is the law of love, of social enjoyment, and of Faith in God, Hope in immortality, and Charity towards all the Brotherhood. King Solomon's Temple-builders, and William of Sen's Cathedral-builders, and all nineteenth century Freemasons, are Brethren.

Civilization has always progressed from the East to the West. The East is emphatically the place of light, and this light radiates ever to the West. The new is in the West. Here is the new world, with its New England, in many respects the rival of Old England. All America was a new found land, and not merely the island of that name. Then we have a New Jersey over the river, and "Uncle Sam" owns a New Mexico; Connecticut has a New London, Massachusetts a New Bedford (although its old glory as a whaling town is departed), Missouri has a New Madrid, Louisiana a New Orleans, and North Carolina a New Berne. The world is full of Newcomes, besides Thackeray's. The metropolis of the United States was once New Amsterdam and is now New York. Canada was once New France; Australia, New Holland, and Pennsylvania and new Jersey, New Sweden. There is a new Ireland in the South Pacific, and London has a Newgate—which has given name to multitudinous prisons.

By no means the least of the new things in the world are the newspapers—a modern luxury, and they are *certainly* "new under the sun." How benighted must Cæsar have been without the *Times*, and King Solomon without The *Keystone*. Let us value our gifts and be grateful that we live in a new world, where everything is new, and yet—nothing is new. We are not sure but that we live at once in the New Atlantis, the philosophical Commonwealth of Lord Chancellor Bacon, the Utopia of Sir Thomas More, and the Republic of Plato. Indeed, the wonderful island of Atlantis, mentioned by the Ancients, is supposed to have been America.

There have been many modern attempts to create new societies that should equal, if not rival, Freemasonry, but all have failed. There is but one Freemasonry that is ancient, free and accepted.

Communism is a novelty that is now threatening to disturb our peace, and it is at once new and old. The ideal communism is lovely; the practical communism Satanic. There is a communism that is recommended in the Great Light of Masonry. The Apostles had all things in common—that is, they resigned all they possessed for the common good. The modern communist has nothing to resign, and he exemplifies his understanding of communism by stealing whatever belongs to his neighbour—a distinction with a difference. Indiana boasts a town called New Harmony, where Robert Owen, the father of Robert Dale Owen, endeavoured to establish a socialistic community termed the "Harmonists," but discord invaded their ranks, and the Harmonists are now no more. Those only are true Harmonists who "harmonize in the Light"—of Freemasonry.

Freemasons are now engaged in erecting two Temples, the material and the spiritual. The material Temple looms before us in time, grand and majestic, but it shall pass away; while the spiritual Temple is the architecture of the soul, and shall endure for ever. There shall be a new heaven and a new earth created for it, and the New Jerusalem, the holy city, shall come down out of Heaven from the Grand Architect of the Universe. There, too, there shall be nothing new, and—everything new; but the explanation of this paradox we shall defer until—we enter the Grand Lodge above.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen on Tuesday reviewed the special squadron which it was deemed expedient to form for home defence when the Eastern question was under discussion; unfortunately the weather was most unfavourable. On Wednesday Her Majesty held a Council at Osborne, when Mr. Roebuck was sworn as a Privy Councillor, and the dignity of knighthood was conferred on the Mayor of Nottingham, Mr. James Oldknow. The Prince and Princess of Wales visited Southampton on Monday, when the Prince laid a memorial stone to the late Bishop of Oxford.

On Monday, in the House of Lords, a bill relating to Municipal Corporations in England was laid on the table by the Lord Chancellor for consideration during the recess; Lord Truro gave notice that next Session he intended to move for a commission to consider the best means of reorganising the police force throughout the country, and several minor matters were advanced a stage. On Tuesday, the Royal Assent was given by Commission to several Bills which have passed the necessary stages. Lord O'Hagan moved the second reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (Sunday) Ireland Bill, pointing out its principal points, and urging that considerable good might be expected if it became law. The Duke of Richmond and Gordon followed, stating that the Government

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were in favour of the various proposals which it contained, and that they would offer no opposition to its second reading, which was accordingly proceeded with. Some other matters were discussed, and the House adjourned. The following day the Bill passed through Committee without any debate, as also did the Metropolitan Commons Bill. Various other measures were read, and their Lordships adjourned. On Thursday, standing orders having been suspended, the Appropriation Bill and the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill passed through their several stages, and others were read a third time. Lord Straithnairn drew attention to the defective state of the records of services of officers of the army, and expressed a hope that the matter would be taken into early consideration. Lord Bury promised to bring the matter under the notice of the Field Marshal Commanding in Chief, but remarked that Lord Strathnairn was wrong if he supposed that services of officers were not well known. The House then rose, and adjourned to half-past one on Friday, when Parliament will be formally prorogued.

In the House of Commons on Saturday last, The O'Conor Don proposed the third reading of the Irish Sunday Closing Bill. After some discussion an amendment was proposed, which, on a division, was rejected by a majority of 40 in a House of 84 members. The third reading was thereupon proceeded with. On Monday, the answer of Her Majesty to the address of the House on the Berlin Treaty and the Anglo-Turkish Convention was brought up by Lord Barrington. Her Majesty expressed her satisfaction at the support the House had given her. A question asked by Sir H. Havelock, respecting a Consular Convention with the United States, was answered by Mr. Bourke, who stated that the necessary Bills had been prepared, but for obvious reasons it had been found impossible to introduce them during the Session. An enquiry made by Sir C. Dilke, as to whether the Government had heard of the refusal of the Porte to arrange with Greece the new frontier as settled by the Congress, was answered in the negative, but the answer proving unsatisfactory, he gave notice that he should again refer to the matter. Assurance was given on behalf of the Government to introduce, early next Session, a Bill dealing with Corrupt Practices at Elections. The Intermediate Education (Ireland) Bill was read a third time, but not without considerable discussion, followed by three divisions on the various matters introduced. During the sitting Mr. Garfit was introduced and took his seat as representative for Boston, in the place of Mr. Malcolm, who had resigned. On Tuesday, the House attended the Upper Chamber to hear the Royal Assent given to various measures; notices were given of matters which would be introduced next Session, and, after answers had been given to various questions, the House went into Committee to consider the Indian Budget, which, as may be expected, lead to considerable discussion. A question was asked by Mr. Monk, on Wednesday, as to the rumoured unhealthiness of the troops in Cyprus. This was answered by Col. Stanley, who stated that a telegram, received two days since from Sir Garnet Wolseley, stated that there was no serious illness among the troops; there were some cases of mild fever in the hospital, but all were going on well. Some discussion occurred, on the order for reading the Appropriation Bill a third time, as to the circumstances attending the murder of Mr. Ogle by Turkish soldiers, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer promised that further inquiry should be made in the matter. Reference was also made to the seizure of Roumanian territory by Russia, but was allowed to pass, after which the third reading was agreed to. The opposition of Mr. Jenkins to the third reading of the Bishoprics Bill necessitated a division, resulting in 62 voting for the reading, while only 20 supported Mr. Jenkins. The sitting of Thursday commenced by several notices being given for next Session, after which a question was asked as to whether the Turkish Government had forestalled the collection of the tithes and taxes in Cyprus for the current year, and replied to by Mr. Bourke, who stated there was no reason to suppose such was the case. That gentleman also answered some questions which were put respecting various Turkish matters. The Territorial Waters Jurisdiction Bill was, after discussion, read a third time, and two Bills which had been before the House were withdrawn. On the motion that the House adjourn, Lord C. Beresford rose and defended the naval authorities against the imputation of dilatoriness in conducting the operations in connection with the raising of the Eurydice. Mr. W. H. Smith described the difficulties of the work, and stated that regard for the friends of those lost by the wreck had induced the Admiralty not to blow the ship up until they had exhausted every means in their endeavours to raise it. The Attorney-General for Ireland stated, in answer to Mr. Moore, that every effort was being made to alleviate the condition of pauper children in Irish workhouses, in many cases with the most satisfactory results. Mr. Courtney then urged that immediate steps should be taken to restore local authority in the Transvaal, after which the House adjourned.

The forty-eighth session of the British Association opened at Dublin on Wednesday; the presidential address was delivered in the grand concert room of the Exhibition building. The large and spacious hall was crowded by members of the Association and their friends, including a more than average attendance of ladies. The President, Mr. Spottiswoode, was introduced by Professor Allen Thompson, F.R.S., who presided last year. The learned gentleman dealt with the purposes and prospects of the Association, and next with the external aspects and tendencies of science. Under the first head he showed that the Association was general in its comprehensiveness and special in its sectional arrangements, with regard to which latter he suggested they should adopt the dictum of the Frenchman, "that no theory can be considered complete until it is so clear that it can be explained to the first man you meet in the street." During the last forty-seven years the Association had expended in research £44,000. He thought it would not be difficult to "picture to the mind an ideal future, when science and art shall walk hand and hand together, led by a willing minister into the green pastures of the endowment of research." At present, however, they must be content to select the best men for definite work, and depend on the personal co-operation of leading scientists. At the conclusion of the address a vote of thanks was carried by acclamation. On Thursday morning one of the sections was devoted to Geography. The President, Sir Wyville Thomson, well known in connection with the voyage of H.M.S. Challenger, in the course of his remarks, stated that Mr. Stanley would in all probability read a paper before the termination of the sittings. This announcement was loudly applauded, a rumour having been circulated to the effect that the great African explorer had decided not to attend the Congress. In other sections papers were read on the Adulteration Act in so far as it relates to the prosecution of milk sellers, the best means of developing light from coal gas, and on various other matters. In the evening the Mechanical Science Section dealt principally with the question of river control and management, and recommended that special legislation should be initiated with the view of getting all the rivers in the country put under the control of a State Department.

The review at Spithead on Tuesday last unhappily took place amid storm and rain sufficient to prevent all evolutions which it was intended should be gone through; but the spectacle of so many vessels drawn together, as may be said, from the reserves of the country, shows unmistakably our superiority in naval matters, and compensates in some measure for the disappointment which was felt that the vessels were unable to show their behaviour under steam. The pleasure of witnessing such a sight may be imagined from the statement of Admiral Key, who guaranteed that within half a minute after the signal was given from the Royal yacht to slip the cables, the whole fleet should be steaming out to sea. Her Majesty the Queen was accompanied by their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Beatrice, and the Lords of the Admiralty, and passed slowly along the lines. At the conclusion of the inspection Her Majesty signalled from the Royal yacht, expressing her satisfaction, and regretting that the state of the weather had prevented the evolutions.

The directors of the Bank of England considered it necessary to increase, on Monday last, the rate of interest from 4 to 5 per cent., which alteration has had the effect of increasing the reserve by no less than £309,000, although, in consequence of heavy withdrawals, the proportion to liabilities is nearly the same as last week, viz., $35\frac{7}{8}$ per cent.

At Cyprus active preparations are being made for the return home of the Indian troops, some of whom it is expected will embark immediately. News from the Cape announces the suppression of the Gaeka rebellion, also that the natives on the Zulu frontier are still hostile. The

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meeting of the German Parliament is summoned for the 9th September. The Austrians are still opposed in their occupation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. At Zepce they only succeeded in driving back the insurgents, after several hours severe fighting. The various corps have, however, united, and little resistance may now be expected. It appears to be likely that some disturbances will occur at Batoum before it is surrendered to the Russians, the Lazis having collected in considerable numbers in the district.

As will be seen from an advertisement in another page, the Provincial Grand Master of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire has called an especial Grand Lodge for the purpose of consecrating the Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1764, which event will take place on Tuesday, 17th Sept. next. This Lodge will be the first that has been consecrated in this Province since it has been under the leadership of His Grace the Duke of Manchester, in fact the first since 1858. We think our Northamptonshire brethren, who have, during the existence of this journal, firmly supported the central charities, will make this addition to their roll of Lodges with the good wishes of their neighbours, and in fact of every Province in the country. We wish the new Lodge a prosperous career, and hope its members may be instrumental in diffusing a true Masonic spirit in their district.

The annual celebration of the Twelfth of August took place on the moors throughout the country, and good sport appears to have been universal, the price of grouse quoted in the principal markets being, in consequence, lower than has been known for many years past.

COMMITTEE OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE monthly meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday 14th inst., when Col. Creaton presided. Among the brethren present were Bro. C. J. Perceval, Thos. Cubitt, Wm. F. Nettleship, Jno. G. Stevens, G. Bolton, J. March Case, S. Rawson, Jas. Willing jun., and Wm. Hale. The death of Mr. Samuel Tomkins the Treasurer and one of the Trustees of the Institution was reported. The death of one annuitant was reported; four petitions were accepted, and the names of the petitioners placed on the list. The chairman reported that the corner stone of the Gardeners' Lodge was laid on Tuesday, and that the building would be completed in about ten weeks, the tender of Mr. Martin Taylor, of Croydon, for the building had been accepted.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENT was prorogued on Friday. The House of Commons met at a quarter to one o'clock, and the House of Lords at a quarter past one. On the conclusion of some comparatively formal business the Speaker was called to the Upper House, when the Lord Chancellor read the—

QUEEN'S SPEECH,

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

When, in a critical condition of public affairs, you assembled at the commencement of the year, I pointed out to you that in the interests of my Empire, precautions might become necessary, for which I appealed to your liberality to provide. At the same time I assured you that no efforts in the cause of peace should be wanting on my part.

Your response was not ambiguous, and contributed largely to a pacific solution of the difficulties which then existed. The terms of agreement between Russia and the Porte, so far as they affected pre-existing treaties, were, after an interval of discussion, submitted to a Congress of the Powers; and their councils have resulted in a peace which I am thankful to believe is satisfactory and likely to be durable. The Ottoman Empire has not emerged from a disastrous war without severe loss; but the arrangements which have been made, while favourable to the subjects of the Porte, have secured to it a position of independence which can be upheld against aggression.

I have concluded a Defensive Convention with the Sultan, which has been laid before you. It gives, as regards his Asiatic Empire, a more distinct expression to the engagements which in principle I, together with other Powers, accepted in 1856, but of which the form has not been found practically effectual. The Sultan has, on the other hand, bound himself to adopt and carry into effect the measures necessary for securing the good government of those provinces. In order to promote the objects of this agreement, I have undertaken the occupation and administration of the island of Cyprus.

In aiding to bring about the settlement which has taken place, I have been assisted by the discipline and high spirit of my forces by sea and by land, by the alacrity with which my Reserves responded to my call, by the patriotic offers of military aid by my people in the Colonies, and by the proud desire of my Indian Army to be reckoned among the defenders of the British Empire, a desire justified by the soldierly qualities of the force recently quartered at Malta.

The spontaneous offers of troops made by many of the native Governments in India were very gratifying to me, and I recognise in them a fresh manifestation of that feeling towards my Crown and Person which has been displayed in many previous instances.

My relations with all foreign Powers continue to be friendly.

Although the condition of affairs in South Africa still affords some ground for anxiety, I have learnt with satisfaction from the reports of my civil and military officers that the more serious disturbances which had arisen among the native population on the frontiers of the Cape Colony are now terminated.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS,

I thank you for the Liberal supplies which you have voted for the public service.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

The Act which has been passed for amending and greatly simplifying the law relating to Factories and Workshops will, I trust, still further secure the health and education of those who are employed in them.

I have had much pleasure in giving my assent to a measure relating to the Contagious Diseases of Cattle, which, by affording additional securities against the introduction and spread of those diseases will tend to encourage the breeding of live stock in the country, and to increase the supply of food to my people.

You have amended the Law as to Highways in a manner which cannot but improve their classification and management, and at the same time relieve inequalities in the burden of their maintenance.

I trust that advantage will be taken of the means which you have provided for dividing Bishoprics in the more populous districts of the country, and thus increasing the efficiency of the Church.

I anticipate the best results from the wise arrangements which you have made for the encouragement of intermediate education in Ireland.

The measure for amending and consolidating the Public Health Laws in that country is well calculated to promote the important object at which it aims.

The measure passed in regard to Roads and Bridges in Scotland and for the abolition of Tolls will greatly improve the management of highways in that part of the United Kingdom; while the Acts relating to Education and to Endowed Schools and Hospitals cannot fail to extend the benefits of education and improve the administration of charitable endowments in that country.

In bidding you farewell, I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest on your recent labours and accompany you in the discharge of all your duties.

Obituary.

R.W. BRO. ROBERT BAGSHAW.

WE regret to have to chronicle the death of one of our oldest Provincial Grand Masters, which took place on Wednesday last. Bro. Bagshaw has for many years past been connected with Freemasonry, and has held the important position of Provincial Grand Master for Essex since December 1854. As our readers doubtless remember, his absence, through ill health, from all his Provincial Masonic meetings for some time past, has been a matter of deep regret to the Masons of his Province, who have never failed to express their sorrow at his continued illness. Bro. Bagshaw was Deputy Lieutenant for the county of Essex, and represented Harwich in the Liberal interest at the same time as his father did; the borough at that time returning two members.

THE THEATRES, &c.

THEATRE ROYAL, COVENT GARDEN.—PROMENADE CONCERT at 8.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7.30, LOVE IN HUMBLE LIFE AND QUEEN'S EVIDENCE.

STRAND.—At 7.30, OUR BITTEREST FOE. At 8.15, ENGAGED.

GAIETY.—THE GRASSHOPPER and LITTLE DOCTOR FAUST.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, A WHIRLIGIG. At 8.0, OUR BOYS, and A FEARFUL FOG.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 8.0, DIPLOMACY.

ADELPHI.—At 7.0, FARCE. At 7.45, PROOF, &c.

COURT.—At 8.0, OLIVIA.

LYCEUM.—At 7.30, FARCE. At 8.0, MARY WARNER.

OLYMPIC.—At 7.45, THE WOMAN OF THE PEOPLE, and CRAZED.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—This day, SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL. On Tuesday, FORESTERS' FETE. On Thursday, Firework Display, &c. Open daily, Aquarium, &c.

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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, 17th AUGUST.

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

614—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.

MONDAY, 19th AUGUST.

174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
448—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.)
1426—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
261—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
289—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
434—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1097—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1190—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1305—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Dover.
1538—Gooch, Prince Alfred Hotel, Southall.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1503—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 1061—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.

TUESDAY, 20th AUGUST.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
48—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.)
454—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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1430—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 200 Jewin-street. (Instruction.)
1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd, at 8. (In.)

212—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
245—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1008—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1278—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6.0. (Instruction.)
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 21st AUGUST.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
186—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
329—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8.(In.)
859—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1434—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1305—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

30—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
131—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
900—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
961—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
964—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
973—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
973—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
989—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
1040—Ryke, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1096—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Norton-on-Tees, Stockton.
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1465—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.
R.A. 461—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.

THURSDAY, 22nd AUGUST.

General Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
730—Panmure General Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
1430—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

205—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
564—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
794—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1506—Exmiaster, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1536—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 451—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.

FRIDAY, 23rd AUGUST.

House Committee, Boys' School, 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. (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.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1360—Harvey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1388—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1396—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1443—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Instruction.)
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1713—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
R. A. 690—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

SATURDAY, 24th AUGUST.

1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

WEDNESDAY.

1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
R. A. 367—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.

THURSDAY.

R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday evening last, 15th August, at 7.30. Present—Bros. De Silva W.M., Slaiter S.W., Maidwell J.W., Norden S.D., Dickenson J.D., Hunter I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed, Bro. Grammer acting as candidate. The first, second and third sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Webb, Bro. Turquand dictating the answers. Bro. Slaiter was elected W.M. for next Thursday, and the Lodge was closed.

Hermes Chapter, No. 77.—A regular Convocation was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Old Falcon, Gravesend, when the following Principals, Officers, &c., were present:—Comps. Cameron M.E.Z., E. C. Woodward H., Rev. P. M. Holden J., C. A. Cottebrane P.Z. Scribe E., T. Murley S.N., Hall P.S., Forstick 1st Asst., Kelso 2nd Asst., Brown Janitor. Visitors—Comps. Morrell, Beck, W. Stephens, H. C. Levander, C. Burrell, &c., &c. The Chapter having been formally opened, the ballot was taken for Bros. Docker and Coe. It proved successful, and those brethren were duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. Skilliter was elected a joining member. After routine business the Chapter was closed. The banquet was served in the worthy host's well known style, and greatly to the satisfaction of all present. The Loyal and R.A. toasts were fully honoured, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Met on Wednesday, 14th August, at the Railway Tavern, London-street E.C. Bro. F. Brown W.M., J. B. Biddle S.W., D. Moss J.W., Gotthell P.M., J. K. Pitt Sec., Sayer S.D., K. Harris I.G., G. H. Webb, Butcher, E. Kelt, D. Posener. The second ceremony was rehearsed, and one of the sections was worked. Bro. D. Posener W.M. Tranquillity, and P.M. Upton, begged to be allowed to rehearse the installation ceremony, as on the following evening it would be his duty to instal the W.M. of the Upton Lodge. The brethren having unanimously signified their assent, Bro. Brown at once vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Posener, who worked the ceremony in a masterly manner. A vote of thanks was passed to both the brethren, who briefly acknowledged the compliment. Great satisfaction was expressed at the announcement by Bro. Gotthell that Bro. John Constable, who had been seriously indisposed, had so far progressed towards recovery as to be able to venture upon his return voyage, and if all goes well, may be expected in London in the early part of next month. Bros. Butcher and Kelt were elected members, after which the Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Wednesday, the 21st instant, at seven p.m. precisely. On that occasion Bro. Biddle will preside.

Camden Lodge of Instruction, No. 704.—Held its weekly meeting on Monday, at the Red Cap, Camden Town. Present—Bros. Turner W.M., Cohen S.W., H. Slyman J.W., Rogers P.M. Treas., Sterne S.D.; Bros. Eldridge, Limebeer, Rickwood, Robinson, Morgan, &c. The Lodge was formally opened, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of the first degree. Bro. Turner then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Cohen, who rehearsed the ceremony of passing. The worthy Preceptor proposed that Bro. Morgan, who he was pleased to see as a visitor at their Lodge of Instruction, be made an honorary member. This was seconded and carried unanimously. After a brief acknowledgment from Bro. Morgan, reference was made to the late Bro. Kiel, who was a member of, and a constant attendant at this Lodge of Instruction. A vote of condo-

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lence was passed, and Bro. P.M. Eldridge kindly undertook to convey to the relatives this mark of the respect in which our deceased brother was held. After discussing some matters of interest the Lodge was closed. Bro. Cohen will preside on Monday next, and the Lodge will be opened at eight o'clock.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—Meeting held at Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday evening, 9th August. Present—Bros. Gunner (Hon. Sec.) W.M., Acworth S.W., Tucker (Treasurer) J.W., Costelow S.D., Gomm J.D., Blasby I.G., Roe I.P.M. and Prec., Kyezor, E. Eydmann, Botley, Sharp, Talbot, &c. Lodge was duly opened, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Sharp candidate. Bro. E. Eydmann answered the questions leading to the third degree. The Lodge then resumed to first degree, and the brethren were called off. After a short interval labour, was resumed, and a useful discussion ensued on some matters of detail, much to the edification and instruction of the brethren. Upon the proposition of Bro. Roe, seconded by Bro. Kyezor, a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the W.M. for the able and impressive manner in which he had conducted the proceedings. Bro. Gunner heartily thanked the brethren for their encouragement; he trusted, by patient study and careful attention, to acquire still higher Masonic knowledge. He felt a peculiar pride in occupying his present honourable position among so many old and tried brethren; he would always endeavour to merit their confidence. Bro. Acworth was elected W.M. for the succeeding Friday evening, and in a few well-chosen words accepted the post, and appointed his Officers. With due observance of ancient usage and custom, Lodge was then closed in harmony, and adjourned till 16th August at half-past seven.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday evening, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Forss W.M., Slaiter S.W., Gilham J.W., Hunt S.D., M. Christian J.D., Wardell I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Brasted, Allen, Finch, Weige, C. Lorkin, J. Lorkin, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Borer answered the questions leading to the 2nd degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and regularly closed down, when Bro. C. Lorkin worked the 2nd and 3rd sections of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Slaiter will preside next week.

Hartington Lodge, No. 1085, Derby.—The usual monthly meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at the Derbyshire Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, 7th August. Present—Bros. G. Pipes W.M., J. O. Manton as S.W., W. B. Hextall J.W., W. Butterfield as Secretary, S. Steele S.D., C. D. Hart as J.D., T. Day as I.G. Past Masters S. Pipes P.P.S.G.D., and J. Worsnop P.P.G.P., and a number of other brethren, including Visitors W. F. Cox P.M. Hartington No. 1021 (Barrow-in-Furness), G. T. Wright P.M. 731 and P.P.J.G.W. Derbyshire, J. R. Hudson 859, J. H. Richardson 940, and Wm. Johnson. The opening business having been disposed of, the ballot was taken for Mr. Henry Carr, Superintendent of the Midland Railway Detective Department, and found clear; the Lodge was then advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Baxter tested as to his eligibility for the third; the result of the test being satisfactory he retired. The Lodge was then advanced to the third degree, Bro. Baxter was re-admitted, and raised in solemn form. The S.W. afterwards delivered the charge relating to the third degree to Bros. Hefford, Arnold, and Baxter. The Lodge being lowered by successive stages to the first, the W.M. made the usual enquiries, and the name of another candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry was submitted. This finishing the work of the evening the Lodge was adjourned until 4th September. It was a matter of mutual congratulation amongst the brethren that, notwithstanding the fact that August was a general holiday month, the attendance was a good average one, and although several of the regular Officers were absent, taking advantage of the season, the ceremonies had been most successfully performed, auguring a continued prosperity for the Lodge.

Lewis Chapter, No. 1185.—A little more than two years since we chronicled the consecration of this Chapter, which event took place in June 1876, under especially favourable circumstances. Since then the progress made has been eminently satisfactory; the principal chairs have been filled by Companions who have made the R.A. Ritual their study, and the Chapter generally has secured a reputation for the careful and correct manner in which the business is always conducted. Saturday, the 10th inst., was the day fixed for the installation of Principals for the year, and the induction of the Officers. The Chapter was opened at 3 o'clock, when the following were present:—Comps. G. J. Row M.E.Z., A. Durrant H., George Newman J., Arthur Leared P.Z. S.E., James W. Berrie S.N., H. T. Thompson 1st Sojourner, T. C. Speight Janitor; Comps. T. B. Goodfellow, Geo. Powell, Kennett Harris, William Sayer, Thos. W. Bono, A. B. Gomm, Frederick Binckes. Visitors—Herbert J. Adam Z. 11, Henry Garrod P.Z. 507, W. W. Morgan 141. The minutes of the last Convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for three candidates for exaltation, viz., Bros. Francis Knight, the Rev. Richard Morris, and Thomas Howes Turner, all of the Lewis Lodge. It proved satisfactory in each case, but in consequence of the holiday season, and from other causes, neither of the candidates was able to be present. Comp. John Jeffery Drake, of the Benevolent Chapter No. 303, was elected a joining member. The ceremony of installing the Principals was then performed by Comp. H. Garrod P.Z. 507, who placed in their respective Chairs Comps. A. Durrant M.E.Z., George Newman P.Z. H., J. Berrie J. The appointment of Officers then took place: Comps. Arthur Leared P.Z., S.E., E. B. Grabham S.N., H. T. Thompson Principal Sojourner, and Crowther and Goodfellow as Assistants, T. C. Speight (re-elected) Janitor. Home matters were then discussed, and one or two alterations in the bye-laws, of which notice had been regularly given, were agreed to, and the Chapter was closed. After dinner, which was very well served, Comp. Durrant, who presided, introduced the customary Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. Row I.P.Z. proposed the health of the Most Excellent, whom he designated as a painstaking and most worthy Companion. He referred to the happy time enjoyed by the Chapter, not only during his own year of office, but also during that of the first M.E.Z., Comp. Leared. He trusted nothing might arise to mar the good feeling that existed, and concluded by calling on all present to drink the toast and wish Comp. Durrant a prosperous year. Comp. Durrant thanked the I.P.Z. for so kindly introducing the toast. He remarked that the more he saw of human nature the more he realised his own weakness. However, of this he was assured,—that in the members of his Chapter he was surrounded by a capital set of fellows, who would strive might and main to please each other. They could never expect to go through the world without giving offence, but from this no serious result could be anticipated if they remained united. For his part, he would do all he could to promote the welfare of the Chapter, and fully realised the importance attaching to the proper carrying out of the duties that devolved on him. He concluded by reiterating their wish for a happy and successful year. The M.E.Z. then proposed the health of the Installing Principal. He described Comp. Garrod as a worthy Mason, and thoroughly competent to carry out any duty he undertook. Comp. Garrod in replying said, that after the kindness shewn him in Chapter, by offering him so cordial a vote of thanks for the little service he had been able to render, he hardly thought any further compliment was needed. Nevertheless, he appreciated this kindness, and would certainly make a note of the invitation the Comps. had given him to be present at their next installation meeting. In responding to the toast of the Charities, in giving which Bro. Durrant had gracefully alluded to the energy displayed by Bro. Fred. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' School, that brother gave a retrospect of the progress made by Freemasonry in the district of Wood Green since the Boys' School had been established there. He referred to the foundation of the Lewis Lodge, of which he had the honour to be the first W.M. In the Lewis Lodge he had initiated many a good brother who had since displayed a warm interest in our Institutions. On the formation of the Lewis Chapter, it had been especially gratifying to him to know that one of his own initiates was selected to fill the First Principal's Chair. When from a Lodge it is found desirable to establish a Chapter, it is a sure sign of prosperity. He was much obliged to the Most Excellent for the kind things he had said in regard to his labours during the last 25 years. On looking back he could remember when his sympathies were more in favour with the Girls' School than with that of the Boys, but his zeal was at length awakened owing to the solicitations of the Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, and now all present knew the position held by the Institution he had the honour to represent. He then referred to the position Comp. Row now held on the House Committee, while others present were aspiring to similar office. He was proud to see them aspiring, and assured them for his own part he never felt so satisfied as when he could look back on a day when he could record that he had done something towards advancing the welfare of the Charities, something that met with the approval of the great body to which we belong. The remaining toasts comprised the Press, responded to by Comp. Morgan; the P.Z.'s of the Chapter, to which Comps. Leared and Row replied; the H. and J.,—the M.E.Z. here remarking that when a commander has good subalterns his duties are much lightened; no better Officers could have been selected than Comps. Newman and Berrie; both were desirous to do their work, and of their capabilities there could not be any question. After a reply from each, the M.E.Z. gave the other Officers, and then the Janitor was summoned. The various toasts were interspersed by some capital songs and recitations, Comp. Garrod gave a humourous account of the arrival of a quack doctor at Dover; Comp. Harris gave in admirable style one of the Percy Legends; Comps. Thompson and Morgan also favoured the company.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held its meeting at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 9th inst. Bros. Richmond W.M., Serjeant S.W., Francis J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Hine I.G., also Bros. Woolley, Bolton, &c. Lodge was opened. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Woolley who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in a very able manner; Bro. Richmond as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Woolley of the Wanderers Lodge, No. 1604, and Francis of the Guelph Lodge, No. 1685, were elected members. Bro. Serjeant was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction.—Held at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday, 12th August, at 7.30. Present—Bros. P.M. Turquand W.M., Aspinall S.W., E. Bishop J.W., McDowall S.D., Garrod J.D., Mann I.G., P.M. Stephens Preceptor, Slaiter Secretary; also Bros. Trewinnard, Lockett, J. Lorkin, Jacob, Cracknell, P.M. McPherson, and other brethren. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and after the usual preliminary business the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Lockett being candidate. Bro. Garrod answered the questions leading from the degree of Fellow Craft to that of Master Mason, and was duly entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the W.M. impressively worked the ceremony of raising, giving the Traditional History. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and a cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Turquand for the great pleasure and instruction he had afforded the brethren by his able and finished working of the ceremonies. Bros.

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P.M.'s Turquand and McPherson were elected members, and Bro. Aspinall selected W.M. for the ensuing two weeks. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form with prayer, and adjourned to Monday, 18th August, at 7.30.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602. Held at Bro. Wood's, Crown and Woolpack, St. John Street-road, on Tuesday, the 13th inst. Bros. Hallam jun. W.M., Hallam sen. S.W., Trewinnard J.W., W. Rowley S.D., Gibbs J.D., Rimell I.G., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner acting Sec.; also Bros. Wood, Huggins, Hirst, F. Goode, Isaac, &c. All preliminaries having been duly observed, ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in a manner which showed marked improvement, Bro. Huggins was the candidate. The same candidate proved his efficiency and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Pearcy worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Pearcy worked the fourth section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hallam sen. was elected W.M. for the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Queen's Hotel, York, on Monday. Present—Bros. T. B. Whytehead W.M., T. Cooper I.P.M., J. S. Cumberland S.W., G. Balmford P.M. as J.W., J. Kay Sec., A. T. B. Turner as S.D., J. T. Seller J.D., M. Millington I.G., G. Simpson M.C., G. H. Simpson as Org., P. Pearson Tyler, P. H. Rowland P.M., J. E. Wilkinson, J. P. Husband, J. Lackenby, Hill, Leah, &c. Amongst the visitors were Bro. C. F. Matier P.M., C. Foster P.M.; Gibson, &c. A successful ballot was taken for a candidate, and Bros. Harrison, Hebblethwaite and Blackstone were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons by the W.M., the tools being given by Bro. Turner, and the charge by Bro. Millington. The W.M. then reduced the Lodge to the first degree, and said he wished to take the earliest opportunity of thanking those brethren who had rallied round him so well on the occasion of the late American reception in York, and he especially wished to acknowledge gratefully in open Lodge the valuable services of Bro. J. S. Cumberland, without whose aid he could never have brought matters to so successful an issue as they had attained. The W.M. then presented to the Lodge, in the name of Bro. Husband, a very valuable series of photographs of the cathedrals and abbeys of England, which he said would form a really valuable collection, and was of great archæological interest. On behalf of Bro. Turner, he also presented a curious old work on religions, which had in it many points of Masonic interest, and which would be of value to the Lodge library. Cordial votes of thanks were passed to Bros. Husband and Turner for their gifts, and Bro. Husband said he had received a most gratifying letter from one of their American visitors, in which he had referred to the gratification which had been afforded them by their reception in York by the Eboracum Lodge. The W.M. requested the Secretary to make a note of the fact, and added that when he had the pleasure of meeting the Americans at the London Banquet they had, many of them, expressed to him their very great surprise and pleasure at the magnificent manner in which they had been received by the Knight Templar Preceptory and the brethren of the Eboracum Lodge, and had said that, in the whole of their pilgrimage experiences, the day at York would stand out prominently as one of especial memory. The W.M. then proposed as a joining member Bro. R. W. Hollon P.M. 236 and P.G. Treasurer for N. and E. Yorkshire, at the same time saying that he had great pleasure in performing this office, as Bro. Hollon had shown, since the formation of the Lodge, a sincere desire for its welfare, and had, on more than one occasion, presented valuable Masonic engravings. The name of a candidate for Freemasonry was then proposed, and the Lodge was closed in ancient form. The brethren afterwards met at refreshment, and a few of the leading toasts were duly honoured. The loving cup was passed round the table, and Prosperity to the Eboracum Lodge was drunk with enthusiasm, the W.M. reminding the brethren that they had just passed the second anniversary of their consecration, and had witnessed a success which at that date they little dreamed of. In replying to The Visitors, Bro. C. F Matier congratulated the Lodge upon the high reputation which it had already gained, both for charity and hospitality, and also upon the perfection of its working.

Unity Lodge, No. 1637.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday, the 10th August, at the De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton. The business comprised the election of Master for the ensuing year, the result proving in favour of Bro. W. Stephens. Bro. Woodward was re-elected Treasurer.

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JAMAICA.

Phœnix Lodge, No. 914, Port Royal, Jamaica.—In our issue of 1st June, we reported that the district Grand Master of East Jamaica had issued instructions that a fresh election for Master must take place in June. Bro G. P. Myers, having then served twelve months, an election took place in June, when he was duly elected. The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on 4th July, when the following Officers presided:—Wor. L. C. Hollar Master, Bros. G. P. Myers S.W., John Hall J.W., J. S. Campbell Sec., R. Thompson Treasurer, W. J. J. Rutherford S.D., G. Sexton J.D., J. Allen I.G., F. Holme Tyler. Bro. G. P. Myers, Master elect, was then installed as Master for the ensuing year, and he then invested the following Officers:—Bros. Dr. J. Tyndall R.N. S.W., W. B. Hanna J.W., G. Baylis Sec., J. S. Campbell Treasurer, H. Campbell S.D., J. Gibson J.D., H. Barned I.G., F. W. Hollar Tyler. The following P.M.'s were present, and a goodly number of visiting brethren of the Sister Lodges:—Wor. J. Cole Hollar I.P.M. as Installing Officer, assisted by Wor. David Barned, J. Alvanya, Henry Barned, and B. M. Diaz. On account of the able and pleasing manner in which the duties of the past year had been conducted by Wor. L. Cole Hollar, it was proposed and carried unanimously, "That a testimonial in the shape of a P.M.'s jewel be presented to the Immediate Past Master, and a committee was appointed to prepare an address to be presented, accompanied by the jewel." Other business was then transacted. The brethren and friends retired to a well spread banquet, where ample justice was done, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to, especially the toast on behalf of our District Grand Master of East Jamaica, the Right Wor. Hon. Dr. Hamilton, who was prevented from attendance by an unforeseen occurrence. This being the only Lodge in the town of Port Royal, and being especially for the use of the Navy and Army, was well attended by brethren of those Services.

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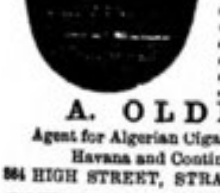
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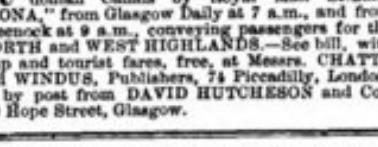
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TAKING THE BALLOT.

ONE of the most important requirements of Freemasonry is, that every candidate for its mysteries shall be, so to speak, unanimously received by the members of the Lodge in which it is proposed he shall be initiated. The importance attached to this regulation may be inferred from the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge, which lay it down that "no person can be made a Mason in, or admitted a member of a lodge, if, on the ballot, three black balls appear against him." Even this rule is, in many instances made more stringent still by the Bye-laws of the Lodge stipulating that two, and not unfrequently even one negative, shall reject a candidate. The necessity for so much caution no one can question, neither that too much care can be exercised by the Master of a Lodge in seeing the ballot carefully and properly taken when required. The very fact of the ballot being made use of implies that some amount of secrecy as to the voting of individual members is desirable, and the maintenance of this secrecy, when unfortunately it is found necessary to reject a candidate, is one of the most difficult parts of a Master's duty. We are of opinion that the rejection of a proposed candidate should never be put off until the ballot, but that any brother opposing should at once see the proposer, or if that be inconvenient, should write either to him or the Master of the Lodge, specifying his objections, and asking for their consideration. Should an explanation be given, he will doubtless give way, but if not, it is better to withdraw the nomination than run the risk of an unfavourable ballot, which is often looked upon as a stain on a man's character likely to hang to him for a considerable time. Again, in many cases the proposer and seconder take the rejection of their proposition as a personal insult, and often speak to members who they imagine have opposed them in terms which, on consideration, they are anxious to withdraw. If the secrecy of the ballot was maintained in its integrity very little of this could occur. In many cases the means adopted for ascertaining the opinion of the members is for one of the Deacons to take the ballot box round that each may record his vote. This we consider a most objectionable mode of proceeding, for, if the brother who carries the box cares, either from curiosity or design, to know how each has voted, there are several ways by which he can accomplish his desire. We think it is quite unnecessary for us to detail the methods which might be pursued with this object in view, as we know we are far from being singular in noticing its occurrence. In our opinion the ballot box should be placed either on one of the pedestals or on the Secretary's table, and each brother should be required to go to the box to record his vote. The carrying out of this arrangement might lead to some confusion at first, but in a short time it would be carried out as easily as is a division in the House of Commons. This mode would also relieve the Deacon, or whoever carries the box from the suspicion which, on occasions of unfavourable ballot often attaches to him, of having given a list of the negative voters; for, whether he may have done so or not, he generally has the credit of having obtained a knowledge of the dissentients, and of having given their names to the parties who consider themselves aggrieved. It seems certain that the makers of ballot boxes, as in the case of many other articles, are ignorant of the requirements or uses of their wares, otherwise we should think they would adopt some better arrangement. We lately witnessed an occurrence, the details of which may be of service in support of our argument that the Ballot-box should be stationary. On this occasion the box used was one of the most approved form, and altogether a good looking piece of Lodge furniture; it had one drawer for reception of the balls; this was divided by a small partition into two divisions, one for the favourable, another for the unfavourable votes; the bottom and division of this drawer were covered with baize, *but the ends were not;* therefore, by holding the box slightly on the slant, a negative ball (which was required to be placed to the right) would have fallen against the bare wood at the end, and consequently have sounded loudly, while an affirmative one from the same cause would fall against the cloth covered division and would not make so loud a sound as the other. We do not for one moment think that the Brother who took the box round on this occasion had any idea that he was allowing this exposure of the voting to occur, especially as the candidate was so favourably known as to leave no doubt as to his reception, still one or two of the brethren present noticed that the position of the box could have been made use of in obtaining a knowledge of the voting, and did not fail to express their opinion on the subject. Our Grand Secretary, and most of the brethren who have lately performed the ceremony of consecration have never failed to point out the importance of admitting only good men to our Lodges, and in the furtherance of this object, have urged brethren to make strict inquiry into the character of all proposed for initiation. The ballot is the one sure way we have of expressing our opinion after such inquiries, and on that account should be jealously guarded against any abuse which might arise to rob it of its power.

MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 61.)

A GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

For he is gracious . . . . .
He hath a tear for pity, and a hand
Open as day for melting charity.

BUT little is needed in the way of introduction in the case of the brother whose portrait we present to our readers this week. It is a simple truism that there are Masons and Masons. There are those who think that when they take a place in our ranks they are conferring honour upon the Craft. They give the widest and most liberal interpretation possible to the rule which requires them not to make any undue sacrifices in the cause of Freemasonry such as may be detrimental to their own interests. They consider this gives them the utmost latitude in attending or not attending the duties of the Lodge. They are present occasionally, when perhaps they can find no other business to occupy their leisure time, and when they do so, they manage to let it be understood that the sacrifice of time and trouble under the circumstances is very considerable. Others again are very ambitious of high office, and have no objection to rise through the subordinate grades so as to qualify for the chair of the Lodge, provided they are not called upon to interest themselves to any serious extent in the duties and responsibilities they incur. Masonry, in the estimation of these, is a kind of amusement which it may be worth while to indulge in, provided only the indulgence involves no additional trouble. These are holiday Masons, of whom unhappily we have many in the ranks, and whose number it were very desirable in the true interests of the Craft should be reduced. On the other hand, there are those

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who join our Fraternity with the full intention of doing to their utmost ability whatsoever may be required of them. If they are invited to take office, be it never so humble, they do so with a determination to leave no stone unturned in order to make themselves as perfect as possible in their duties. They would not feel justified in aspiring to a higher and more responsible position in the Lodge until they were well satisfied of their competency to fulfil the inferior. This view they take because, instead of regarding themselves as ornaments to the Craft, they hold that a great distinction was conferred upon them when they were received into the Society, and they are resolved to show they were fully worthy of such distinction. To this class belongs the excellent Brother whom, for reasons which will be noted hereafter, we have designated "A Grand Superintendent." To have expected that he would range himself in any other class than that of the earnest Craftsman, would have been to render him a serious injustice. He is one who, in all his undertakings, has laboured assiduously and earnestly, and in this respect he may be said to have followed the example of the Great Duke of Wellington, whose maxim through life was that every one should do his duty. Others might adventure themselves in difficult undertakings to win glory and the applause of nations, but, in the opinion of that illustrious soldier, the only worthy guide for men to follow was "Duty." This appears to have been the case with our distinguished brother. He has laboured zealously and always to fulfil his duty, and the result is that he has won for himself a substantial position in all the avocations he has followed. He is the Chairman of one of our greatest and most important Railway Companies, of a Telegraph Company, and of the Great Eastern Steam Ship, and is a director of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company. Twelve years since a baronetcy was conferred upon him for his distinguished services in connection with the Atlantic Telegraph Company. During his absence from England, when engaged in laying the Atlantic Cable of 1865, he was chosen Member of Parliament for the borough of Cricklade, and has been re-elected at the different elections which have been held since that year. He is not a frequent speaker in the Commons, but there are few, if any, members who are more competent to deal with those questions which concern directly our enormous Railway and Telegraph interests. He is, likewise, or was, one of the Trades Union Commissioners, and is Deputy Lieutenant of the County in which he resides. That he has successfully filled the important positions we have enumerated is beyond question, and equally so that in order to have so filled them he must possess mental and business powers of no ordinary calibre. With this experience to guide them, our readers will conclude as a matter of course that his Masonic career is in all respects as distinguished, and there is no doubt the conclusion is a just one. Our worthy brother was initiated in the month of February 1850 in the St. George's Lodge, No. 112, Exeter. In 1853 he was chosen to fill the chair of the Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, No. 355, Swindon, of which, in the meantime, he had become a joining member. During his term of office he initiated, passed, and raised twenty-eight candidates. Such indeed was the general estimation in which he was held, not only in his Province, but throughout the Craft generally, that during this same year he was appointed Deputy Prov. G. Master of Wiltshire, and a member of the Board of General Purposes, while in 1854 the further honour was conferred upon him of re-electing him Master of the Royal Sussex. He was subsequently chosen Master of the Lansdowne Lodge of Unity, No. 626, Calne, of the Britannic, No. 33, and of the Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, and during these three Masterships, and his second of No. 355, he initiated, passed, and raised as many as thirty-nine candidates, the total of those he has introduced to one or other of the degrees being no less than eighty. In 1858, he was not only elected Worshipful Master of the Methuen Lodge, No. 631, Swindon, but his Provincial services were recognised in Grand Lodge by his appointment to the office of Grand Sword Bearer. In 1868 he was appointed by the late Earl of Zetland to be the Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, and prior to his quitting the Province of Wilts, with which he had been prominently connected for so many years, he was entertained at a banquet at Chippenham, at which Lord Methuen, the Prov. G. Master, presided. On this occasion he was presented with his full regalia as Prov. G. Master, his Wilts brethren having subscribed amongst them about £100 for that purpose. The exalted office to which he was then appointed has been held by him for ten years. His administration of the Province has been attended with results most satisfactory to the interests of the Craft. The number of Lodges and members has been doubled, and whereas, previous to his appointment to the post nothing was done by the Province as such towards any of our great central Charities, it now takes a leading part in contributing to the needs of these Institutions. This is due to his exertions entirely, for almost his first act was to take measures for organising a scheme for raising contributions, and during his tenure of office, Berks and Bucks, both as a Province and by the impetus given to private subscription, has figured liberally and most regularly at our Charitable Festivals.

Such have been the services of our hero in Craft Masonry, but they are far from being the sum of his achievements. Is he not Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry in his own Province? and does he not figure in the list of those distinguished brethren who have taken the Mark, Templar, and High Degrees? But to give particulars. In 1851, he was advanced to the Mark Degree, in the Bon Accord Lodge, in the Metropolis, and subsequently held various offices. The same year he was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree, in St. George's Chapter, No. 112, Exeter, and received the Knight Templar Degree in the Rougemont or Union Encampment, No. 39, Exeter. In 1852 he took the Rose Croix and Ne Plus Ultra degrees in Exeter, and that of G.E.K.K., 30° and intermediate degrees in London. In 1856 he was installed First Principal in Moriah Chapter, No. 9, and during his tenure of office exalted three candidates, while as Z. of the Wiltshire, No. 355, he exalted not less than ten candidates. In 1858 he was appointed Grand Sword Bearer in Grand Chapter, holding this post of distinction in the Arch concurrently with the same office in Grand Lodge or Craft Masonry. In 1861, he was elected First Principal of the Britannic Chapter, No. 33, and lastly, and by way of putting the Keystone to the Arch of his reputation and the distinctions he had attained, he was, in 1875, installed as Grand Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Berks and Bucks. It should further be mentioned that he has personally conducted the ceremony of consecration in the case of the following Lodges, namely, Methuen Lodge, No. 631, formerly of Swindon, but since migrated to Taplow, Bucks; Canonbury Lodge, No. 657, London; Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663, Devizes; and Lodge of Concord, No. 632, Trowbridge. As regards the part he has taken and the interest he has exhibited in connection with our Institutions, it is necessary we should point out that in 1852 he served on the Select Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and that in 1855 he served on the Committee of the Institution for Girls. He is a Life Governor of these Schools, and has served one Stewardship for each of them; while as regards the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he is a Vice-President, and took the chair at one of its Festivals. Thus in all respects he has fulfilled his duties scrupulously and conscientiously. The Provincial interests entrusted to his care and superintendence have been well watched over and promoted. As a Lodge officer, he has done his work admirably, and in a manner which has secured him the love and approbation of all who have been associated or brought into contact with him. As a Mason pure and simple, he has handsomely fulfilled the obligations he contracted during the ordeal of initiation; he has extended the right hand of fellowship to his brethren, and has freely bestowed that assistance which the necessitous of our Order or their orphan children have stood in need. He has taken a prominent part in the government of two of our three Institutions, while, if we view him in his Parliamentary and business capacity, we see him still devoting all his experience and the powers of his able mind to carefully superintend and guide the interests of important railway and other companies. Rightly under these circumstances have we named him A Grand Superintendent, for has he not discharged that duty? is he not now discharging it, both in his civil and Masonic capacities? Shall anything be said of his private worth? No; let the curious in these matters visit any of the Lodges in his present or former Province, and they will learn immediately what we might, yet do not consider it expedient to say of him in the columns of a public journal. All we need do is give utterance to a wish—and we do so in all sincerity—May the day be very far distant indeed when his place in Parliament, in public or private life, and in Masonry, shall know him no more!

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MASONRY A UNIVERSAL RELIGION.

AN ORATION DELIVERED BEFORE THE GRAND LODGE OF IOWA OF A. F. AND A. M., CEDAR RAPIDS, 6TH JUNE 1878.

BY L. D. LEWELLING.

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"Better for us, perhaps, it might appear,
Were there all harmony, all virtue here;
That never air nor ocean felt the wind,
That never passions discomposed the mind.
But all subsists by elemental strife,
And passions are the elements of life."

The natural tendency of the race is toward perfection, and from Adam till now it has continually, though it may be slowly, progressed. When Adam was placed in the garden he was innocent; and I do no violence to his feelings if I say he lacked the knowledge to be mean. He was innocent, but he was not strong. He was innocent, but he lacked the knowledge which is power. He was a babe in the great world; and the embodiment of innocence to-day is the sleeping babe in its cradle; but how much greater is man.

I tell you there is nothing, among all God's creatures, to equal the dignity of manhood. Man, with a mind capable of subduing earth; man, who can grasp the lightning and make it do his bidding; man, whose soul is a spark of divinity, and whose destiny is high as heaven, and vast as eternity; and when a man carries about in his bosom a great, warm heart, throbbing with love for wife and children, and home and fellow-men; and when he struggles on and on through the mystery of pain and sorrow for the development of his race, he is as much superior to the Adam of his race as a suit of broadcloth is superior to an apron of fig leaves.

What then? Only this: the human race has been a developing race. The law of development was implanted in the nature of the first Adam, and it impelled him to pluck the first fruit from the tree of knowledge; and ever since he has been going on through strife and pain toward ultimate perfection. I do not believe the world is growing worse every day; and when a man tells me it is, I set it down that he is a sour and crusty cynic, and, ten to one, an old bachelor.

I do not believe the race is going to the bad. We have had our dark ages, our ages of persecution and intolerance; but then men had no charity for different views, and so they bound men on the rack, and delivered them over to exquisite torture. Hundreds of men were murdered for refusing to believe that portions of bread and wine, made by the bakers and brewers of London, were the real body and blood of Christ. Men and women were bound to stakes by chains, fagots of wood piled high around them and touched with fire, and then, as they writhed in anguish, and as the flames rose higher, and the flesh crisped, and the tendons cracked, men stood back and viewed the scene with infinite satisfaction.

The wing of an angel was shown, which was said to have brought over from Jerusalem the point of the spear which pierced the body of Jesus, and men were punished who refused to believe the story.

A queer notion arose, and it is believed to-day, that it was wrong to eat meat on certain days; and four men, who had eaten a goose, were actually hung for the enormity of the crime!

Well, all that was what people call too much of a good thing! It was the excess, the over-doing, the excrescence of Christianity. Did it ever occur to you that the only sins of men are their extremes—their excesses?

There is no unnecessary machinery in man. His original faculties are all for a purpose, and good. Destroy a single faculty of a man's brain, and you destroy the equipoise; develop a single faculty to excess, and you also destroy the equipoise.

Add a single mountain on one side of the nicely poised earth, and away the world would go shrieking through the universe, like Phaeton in the chariot of the sun-god. Take away a single mountain from California or Vermont, and the result would be the same.

Develop a single faculty of man's brain to excess, and it carries him away to destruction. Take away the animal inclinations from man, says Henry Ward Beecher, and he is like an organ without a bellows. How appropriate the Masonic symbol, the compass, which circumscribes and keep the passions within due bounds. Inside the mystic circle all is well, but when one faculty breaks the boundary line the harmony is destroyed.

A judge once sentenced a murderer as follows: "Samuel N. Poston: This is is the saddest era of my life. Our parents and their children knew each other. We grew up together; went to the same school; played upon hill and in valley the same innocent games in boyhood. Years have passed since then; our roads in life have diverged. You now stand convicted of a great, a capital offence; and I, as the minister of the law, have imposed upon me the painful duty of passing upon you the sentence of death. I would that this cup might pass from me, but I cannot shrink from the official requirement. It is, therefore, the order of the court that you be taken within one mile of the court-house, there to be hanged by the neck until you are dead, and may the Lord have mercy on your soul."

It was an affecting scene. The judge was in tears; a groan ran through the assembly. The prisoner, trembling like an aspen leaf, grasped a chair for support, and who shall depict the intense agony that wrung his heart as he remembered the innocence of his boyish days? Why had he fallen? Ask the sturdy oak, whose top is overgrown, why it writhes and falls 'neath the driving tempest! Ask Peter why he cursed the Saviour of the world, and declared, "I know him not!"

Many a drunkard, excepting the one deformity of character, is an exemplary and noble man, but he is a victim to the excessive development of a group of faculties. I mean to offer no apology for drunkenness, but, on the contrary, I stand before you to-day to condemn it, as blasting and imbruting to man's nature; yet, for all that, a drunkard is a man. The great Charles Dickens once wrote, "In the human heart, away up a great many pairs of stairs, covered with the dust and cobwebs of years, was a door, and on that door was written WOMAN;" and so with the drunkard, there is a door upon which is written MAN.

I once knew a man whose genial, social nature was a perpetual gleam of sunshine in his household, and among his friends. Men loved and honored him, and yet he had a darling vice; his free, convivial nature, which won him hosts of admiring friends, was at the same time his deadliest enemy. He did not drink to drown sorrow; no green-eyed monster sat upon his hearth-stone—he knew no trouble there; but he loved company and mirth and wine, and when once he had felt their exhilarating influence his passion knew no bounds. Time wore on; his eyes reddened, and weakened, and watered. Once, twice, many times, he resolved to leave off his intemperate habits. What of that? good resolutions cast aside are common-place objects on the road to eternal death; and so he drank again. On one occasion, recovering from a week's debauch, his aged mother called him to her, and bade him promise once more, and in deeper earnest. The large-hearted man fell upon his knees, and as the great scalding tears found a channel for their flow, he promised in the witness of his God that he would reform. Alas! he had struggled up to this height but to fall again; each time turning with greater loathing from his debaucheries; each time repentant and full of self-condemnation, but still powerless to resist the sparkling temptation, when it gave its colour in the cup. In his sober moments the man was a model for Christians, ever attentive to the cry of suffering humanity; the sick and afflicted found relief by his presence, and the poor rose and called him blessed. And now, when he stands before the pearl gates, with many who have named the name of the Lord, shall it not also be said of him, "Inasmuch as he did it unto the least of these, he did it unto me?" Ah! my friends, there is a close alliance between the man of God and the man of sin. The very noblest attributes of our natures, possessed in excess, stamp us with condemnation. The passion which gives us courage to defend the truth against error is the same that ostracises a brother for his honest opinion. The spirit of fearless independence which marks the good leaders of men is the same that actuates the bold outlaw and prompts the fearless murderer. Alas! for man's excesses! Alas! for human offences against law and order and charity and life.

But if it must needs be that offences come—if the "Great Plan" required that some man should become a Judas, and some man a Pilate; that some man should smite and spit upon the Son of God, and that another should thrust the spear into his side—if the plan required the sacrifice of the life of Jesus, and that men should thus become the wicked instruments to further the ends of Divinity—who shall say that the whole plan for the ultimate development of the race did not permit this crime and that excess—this ism and that ology—that their clashing interests might goad the race to superior attainments. "A hundred pieces of unshaped stone, roughly jostled in a bay, became beautified and polished marbles;" and so the jostlings of man against man—his adversity, his prosperity, his mystery of pain and sorrow—has been his moral discipline, under which he has grown stronger, and greater, and grander. If it must needs be that offences come, it remains for you and for me to struggle on through their purifying influences—through the sad results of men's excesses—profiting by the experience of the race; profiting by the history of individual lives, subduing our passions, developing our manhood; trusting and believing that the persecutions and intolerance of the past have been the bitter medicines of common good.

But the patient is convalescent now, and I stand here to-day as one of the doctors, to declare that we don't need any more of that kind of medicine. We don't need any more intolerant pills; we don't need any more inquisitions; we don't need any more thumb-screws, and chains, and fagots, and we don't need any more doctors of the old school, who think all these appliances are necessary. But what we do need is charity—charity for men with different opinions—charity in word and deed—charity which vaunteth not itself, and is not puffed up—charity which suffereth long, and is kind. This is the pure philosophy of Masonry; this is the corner-stone of religion—the Christ in man—the stone which the builders of faiths have too often rejected.

And now, brethren, to conclude: I have tried to illustrate that there is a principle in man which urges him to perfection; that in all progress old things must pass away, and give place to new; that the friction incident to such change is the great instrument of man's development; that this friction, unrestrained, may become excessive, and result in violence and crime; that man, as a moral agent, is in the fullest sense, responsible for his excesses; but that, seen as God sees, vice and crime, which are the excesses of men, are only offshoots from the direct line of human progress, which stretches from the cradle of the race far into the unborn future. I conclude, therefore, that it is the duty of all men, and especially of Masons, for the sake of human progress, for the sake of human happiness and ultimate human perfection, to subdue their passions; to walk uprightly in their several stations before God and man; to square their actions by the square of truth and virtue; and, above all, to practise charity toward all men, while all are travelling together upon the level of time to that undiscovered country, from whose bourne no traveller returns.

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THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

BRO. R. F. GOULD.

(Continued from page 118.)

LIST No. 9.

	List of Lodges 1739* (Pine).		Constituted.
1	Kings' Arms	St. Paul's Church Yard	
2			
3	Horn	Westminster	
4	Shakespear's Head	Marlborough Street	17th Jan. 1722
5	Crown	Behind the Royal Exchange	11th July 1721
6	Braund's Head	New Bond Street	19th Jan. 1722
7	Rummer	Queen Street, Cheapside	28th Jan. 1722
8	King's Arms	Temple Bar	25th April 1722
9	Red Cross Barr	Barbican	May 1722
10	King's Arms	New Bond Street	25th Nov. 1722
11	Queen's Head	Knave's Acre	27th Feb. 172¾
12	Castle	Drury Lane	No date
13	Bury's Coffee House	Bridges Street	28th Mar. 1723

	List of Lodges 1740* (Pine).		Constituted.
1	King's Arms	St. Paul's Church Yard	
2	Horn	Westminster	
3	Crown	Behind the Royal Exchange	11th July 1721
4	Shakespear's Head	Marlborough St.	17th Jan. 1721
5	Braund's Head	New Bond Street	19th Jan. 1721
6	Rummer	Queen's St. Cheapside	28th Jan. 1721
7	King's Arms	Temple Bar	25th April 1722
8	Red Cross Barr	Barbican	May 1722
9	King's Arms	New Bond Street	25th Nov. 1722
10	George and Dragon	Portland St. Oxford Market	27th Feb. 1722
11	Crown	New Crane, Wapping	1722
12	Bury's Coffee House	Bridges St.	28th Mar. 1723

* From Engraved Lists (Grand Lodge).

It will be seen that the No. 5 (Crown) of 1739 becomes No. 3 in the list of the following year, also that the *dates* of *Constitution* of Nos. 4, 6, 7, 11, and 12 on the 1739 list, sustain a remarkable variation in the list for 1740: thus—

(1) No. 4 (1739)	has its	Seniority	altered	from	17th Jan. 1722	to	17th Jan. 1721.
(2) No. 6	"	"	"	"	19th Jan. 1722	to	19th Jan. 1721.
(2) No. 7	"	"	"	"	28th Jan. 1722	to	28th Jan. 1721.
(2) No. 11	"	"	"	"	27th Feb. 172¾	to	27th Feb. 1722.
(2) No. 12	"	"	"	"	March 172¾	to	1722.

(1) No date is assigned this Lodge in Pine's List of 1729. In the Engraved Lists for 1734, 1736, and 1738, it appears as in 1739; but in the Book of Constitutions for 1738 (See § 6) it is placed at 17th Jan. 172¾, therefore the alteration in 1740 is almost certainly correct.

(2) The dates given to these Lodges in the Engraved Lists for 1729, 1734, 1736, and 1738 agree with those given in the List for 1739; also, and this is of chief importance, with the dates assigned by Dr. Anderson in the *Constitutions for* 1738; consequently, the alterations made in 1740, and which appear in the Calendar of *current date* (1878) is probably incorrect.

(3) This Lodge appears, *without date*, in the Engraved Lists for 1734, 1736, 1738, and 1739; but is placed at March 1723, both in Pine's List 1729, and in the Constitutions 1738. Therefore, the alteration in 1740 (continued until this day) is probably incorrect.

NOTE.—One of the periodical closing up of numbers occurred in 1740.

LIST No. 10.

	LIST OF LODGES 1755* (COLE).		Constituted	
1	King's Arms			
2	Horn	Westminster		
3	Out			
4	George and Dragon	Grafton-st., St. Ann's	17th Jan.	1721
5	Braund's Head	New Bond-street	19th Jan.	1721
6	Castle	Tower-st., Seven Dials	28th Jan.	1721
7	Out			
8	Crown	Leadenhall-street	May	1722
9	King's Arms	New Bond-street	25th Nov.	1722
10	Fish and Bell	Charles-st., Soho-sq.	27th Feb.	1722
11	Dundee Arms	Wapping New Stairs		1722
12	Grapes	Chatham	28th March	1723

	LIST OF LODGES 1756* (COLE).		Constituted	
1	King's Arms	St. Paul's Churchyard		
2	Horn	Westminster		
3	George and Dragon	Grafton-st., St. Ann's	17th Jan.	1721
4	Braund's Head	New Bond-street	19th Jan.	1721
5	Castle	Tower-st., Seven Dials	28th Jan.	1721
6	Fish and Bell	Charles-st., Soho-sq.	27th Feb.	1722
7	King's Arms	New Bond-street	25th Nov.	1722
8	Crown	Leadenhall-street	May	1722
9	Dundee Arms	Wapping New Stairs		1722
10	Grapes	Chatham	28th March	1723

* From Engraved Lists (Grand Lodge).

The lapse of No: 3 on the 1740 list (Crown, constitd. 11th July 1721), together with the change of year, from 1722 to 1721, in the cases of Nos. 6 and 7 (1739) and from 172¾ to 1722 in the case of No. 11 (1739), has doubtless led to No. 11 (1739) being placed, at the general closing up of numbers in 1756, in what was *apparently* its true position, under the Regulation of 27th December 1727 (see p 405, note 4); it does not, however, account for No. 10 (1739) being placed above No. 9 (1739); but it is *possible* that No. 9 (1739) having also become No. 9 at the general re-numbering of 1740, may have elected to remain at its then existing number, instead of accepting a higher precedency, when the vacancies above it were closed up in 1756?

The fact of No. 5 (1739) being allowed to jump over No. 4 (1739) at the re-arrangement of numbers in 1740, may have afforded a precedent?(4)

(4) See List No. 9.

PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

TESTIMONIAL TO THE PROV. GRAND TREASURER.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, was held at Southampton on the 15th inst. The proceedings commenced at the Philharmonic Hall, shortly after 2.30 p.m., when the Lodge was opened by the Prov. Grand Master Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., supported by Bros. W. Hickman D.P.G.M., Frost P.G. Treas., Rev. W. Scott P.G. Chaplain, J. E. Le Feuvre P.G. Secretary, Wyatt P.P.G.W., Booth P.P.G.W., Hare P.P.G.R., Furber P.P.G.W., and several other Past and Present Prov. Officers; Bros. H. M. Emanuel, and G. S. Lancaster officiating respectively as S. and J.G. Wardens, in the absence of the brethren occupying those positions this year.

The gathering was one of the largest for some years, upwards of 200 members being present. Southampton was, as a matter of course, largely represented, the Mayor (Bro. A. L. MacCalmont), and Bro. F. H. MacCalmont being among those who attended. The ordinary routine business of the Province having been transacted, the Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts were received and passed. The statement submitted by the auditors showed a balance in hand of £256 9s 1d, and the sum of £500 invested. On the motion of Bro. Hare (Southampton), seconded by Bro. Booth (Southampton), Bro. M. E. Frost was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treas. for the ensuing year.

Among other matters which engaged the attention of the Provincial Grand Lodge was the consideration of cases brought forward by the Board of Benevolence of the Province. Several annual votes were made as usual, and a sum of £30 was voted to the widow of a deceased member (the late Dr. Diver), she being entirely incapacitated, owing to a severe railway accident, since her husband's death, and having four young children dependent upon her. The Provincial Grand Master then appointed his Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. W. Hickman 130 Southampton D.P.G.M.,

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E. W. Rebbeck 195 Bournemouth G.S.W., Dr. W. Wilkes 698 Ryde G.J.W., Rev. W. Scott 394 Southampton Chaplain, Rev. Browne 132 Ringwood Chaplain, Dymont 394 Southampton Reg., M. E. Frost 487 Portsmouth Treas., J. E. Le Feuvre 130 Southampton Sec., Lear 691 Basingstoke S.G.D., G. F. Lancaster 903 Gosport J.G.D., Harrison 804 Havant G. Supt. Works, Adams 359 Southampton G.D.C., G. Low 132 Ringwood G.A.D.C., Geo. Bond 487 Portsmouth G.S.B., T. Batchelor 1705 Gosport G. Org., T. Benham 723 Aldershot G. Purst.; Bros. Way 76 Winchester, Pring 151 Newport, Pack 175 Ryde, J. Whale 309 Fareham, Tasker 1373, G. Stewards; Bros. Biggs 130 Southampton, Exell 487 Portsmouth, G. Tylers. Before the Lodge closed, the Prov. Grand Master said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and which was a source of considerable satisfaction to him personally. For 27 years their Provincial Grand Treasurer had been a Mason, and had rendered most valuable assistance to Freemasonry (Applause), but more particularly in connection with that Provincial Grand Lodge; and he wished on this occasion to express their thanks to him. In his own Lodges, where he was so well known, Bro. Frost had always taken the warmest interest in the Craft—having served as W.M. of No. 487 twice, and of No. 1069 twice, and his brethren now desired to express their thanks and gratitude to him. They had taken advantage of this large assemblage to present to him a testimonial. There was something very gratifying in recognising the claims of one who had rendered such able services for many years, and those who, in his youth, had known and esteemed Bro. Frost, would take great pleasure in finding that his services had been acknowledged in some small measure that day. He asked his acceptance of the testimonial in the spirit in which it was offered by his Masonic brethren, as a small token of the warm sympathy and affection felt towards him. (Applause.) Bro. Beach then handed Bro. Frost the testimonial, which consisted of a suite of articles for the library table, and a purse containing 200 sovereigns. Bro. Frost, in acknowledgment, said he was almost incapable of adequately expressing his feelings. He felt, however, that it was a proof that the Provincial Grand Lodge had not yet lost all its confidence in him. He accepted it in the spirit in which it was offered, and could only thank the R.W. Prov. G.M. and the brethren generally for having made him so handsome a present. It should be added that the testimonial was subscribed to by upwards of 200 of the brethren, including the P.G.M. and the principal Officers of the Province. The chairman of the Committee was Bro. G. Rake P.J.G.W., Treasurer, Bro. G. J. Lancaster P.P.G.R., Secretary, Bros. E. G. Holbrook P.P.G.R., J. R. Hayman Secretary 257, and J. Astridge P.P.G.W. The P.G. Lodge having been closed, a banquet took place at the Victoria Skating Rink, about 150 being present. The P.G.M. presided, and the usual toasts were duly honoured. In giving that of "The Queen and the Craft," the Prov. Grand Master stated he knew that this toast would meet with all the loyalty that was due to it. He was going by the train that week, and he met some one who said to him what a very loyal town Southampton appeared. This, he believed, only showed a very good testimony to the favourable impressions which were made upon the spectators at the recent visit of the Prince of Wales to this town. The Chairman then proposed "The M.W. the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c.," and spoke of the active part his Royal Highness had recently taken in laying the foundation stone of St. Mary's New Church; and said he was sure it had left favourable impressions on the minds of the inhabitants of the town. In France, too, the Prince of Wales had taken an active interest in the Paris Exhibition, and had left a gratifying impression upon their French neighbours; and he believed he had done much to cement the bonds of union between this country and France, in doing which he had benefited humanity in general. They had so recently had the opportunity of evincing their feelings of loyalty—he wished it had been with Masonic honours—that he would ask them to drink with all heartiness the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The Chairman, in proposing "The Pro M.W.G.M. of England, the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Skelmersdale, and the Officers and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge," said they were always ready to come forward and give all the assistance to Freemasonry in their power. The Earl of Carnarvon especially took a most active interest in promoting Masonry when the Prince of Wales was not present, and they were one and all, notwithstanding the onerous duties that devolved on some of them, ever ready to carry out the obligations they had undertaken faithfully and agreeably to all true Masons. The Earl of Skelmersdale, who had charge of a district three times the size of this town, always did his utmost to devote his best energies to the Order, and to carry out any duties entrusted to him. Bro. Hickman, D.P.G.M., in proposing the R.W. the Provincial G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, said they were all aware of the very high and distinguished manner in which Bro. W. W. B. Beach carried out the duties of his office as Provincial Grand Master. He was always ready and willing to place his time at the disposal of the several Lodges in the Province, and fulfil the duties appertaining to his office; and they all knew that when he was there, it was a source of great satisfaction to the brethren to witness the manner in which he carried out those duties. The kind and genial manner which was so intimately bound up with him, endeared him to all Masons, and they one and all could testify to the great esteem in which he was held throughout the country. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., in responding, said he thanked them sincerely for the very kind manner in which they had received the mention of his name. It always gave him the very greatest pleasure to come amongst them, and to preside over them on all occasions when he possibly could. Ever since he had the honour to preside over them, he had received invaluable assistance from his Officers, which made his (the speaker's) duties somewhat light, but still some of the duties he had to perform were difficult. He had, however, to congratulate them on the progress Freemasonry was making in the province, and he hoped it would continue to improve as time rolled on. The Chairman, in proposing the W. the D.P.G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, highly eulogised the character of Bro. Hickman, who, he said, carried out the duties of his Office with great efficiency, and who was esteemed not only in Southampton, but through the length and breadth of this province. He had taken a great interest in the Masonic Charities, and an active part in the Grand Lodge of England. He hoped they would drink his health with every sentiment of affection and enthusiasm. Bro. Hickman, in reply, thanked his Right Wor. Bro. for the distinguished honour he had conferred upon him. He congratulated him upon the progress of Masonry during the nine years since he took office, and he sincerely hoped that the future might be still more prosperous than the past. The remaining toasts were the Visitors, the Wardens and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, and the Past Wardens and Past Officers of Prov. G. Lodge, the W.M.'s, Officers, and Brethren of the Lodges in the Province, and the Masonic Charities, all of which were duly honoured, and the company separated about eight o'clock. The banquet was served in capital style by Bro. Dartnall, of the High-street, whose catering as usual, gave the highest satisfaction. The Rink Band, under the direction of Mr. J. D. Crook, performed a capital selection of music at intervals during the dinner.—*Portsmouth Times*, and *Southampton Times*.

THE LATE R.W. R. J. BAGSHAW, J.P., D.L.

We extract the following from the *Essex Standard*:—

The death of this gentleman, which occurred at his town residence, 42 Gloucester-square, on 14th inst., has caused very general regret throughout the county, with which he has been so long and usefully associated. His family seat was Banksea House, Dovercourt, but for the last few years, the delicate state of his health rendering medical aid frequently necessary, he has spent his time chiefly in London, but never lost his interest in Essex affairs, or relaxed attention to the local duties devolving on him as an Essex gentleman. It was but a few weeks since he visited Harwich in relation to some property matters, and although he was then suffering from illness his so early death was not apprehended. The deceased gentleman, who was advanced in life, having been born in 1804, was son of the late Mr. John Bagshaw, of Harwich, and spent many of his early years in the East Indies. He was an extensive owner of property in the neighbourhood of Harwich, a large proportion of what is known as Dovercourt New Town belonged to him; and, as we have said, until the last few years he resided in the mansion of the estate. Mr. Bagshaw was a Deputy-Lieutenant of Essex, a Magistrate of the County, and also of the Borough of Harwich; and in the performance of his duties in a magisterial capacity, he was, as long as his health permitted, diligent and active. He was a member of the Tendring Hundred Bench, and was rarely found absent on any occasion of importance from the Court of Quarter Sessions, properly paying especial heed to the interests of East Essex and Harwich, with which by property he was more immediately identified. As High Sheriff of the County in 1873-4, the duties of Returning Officer devolved on him at the last general election, and Conservatives and Liberals alike awarded to him the honourable meed of perfect impartiality in the discharge of the difficult office he held.

In his political opinions, the deceased gentleman was a Liberal, and four times contested Harwich in that interest; twice—in 1847 and again in 1857—successfuly, and twice he was defeated—in 1841 and 1852. But, a high minded and honourable gentleman, discharging worthily all his social and civil duties, his political convictions in nothing interfered with the cordiality of his personal relations with those to whom he was opposed on party grounds. Mr. Bagshaw was for a long number of years a most earnest and influential member of the Masonic order, and in that capacity was widely known and universally respected. For twenty-three years he has filled the office of Provincial Grand Master for Essex, in which he was installed at Chelmsford on the 17th May 1855, by Lord Yarborough, then Deputy Grand Master of England. How prosperous the Order has been under his administration in this County may be judged from the fact that since he entered on his office the number of Lodges has increased from eight to seventeen. His health has not permitted his attendance recently at meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the last at which he was present being, we believe, in 1874, at the meeting held in that year in Chelmsford. He was a man of earnest religious convictions; President of some of the Local Societies for the promotion of Christian objects; was liberal in his contributions for religious and philanthropic objects, and was much respected in every relation he filled in life. He leaves a widow, but no children.

The body of the deceased was removed from his Town residence on Monday by rail as far as Colchester, whence it was conveyed in a hearse drawn by four horses from the Cups Hotel, to Dovercourt, and on Tuesday the interment took place in Dovercourt Churchyard. The funeral *cortège*, consisting of a hearse heavily plumed and drawn by four horses, and five mourning coaches, containing the immediate relatives, left Banksea House at one o'clock, and when near the churchyard was joined by a goodly number of Freemasons representing various Lodges in the Province over which the deceased has so worthily presided, the burial service being read by the Rev. T. O. Reay, Vicar, assisted by the Rev. Henry Bagshaw. The body was placed in a vault with that of the deceased's first wife; and at the close of the service the Freemasons deposited the customary emblems upon the coffin.

Among the Freemasons present upon the mournful occasion were Right W. Bros. R. Bolton Barton, LL.D., P.P.G.M. Western India, Joseph Burton P.G. Treas., Thos. J. Ralling P.G. Sec., E. Hennemeyer W.M. 51, W. D. B. Wheeler W.M. 276, W. S. Ling W.M. 433, J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Sec. 433, G. D. Capham W.M. 1543, G. Gard Pye P.M. 51, J. P. Sarel P.M. 276, W. O. Ward P.M. 690, &c., &c.

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CHARITY STEWARDS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Those interested in our great Masonic Charities will one and all thank you for your very able article last week on the question of the supply of Charity Stewards. The remarks of our Deputy Grand Master were, in the abstract, well worthy of attention, but showed a great lack of practical working knowledge. When you say that "the bulk of the members know nothing whatever of the existence of the Institutions," I believe you are not very far from the truth. In my own brief Masonic experience, both in this country and our colonies, I early discovered that in very many Lodges the boasted charity of the Order was to be found in theory but not in practice. It is not long since you published a letter analysing the annual balance sheet of a prosperous Lodge (I think in the North of England) which showed that the extensive funds of the Lodge were almost entirely spent in feasting, and that a trifle of some £20 or so was given to the Charities. The toast of "the Masonic Charities" is usually conspicuous by its absence at Lodge gatherings. Not that drinking success to the Schools can do them any service, but the absence of the mention of the Charities at such times exhibits a want of regard for the Institutions which is much to be lamented. Nothing would be better calculated to extend a knowledge of what has been done, what is doing, and what the future demands of us in regard to our Schools and Benevolent Institution, than a system of Lodge visitation on the part of the Secretaries, or some worthy deputy on their behalf. Would it not be well spent money on the part of the three Institutions, to employ as their joint agent, a well-informed and worthy brother who should systematically visit the Lodges in the Provinces (the Secretaries themselves should be able to manage the Metropolitan Lodges), and enlist the sympathies and services of brethren as Stewards? I merely throw out the idea for consideration, but feel quite certain myself that a very happy result would inevitably follow such a step.

Every one who has had actual acquaintance with the process of "raising the wind" for any purpose, charitable or otherwise, will agree with Bro. Binckes that to do away with the Charity dinners would be a fatal error. The money gained by the process would be far more than counterbalanced by the tapering off of the number of Stewards' Lists. No one supposes for a moment that our good Stewards, who give time, labour and money on these occasions, are influenced directly by the prospect of a feed to undertake their onerous duties, but on the other hand the social character of the annual gatherings is greatly enhanced, according to English notions, by an assembly at the festive board, opportunities are afforded for mutual intercourse, and pleasant recollections are taken away to many Provincial centres, and afford matter for conversation at many an after Lodge meeting, thus conducing to influence other brethren to undertake Stewards' offices.

I trust you will pardon this rough note, written in great haste, and believe me,

Yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD,

W.M. Eboracum 1611.

York, 20th August 1878.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I must plead guilty to belonging to the class you, in last week's article describe as not having completed the duty of every energetic Mason. I have served one Stewardship on behalf of our Charities, and one only. Although it is some time since I acted, I have not given up all idea of exerting myself for the others, though I am afraid it will not be just yet. You make various statements as to the number of Stewards and so on, which I dare say are correct as far as they go, they certainly show that there must be a great many Masons who know what the task of acting as Steward means, and should therefore be the best men to work again, but I consider it unlikely if many of them ever will. My principal reason for not putting my name down as Steward is the same as many give in this district,—It costs too much, both in time and money. If you will allow me, I will give you a list of my expenses in connection with the office, at the same time I wish you to understand that I do not regret having gone so far; I simply do not think I ought again to incur so much expense in doing so little good, until I see my way clear; and business must improve before that will occur. I first received from the office of the Institution a package of circulars, these I had to fill up and post to the eighty-three members of my Lodge; as I got no replies, I had some circulars printed, asking if they intended to subscribe, and whether they would accompany me to the Festival. At the following Lodge meeting the sum of five guineas was voted by the Lodge, and two brethren gave a like sum. I thus had £15 15s in addition to £10 10s which I had decided to subscribe myself. Before leaving for London, I met several of the members of my Lodge, and between them, they put another five guineas on my list. I thus had thirty guineas as the result of my labours, which you must not judge of in proportion to results, as I can assure you the number of letters I wrote, and personal applications I made, was considerable, in fact I found that the additional 10s worth of stamps I bought especially for this business was exhausted long before the end of the work. The next matter I was called upon for was £2 2s for my Steward's fee, and then railway fare to London and back cost 24s 8d. Add to this the fact that my wife discovered that ladies could attend, and you will believe me when I state that I put down the expenses of that Stewardship at £8. in addition to my donation. This outlay was more than twenty-five per cent. on the amount collected by me.

Yours truly and fraternally,

A STEWARD WHO HAS SERVED ONCE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your efforts to promote the interests of our Charitable Institutions are unceasing, and the point you have raised in the article which appeared last week under the above heading, undoubtedly points to something which is in need of being remedied. But while I freely admit some great inducement should be held out to brethren who take upon themselves the onerous duties of the Stewardship to one or other of our Institutions, and while I fully recognise that every Craftsman should, if it be in his power, undertake these duties on behalf of each of our Charities, I consider it is far more desirable that new men, who have never charged themselves with the task of canvassing, should be led to accept such task than that the same man should be pressed into the service again and again. The figures you have given are highly interesting, but it must not be forgotten that figures may be made to prove almost anything. However, accepting the number of Stewards presently on the lists of subscribers to our three Charities, and your calculation as to the number of times they have served, and taking the 347 who have acted more than three times as having filled on an average five Stewardships, the 3,200 brethren will represent, in round figures, 6,000 Stewardships, and this at 200 Stewards per annum for each of the Charities, or 600 in all, gives the Stewards who have for the last ten years served as such. We may take it, indeed, that there are at present borne on the lists of the subscribers those who have acted in this particular during the last fifteen years, as it is only of late that so many as 200 have done duty at our Festivals. Then it is quite possible, I may almost say quite certain, there are many others who have acted as Stewards and paid their fees, but only contributed one or two guineas as their own personal subscription, except in the case of those who have thus contributed during the current year, their names would not appear in the list of annual subscribers. Taking the matter on its merits, I think we should try and get as many brethren to come forward and fulfil what cannot be other than a trying task rather than press those who have fulfilled it once or twice to go through the ordeal again and again.

As to Charity dinners being a mistake, that is an open question; but judging from the nature of the general practice, I should say those in favour of the dinners far outnumber those who are against them. At all events, there is hardly a Charitable Institution in the United Kingdom among those chiefly dependent for support on voluntary subscriptions which does not hold its annual festival, or, in other words, which does not think that the likeliest way to obtain a full subscription is for the Stewards and their friends to have a good dinner as a preparative for the more serious business of the day. These dinners may be regarded as a kind of tonic. They bring the guests into a genial, if not always a generous frame of mind, and the purse strings are loosened more readily, and to a greater extent than if there were none. Our three Charity dinners cost about £1,800 per annum; and the aggregate of the three lists has been of late £30,000 net. Query—How much less would the results have been without the dinners? This is a problem which I for one should be most unwilling to undertake the solution of.

Fraternally yours,

B. G. B.

VOTING ORGANISATION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Some little time back several influential Masons at the East-end of London, had it under consideration to establish an organization whereby the votes of the Metropolitan brethren could be satisfactorily utilised. I have, during the last few days, received an intimation that a second society for the same object is in course of formation. I took some amount of interest in the work of those engaged in the first venture, and am still in hopes of seeing some practical result. I know that a vast amount of useful information was collected as to the working of kindred association in the Provinces, and trust Bro. Charles Lacey, who I believe was the moving spirit, will not relinquish his efforts.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully,

A CONSTANT READER.

Freemasonry is an allegorical system. Every doctrine and ceremony has its mystical reference, which is not always apparent at the first blush; so that where the uninformed and weak find only mystery, the true initiate possesses food for the employment of the noblest faculties. The true Mason will not rest satisfied with mere ceremonies, which in themselves are cold and heartless, but will study to comprehend their mystical signification.

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LIFE'S FRIENDSHIPS.

FROM THE "MASONIC ADVOCATE."

MUCH of the happiness of this life is gathered from its friendships. The kindly tokens of personal regard which are shown us by gentle and genial and sincere hearts, give to the soul many of its richest consolations as well as its brightest and proudest memories. Men never tire of honest friendships, for they are life's best evincements of human nature, and often they show up our own standing and characters as well.

The fact that but few are capable of sincere and constant friendship, on any basis outside of their own interests, makes the relation the more valuable when it does exist, and assures us that a true and abiding friend is a very great treasure.

Most men's fondness for you is found in the fact that they can use you for some of their sordid, selfish or personal purposes. They play with you as they do with dice, to win, and they make it their study to learn how and when and where to encompass you about. Full of subtlety and personal desires, they put on their winning ways of captivation and deception, and before you know it they have you in their web. The world is full of just such friends. To accomplish their purposes they will bear your social name, wear your favourite badge, and treat you, for awhile at least, both as a man and brother, but just as soon as their ends are subserved, or they find they can make other and better arrangements, they consign you to the regions of indifference and contempt—

"The melancholy victim of deceitful sin."

The success of such social Judases may often astonish us, especially where we believe in the moral problem of social equity, because it contradicts, apparently, the laws of life and demonstrates the low estimate which some men of no mean learning and pretensions place upon the honourable obligations of fraternal relationships.

It is true that these violations of friendship are often attended with present temporary success, and those who make them are enabled to spread themselves for awhile as the green bay tree; but their day of triumph is but short, for the old adage is realised that "chickens come home to roost," and in after life they wear the badge of duplicity in spite of themselves.

Genuine friendship, while it is a law of universal obligation, is always based upon reciprocal action, and it can only last as long as mutual manifestations of kindly integrity are evinced and maintained. A single betrayal of principle may weaken or destroy it for ever. Men do not always seem to know this. They appear to forget themselves and to neglect their friends until they find that "none are so poor as to do them reverence." The law of watchfulness is requisite in maintaining terms of honourable amity, for friendly relations do not grow as the weeds, with spontaneous growth. They are the result of careful, continued culture. Indeed, in this way enemies even become friends, and are often made so for all life. They are conquered by the respect shown them and by acts of unexpected kindnesses. It was reciprocal acts of kindness that created the bond of union between Jonathan and David, and the ties of mutual obligation which marked their lives exemplified their sincere attachments and gave to history one of its brightest examples of sincere and constant fraternity.

The ardent feeling of friendship which grew up between Washington and Lafayette was founded, no doubt, on their congenial natures, as well as in their military alliance. They met as the representatives of two distinct peoples, and as members of the Masonic Fraternity, and their friendly constancy was like the unruffled sea, placid and perpetual.

There is no doubt but many instances could be given of warm friendships which have grown up among our brethren of the mystic tie, where strong tests have been given, and where Masonry has been honoured in the bond of endearment. But they were only private affiliations, and no one has made a record of them, and they have passed away like thousands of other relations of virtue and honour, without a name and without a history.

That warm and constant friendships should find distinguished examples among the Fraternity is no more than should be expected, for this is one of the cardinal purposes of the institution, and if they fail it certainly cannot lie at the door of Masonic obligations. All the teachings of Masonry are in the direction of the genial emotions. Every step is to help, aid and assist a brother, and every lesson is intended to impress the candidate for its honours with the knowledge of fraternal duty.

We have often heard Masons complain of the coldness, the selfishness and of the double dealing of men who bore the name of being Masons. These complaints have never astonished us since our conversion to the belief of the "total depravity of the human race." Men are but animals, and it may be that we expect too much when we look for friendly tokens from all of them. Many of them are incapable of loving anybody but themselves. They are too much allied to their own personal interests to care much for others, and when brought to the test of friendship, they fail because the thing is not in them. Their inclinations are all for self, and all the Masonic manipulations of the world could never make such men Masons or friends. It is a pity that Lodges receive such into the mystic relationship, for they only make a mockery of the Craft.

W. W. HIBBEN.

ORIENTAL MIXTURE.—Notwithstanding the inveterate manner in which the use of tobacco has been denounced by certain persons, it still maintains its place in the tastes and habits of every country in the world. Whether we look to the north or to the south, the east or west, we find it indulged in to an extent which attests at once its popularity, and, when pure and properly dressed, its perfect harmlessness. Those who have sought to condemn its use have not only signally failed in their quixotic enterprise, but have proved themselves to be possessed of a delusion so palpable that it is not a little strange they should find any followers at all. Any habit, no matter what, if indulged in to an inordinate extent must necessarily be a mistake, and tobacco, like everything else, when used in due moderation is as innocent an enjoyment as any that the world affords. Nor is moderation the only thing to be considered, for it is equally necessary that purity should be taken into serious consideration. It is an unfortunate fact that very many of the tobaccos manufactured at the present day are decidedly injurious; we note, therefore, with considerable pleasure that Bros. W. and C. Page, of the Grange Tobacco Works, Bermondsey, are achieving a great and well-deserved success with their celebrated "Oriental Mixture," which, for purity, fragrance and richness of aroma, surpasses any tobacco which we have yet tried. This is entirely due to the fact that it is composed of the choicest oriental tobaccos, and that great care is taken to exclude all but the best growths. Unlike many tobaccos—whose acquaintance for the future we will cautiously eschew—Bros. Page's "Oriental Mixture," which is sold by most retailers, neither bares the tongue, nor leaves an unpleasant taste upon the palate. Where only one pipe of some tobaccos could be smoked without harm or disagreeable after effects, the "calumet of peace" might be replenished with this admirable mixture *ad infinitum*.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

HER Majesty the Queen still remains at Osborne, to which place the Earl of Beaconsfield paid a visit on Monday, staying until Wednesday. On Friday, the King and Queen of Denmark arrived at Dover, and were there met by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who accompanied the royal visitors to London. The following day they left for the Isle of Wight. On Monday the Queen and her guests, with the Prince and Princess of Wales, witnessed some torpedo experiments, which took place in the Solent.

As notified in our issue of last week, Parliament was prorogued on Friday by Royal Commission, and now stands adjourned until Saturday, the 2nd November next. During the Session thus brought to a close, but few public measures have been passed, the Eastern Question and matters arising therefrom having taken up the bulk of the time during which the members have met. The House of Commons sat, on 136 days, for nearly 1,100 hours, continuing their debates on 85 occasions until past midnight. No less than 278 divisions were taken on various questions, and only once was the Speaker called upon to give a casting vote, the number on that occasion being 40 both for and against the question at issue.

Three members of the Cabinet, all of whom are representatives of Lancashire constituencies, were entertained on Wednesday at a banquet at Liverpool, and may be said to have started the "recess" *résumés* of the Parliamentary doings of the past, and intended measures of the future. As to the past we are all familiar, but the future we suppose will reveal the usual number of unfulfilled promises on the part of our statesmen.

The meeting of the British Association at Dublin was brought to a close on Wednesday last, and may safely lay claim to having been a most successful gathering. The next year's meeting will be held at Sheffield, and we hope may be the means of introducing various improvements and otherwise helping in the advancement of science.

The annual encampment of Artillery Volunteers, which is held at Shoeburyness, was brought to a close on Friday. From the remarks of the Inspecting Officer, we may judge that this portion of our volunteer force is in a state of general efficiency, and may be relied upon in case of attack for affording no inconsiderable amount of protection to our shores.

The annual collections made in the Metropolis in aid of the hospitals and dispensaries of our city are becoming the means of adding considerably to the amount spent on charitable objects. The returns of the last Hospital Sunday collection show a total receipt of no less than £24,460, which amount has been distributed by the committee among the 125 institutions which can lay claim to the benefits of these periodical contributions.

The recent robbery at the Isle of Man Bank has this week been satisfactorily cleared up. It having been decided to thoroughly search the premises lately occupied by the convicted cashier, arrangements were made for carrying this object into effect, but such a course was rendered unnecessary by a confession which he made, and which disclosed the whereabouts of the missing money. The bank has now recovered all but £15 of the £8,878 which they alleged had been stolen.

The labour question appears to be one that will give the country considerable trouble, even though we may have little or no work to quarrel over. In Bristol upwards of 2,000 persons are on strike against a proposed reduction of wages, and on a notice being given by the North British Railway Company, for increasing the number of working hours from 51 to 54 per week, about 600 mechanics employed by them at Edinburgh have threatened to strike work unless the proposal is withdrawn. While the working classes take such rigorous measures against their employers, we can hardly hope for any regard being shown them, and fear that a revival of business is seriously delayed by such unsatisfactory activity.

The death occurred on Wednesday of Queen Christina of Spain. She was the daughter of Francis I. of Bourbon, King of the Two Sicilies, by his second wife Maria Isabella, daughter of King Charles IV. of Spain, and was born at Naples on 27th April 1806. She married, in December 1829, the then King of Spain (Ferdinand VII.), who was many years her senior in age, and died four years after their marriage. On the 10th October 1830 she was delivered of a daughter, who, by the will of her father, was appointed to succeed him, he having, just previous to his death, revoked the Salic law, and thus made it lawful for a woman to reign in Spain. For many years the late Queen Christina acted as Regent to her infant child, during a greater portion of which time Spain was devastated by disastrous civil wars. She resigned her Regency in October 1840, and since then has passed a great portion of her time in retirement near Havre. For many years she possessed great control over her daughter Isabella, and may almost be looked upon as having ruled Spain during the early days of that Queen's reign.

The task of occupation is still being vigorously pushed forward by the Austrians both in Bosnia and Herzegovina, but the continued opposition on the part of the inhabitants

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makes the work of a most harassing nature. The Porte has sent orders to the native officials to offer no resistance, but these orders are totally disregarded, thus leading the Austrians to express doubts as to the sincerity of the instructions. No settlement has yet been arrived at with the Mussulman tribes around Batoum, and resistance to the Russian entry still seems probable. Some of the ambassadors at Constantinople are urging upon the Sultan the desire of their governments that the provisions of the Treaty of Berlin should be immediately carried into execution, so that if a firm front is shewn by the various parties to the treaty we may hope for some definite improvement in the affairs of Turkey before long. General Todleben was fired at by a Greek on Saturday, during a review of Russian troops at San Stefano, but the shot happily took no effect. The chief of the St. Petersburgh police, General Mesentsoff, however, was not so fortunate in escaping the attack of his enemies, two of whom succeeded in fatally wounding him in the streets of that city on the 16th instant. In France, the elections for the General Council, which have just terminated, show favourably for the Republicans, and lead many to believe in the future predominance of that party in the Senate. In Hanover, there has been some serious rioting, resulting in two or three persons being killed and many others wounded, in consequence of elections which took place at Harburg; the German papers state that the military were compelled to fire on the mob before peace could be restored. It appears that the result of the labours of the Berlin Congress have not given unqualified satisfaction; the people in many parts of Italy expressing their discontent at its decrees, and looking jealously upon the part that Austria has, and is now taking in the matter. Great public rejoicings have taken place in Brussels, and various parts of Belgium, in commemoration of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the marriage of the King and Queen of that country. Latest advices from the Cape are satisfactory, although hostilities still continued in the Transvaal and the Zulu country.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence held its August Meeting, on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. M. Clabon occupied the President's chair, Bro. Joshua Nunn the chair of Senior Vice-President, and Bro. James Brett that of Junior Vice-President. Among the other brethren present were Bros. W. T. Howe, S. G. Foxall, H. Garrod, W. Mann, S. Rawson, C. A. Cottebrune, C. P. Cobham, Erasmus Wilson, Thomas Cubitt, Hyde Pullen, John Boyd, Captain Philips, Col. Shadwell Clerke, J. M. Case, Griffiths Smith, C. Atkins, R. W. Williams, W. Dawson, E. H. Hewett, W. Weston, F. Drummond, A. Malcolm, George Corner, F. B. Williams, F. W. Levander, G. P. Britten, J. H. Howe, T. Deane, W. S. Kitlesten, A. Middlemas, Col. Somerville Burney, A. W. Woodley, F. Adlard, L. Cornelissen, J. H. Watts, A. White, T. W. Allen, W. H. Phillips, Edward Terry, Geo. Phythian, Geo. Bolton, L. B. Pillin, J. Nicholson, S. Rosenthal, Hugh Cotter, W. H. Cohen, Richard Wyatt, E. Kidman, H. Potter, S. B. Phillips, E. M. Haigh, J. H. Thompson, J. Douglas Mathews, J. Tydeman, W. Allan, Dr. F. W. Ramsay, E. S. Stidolph, James Cowan, G. Fisher, H. Massey, Henry Rogers, John Coe, E. C. Massey, John Hervey G.S., H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, A. A. Pendlebury, and C. B. Payne G. Tyler. After confirming grants of £290 made at the last meeting of the Lodge, the brethren considered fourteen new cases, and granted £203 to twelve of them. Two cases were dismissed.

HAVE WE TOO MANY LODGES?

IT has always been a popular cry amongst a certain class of Masons that Grand Masters are too ready to grant dispensations to open new lodges, and Grand Lodges too ready to endorse their action by granting charters to the same. Now, we contend it is erroneous to suppose, that because there is a multiplicity of lodges, there must consequently be a laxity in the work or weakness in the lodge. Many lodges, small with regard to numbers, are in our opinion preferable to a few with an unwieldy membership and its consequent "rush of work."

Work is not all that lodges should look to, it should rather be their endeavour to render their communications interesting and instructive, and this cannot be accomplished, except in one particular (ritual), when night after night candidates are being initiated, passed and raised. We know some of these immense lodges, with memberships ranging from two to four hundred, that meet regularly every week and yet there is such a number of candidates that emergencies have to be occasionally called, and however desirous the Worshipful Master and members might be to give and hear instructive discourses, debates or lectures on Masonic subjects, the thing is impossible, quite out of the question, on account of this steam pressure of work, this incessant, continued manufacture of Masons. Such being the case, and no one can deny it, would it not be preferable for the Craft in general and these lodges in particular, to increase the number of lodges and especially to divide these unwieldy organizations, so that the labour being divided amongst the many, other subjects of interest to the Fraternity besides ritual might receive due attention?

The arguments, of course, against increasing the number of lodges are, the old cry that a small lodge is a weak one, and that by having two or more in a neighborhood, especially in country places, a bitter feeling of jealousy is engendered between them. To the first of these we would reply that a small lodge is not *necessarily* weak, nor is it advisable that it should have a large amount of funds on hand. To prevent poverty, let the *fees for the degrees be high*, and if then the cash in hand runs low, it is very easy to increase it by bazaars, concerts, reunions, &c., without drawing too heavily upon the purse-strings of the members, or trusting to that unmasonic system of annual dues which we hope some day to see abolished in all enlightened jurisdictions. In answer to the second argument, we would say, that although jealousy at times might exist, still, as a rule, there would rather be "a friendly emulation as to which could best work and best agree." The argument of jealousy in theory is well enough, but in actual practice it falls completely to the ground. Again, there is another, to our mind, very objectionable feature in these bulky organizations, termed lodges, whose membership runs into the hundreds; we allude to the fact, that there is very little opportunity for the younger brethren *to obtain office*. "The machine is run" by a few old members, and thus good men have no chance to occupy the chair, and every brother should have ambition enough to look forward to the time when he shall fill the Oriental Chair of K.·. S.·., become careless in their attendance and finally cease to visit the lodge-room except on special occasions. We believe this to be a very serious objection, as we have always maintained that the young Mason should not be satisfied with merely taking degrees, but that he should pride himself upon thoroughly acquiring the work and otherwise qualifying himself for the responsible position of Worshipful Master. On the other hand, in a small lodge, every brother can look forward to a period, when by honorable conduct and regular attendance, he may hope to be elected to office. Finally, we argue that the smaller lodge is preferable to the larger, because the brethren naturally become better acquainted with each other, a closer tie is formed and a more fraternal feeling engendered. Let us not then be alarmed at a multiplicity of lodges. A small lodge is much more home-like than a large one, possesses equal facilities to perform the work, and has greater opportunities to devote a portion of its time to the delivery of lectures, essays, and addresses upon the various topics of interest in connection with the history, jurisprudence and symbolism of Freemasonry.—*Masonic Review.*

THE ROYAL HAND-BELL RINGERS.

THE Royal Hand-bell Ringers (Poland-street, London, Bro. Duncan S. Miller, conductor. Messrs. H. Havart, W. J. Havart, J. H. Williams, and A. G. Pritchard, were honoured by command of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to give a Campanological and musical entertainment on board the Royal Yacht Osborne, lying in Cowes-roads, Isle of Wight, on the evening of Monday, 19th inst. The company included their Majesties the King and Queen of Denmark, and the Princess Thyra, with their suite, Mdlle. D'Oxholm, Capt. Hedemann, and Capt. Hoskiver; their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and suite, Prince Albert Victor and Prince George of Wales, the Princess Victoria of Hesse, Lord and Lady Charles Beresford, Lord and Lady Mandeville, who, with guests from other yachts, formed a numerous and distinguished audience. By means of awnings the bridges and quarterdeck of the magnificent steamer were converted into an apartment excellently adapted for the purpose of a concert; the decorations consisting of flags, among which the Danish Standard was conspicuous. The whole vessel was brilliantly lighted by lamps and lanterns. The audience were located on the bridge, while the performers with their tables and bells were just beneath on the quarter-deck, between the mainmast and the royal saloon. By special desire of the Prince, the whole of the crew, numbering 120 hands, were permitted to be present, and occupied the space round the engine-room hatchway.

The entertainment commenced at 10.30, and continued until midnight, the programme including renderings on the bells of compositions by Handel, Weber, Costa, Strauss, Godfrey, Lecocq, &c., and a selection of Old English glees of a humorous character, which were much appreciated. The pianoforte accompaniments of the vocal performances were played by Messrs. Pritchard and Williams. The Prince sent for Mr. Miller and requested him to explain to the King and Queen of Denmark the peculiarities of the bells, and of the art of ringing them, while the instruments themselves were a source of much amusement to the younger portions of the company. The night was beautifully calm and moonlit. It was remarked by the Prince that, on this occasion, the tones of the bells appeared peculiarly sweet and mellow, and attributable to the surrounding water. The Danish and English National Anthems were performed by the band, and, at the conclusion, both His Majesty the King and the Prince of Wales honoured Mr. Miller with personal assurances that the entertainment had afforded great interest and pleasure to every one present. This is the ninth occasion on which the Poland-street Hand Bell Ringers have been honoured by Royal command.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Debilitated Constitutions.—When climate, age, or hardships, have undermined the health, skin diseases are prone to arise and augment the existing weakness. Holloway's medicaments admirably prove most serviceable, even under the most untoward circumstances. This well-known and highly esteemed unguent possesses the finest balsamic virtues, which on the actual local without inflaming or irritating the most tender skin or most sensitive sore. Holloway's Ointment and Pills are infallible for curing bad legs, varicose veins, swelled ankles, erysipelas, scaly skin, and every variety of skin disease. Over all these disorders Holloway's remedies exert a quick and favourable action, and, where cure is possible, gradually but certainly arrive at that consummation. They are invaluable in the cure of scrofula and scurvy,

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INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

THE regular meeting, for the installation of Master and appointment of Officers of this Lodge for the coming year, took place at the Spotted Dog, Upton, on Thursday, the 15th inst. The members were summoned for two o'clock, but owing to the non-arrival of some of them, Lodge was not opened until past three, when the W.M., Bro. George Brown, occupied the chair. A report was read by one of the brethren who had been appointed Auditor, showing that the financial position of the Lodge had greatly improved since the last report had been prepared, and they might now consider themselves free from liability. The reading of this report was naturally received by the members with gratification, as nothing can be more detrimental to the well being of a Lodge than for its members to know they are in debt, and to see no immediate way of clearing off the liability. Some of the members, however, expressed the natural wish for a detailed account of the finances of the Lodge for the past year, and suggested that the balance sheet should be printed and distributed to each member; we are pleased to say that this proposition, after a short discussion, was seconded, and, on being put by the Master, was carried without opposition. We could not understand the remarks made during the discussion on this question by some of the members, who seemed to think that asking for a printed statement implied mistrust of the Auditors. Surely, if they have been able to make so favourable a report after a conscientious fulfilment of their duties they should be the last to suggest such a thing as a printed statement being in the hands of every brother as unnecessary. We hope when at the next annual meeting the auditors are called upon for a statement, they will be able to show as great an improvement over 1878 as the brethren who this year fill the office did over that of 1877, and that they will not even have occasion to refer to such an unpleasant topic as "amount due to Treasurer." The Agenda paper of the Lodge contained the name of one gentleman for initiation, but owing to a sudden bereavement in his family he was unfortunately obliged to send an excuse for non-attendance. All those present expressed their sympathy with their would be brother, and desired his proposer (the W.M. elect) to convey to him their great regret at his absence and the circumstance which occasioned it. Owing to the non-arrival of the candidates for advancement, the business of the day was rendered much shorter than was anticipated; the brethren therefore had some time on their hands, and in order to enjoy a little of this in the open air the W.M. called the Lodge from labour to refreshment. On its resumption, Bro. Posener assumed the chair, and having obligated the W.M. elect, advanced the Lodge to the third degree, and duly installed Bro. Benjamin Lyons in the chair of K.S. The appointment of officers was next proceeded with, and then the Lodge was closed. At the banquet which followed, ample justice was done to the viands provided. At the conclusion, the W.M. proceeded with the toasts, the three which usually occupy the first place on our lists having been speedily honoured, the I.P.M. rose to give that of the W.M. He considered it a most pleasing duty thus to have to propose the health of a brother who had followed him through the various offices of the Lodge. He wished him a prosperous year of office, and hoped that his experience as Master of the Upton Lodge would be gratifying to himself and satisfactory to the brethren. The W.M. thanked Bro. Brown and the members most sincerely for the kind way in which they had honoured him in connection with the toast of W.M. It would be his constant aim to satisfy the requirements of the various members of his Lodge, and hoped, by persevering in this, and by a faithful discharge of his duty, to merit the approval of the Lodge. The next toast given was that of the Visitors, to whom the W.M. accorded a hearty reception, stating that the Upton Lodge was always pleased to be honoured by the presence of Visitors, and always endeavoured to give them such an opinion of their hospitality as to make them wish for future visits. Bro. Cambridge, W.M. of the Kent Lodge No. 18, responded on behalf of himself and fellow Visitors, thanking the Worshipful Master for his kind remarks, and the Lodge for the hearty reception they had accorded their guests. The health of the Installing Master was next offered for the consideration of the members, and as Bro. Posener can derive substantial benefit from the good wishes of his brethren, we think this occasion should add considerably to his happiness. Bro. Posener, in replying, stated it was his wish that he might be able for many years to be an active member of the Upton Lodge. He hoped it would be his pleasure to annually instal the Master, and that on each occasion he would have the assistance and hearty co-operation of so many Masonic friends. The toast of the Immediate Past Master was next proposed by the W.M., who offered to the retiring Master the most hearty thanks of the members, for the hard way in which he had worked to free the Lodge from debt. That his labours had been successful all were most gratified to acknowledge; they felt that, but for his never ceasing in his efforts they would have been in a very different financial condition to that which had been announced in Lodge. The members had decided that their appreciation should take a more substantial form than mere words, and he therefore had the pleasure of presenting, on behalf of the Lodge, a P.M.'s jewel, which he placed on the breast of Bro. Brown, with feelings of pride, being confident that no distinction of a like nature had ever been more zealously worked for, or more deservedly awarded. As they considered the duties of Bro. Brown had necessarily taken him often from his home, they were of opinion that some slight recompense was due on that account. He therefore would ask Bro. Brown to convey to his wife the heartiest good wishes of the members of the Lodge, and ask her acceptance of a small souvenir which had been subscribed for by the members. He then displayed a handsome gold necklet, which was accepted by Bro. Brown with great pride; he expressed the great pleasure he felt it would afford his wife to hear that the brethren of the Upton Lodge had so handsomely recognised his exertions on their behalf. As for himself, he had so often expressed his thanks for the reception given him, that he felt the brethren would excuse him if, in the present state of his feelings, he was unable adequately to thank them for their kindness. As a Past Master of the Lodge, to which position he now had the honour to belong, he should always consider it a privilege to work for the furtherance of its interest, which he hoped would ever be foremost in his thoughts. The other Past Masters who were present having each replied on his own behalf, the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was given. To the former the Lodge was under great obligations for the way in which he had helped them over their difficulties, never allowing any debts of the Lodge to remain outstanding, whether he had funds in hand sufficient to meet claims or not. Their Secretary had given them so much satisfaction during his short occupation of that position, that the W.M. felt proud in again investing him, and was sure he would continue to merit the approval of the Lodge. Each of these brethen having replied to the toast, the W.M. proposed the health of his Officers. He was pleased to be the Master of a Lodge which had such officers as they could boast of. He felt that his duties would be very much lightened by the way in which they could and would assist him, and concluded by wishing them steady advancement and a prosperous future. Each of the Officers was called upon to respond, and each severally thanked the W.M. for having placed him in his respective position. Bro. Fenner the S.D., who is Preceptor of the Upton Lodge of Instruction, pointed out the fact that few of the members of the Mother Lodge ever favoured their child by attending its meetings, which are held weekly. Without flattering himself, he felt sure they would often enjoy very pleasant and instructive evenings should they find it convenient to attend. Considering the earnest and perfect way in which Bro. Fenner carries out any duties he may undertake, we must certainly say we were somewhat surprised to hear from him that the members of the Mother Lodge were not one and all supporters of the Lodge of Instruction, we suppose that many of them live at too great a distance from its quarters to be regular in their attendance, but we hope that before long they will take an opportunity of enrolling their names amongst its members, and thus give no occasion for Bro. Fenner next year appealing on its behalf. We think the remarks of the W.M. in appointing Bro. Fenner as his S.D. should be sufficient guarantee that the instruction offered under his guidance is well worthy of imitation, and be the means of adding considerably to the strength of the Lodge of Instruction. The Tyler being now summoned, he brought the evening's proceedings to a most successful termination.

Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1609.—An emergency meeting was held on Thursday, 22nd August, at the Lodge room, St. George's Hall, Deal. Present—Bros. E. Kirby W.M., J. Laggett S.W., J. Westaway (Organist) J.W. *pro tem*, J. Carpenter S.D., W. Carterfield J.D., F. H. England Steward, S. Willey I.G., S. Holgate Tyler; P.M. Bro. T. J. Usher P.P.G.R. Hon. Sec. Visitors—Bros. J. F. Solly and C. Corps 784. The Lodge being formally opened, the necessary questions were put and very ably responded to by the candidate, Bro. George Rivers, who was duly and regularly passed to the second degree by the W.M. in his usual impressive manner. The charge in the 2nd degree was then delivered by Bro. S.W., and the Lodge duly closed, and the meeting was adjourned until the first Friday in October next.

THE Lectures of Masonry teach us to view it under two denominations—Operative and Speculative. Experience teaches us to view Masons in the same way; or rather as Operators and Speculators. In Ancient Operative Masonry the use of the working tools was not only thoroughly understood, but they were applied practically to the use for which they were intended. In Modern Speculative Masonry this is not always the case. Some Masons of the present day cannot tell the difference between a level and a plumb, or a twenty-four inch guage and a square. Their Masonry will not stand the test of any of these instruments. They are the *Speculators*. They speculate in Masonry as they do in horses, grain, or any article of merchandise, to make money. As long as they can make it profitable to themselves, they take a lively interest in Masonic matters, but when business is dull they soon turn their attention to something else that will pay better. The great question then with them is whether to pay up their dues and take a dimit, or suffer themselves to be suspended for non-payment of dues. It matters little to Masonry which they do, for the Institution is benefitted in either case.—*Advocate*.

MARRIAGE.

RALLING—SAGE.—On the 22nd August 1878, at S. Giles's Church, Colchester, by the Rev. William H. Wardell, Rector of the Parish, THOMAS JOHN RALLING, of the *Essex Standard*, Colchester (P.G. Sec. Essex), to ANN ELIZA, only daughter of the late John Sage, of Whitehall Farm, Colchester.

DEATH.

SHAND.—On 21st August, ADA, aged seven years and ten months, eldest child, and only daughter of Bro. J. E. Shand, 2 Albert-terrace, Victoria-street, S.W., deeply regretted.

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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, 24th AUGUST.

1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

MONDAY, 26th AUGUST.

174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
846—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—Ryde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

49—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
1448—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)

TUESDAY, 27th AUGUST.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, 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, 3 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
454—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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1903—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1015—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1368—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield.
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 28th AUGUST.

183—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
212—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
226—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8.(In.)
536—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Wansley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
954—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1366—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1534—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1366—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

230—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston.
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1056—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1119—St. Bede, Mechanic's Institute, Jarrow.
1364—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1606—Kilington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead.
R. A. 1366—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.C.—Philips, Athenæum, Lancaster.

THURSDAY, 29th AUGUST.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
730—Panmure General Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1577—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.
249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
807—Cabootl, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
906—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.

FRIDAY, 30th AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
23—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
867—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 18a Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Harvey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1269—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1285—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1842—K. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goldhawk-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Instruction.)

SATURDAY, 31st AUGUST.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

R. A. 446—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

WEDNESDAY.

304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
1383—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.

THURSDAY.

904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.

FRIDAY.

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 243—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.

SATURDAY.

1463—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
R. A. 306—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Hilda Chapter, Rose Croix.—This Chapter held its meeting on Wednesday evening at York. Present—Bros. T. Cooper M.W.S., W. T. Orde-Powlett P., T. B. Whytehead S.G., J. S. Cumberland G.M., M. Millington R., A. T. B. Turner Recorder, J. Ward I.G., P. H. Rowland Org., G. Simpson D.C., and several visitors. At six o'clock the brethren sat down to an excellent dinner at the Queen's Hotel, and at seven o'clock the Chapter was opened in the rooms of the Eboracum Lodge. Bros. the Rev. W. C. Lukis (De Grey and Ripon Lodge), and Capts. C. S. Tynte, L. Murphy, and J. Healy (4th R. I. Dragoon Guards), having been elected, were duly perfected. The name of a candidate was proposed, and Bro. Richey R.A. of the Europa Chapter was proposed as a joining member. Since the transfer of the warrant of this Chapter from Whitby to York, great progress has resulted and most valuable additions made to its roll of members.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday evening last, 22nd August, at 7.30. Present, Bros. Weige W.M., Maidwell S.W., Norden J.W., Slaiter S.D., Moss J.D., Da Silva I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Walker P.M. 27, and other brethren. The 1st and 2nd degrees were rehearsed, Bro. Grammer as candidate. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the 1st lecture were worked by Bro. Norden, assisted by the brethren. The attendance of the brethren is earnestly requested for next Thursday evening; Bro. Webb will take the chair on that occasion, and the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. Brown, the W.M. of the Sincerity Lodge.

Devonshire Lodge, No. 625.—A meeting was held on 14th August, at the Norfolk Hotel, Glossop, Derbyshire. Present—Bros. Thomas Dearnaley W.M., J. Collier S.W., D. A. Davis J.W., G. E. Cox P.M. Sec., Walter Thorp Treas., Wright Booth S.D., J. Hadfield J.D., J. Garlick I.G., W. Fielding Tyler. Past Masters Bros. John Hardman P.G. Supt. Works, J. D. Calder P.P.G.S.D., W. Dawson P.P.G.D.C., John Hall P.P.G.S.B., and about 35 brethren and visitors. This Lodge has over 70 members, is regularly attended, and possesses excellent workers. The Lodge opened at 6 p.m., Bro. Albert Andrew, M.D., was passed, and Bro. Wooley raised in excellent manner by the W.M. It was decided to accept the kind offer of the proprietors to provide a more commodious room in the hotel for the Lodge, the present one being too small for the comfort of the numerous and increasing members. The Lodge picnic took place on the 1st inst., when the brethren proceeded to Alton Towers, the seat of the late Earl of Shrewsbury. About 40 members, ladies and visitors attended, and a most enjoyable day was spent in the beautiful grounds and gardens. An excellent dinner and tea was provided at the principal hotel. Several hours were spent on the bowling green, and music, singing and other amusements were indulged in. A most enjoyable excursion terminated at 8 p.m., the party returning in the saloon carriages which had been provided. The arrangements reflected great credit on the committee, Bros. Thorp, Robinson and Cox.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, the 16th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, at 7.30 p.m. Present—Bros. Acworth W.M., Tucker (Treasurer) S.W., Costelow J.W., Gunner Hon. Secretary, Gomm S.D., Kyezor J.D., Botley I.G. P.M. Bro. J. C. Roe Preceptor; Bros. Pearson, Talbot, &c. After preliminaries, the initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Talbot candidate. The Lodge was opened up to the third and closed down. Bro. Tucker was elected W.M. for next meeting, and he announced his intention to work the ceremony of the third degree. Lodge closed and adjourned till 23rd August. We regret to hear that Bro. Acworth was indisposed, and unable to work with his usual energy.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Slaiter W.M., Gilham S.W., Hunt J.W., Christian S.D., Wardell J.D., Weige I.G., Dallas Secretary, Smyth Treasurer, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Brasted, Allen, Finch, C. Lorkin, Webb, J. Lorkin, &c. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Polak answered the questions. The Lodge was then advanced, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Polak candidate. The W.M. worked the three sections of the lecture,

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assisted by the brethren. Bro. Wallington, the Preceptor, will work the Installation Ceremony on Tuesday evening next. Bro. Gilham was elected W.M. for next week.

Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.—A meeting was held on the 21st instant, at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. Present—Bros. Pringle W.M., Robinson S.W., Slaiter J.W., Breden Sec., Ives Treas., Breden S.D., Andrews J.D., Barber I.G.; also Bros. Ould, Warner, Coleman, Cohen, Richmond, Hunt, Clegg, Stevens, and several other brethren. Business—The ceremony of raising was worked for the first time by the W.M., who displayed considerable efficiency, Bro. Williams candidate. The Lodge was then resumed in the first degree, in order that some brethren who were only initiates might be admitted. Bro. Hunt answered the questions leading to the second degree, and the third and fourth sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The work of the evening was marked by progress, and care was displayed by every brother who held office. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction in October next, by our esteemed Bro. Andrews.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—At the weekly meeting held on Wednesday, 21st August, at Bro. Hyde's, Poppins-court, Fleet-street, Bro. Brown in the chair, Thompson S.W., Hallam J.W., Wing S.D., Drury J.D., Vizzard I.G., Long P.M. Preceptor, and many others. After the confirmation of the minutes, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Gush offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. On the Lodge being opened in the third degree, he was raised in Bro. Brown's impressive manner. The third lecture was then worked by the brethren, with the assistance of Bros. Tate and Marston. Several new members were elected. Bro. Thompson was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, on which occasion the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. Allcock. After some formal business relative to the bye-laws and the balloting for Lodge funds, the Lodge was closed.

Rowley Chapter, No. 1051, Lancaster.—A regular Convocation of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster, on Monday, 19th instant. The chairs were occupied by Comps. F. Dean M.E.Z., W. Hall H., H. Longman J. There were also present Comps. Dr. Moore P.G.S.B. of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England and P. Prov. G.H., &c., E. Simpson P.Z. P. Prov. G.S.B., W. Duff E., James Ellershaw N., J. J. Croskell P.S., R. Stanton and H. Hartley Asst. Sojs., G. Kelland, A. K. Allanson Janitor, and others. After the Chapter had been opened, the muster roll called, and other business transacted, the ballot was taken; it proved unanimous in favour of Bro. W. W. Wilde, of the Morecambe Lodge, No. 1561. The chair of Z. was then taken by Comp. Moore, and Bros. Wilde and G. C. Barker were duly exalted to the Royal Arch degree, the historical, symbolical, and mystical lectures being delivered by the Principals and acting M.E.Z. Two candidates were proposed for the degree, and there being no other business, the Chapter was closed in due form.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 16th inst. Present—Bros. Serjeant W.M., Crouch S.W., Moss J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Bolton S.D., Richmond J.D., Gieseke I.G., Bro. Hine, &c. Lodge being opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Serjeant vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Fenner. Bro. Hine, having proved his efficiency, was entrusted. Lodge was then advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Hine being candidate, the W.M. giving the traditional history. The second section of the lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. On the Lodge being resumed to the first degree, Bro. Serjeant resumed the chair; Bro. Fenner worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Crouch was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was ordered to be entered on the minutes to Bro. Serjeant, this being the first time of his occupying the chair of K.S., for which he returned thanks in a neat speech. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 1299.—The usual monthly meeting was held on Thursday, the 15th August, at West Derby, near Liverpool. Present—Bros. John Capell W.M., F. B. Bramham as S.W., W. S. Bennett as J.W., J. G. Fisher Sec., P. Macmuldrow P.M. Prov. S.G.D. West Lancashire Treasurer, W. Hiles J.D., T. W. Rudd Organist, W. Avis I.G., J. Robinson Tyler. Past Masters Bros. W. Crane and Joseph Clegg, Visitors—Bros. Morris, Parkes, and Busfield. Lodge was opened by the W.M. Minutes were read and confirmed. Ballot was taken for two candidates, who were duly elected. Lodge opened in second degree, and Bro. Deane passed. Lodge closed down to first degree. Mr. John Evans was introduced and initiated by the W.M. Lodge closed, after "hearty good wishes" from visiting brethren. After refreshment, toasts "Loyal" as usual; that of the Masonic Rulers was acknowledged by Bro. Macmuldrow, the Past Masters by Bros. Crane and Clegg, the Newly-Initiated by Bro. Evans, and the Visitors by Bro. Morris. During the evening songs were sung by Bros. Busfield, Avis, Hiles, and W. S. Bennett.

Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507.—The first meeting since the Consecration was held on Thursday, 15th August, at the Metropolitan Club, King's Cross. Comps. Willing M.E.Z., Adams P.Z. P.G.P. H. (owing to the absence of Comp. Stacey), Ferguson J., Stiles E., &c. The minutes of the consecration meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bros. Douglass, H. Stiles, Edmonds, Gilbert jun., Claire, and Beattie, which being declared unanimous, they were severally introduced and exalted in a most exemplary manner, as was proved by the attention paid by the candidates to the ceremony. Although this was the first meeting, the working was very good, as might naturally be expected from the able tuition of the beloved veteran P.Z. Comp. Thos. A. Adams, whose name is a household word in Freemasonry. A ballot was taken for the P.S., which was declared unanimous in favour of Comp. John Douglass (of the Standard Theatre). A telegram was sent from Comp. N. Hudson, regretting his inability to attend. The Companions adjourned to banquet, which gave every satisfaction. The manager of the club, Bro. Cox, exerting himself to his utmost to please his guests. We heartily congratulate the members of the Metropolitan Chapter on this their first meeting, and feel sure if the Companions emulate the working of their Officers, the Chapter will in a short time become as great a success as the Metropolitan Lodge. We were pleased to notice the worthy Scribe E., Comp. Stiles, quite recovered after his recent severe illness.

Alexandra Lodge, No. 1511.—The regular meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Alexandra Hotel, Hornsea. Present—Bros. G. Milner W.M., J. Heslop S.W., P. H. M. Du Gillon J.W., Cook Laking Hon. Secretary, B. L. Wells P.M. Treasurer, Geo. Spink S.D., W. Train J.D., George Eston D.C., J. P. Loten Steward, G. L. Shackles I.G., Stephenson Tyler; Bros. Kenningham, Vise, Littler, Rev. H. L. Tew, &c. Visitors—Bros. Boggett P.M. 1605, C. W. Cheesman S.W. 1605, H. Herty 1605, J. B. Craven, J. G. Jones 57, R. V. Knowles 1010. The Lodge was opened in due and ancient form; the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The W.M., assisted by the S.W. and J.W., rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. Hearty good wishes were then expressed, and the Lodge closed in due form. The brethren afterwards, on the invitation of P.M. Bro. Boggett, partook of a cold collation, in Yorkshire called the "*Cureen Feed*," to which full justice was done. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured, Bros. Kenningham and Cheesman adding very much to the pleasure of the evening with music and songs.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.—At the Havelock Hotel, on Wednesday, 21st inst. Present—Bros. W. Fieldwick W.M., R. Olley S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., McMillan S.D., Martin J.D., G. Ferrar I.G. and Treasurer, E. Dietrich Secretary, and Bros. W. Ferrar, McDowell, Woolley, O. Dietrich, J. Lorkin. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. McDowell was interrogated and entrusted. The Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and Bro. McDowell was raised by the W.M., who rendered the beautiful ceremony in a most impressive manner. The W.M. then worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down to the first degree, Bro. R. Olley was unanimously appointed W.M. for the next meeting. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on the third Wednesday in September.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—At Bro. Wood's, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road, on Tuesday, the 20th instant. Bros. Hallam sen. W.M., W. Rowley S.W., Gibbs J.W., Payne S.D., Rimell J.D., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner acting Sec., Greenfield I.G.; also Bros. Stock, Isaac, Wood, Green, Hallam jun., W. Cook, Trewinnard, &c. Lodge opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Rimell gave proofs of his efficiency, was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the traditional history being given. Bro. Pearcy worked the third section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed to the first degree; Bro. Pearcy worked the first, and the W.M. the second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. Rowley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed. The work of the various Officers of this Lodge of Instruction, from the W.M. down to the I.G., was most carefully performed; the duties being carried out in a manner which reflects credit on the Preceptor.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 16th inst., at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, Notting-hill. Present—Bros. Jaques Wynman W.M., Rogers S.W., Dr. Pocock J.W., Spiegel as Sec., Poulton S.D., Webster J.D., Wood I.G., Savage, &c. The W.M., a young Mason, opened the Lodge in the first, second, and third degrees, and closed the same down to the first, in a very creditable manner, to the satisfaction of all present. Bro. Spiegel then took the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of raising. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for the able manner in which he fulfilled the duties of the chair. Bro. Rogers will preside at next meeting.

Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.—An Emergency meeting of this young Lodge was held at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, on Tuesday, 13th August. Bro. Willing W.M. in the chair. Also present Bros. Adams P.G.P. as S.W., Clemow J.W., Treadwell I.P.M., Stiles Sec., Jones S.D., Hyland J.D., Cook I.G., Holt W.S., Armstrong, Deller, Barham, Sillis, Smith, and many others. Visitors—Bros. Dunlop, Dawson, J. Jones, Bowyer, Daniel, Stock, &c. The brethren assembled in good time, and Bro. Maby was raised, Bros. Hixon, Phillpot, J. W. Smith, Howcroft, Lloyd, and Nicol were passed, and Mr. James Smith initiated, in a very impressive manner. In fact the

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able way the Officers performed their respective duties was most satisfactory. The brethren, about forty, adjourned to dinner, which gave every satisfaction, everything provided being of the best. English waiters having been substituted for the foreign ones, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

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(4.) MODEL—Pearson passed, Whyatt passed.

"THE PRAISE OF DRUNKENNESS.—1723."

IN appreciation of your "Masonic Column" allow me to present to your readers the following sketch of the "Praise of Drunkenness":—The little book so entitled was published in 1723 by "Bonifface Oinophilus de Monte Fiasone, A.B.C.," and is certainly a very curious production; the sub-titles are startling, and the author evidently—though so early in the last century—was a strong advocate for temperance, if not of total abstinence, as the "Praise" bestowed on drunkenness is really unmitigated and a most severe rebuke, and full of sarcastic references. The writer undertakes to prove the necessity of frequently getting drunk, and "that the practice of getting drunk is most Ancient, Primitive, and Catholic." But I fancy some of your numerous readers will be wondering what all this has to do with Freemasonry. Not much, certainly, so far; but friend Oinophilus states that the foregoing is "confirmed by the example of Heathens, Turks, Infidels, Primitive Christians, Saints, Popes, Bishops, Doctors, Philosophers, Poets, Freemasons, and other Men of Learning in all Ages!" Of other examples we need not say aught, but at once refer to what "Ebrietatis Encomium" has to offer in reference to the Craft. The date of the work (1723) is of value, for very few indeed have been the works on or of Freemasonry that have come down to us from that period. The first distinctly Masonic book was printed in 1722, and then had to do with the operative Regulations; the regular "Constitutions" of the Premier Grand Lodge of the World (England) not having been published until 1723, the year that this "Book of Praise" was issued. In Chap. XV. of "Freemasons and Other Learned Men that Used to Get Drunk," there are three pages devoted to the Fraternity, and from them I quote a few sentences:—"If what Bro. Eugenius Philalethes, author of 'Long Livers,' a book lately printed and dedicated to the Freemasons, says in his preface to that treatise be true, those Mystical Gentlemen very well deserve a place amongst the learned. But, without entering into their peculiar jargon, or whether a man can be sacrilegiously perjured for revealing secrets when he has none, I do assure my readers they are very great friends to the Vintners. An eye-witness of this was I, myself, at their late general meeting at Stationers' Hall, who, having learned some of their Catbechism, pass'd my examination, parting five shillings and took my place accordingly. We had a good dinner, and to their eternal honour the Brotherhood laid about them very valiantly. . . . However, to do them justice, I must own there was no mention made of Politics or Religion." The author afterwards states that one of the toasts was "to the Church as by Law established!" tending rather to throw doubt as to his being present at the meeting in question.

After the Banquet he tells us "the faces of the most ancient and most honourable Fraternity of the Freemasons brightened with ruddy fires." . . . . . But leaving the Freemasons and their invaluable secrets, for I know not what they are worth, come we now to speak of other men of learning."

In the postscript we are informed, "thirdly and lastly, I wish in Chap. 23, in your answer to the objection, that one cannot trust a man that gets drunk, you had been pleased to have taken notice of the taciturnity and continency of the Right Worshipful the Freemasons in this respect, for though otherwise they are free enough of speech; yet I do assure you, as to secrets, though some of them love the creature very heartily and carouse abundantly; yet has it never been known, though never so fuddled (for Freemasons will get fuddled) that they ever discovered any of their secrets. This is irresistible, irrefragable, irrefutable; or, if you will, to speak (*more dialectici*) *in stylo tapisto*, non-resistible, non-refragable, and non-refutable, and indeed is very *Argumentum palmare Scotisticum*."

The preface concludes as follows (a translation):—

> "Though numerous faults I see in this small book,
> (And so may any one that will but look)
> I know but two of much consideration,
> Of which I here make public declaration,
> The undertaking and the execution,
> Faults too extravagant for absolution."

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W. J. H., in *Touchstone*.

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SUSPENSION AND ITS PENALTIES.

AS our readers are aware, the Board of General Purposes, at a meeting specially convened for dealing with the matter, not long since sentenced a brother to suspension from all his Masonic rights and privileges for a period of two years. The crime laid to his charge was that of having, in his capacity of Chairman of Scrutineers at the last Communication of Grand Lodge, permitted or connived at an erroneous return of the result of such scrutiny; and having heard the evidence and defence, the Board arrived unanimously at the conclusion that the charge was proved, and the sentence then and there passed was one of two years' suspension as just stated. This, as a matter of course, will form part of the Board's Report, which will be submitted to Grand Lodge on Wednesday next for confirmation, and as the verdict was unanimously given, there can be little doubt that Grand Lodge will endorse the sentence of what is virtually its Standing Committee on all matters affecting the welfare of the Craft. We may assume, therefore, that the brother in question will be shut out for the period named from all communication with his fellow Craftsmen—*qud* fellow Craftsmen—and will not resume his Masonic status till the term for which his sentence holds good is complete. But several of our readers have asked us what the effect of this sentence will be, and as we rejoice to say that it but rarely happens there is any occasion for the infliction of punishment of this degree of severity within the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge, we shall do our best to enlighten our readers on the subject.

The only two works on Masonic Jurisprudence to which we can refer for guidance with any feeling of confidence are those of Oliver and Paton, and the latter, as intended primarily as a text book for Scottish Freemasons, will be of service only in so far as its *dicta* consist generally with those of his English brother writer. In treating of Masonic punishments, Oliver includes that of suspension among the penalties intended for the graver class of offences. He distinguishes between that suspension which is definite, and that which is indefinite and may be intended to be indefinable. The former is for a fixed period, and when that is determined, the brother on whom it has been inflicted, *ipso facto*, resumes all those rights and privileges of which by sentence he had been deprived. The latter is for any period, and may be made longer or shorter according to the will of the Lodge or superior authority which inflicts it. It may terminate at the end of three or six months, or it may never come to any end at all. However, the following is the passage as quoted from Oliver's work, and our readers will be able to judge for themselves of the character of this particular punishment. At page 231, our late learned brother having defined definite suspension, proceeds as follows:—"And this frequently assumes the character of a milder phasis of expulsion; for the suspended brother very seldom renews his connection with the Craft, although his readmission could be effected, as a matter of course, without ceremony or inquiry." With all due deference we cannot allow this view to pass unquestioned. One of those whom our American friends are wont to speak of as "real grit" would probably not renew his connection with the Fraternity; his sense of shame at having committed a crime worthy of severe punishment would be too great. In such cases definite suspension would be "a milder phasis of expulsion;" but in the case of a brazen-faced and overbearing brother, having no sense of shame in his mental constitution, he would not, in our judgment, have the slightest hesitation in renewing his connection with the Society, or even in committing the same offence a second or third time, if he thought he could do so without discovery. But Dr. Oliver—kind-hearted, unworldly-minded man that he was—considered all Masons good men and true; the world knows otherwise. However, to return to the subject in question. Dr. Oliver then adds, "Suspension has placed him, for the time being, on a level with the cowan, or profane; divesting him of his Masonic privileges, incapacitating him from attending a Lodge, or being acknowledged in any shape as a Brother; for it is idle to argue, as some do, that his connection with the Lodge remains unbroken, and his Masonic rights only placed in abeyance. They are really and absolutely severed during the period of suspension, nor can any Lodge dues be demanded of him."

How far Paton is in accord with his late English *confrère*, may be gathered from the following excerpt from his "Freemasonry and its Jurisprudence." Having described this punishment as of two kinds, definite and indefinite, he writes in respect of the former: "By definite suspension is meant a deprivation of the rights and privileges of Masonry for a fixed period of time, which is always named in the sentence. By the operation of this penalty a Mason is for the time being prohibited from the exercise of all his Masonic privileges. His rights are placed in abeyance, and he can neither visit Lodges, hold Masonic communication, nor receive fraternal relief, during the period for which he has been suspended." Of course, when the period has expired, then he "at once resumes his former position in the Order, and is reinvested with all his Masonic rights, whether these rights be of a private or of an official nature." Indefinite suspension differs only in this respect from the former, that its term is not fixed, but the nature of the punishment, while it lasts, is exactly the same.

It will be seen from these extracts that there is a general and sufficient agreement between these two authorities—except, perhaps, in one respect, which, however, need not be noted here—and as there is no reason to imagine the sentence will not be confirmed at the Quarterly Communication on Wednesday next, it only remains for us to point out to our readers how the suspended brother stands in relation to his fellows, and how he will stand during the term of his punishment. As a Past Grand Officer, he will be unable to take his usual seat in Grand Lodge. He will cease to be a member of the Board of General Purposes and Colonial Board. His connection with the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will cease and determine. Any other position of trust or control to which he may have been elected in reference to our Schools must be forthwith vacated. Whatever office he may hold in any of the Lodges, of which he is a member, must be held by other brethren. He is ineligible to be received into any Lodge or Lodge of Instruction, on any pretext or under any circumstances, until the two years shall have elapsed, and then only will he be in a position to mingle again, as heretofore, among his brethren in full Lodge assembled. As regards his status in Royal Arch Masonry, no doubt the necessary steps have been, or will be, taken in order to ensure his suspension from all offices he may hold, and from all Chapters to which he may belong, for so long a time as he is suspended from Craft Masonry. This is only just and

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expedient. Were it otherwise, it would be a grievous anomaly, and one that could not be too seriously condemned, for a brother to be deprived of his Craft status and yet retain his rights and privileges as a Royal Arch Mason. It is very possible for one who has been guilty of some dereliction of duty which has been deemed worthy of punishment in Craft Masonry, to have done so without having, in the slightest degree, committed an offence against the laws of Arch Masonry, and *vice versâ*. There is, then, in those cases, no anomaly whatever in one suspended from the Craft still retaining his position in the Arch. But the offence for which this particular brother has been visited with so signal a punishment is not of this character, and it follows, that if the sentence is to be a real one, it must apply equally to his Arch status and functions as to his Craft. We will go further, and say that if he is a member of the Mark, Templar, and other Masonic degrees, it will be necessary he should be suspended from all these for the same term. It is no good being mealy-mouthed, and mincing matters. When a brother, told off to fulfil a duty of trust, is faithless to the trust reposed in him, he must be prepared to undergo the just consequences of his crime. Breaches of discipline are serious offences, and so is neglect of duty, still it is quite possible to explain and even palliate them in certain circumstances; but malfeasance in a post of honour and trust is a crime which admits of no palliation or excuse, and only those will sympathise with this class of wrong-doers, who are capable of committing a similar offence.

We have no personal feeling in this matter. We deeply regret its occurrence, and that chiefly because we are anxious to uphold Freemasonry in all its purity. There are plenty of places in this world where people, who are so minded, may earn for themselves an unenviable notoriety for sharp practice and malpractice of all kinds, but let them reserve all their misappreciations of duty for circles outside the pale of Masonry. We are anxious the Craft should retain its character for unsullied purity.

We may add that if any Lodge should be weak enough to receive this brother during his period of suspension, it will be guilty of contumacy, and will render itself liable to suspension, or even erasure, from the roll of Grand Lodge. And having said this, we dismiss this unpleasant subject accordingly.

RIVALRY—JEALOUSY.

WHEN we take into consideration the number of Lodges working under warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, and the greater number of brethren who acknowledge that body as their head, we cannot refrain from expressing our gratification at the general harmony which prevails, nor from referring to the pleasure it must afford our rulers that they are so seldom called upon to adjudicate on matters of an unpleasant nature between either brethren or Lodges. It appears to us an irrefutable argument in favour of Freemasonry that the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of English Freemasons are able to hold their Quarterly Meetings time after time without having anything of a disagreeable nature to refer to. A great part of this good feeling is, we believe, engendered by a species of emulative rivalry. The members of a Lodge are naturally jealous of those neighbours whose working may compare favourably with their own; or their friends may have performed some particular act of Masonic benevolence which at once arouses the spirit of emulation among the Lodges in the vicinity, and this frequently leads to the whole of a Masonic district advancing a long step in the march of improvement, which march affects our Lodges as it does most other institutions at the present time. Such is the general good feeling which characterises our meetings that this question is often referred to by visitors at the several Lodges, and is at all times a source of satisfaction to the Masters who frequently, during the evening's proceedings, comment on such expressions; in fact, it seems that each brother is jealous lest his neighbour should conduce more to the comfort of those assembled than himself. As regards our Charities, we have always considered that a great part of their success is due to a similar feeling, and that larger lists are obtained from those parts where pure rivalry exists. Time after time we hear it remarked at Lodge meetings, where a large amount has been collected for a previous festival of one of the Charities, that the Steward who may be acting for the forthcoming one will not be content unless he far exceeds the amount realised by his predecessor, and thus, urged by a becoming jealousy of his brother's position, he often exerts himself to a greater extent than otherwise would have been the case. We could continue our remarks on this subject for an indefinite time, but our readers must be well aware of the benefits arising from a system of friendly competition, and we may content ourselves with what we have already urged, as being sufficient to defend the existence of rivalry in our Lodges. There is, however, a dark side to this as to all other worldly questions. Some time since a case came under our notice, which at the time we considered of so exceptionable a character that we did not think it advisable to refer to it in our pages; but, for some time past, we have been arriving at the conclusion that we were wrong in our surmise, and a passage in the short article which we last week reproduced from the *Masonic Review* convinces us. The passage referred to, bearing as it does on American Masonry, carries us yet further, and reminds us that not only English Masons, but Transatlantic brethren also, are but human, and that even in matters intimately connected with the Craft disagreeable rivalries do occur. The article containing this passage has reference to the question, "Have we too many Lodges?" In it the writer points out that it is much more desirable to have two or more "manageable" Lodges, than one with so many members as to render it impossible to carry on anything beyond the manufacture of Masons. He states that he knows of several immense Lodges, with memberships ranging from two to four hundred, who hold meetings every week, and yet are obliged to have emergencies to clear off the business which offers itself. In these it is natural that very little is known of Masonry beyond the ritual of the three degrees; hence it is the writer urges the advisability of forming new Lodges. He then points out various influences which tend to retard the formation of a second Lodge in any town or district, and among them classes jealousy. Our contemporary goes so far as to believe that this jealousy, in actual practice, falls to the ground; but on this point our experience induces us to disagree, at least in so far as English Masonry is concerned. The case to which we particularly refer occurred in a flourishing suburb of London, several of the residents of which were members of a certain London Lodge. Thinking they would prefer holding their meetings in the pure air of the country rather than in the close atmosphere of the City, they went to work to obtain the necessary sanction for removing their Lodge, and had, so we believe, all but succeeded, when a most unlooked-for opposition arose. Some of the members of the Lodge already established in the town it was intended to move to, held an unofficial meeting, and by a majority agreed to a proposition made by one of the number, that they should use every endeavour to prevent the London Lodge coming among them. They even went so far as to decide to petition the Prov. Grand Master to refuse to receive the new Lodge within his jurisdiction; but this step was unnecessary; the members of the London Lodge, hearing of the "fraternal" greeting which awaited them, decided to give up all idea of enjoying the company of such "brotherly" neighbours, and therefore let the matter drop. Since that time we have heard of other instances of such narrow-minded and un-Masonic behaviour, but hope that the cases which have come under our personal notice are all that have occurred in this country during the past three years. We think that such opposition is not only objectionable from a Masonic point of view, but is likely to tend to the disadvantage of the objecting Lodge, as it is now generally admitted that friendly competition is desirable if we wish to keep any business or society from falling into decay and eventual ruin.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Rheumatic gout are the most dreaded of all diseases, because their victims know that they are safe at no season, and at no age secure. Holloway's Ointment, after fomentation of the painful parts, gives greater relief than any other application; but it must be diligently used to obtain this desirable result. It has been highly commended by rheumatic subjects of all ages and of both sexes, for rendering their attacks less frequent and less vigorous, and for repressing the sour perspirations and soothing the nerves. In many cases, Holloway's Ointment and Pills have proved the greatest blessings in removing rheumatism and rheumatic gout which has assailed persons previously and at the prime of life.

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TEMPLARS OF CANADA.

Remarks on the Comments of Dr. Albert G. Mackay, of Washington, on the Address for 1875 of The Grand Prior.

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In the "Voice of Masonry" for December 1875, published at Washington, the learned and accomplished Masonic writer, Bro. Dr. Albert Mackay, reviews the address of the Grand Prior of Canada for that year. While fully acknowledging his pre-eminent position as a Masonic authority, there are still some points in his comments that require explanation, if not correction. He says, in the first place, "The most important item alluded to in the address is that there exists a very strong disposition among the Canada Templars to dissever their dependency on the Convent General, and to establish for themselves a National Grand Priory." This is entirely a mistake. It never was seriously thought of, and it is to be hoped that there never will be the least desire amongst the Canadian Templars to dissever their connection with England; all that was asked or sought for was this, that the Grand Priory of Canada, a Provincial Priory under England, should be admitted into the Union of the Order of the Temple of England and Ireland, and erected into a National Great Priory, co-equal with those of England and Ireland, and the peer of all other Supreme National Grand bodies of the Temple, but still subject to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, and the Convent General as the Parliament or General Convention of this Templar Union. The wish of the Canadian Fratres has been acceded to by the Convent General in the most cordial manner, and the Great Priory will shortly be established, thus at once allaying any feeling of discontent which may have heretofore existed in Canada. To establish an independent body of Knights Templar in Canada would be simply an act of the greatest folly; correctly speaking, there should not be any independent and separate bodies in the Templar Society, the Order is, or ought to be, one and indivisible; and, although want of knowledge of the correct principles of the Order in some cases, and political exigencies in others, have divided the Order into several branches, holding themselves independent of each other, still the tendency of the present day is to draw together, not to dissever, and to unite the scattered elements of our ancient chivalry into one harmonious whole. It is, therefore, greatly to be desired and looked forward to, that the day may come when all Templars—at least, those of English-speaking nations—shall be firmly and indissolubly united under one Grand Master, and directed by one supreme representative authority, as was originally the rule of the Order.

Further on in his article Dr. Mackay expresses his opinion that "The Templar Order of the present day is not identical with the old Order of the Crusades," and as a reason for so believing cites the fact that the Order of the Temple was abolished by a Bull of Pope Clement V., bearing date 2nd May 1304—that as one Pope had authorised the formation of the Order another Pope could legally and effectually suppress it." Without discussing the question as to whether the Order was legally abolished, it appears to be of far greater interest to enquire whether the Order was effectually abolished at that time. If it was, then the Knights Templar of the present day are, to a certain extent, incorrect in calling themselves Knights Templar at all. If they are not successors of the ancient Knights who were, it is admitted, outwardly suppressed in the fourteenth century, then who and what are they? It is merely nonsensical for them to call themselves Masonic Knights Templar, for what authority had Freemasons ever to create either Knights or Templars? By the ancient laws of Chivalry none but Knights could give the accolade to perpetuate the knightly dignity. That the Order of Knights Templar of the present day is the same Order as the one which was outwardly suppressed in the fourteenth century is borne out, to a certain extent, by history; to the full extent by tradition. The argument that because the Order was abolished by the Bull of Pope Clement V., it was consequently annihilated, does not appear to be conclusive. The Jesuit Order was also suppressed by a Bull of Pope Clement XIV. in 1773, but can any one believe that that Society was, in consequence, extinguished. It was outwardly suppressed, as were the Templars; but, like the Templars, it continued in secret; and when, after the lapse of forty-one years, it was in 1814 again permitted by the Pope to openly exist, it sprang up at once into public view, not a weak, sickly remnant of an annihilated Order, but a powerful and vigorous organisation that, in spite of Papal Bulls and censures, had never lost its strength or vitality. This comparatively modern example effectually disposes of the notion that the power of either Pope, King, or Emperor can extinguish any society that has within itself the elements of life.

Dr. Mackay says: "There cannot now exist any kind of Templarism that is not Masonic in its character." It may be asked in what manner is the Templar Order Masonic? If it is Masonic, then all Freemasons should and must be eligible for admission into its ranks, and would have the right to apply for membership, of course submitting to the test of the ballot, as they do in passing from the Lodge to the Chapter. But have they this privilege? Every Freemason knows they have not. If they are Turks, Jews, Hindoos, or even Christian Unitarians, they cannot be admitted into the Temple Order. None but a firm believer in the doctrine of the Holy Trinity can be so admitted; consequently, should it not be considered altogether out of place to call a society Masonic the principles of which debarred a large proportion of Freemasons from joining it? The fundamental law of Masonry being, "that when the door of any degree is closed against him who believes in one God, and the soul's immortality, on account of other tenets of his faith, that degree is Masonry no longer." On the other hand, it is well known that it has not always been held necessary that an applicant for admission into the Templar Order should be a Freemason. For several years the Chapter General of Scotland permitted Non-Masons to be made Knights Templar, although they have now again returned to the Masonic pre-qualification, and instances are on record during the last century in England where to gain admittance it was not a necessary qualification to be a Master or Royal Arch Mason.

The French "Ordre du Temple" (of which his late Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, Grand Prior of the English Templars, and other prominent English subjects of high Masonic standing were members) did not exact the Masonic qualification, neither does the Order of Christ of Portugal; both these Orders are acknowledged to be true branches of the Templar Order. The Order in England, Ireland, Germany, Sweden, and the United States appear always to have required their aspirants to be Freemasons. As respects internal evidence of the identity in character between Templary and Freemasonry, it must be evident to all who belong to both Societies that there is no connection near or remote between the respective ceremonies of the Freemason and the Knights Templar. If there should be some seeming resemblance in mere words or phraseology it has been brought about by the misdirected efforts of those who believe Templary to be nothing more than a Masonic degree, one of the series of the York Rite of Masonry; but a careful study of the subject will readily show that the whole scope and object of the Templar novitiate ceremonies are entirely distinct and separate, and, indeed, in some degree in opposition to the Masonic initiation. There is nothing whatever in the history of the ancient Knights Templar to lead us to believe that they were allied to Freemasonry, although there is every reason to suppose that many of the Order were Freemasons initiated into the secrets of occult philosophy. Neither is there anything improbable in our traditions, and but little doubt exists that when the persecuted brotherhood were under the ban of Pope Clement V., and compelled to resign their Order and mingle in the world, some of them sought refuge and protection in the ranks of so peaceful and unsuspected an association, secretly seeking to preserve their Order, whilst a portion joined the Teutonic Order, and large numbers that of the Hospitallers, introducing, it may be presumed, many of the peculiar doctrines and ceremonies of their old Order, and perpetuating them throughout the north and south of Europe, as well as in England and Scotland, in which latter country the Templars were never suppressed, but absorbed into the Order of St. John, which thus came to represent both Orders; hence the title adopted by the Convent General of England of "The United Orders of the Temple and Hospital."

It was not until after the glorious Reformation in Europe and Britain, and the suppression of the monastic houses, when men's consciences and minds were relieved from the trammels of the power of Rome, and the exercise of free thought and discussion indulged in without dread of the terrors of her intolerant Church, that it was generally known the rites and dogmas of the Templars had been secretly preserved in the speculative philosophy of Freemasonry. From this time may be dated the gradually increasing close connection that now exists between the two Orders, but owing to the jealousy or over-caution of the ancient and accepted Masons, who burnt their few records in 1721, but little information is obtainable on the subject. In the seventeenth century the Masonic Lodges were patronised by James I. and Charles I. and II. of England, and frequented by men of learning. Towards the end of the century our traditions more particularly point to the revival, revision, and recognition of the Chivalric degrees in connection with Freemasonry, and at this revision the rituals of the Knights Templar, who adopted the Masonic degrees ceremonially, conveyed an allusion to the foundation of the Order in Palestine.

To the Freemasons the English Templars largely owe it that they were enabled to preserve their secret ceremonial, and it is as a mark of their grateful remembrance that they have required aspirants for the honour of their pure and ancient Chivalry should be Freemasons; this, and this only, is the connection that exists between the Templars and Freemasonry: protection on the one side, gratitude on the other. So far, then, Dr. Mackay and the Grand Prior agree that the Templars of to-day must be traced, and are traced, to the Knights who sought refuge and concealment amongst the Masonic brotherhood, and through and by means of that Society perpetuated the Order and handed down to the present time in spirit and meaning their ancient rites and ceremonies.

Dr. Mackay speaks of the old and new Orders, but surely this must have been an oversight on the part of the learned and talented Brother. If it is admitted that the Order can be traced to those Knights who brought it into the Masonic Society, it cannot consequently be a new Order. Even if it had been purely Masonic, which it is not, it would still be the ancient Order, for although laying claim to a knightly succession, not a vestige remains of the original military power and political influence of the early Order, now merged into a peaceful but powerful Christian Society closely allied to Freemasonry.

The Templar Constitution in England has always been Trinitarian, and in the Statutes recently adopted no severance whatever from Freemasonry has taken place, for the Masonic qualification and the Ritual remains as before, merely substituting and restoring the old names and titles of the Order founded upon historical authority.

In the United States it would appear that the originators of their Templar system chose to found it altogether upon Freemasonry, adopting the obsolete and mistaken theory that the original Order of the Templars was based on the Craft degrees, and the two have become so connected that they cannot be separated by any one who has been received into these Orders, Templary being there emphatically a Masonic Order of Knighthood, requiring the possession of Masonic degrees not now recognised by the Grand Lodge of England.

At the Union in 1813 of the English Grand Lodges it was declared that "pure and ancient Freemasonry consisted of three degrees and no more, including the Royal Arch," therefore English Craft Masonry knows nothing, and can know nothing, by her unchanging constitu-

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tions, of any grades beyond the Royal Arch, or of any between it and the third or M.M. degree; at the same time the articles of union provided for, and did not interfere with, the Chivalric degrees continuing to be attached to Craft Lodges and Chapters.

TRADITION AND HISTORY IN MASONRY.

From the "Voice of Masonry."

In the ritual and the usages of Freemasonry there are two kinds of statements which are continually presenting themselves to the enquiring student, and which sometimes are coincident, but much oftener conflicting in their character. These are the historical and the traditional, each of which belongs to Freemasonry as considered in a different aspect.

The historical statement relates to the Institution as we look at it in an exoteric or public point of view; the traditional refers only to its esoteric or secret character. Thus, when we are treating of Freemasonry as one of the social organizations of the world, as one of those institutions which have sprung up in the progress of society, and when we are considering what are or were the influences that the varying conditions of society produced upon it and what influences it has reciprocally produced on these varying conditions, we are then attempting to solve a historical problem, and we must arrive at the solution in a historical method, and not otherwise. We must discard all speculation, because history deals only in facts. If we were treating the history of a nation, we should assert nothing of it as historical that could not be traced to and verified by its written records. All that is conjectured of the events that may have occurred in the earlier times of such a nation, of which there is no record in contemporaneous or immediately subsequent times, is properly thrown into the dim era of the pre-historic age. It forms no part of the authentic history of the nation, and can be dignified, at its highest value, with the title of historic speculation only, which claims no other credence than that which its plausibility or its probability commands. Now, the possibility or the probability that a certain event may have occurred in the early days of a nation's existence, but of which event there is no record, will be great or little, as dependent on certain other events, which bear upon it and which come within the era of records. The event may have been possible but not probable, and then but very little or no importance would be given to it, and it must at once be relegated to the category of myths. Or it may have been both possible and highly probable, and we may be allowed to speculate upon it as something that had exerted an influence upon the primitive character or the subsequent progress of the nation. But even then, it would not altogether lose its mythical character. Whatever we might predicate of it would be only a plausible speculation. It would not be history, for that deals not in what may have been but only in that which actually has been.

The progress, in these latter days, of what are called the exact sciences has led, by the force of example and analogy, to a more critical examination of the facts, or rather the so-called facts of history.

Voltaire, in his Life of Charles XII., said: "Incredulity was the foundation of history." Years passed before the axiom, in all its force, was accepted by the learned. But at length it has been adopted as the rule of all historical criticism. To be credulous is now to be unphilosophical, and scholars accept nothing as history that cannot be demonstrated with almost geometrical certainty.

Neibuhr began by shattering all faith in the story of Rhea Sylvia, of Romulus, and of the maternal wolf, which, with many other incidents of early Roman history, were consigned by him to the region of the mythical.

In later times, the patriotic heart of Switzerland has been made to mourn by the discovery that the story of William Tell and of the apple which he shot from the head of his son is nothing but a mediæval fable, which was common to a great many other countries, and the circumstances of which, everywhere varying in details, still point to a common origin in some early myth.

It is thus that many narratives once accepted as veracious have been, by careful criticism, eliminated from the domain of history, and such works as Goldsmith's Histories of Greece and Rome are no longer deemed fitting text books for schools where nothing but truth should be taught.

The same rules of critical analysis which are pursued in the separation of what is true from what is false in the history of a nation should be applied to the determination of the character of all statements in Masonic history. This course, however, has not generally been pursued. Many of its legends are unquestionably founded on a historical basis; but quite as many are made up of a mixture of truth and fiction, the distinctive boundaries of which it is difficult to determine; while a still greater number are altogether mythical, with no appreciable element of truth in their composition. And yet, for nearly two centuries, all of these three classes of Masonic legendary lore have been accepted by the great body of the Fraternity, without any discrimination, as faithful narratives of undoubted authenticity. It is this liberal acceptance of the false for the true, and this ready recognition of fables for authentic narratives, which have encouraged imaginative writers to plunge into the realms of absurdity instead of confining themselves to the domain of legitimate history, which has cast over Masonic history an air of romance. Unjustly, but very naturally, some scholars have been led to reject all of our legends in every part as fabulous, because they found in some the elements of mendacity. But on the other hand the absurdities of legend makers and the credulity of legend believers have, by a healthy reaction, given rise to a school of iconoclasts to whom I shall directly have occasion to refer, and which sprang up from a laudable desire to conform the principles of criticism which are to govern all investigations into Masonic history to the rules which control profane writers in the examination of the history of nations.

As examples of the legends of Masonry which have tempted the credulity of many and excited the scepticism of others, I may cite that almost universally accepted legend—universal, except with the iconoclasts—which attributes the organization of Freemasonry, in its present form, to the era of the building of King Solomon's Temple—the story of Prince Edwin and the Grand Lodge congregated by him at the City of York, in the tenth century—and the theory that the three symbolic degrees were instituted as distinct Masonic grades at a period long anterior to the beginning of the eighteenth century. These statements, still believed in by all Masons who have not made the history of the Order an especial study, were, until recently, accepted by prominent scholars as veracious narratives. Even Dr. Oliver, one of the most learned as well as most prolific Masonic writers, has, in his numerous works, recognized them as historical truths without a word of protest or a sign of doubt, except, perhaps, with reference to the third legend above mentioned, of which he says with a cautious qualification, that he has "some doubts whether the Master's degree, as now given, can be traced three centuries backwards." *

But now comes a new school of Masonic students, to whom, borrowing a word formerly used in the history of religious strife, has been given the name of "iconoclasts." The word is a good one. The old iconoclasts or image breakers of the eighth century demolished the images and defaced the pictures which they found in the churches, led away by erroneous but still conscientious views, because they thought the people were mistaking the shadow for the substance and were worshipping the image instead of the Divine Being whom it represented. And so, these Masonic iconoclasts, with better views, are proceeding to break down the intellectual images, which the old and unlearned Masons had erected for their veneration. They are pulling to pieces the myths and legends, whose fallacies and absurdities and anachronisms had so long cast a cloud upon what ought to be the clear sky of Masonic history. But they have tempered their zeal with a knowledge and a moderation that was unknown to the iconoclasts of religion. These shattered the images and scattered the fragments to the four winds of heaven, or they demolished the picture so that not even a remnant of the canvass was left. Whatever there was of beauty in the work of the sculptor or the painter was for ever destroyed. Every sentiment of æsthetic art was overcome by the violence of religious fanaticism. Had the destructive labors of these iconoclasts been universal, and not confined to certain unfortunate limits, no foundation would have been left for building that science of Cristian symbolism, which in this day has been so interesting and so instructive to the archæologist. †

Not so have the Masonic iconoclasts performed their task. They have shattered nothing, they have destroyed nothing. When, in the course of their investigations into true Masonic history, they encounter a myth or a legend, replete, apparently, with absurdities or contradictions, they do not consign it to oblivion, as something unworthy of consideration, but they dissect it into its various parts; they analyze it with critical acumen; they separate the chaff from the wheat; they accept the portion that is probable, and, perhaps, confirmed by other collective testimony as true, and as a legitimate contribution to history; what is undoubtedly fictitious they receive as a myth, and either reject it altogether as an unmeaning addition to a legend, or give it an interpretation as the expression of some symbolic idea, which is itself of value in a historical point of view.

The lamented archæologist, George Smith, late of the British Museum, in speaking of the cuneiform inscriptions excavated in Mesopotamia, and the legends which they contain, says: ‡ "With regard to the supernatural element introduced into the story, it is similar in nature to many such additions to historical narratives, especially in the East, but I would not reject those events which may have happened, because in order to illustrate a current belief, or add to the romance of the story, the writer has introduced the supernatural."

It is on this very principle that the iconoclastic Masonic writers, such as Hughan and Woodford, are pursuing their researches into the early history of Freemasonry. They do not reject the events recited in the old legends which have certainly happened, because in the same legends they find also mythical narratives. They do not yield to the tendency which Smith says is now too general, "to repudiate the earlier part of the history, because of its evident inaccuracies and the marvellous element generally combined with it." It is in this way, and in this way only, that early Masonic history can be written. Made up, as it has been for centuries past, of a commingled tissue of historical narrative and legendary invention, hitherto it has been read without judicious discrimination. Either the traditionary account has been accepted as a whole as historical, and thus numerous errors have resulted, or it has been rejected as a whole as fabulous, and hence equally numerous errors have been the consequence.

As an example of the error which inevitably results from pursuing either of these two systems of interpretation, the one of which may be distinguished as the school of gross credulity, and the other as that of gross scepticism, let us take the legend known as the theory of the temple origin of Freemasonry, that is to say, the legend which places the organization of the Institution at the time of the building of the temple of Jerusalem.

Now, the former of these schools, implicitly receives the whole legend as true in all its parts, and recognizes King Solomon as the first Grand Master, with Hiram of Tyre and Hiram Abif as his Wardens, who presided over the Craft, divided into three degrees, the initiation into which was the same as that practised in the lodges of

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* Dissertation on the State of Masonry in the 18th Century.

† Thus the Emperor Leo, the Isaurian, caused all images and pictures to be removed from the churches and publicly burnt, an act of vandalism scarcely surpassed by that Saracen despot who ruthlessly committed the books of the Alexandria library to the flames as fuel for the public baths.

‡ Chaldean account of Genesis, p 302.

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the present day.* So firmly convinced are the believers in this theory of its truth, that the brand of heterodoxy is placed upon all who deny or doubt it.

The disciples of the latter school whose scepticism is as excessive as the credulity of the others, reject as fabulous everything that tends to connect Freemasonry with the Solomonic Temple. To the King of Israel, himself, they refuse all honor, and repudiate with contempt all his claims to the position of a Masonic dignitary. One of these Pyrrhonists has recently gone so far in his disdain for legendary lore as to load the Jewish monarch with unnecessary and unmerited abuse.

Between these two parties, each of which is actuated by an intemperate zeal, come the iconoclasts, scholars, who calmly and dispassionately seek for truth only. These disavow, it is true, the authenticity of the temple legend in its present form. They deny that there is any proof, which a historian could, by the rules of criticism, admit as evidence that Freemasonry was organized at the building of the temple, and hence they look for its origin at some other period and under different circumstances. But they do not reject the temple and the myth connected with it as wholly unworthy of consideration. On the contary, they respect this legend as a symbol, and one whose importance cannot be over estimated. They trace its rise in the Old Constitutions; they find it plainly and significantly alluded to in the Legend of the Craft; and they follow it in its full development in the modern rituals. They thus recognize the influence that the story of the temple and its builders—feeble though it may be—has exerted in the construction of the Order, and thus they feel no disposition to treat the legend with contumely.

Knowing what an important part the legends and symbols of Masonry have played in the progress of the Institution, and how much its philosophic character is indebted to these myths and symbols for all that is peculiar to itself, they devote their literary energies, not to the expurgation of this legend of the temple, but to the investigation of how and when it arose, and to what is its real meaning as a symbol. And thus they are enabled to add an important item to the mass of true Masonic history which they have been accumulating.

How the researches of these iconoclastic scholars have been conducted, and to what results they have led, are matters not precisely germane to the present article, and which for their proper consideration would demand an independent essay.

So of the legend of Prince Edwin, whom the Old Constitutions make a son of King Athelstan, and the theory of a York Grand Lodge, each of which has been able considered by those true iconoclasts Woodford and Hughan. We may say that these laborious scholars have eliminated the fabulous from the true, and, without rejecting the whole of the legends, they have shown us how they have sprung up out of the true history of the Order, and how they may be explained without charging the framers of the old Masonic legends with any greater fault than that of a confusion of dates, of persons and of circumstances.

In short, the theory of the iconoclastic school, is that truth and authenticity must always and in the first place be sought; that nothing must be accepted as historical which has not the internal and external evidences of historical verity; and that, in treating legends, of almost every one of which we may say *se non e vero, e ben trovato*,—"if it is not true, at least it has been well invented"—we are not to reject them as altogether fabulous, but as having some hidden and occult meaning, which, as in the case of other symbols, we are diligently to seek to discover.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

OPENING OF A LODGE AT OKEHAMPTON.

THE Grand Lodge of Freemasons of the Province of Devon was held on the 26th inst. at Okehampton, and the feature of the meeting was the constitution and consecration of the Lodge of Obedience No. 1753. For some time past a number of Freemasons living in Okehampton and the neighbourhood, have felt the want of a Lodge for the district, and a few set about to get the desired object, the result being that a Lodge was opened with the usual ceremony and honours, and Bro. William Brodie P.M. 1254 was installed its first Master. The day was observed in Okehampton as a general holiday, and the pleasant festivities will live in the recollection of those who took a prominent part in the day's proceedings. Heavy showers fell during the day, but though it marred the enjoyment of individuals, it did not seriously interfere with the ceremonies. Brethren attended from great distances to take part in the duties of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the procession was witnessed by a large number of inhabitants and visitors. Fortunately, no rain fell during the march of the procession, which was headed by the band of the First Devon Militia, under the conductorship of Bro. George James. The band also played during the banquet, between the showers, in the square in front of the White Hart Hotel.

The Committee of Petitions met at the Town Hall at 10.30, by the courtesy of the Mayor, W. Ponsford, Esq., and the representatives of the various Lodges attended for the purpose of discussing and deciding on the different claims upon the funds. £85 was voted, on recommendation, for apportionment to Masonic Charities. On the motion of Bro. S. Jones P.M. 112 P.P.G.S.D, the sum of fifty guineas was granted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and it was agreed that the sum should be added to Bro. S. Jones's list, as Steward; and the sum of £50 was voted to the Fortescue Annuity Fund.

The Provincial Grand Lodge met at the Schoolroom, North-lane, at 12.30, and the following Provincial Grand Officers amongst others were present:—Bros. Rev. John Huyshe P.G.C. P.G.M., L. P. Metham D.P.G.M., Fredk. W. Williams P.S.G.W., Walter Hylton-Joliffe P.G.J.W. 1205, J. Edward Curteis P.M. 189 P. Prov. S.G.W., W. Hyne-Haycock P. Prov. G.S.D. P.M. 164, 109, 13, Samuel Jones P.P.G.S.D. St. George 112, John B. Gover P.P.G.A.D.C. St. John 70, Vincent Bird P.P.G. Treasurer 954, Leonard D. Westcott P.M. 70 P.P.G.S. Wks., W. Whittley W.M. 156 P.P.G.C., William Thomas Maynard P.P.G. Treasurer 106, John H. Tonkin P.M. 282 P.P.G.A.D.C., H. W. Hooper P.M. 444, 1254, P.P.G.R., J. F. Long P.M. 89 P.G.S., John R. Nankivell P.M. 1332 P.P.G.C., Philip Williams 112 P.G.C., J. H. Westlake P.M. 666 P.P.G.P., H. B. Stark 106 P.P.G.O., Thomas Dand P.M. 39 P.P.G.S.B., J. Reayatt 1213 P.P.G.A.D.C., George W. Smales 312 P.P.G.S.W., Dr. Henry Hopkins P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire 41 P.M. 43, 958, &c., &c.

The Lodges having been assembled under their respective banners, it was notified to the Provincial Grand Master and his Officers that the P.G. Lodge was duly formed, and, on his entering from the robing-room, the P.G.M. was received by the brethren with the customary Masonic honours. The Lodge having been opened, the P.G. Secretary announced to the P.G. Master that the W.M. and members of the Lodge of Obedience, No. 1753, desired to be constituted and consecrated in ancient form. The P.G. Secretary read the warrant from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. Prince of Wales, by whom the warrant was signed, and the P.G.M. called on the brethren of the new Lodge to signify their assent to the Officers named in the warrant.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master—Bro. L. P. Metham—delivered the usual oration:—Brethren,—The word "Oration," as applied to the address I am about, in obedience to the command of our revered Provincial Grand Master, to make, implies greater preparation and study than I have been able to devote to it. Neither do I propose to speak at all on the general question of Freemasonry, but to confine myself simply to consider the important duties and obligations which the founders of this Lodge will, from to-day, be called upon to discharge, if they are really and truly the sincere Masons they profess to be. We welcome our new sister, the Lodge of Obedience, into our family circle, and congratulate the brethren on the so far successful issue of their efforts. Brethren of Lodge Obedience,—The selection of the name by which your Lodge will hereafter be known to you foreshadows your desire and intention to obey the Constitutions of the Order, and to be guided by the principles so constantly poured into your ears and instilled into your minds by the pure teaching of Freemasonry. Be true to those principles, and we shall ever look back to the ceremony of to-day with pride and pleasure,—I leave you to consider what will be our feelings if you are unfaithful to them. Worshipful Master Elect,—On your selection to-day of officers to assist you in governing your Lodge, and on your own conduct, not only in the chair, but out of it, for the coming year depends its success or failure. You have no errors of predecessors to undo or to be the excuse for neglect or shortcoming. The first page of the minute-book will bear your signature; take care that nothing recorded there shall ever bring the blush of shame to your own cheeks, or those of your members and successors. To you is committed the guardianship of the honour of the Craft, not only in Devon, but throughout the world. See that you protect it, and hand it unsullied to your successors. Be careful—most careful—that your officers are men of probity, intelligence, and of true Masonic feeling. Admit none to participate in our secrets, whose antecedents will not bear the strictest investigation, or who are not of a genial, kindly disposition, so that no unseemly wrangles may be introduced into the Lodge. Take care that none are admitted who have only curiosity or a convivial spirit to plead as a reason. Take care, too, that every candidate is above the suspicion of being actuated by selfish or mercenary motives; that the initiation fee is truly his own after the payment of his just debts and due provision made for all who are dependent upon him. To do otherwise would be to connive at fraud, and also be a cruel robbery of defenceless women and children. In the decision of every trespass against our rules, you will remember that "it is not meet that every nice offence should bear its comment," therefore you will judge with candour, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with mercy. But you must be firm to mark what is done amiss in every matter which really merits reprobation, or which is likely to bring disgrace on your Lodge or the Craft at large. Be zealous to defend a brother if unjustly assailed, and consider the interests of the Craft to be inseparably connected with your own. "Whatever your hand findeth to do, do it with all your might;" be diligent and upright in business, and in all that concerns your duty as a citizen. Be prompt to obey the voice of charity, not only in alms-giving, but in extending comfort, counsel and consolation to every one of your fellow-creatures in the hour of need and affliction. Thus will you exact and receive from the outer world reverence and regard for our noble Institution, and furnish the best answer to those who question the need for its existence. Thus will you paraphrase the words of a great living statesman:—"Our Brotherhood is no mean heritage, but it is not an heritage that can only be enjoyed; it must be maintained, and it can only be maintained by the same qualities that created it — by courage, by discipline, by patience, by determination to do and to defend the right."

The P.G.M. pledged the Master and members of the new Lodge to obey the laws and constitution of the Grand Lodge, and the P.G.M. then declared the Lodge of Obedience, No. 1,753, to be a regular and duly constituted Lodge. Bro. Brooks R.A.M., Torquay, presided at the organ.

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* See the 2d edition of Anderson's Constitutions (chap. III), where the theory is first promulgated, and where that writer says, Hiram Abif, "in Solomon's absence, filled the chair as Deputy Grand Master, and, in his presence, was the Senior Grand Warden" (page 12). And again, that "Solomon partitioned the Fellow Crafts into certain lodges, with a Master and Wardens in each" (p 13), and lastly, that "Solomon was Grand Master of all Masons at Jerusalem, King Hiram was Grand Master at Tyre, and Hiram Abif had been Master of work" (p 15). The modern rituals have made some changes, but we evidently see here the "*fons et origo*" of the legend as it is now believed by the Masons of the Fraternity.

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The ceremony of consecration was next proceeded with. The ode, "Hail, Universal Lord!" was sung, and the P.G. Chaplain delivered the opening invocation, and afterwards read a portion of Holy Scripture. The first prayer was said by the P.G. Master, all the brethren kneeling and chanting, "So mote it be." Amidst solemn music the Lodge was uncovered, and the second prayer was said, during which the P.G. Chaplain placed the sacred name upon the Lodge. Next followed the ceremony of consecrating the Lodge with corn, wine, and oil by the P.G. Master and his Grand Wardens, the P.G. Chaplain reading portions of Holy Scripture during the three perambulations. During the offering up of the Prayer of Consecration by the P.G.M., the W.M. and Wardens of the "Lodge of Obedience" deposited the working tools of the three degrees upon the Lodge. The chants "Glory to Thee, most High God," "The Father Everlasting," "As it was in the beginning," &c., followed, and the P.G. Chaplain offered up the Prayer of Dedication. The P.G.M. then seasoned the Lodge with salt, and P.G. Chaplain preceding him with burning incense and reading from the Bible. The final benediction was delivered by the P.G.M., and the brethren gave the "Grand Honours." At the end of the consecration, Bro. William Brodie, P.M. of No. 1244, the Master Designate of the "Lodge of Obedience," was duly installed as its first W.M., and he appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing twelvemonths as follows:—Bros. B. Barber I.P.M., W. Pidsley S.W., J. W. Boon J.W., the Rev. C. W. H. Holley Chaplain, R. T. Relf Treasurer, G. W. Gould Secretary, A. J. G. Waters S.D., J. J. Ball J.D., A. Paddon I.G., J. Coombe Tyler. The appointment of Stewards and other minor Officers was postponed to the next Lodge. Bro. Samuel Jones P.P.G.S.D. was the Installing Master. The other business of the P.G. Lodge was then proceeded with. On the motion of Bro. J. E. Carteis P.P.G.S.W., the following resolution, passed at the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Exeter on the 29th of January 1874, was rescinded, viz.:—

"That in the opinion of this Provincial Grand Lodge it is not advisable to increase the number of Masonic Charitable Institutions for the following reasons:—

"(*a*) The existing Charities are very far from being adequately supplied with funds.

"(*b*) The means of particular Lodges in this Province are already taxed to the highest extent sanctioned by the Constitutions, and the revenues of the Provincial Grand Lodge admit of no material augmentation.

"(*c*) Though it is perfectly consistent with the principles of Masonry that means should be provided for the relief of brethren who have fallen into unmerited misfortune, yet is is by no means consistent with those principles that the Order should assume the form or the attributes of a Benefit Society."

The reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, Treasurer of the Fortescue Annuity Fund, and the Committee of Petitions, were received and adopted, and the P.G.M. appointed the following brethren the Prov. Grand Officers for the next twelvemonths, viz.:—The Hon. Walter Hylton Joliffe P.M. 1285 G.S. Warden, Samuel Jones P.P.S.G.D. G.J. Warden, the Rev. R. Thornton W.M. 164, and the Rev. R. Swansborough W.M. 1181 G. Chaplains, Robert Bishop Twose P.M. of Lodge Fortitude G. Treas., P. Stewart Kersteman P.M. 251 Grand Registrar, W. G. Rogers P.P.S.G.W. G. Secretary, Henry Woodgates P.M. 847 G.S. Deacon, William Brodie W.M. 1254 Grand J. Deacon, Edgar Toner P.M. 1443 G. Supt. Works, Samuel Loram P.M. 1443, G.D. of Ceremonies, J. F. Long P.M. 39 G. Assist. D. of Ceremonies, George John Bishop P.M. 106 G. Sword Bearer, James Ellis P.M. 1212 G. Organist, A. W. Wolf P.M. 223 G. Pursuivant, — Box P.M. 156, — Andrews P.M. 70, A. Bodley, P.M. 39, H. D. Thomas P.M. 444, B. Barber P.M. 1254, and J. B. Patterson P.M. 1125 G. Stewards, P. L. Blanchard G. Tyler, J. Rogers G. Assist. Tyler. Bros. J. Way and V. Bird were appointed auditors for the ensuing year.

A procession was formed after the Provincial Grand Lodge closed, and the brethren walked from the school-room to the White Hart Hotel, where the meetings of the new Lodges will be held, in the following order:—

The band of the First Devon Militia. A Tyler with a drawn sword. Brethren, not members of any Lodge in the Province, two and two, Juniors preceding. The Brethren of the Lodges in the Province, two and two, the Junior Lodge preceding, each Lodge following its banner. The Provincial G. Tylers with drawn swords. Four Worshipful Masters of Lodges bearing Cornucopia with corn, and three vessels containing wine, oil, and salt. P.G. Pursuivants. The Grand Pursuivant. Past Grand Organists. The Grand Organist. Past Grand Sword Bearers. The Grand Sword Bearer. P.G. Directors of Ceremonies. The G. Director of Ceremonies and the Assistant G. Director of Ceremonies. P.G. Supts. of Works. The G. Supts. of Works. P.G. Deacons. The G. Secretary. Past Grand Registrars. The Grand Registrar. Past Grand Treasurers. The G. Treasurer. Past Grand Chaplains. Past Grand Wardens. The Corinthian Light borne by the W.M. of a Lodge. The Junior Grand Warden with the Plumb Rule. The Doric Light borne by the W.M. of a Lodge. The Senior Grand Warden with the Level. The Junior Grand Deacon. The Grand Chaplains bearing the Volume of the Sacred Law with the Square and compasses thereon, with a G. Steward on either side. The Deputy P. G. Master with the Square, preceded by his banner, borne by the W.M. of a Lodge. The Ionic Light borne by the Worshipful Master of a Lodge. A Past Provincial Grand Officer bearing the Mallet. The Banner of the Right Worshipful Provincial G. Master with a G. Steward on either side. The Grand Sword Bearer, bearing the Sword of State, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Senior Grand Deacon, two Grand Stewards. On arriving at the portico of the hotel, the procession halted, the brethren opening to the right and left, facing inwards, leaving room for the Provincial Grand Master to pass up the centre, preceded by his banner and Grand Sword Bearer; the Grand Officers and brethren followed in succession from the rear.

A noticeable feature in the decoration of the school-room and in the procession was the beautiful hand-worked silk banner, belonging to Semper Fedelis Lodge, Exeter, which was given by Bro. J. Horswell. The banquet was held at the White Hart Hotel, the Provincial Grand Master presiding, and there were about 120 brethren present. The catering of Bro. John Ball was perfect in every way, and gave entire satisfaction. The tables were adorned with roses and other flowers, kindly sent by Mr. James Walters, of the Mount Radford Nursery.—*Exeter and Plymouth Gazette.*

MASONIC MYSTERIES.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

WHEN I was very young I heard a sermon preached from a Rabinical text, viz., "Sin begets sin, and error begets error." The lecturer forcibly demonstrated the necessity of destroying every error before it can become the parent of other errors. Among other arguments he gave the following apt illustration:—

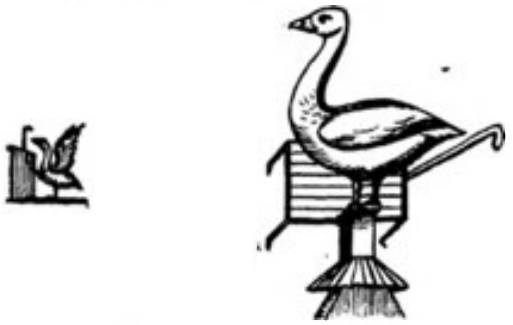
"The caterpillar (said he), which is so destructive to vegetation, if not destroyed in time, will become developed into a butterfly, and this butterfly will become the parents of a large number of caterpillars; hence the industrious farmer, by his destruction of these pests, not only stops their doing further mischief, but he also prevents their reproduction a thousandfold for the next year, and in a like manner by destroying one error, you prevent the production of a large progeny of errors which this error would have given birth to."

The above sketch of a sermon will, I trust, be sufficient answer to our self-appointed *Masonic watchmen of Zion*, who are opposed to my constant efforts to solve Masonic puzzles, and whose greatest argument against me is, "What object can be gained by running his head against the assertions of the early Masonic writers?" &c.

Freemasonry is a mystery. It is a mystery of mysteries. It is a mystery to the uninitiated as well as to the initiated. It is a mystery in its entirety, as well as in its numerous parts and details. Its name is a mystery; its antiquity is a mystery; its "landmarks" are mysteries. It is a mystery to me, that although Masons are taught that "truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue," that so many of the orthodox professional Masonic writers should either have promulgated errors, or should try to stifle discussion under the plea, "What object can be gained?" &c. The ritual itself is a great mystery. It professes Masonry to be unsectarian, but by hook or by crook, sectarianism was forced everywhere more or less into the Masonic rituals.

Apropos about the ritual, all my readers will probably recollect the following part, viz.:—"In all regular and well formed Lodges, there is a point within a circle," or in other words, that *all* regular well formed Lodges deduce instruction from a symbol known as the "parallel lines." I have lately, however, ascertained that in Pennsylvanian Lodges, that symbol is entirely unknown, and I have also been informed that the "parallel lines" are unknown in Scotch Lodges. The question therefore is, whether the Pennsylvania and Scotch Lodges can possibly be regarded as *regular and well formed Lodges?*

Among the numerous Masonic mysteries and puzzles over which I pondered, the mystery to which I shall now direct the reader's attention is certainly not the least curious. It is well known to every reader of the Freemason's Chronicle that the English Grand Lodge was organized in 1717 at the *Goose and Gridiron* in Saint Paul's Churchyard. Now would any one believe (for it seems scarcely credible) that two distinct geese, accompanied by distinct gridirons, which are as unlike as the two accounts about Thomas Dunckerley, which I communicated in a former number, should now, in 1878, be in the field, and each of these geese claim to be the genuine orthodox goose attached to the ale house in St. Paul's Churchyard in 1717? Here are the two geese with the gridirons, and the question is, which is the pretender, and which is the orthodox goose?



In 1876, Bro. Mac Calla, the editor of the *Keystone* at Philadelphia, obtained one of the above geese. I mean the larger goose standing upon a chimney pot, partly obscuring the gridiron. That goose was presented to Bro. MacCalla by P.G.M. Bro. John T. Heard of Boston. Our Bro. MacCalla of course wrote an article, and placed his goose and gridiron at the top of it. Our friend Bro. Woodford, after passing some very fine compliments to the editor of the *Keystone*, reprinted the said article (goose and all), in the September number of the *Masonic Magazine*. Of course, every zealous Mason has so far feasted his eyes on what he supposed to be the identical goose and gridiron of the St. Paul's Churchyard alehouse of 24th June 1717, and as far as I know they might have gone on feasting their eyes—I don't know how long. But I happened to see a reprint by Bro. Albert Pike of Pine's engraved Lodge list of 1725, and from thence I copied the other Goose and Gridiron, which seems to be as lively as a kitten, striking its leg against the wires of the gridiron, as if it was

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amused with the musical sound produced by the vibration of the wires. And who knows whether it had reference to music? for, according to the able Reviewer of Bro. Hughan's reprint of Pine's list, the alehouse in St. Paul's had formerly been devoted to music. But be that as it may, as the subject about the "Four Old Lodges" now discussed in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, which discussion I sincerely appreciate, and which seems to be equally appreciated by others, is now attracting general attention, I therefore deemed it just the right nick of time to introduce the two rival Geese and Gridirons to the attention of the English brethren. There is an error somewhere, and if the error is not at once removed, Masonic geese will multiply almost as fast as caterpillars. I hope, therefore, and trust, that some authority will decide as to which goose is the *real Simon pure*.

COMMITTEE MEETING—GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Col. Creaton (in the chair), A. H. Tattershall, E. H. Finney, R. B. Webster, James E. Peters, Thomas W. White, G. R. Shervill, H. Massey, Arthur E. Gladwell, H. Browse, Thomas Mason and F. R. W. Hedges. Notice of motion was given for confirming the recommendation of the House Committee to increase the annual donation to the Chaplain to £25, and to the local Charities at St. John's Hill to ten guineas. The Committee having accepted the Guarantee Society as surety for the Secretary, Bro. Browse gave notice of motion that the Institution pay the necessary premiums. Two little girls were accepted as candidates for election in April. The chairman gave two notices of motion, one for electing four girls in October, and the other for appointing a sub-Committee for revising the laws of the Institution.

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CHARITY STEWARDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The correspondence which appeared in your columns of last week with reference to your article on this subject will, I should think, be the means of inducing several past Stewards to give their personal experiences, and I hope may produce some benefit to the Charities. Your correspondent, "A STEWARD WHO HAS SERVED ONCE," has, I consider, hit the right nail on the head, when he states that brethren object to repeat their Stewardship in consequence of the expenses which it entails, although I hardly think he expresses the matter correctly. I consider that the real objection in our neighbourhood is, not so much that the work is expensive, but that it is really money wasted, and that some means might be devised for the expense of the Festivals being borne by those who take part in them, and not make those who may be many miles away pay just the same as those who are present. Take my own case, I have served four Stewardships; well, on the first occasion I of course went up to the Festival, just to see what was done, but since then certainly should not have attended only I hardly liked giving the fee for nothing; consequently I have gone to the additional expense of railway fare, accommodation in London, &c., thereby making the—to me—*unnecessary* expense of each Stewardship amount to about £4. As to the expense of your correspondent's wife accompanying him, I consider that entirely a separate matter, although, as he states, if it had not been the custom for Stewards to attend he would not have spent that money on her visit. The question has been under discussion for some time past among those who work for the Charities in this district, and one brother of a neighbouring Lodge has told me that he has decided not to again put his name down as a Steward, but to send the subscriptions which he intends to continue to collect as from his Lodge. He has served eight Stewardships, and states that on each occasion he has become more and more convinced that the fees and expenses of attending the Festival are a waste, and therefore he has decided to act differently for the future. At no very distant date I believe the matter will be brought under the notice of our Prov. Grand Lodge, whose assistance in all questions connected with Masonic Charity matters we are in the habit of soliciting, and should they advise any alteration, you may rely that it will be carried out throughout the Province, and this will be quickly followed by some neighbouring ones.

Yours fraternally,

Deal, 29th August 1878. INVICTA.

HAVE WE TOO MANY LODGES?

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Under this heading you last week reprinted an article from the *Masonic Review*, which has in it some very good points, but there is a feature in connection with the question to which I should like to call attention. As a rule big Lodges are a mistake, no doubt, except in the case of "seafaring" Lodges, where a large proportion of the members are birds of passage. It is very discouraging to young members when their early zeal is nipped in the bud by their failure to obtain office, and it should be the ambition of every brother to take some active part in the work of his Lodge. But still it is not given to every brother to have the qualifications necessary for ruling a Lodge, and I think promoters of new Lodges, as well as those who are responsible for the granting of Warrants, should take early steps to ascertain whether there is a probability of a succession of suitable brethren to fill the chair of K.S. I think if any of us reflect for a few minutes, we shall find our experience telling us that a very small proportion of brethen are in any sense qualified to preside over the affairs of a Lodge, and I feel sure that the "weakness" of many a country Lodge arises from this very cause. The first W.M. is probably chosen because he seems especially qualified for the post, but there is most likely little thought as to his successor, and the consequence of this is that after a brilliant first year the Lodge dwindles down (not in numbers, but in influence and reputation), and becomes one of that too numerous section of Lodges, to visit any of which is not a pleasure, but a task, both painful and saddening. To multiply Lodges in small centres where there is no probability of an adequate supply of good Masters, is to strike a blow at the well-being of the Order generally, and I, for one, should be very glad to see the process of procuring a Warrant made more difficult than at present, by the raising of the fee to £50.

I am, yours fraternally,

T. B. W.

VOTING ORGANIZATION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I can fully endorse the statements of your correspondent, "A CONSTANT READER," and like him, I trust that Bro. Lacey will persevere in his efforts. As to the second Society of which "A CONSTANT READER" refers, it is as well it should be generally known that the proposal, or rather the idea of such a proposal, is obviously borrowed from that which induced the former, made in accordance with sundry recommendations contained in the columns of your esteemed journal. Judging, as I do, from the known lack of originality invariably exhibited by the weightier among those brethren who "assisted" at the second meeting, I should, if I were called upon to argue the matter, have no hesitation in affirming that the second idea is derived from the first, and that in the hurry of taking the initiatory steps for the proposed organisation, the mover and his supporters have forgotten to acknowledge, with that uniform kindness and consideration by which they are distinguished, the source of their inspiration. This is by no means the first time I have seen this kind of thing has been done, and I rejoice that "A CONSTANT READER" has drawn attention to it.

I remain, fraternally yours,

P. ORGAN.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ARMAGH.

CLONES, Co. MONAGHAN, THURSDAY.

Yesterday, pursuant to due notice, the Quarterly Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Armagh, which embraces the Counties of Armagh, Louth, and Monaghan, was held at the Court House, Clones. In the absence of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master Maxwell C. Close M.P., D.L., &c., &c., the chair was taken by V.W. Bro. Dr. Scott P.G.S.W., supported by—

V.W. Bro. F. E. Clarke LL.D. G.S.W.
V.W. Bro. Andrew K. Young J.P. P.J.G.W.
V.W. Bro. James Hesse P.P.G.S.
V.W. Bro. Rev. Aug. R. Young, Rector of Ballyhay, Chaplain.
Bro. Elliott P.J.G.D.
Bro. Sydney Jackson P.G.I.G.
V.W. Bro. Geo. Hill Smith Provincial Grand Secretary.

The minutes of former meeting at Armagh having been confirmed, Bro. Hesse P.P.G. Secretary, carried a resolution of which he had given notice, viz.:—"That a Provincial Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund be established for affording aid and relief to members (or relatives of members) of the subordinate Lodges in the Province." A limitation that, except in special cases, the fund should be allowed to accumulate for two years before being drawn upon was added as a rider.

The V.W. Francis E. Clarke LL.D. carried a resolution of which he had given notice, that the Prov. Grand Lodge do subscribe to the funds of the Male and Female Orphan Schools annually such an amount as will eventually qualify the several chairs of the Grand Officers with Life Governorships in the several schools.

Some alterations in Prov. Lodge Rules, for the better governing of the Institution, were agreed to, after which proceeded the election of Officers, the following result being received with the utmost unanimity:—

V.W. Bro. Andrew K. Young, J.P., P.G.S.W.
V.W. Bro. Robert Heron, Castleblaney, P.G.J.W.
V.W. Bro. Richard Harvey, Drogheda, P.G. Treasurer.
V.W. Bro. Geo. H. Smith, Armagh, P.G. Secretary.
W. Bro. Rev. Augustus R. Young, and W. Bro. Rev. E. M. Holden, Chaplains.
W. Bro. J. Rutherford, P.S.G.D.
W. Bro. Arthur Wynne Horan, P.G. Organist.
W. Bro. C. M. Trantor, P.G. Inner Guard.

Bros. Richard Harvey and Hugh Leonard were re-elected as representatives of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and Bros. J. Hesse and Robert Turner on the Board of Instruction. After transaction of some routine business, the Lodge adjourned to next meeting, at Dundalk, in peace, love and harmony. After which the brethren dined together in the evening, Bro. Dr. Scott presiding, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

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PROVINCE OF NORTHS AND HUNTS.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF MANCHESTER, K.T., &c., R.W.P.G.M.
BUTLER WILKINS, ESQUIRE, D.P.G.M.

Consecration of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1764,

ON TUESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER 1878.

A SPECIAL LODGE will be opened at the Masonic Hall, Abington Street, Northampton, at TWELVE O'CLOCK precisely.

There will be Choral Service, at All Saints' Church, at half-past Two o'clock. Sermon by the

V.W. REVEREND R. P. BENT,
PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN OF ENGLAND.

The Offertory will be collected on behalf of the Northampton General Infirmary and the Masonic Charities.

A Banquet will be served at the Town Hall at Four o'clock.

Tickets, 6s 6d each (including dessert), to be obtained of
HENRY BROWN,
Secretary pro tem,
18 Gold Street, Northampton

PROVINCE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF ZETLAND, R.W.P.G.M.
J. PEARSON BELL, ESQ., M.D., J.P., D.P.G.M.

CONSECRATION OF THE LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1760,

ON THURSDAY, THE 12th SEPTEMBER 1878,

Bro. G. H. WALSHAW, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., W.M. (Designate.)

A SPECIAL LODGE will be opened at the Old Globe Lodge, at Twelve o'clock precisely.

A Banquet will be served at the Royal Hotel, at 3.30. Tickets 5s each, may be obtained from

W. FRASER, Secretary pro tem,
6 Cliff Bridge Place, Scarborough.

The Annual Masonic Ball will be held the same evening. Tickets 7s 6d and 13s 6d may be had of Bro. W. Fraser.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

ON Friday last the Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice and Prince Leopold, left Osborne for Scotland. Her Majesty reached Broxmouth House, the seat of the Duke of Roxburghe, on Saturday morning, and remained there on a visit until Monday evening, when she started for Balmoral, which place was reached early on Tuesday morning. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales accompanied the King of Denmark on a visit to Portsmouth on Monday last; they also inspected several of the ships which were anchored in the harbour.

A court martial for inquiring into the circumstances attending the loss of Her Majesty's ship Eurydice was opened on Tuesday last, on board the flagship at Portsmouth the Duke of Wellington. As may naturally be expected a considerable amount of evidence will be adduced, but whether any good will arise from the inquiry it is impossible to say; we fear that, as the bulk of the evidence will bear upon technicalities only, no satisfactory report will be forthcoming. Still we suppose the nation would hardly like so unfortunate an occurrence to pass without the strictest investigation.

During the week we have had some very heavy thunderstorms, not, however, marked by the extreme violence of those of last week. The South of England particularly seems to have experienced their effects. About ten minutes past eight a.m. on Thursday the wife of J. Sharman, gardener to Mr. Christopher Lethbridge, of Elmsdale, Blackheath Park, was struck by lightning whilst dressing in her bedroom, and killed instantaneously. Her infant, lying in a cot in the same room, escaped. Her husband, who was in a room below, was uninjured. The deceased had been married but two years. A very severe thunderstorm burst over Brighton. The thunder was loud and continuous, and the lightning exceedingly brilliant, while the rain fell in a perfect deluge. At Canterbury the electric current struck a large chimney at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, doing considerable damage. The *débris* knocked down a man who was passing at the time. He was picked up in an insensible condition. At Chatham the lightning was very vivid and the thunder heavy. The rain came down in torrents, flooding some of the thoroughfares. A man at Rochester driving a locomotive engine was struck by lightning and rendered temporarily unconscious, but he appears to have received no permanent injury. At East Grinstead three valuable horses belonging to Mr. George Brand, of Goodwin's Farm, were killed by lightning. A boy who was feeding them was unhurt. At Abingdon two valuable cows were struck while grazing on the bank of the river below Nuneham House, and killed instantaneously. In Essex much inconvenience and mischief has been caused. In several towns and villages houses have been damaged by the lightning and flooded by the rains; while crops have been sadly beaten down, especially by hail. In many places the roads have been two feet and three feet under water. Altogether the disasters during the week from tempestuous causes have been of a serious character.

During the week two fatal fires have occurred—one at Birmingham on Monday last, by which four persons lost their lives, and three others were seriously injured, and the other at Hackney, where two children, who were playing with lucifer matches, set fire to the house and were suffocated before assistance could reach them. At the former the scene is described as very distressing, the fatalities being witnessed by a large crowd, who were, however, unable to prevent their occurrence. Certain parts of the fire escape caught fire, which rendered it necessary to relax the efforts which were being made by its means to rescue the inmates of the house. We should think in these days of advancement some method could be devised to render it impossible that such an event should occur; we find iron used now for what a few years since would have been considered impossibilities, and surely such an article as a fire escape could either be built of that metal, or in some other way rendered fireproof. We hope some steps will be taken before long with this object in view.

When we have decided where we shall spend our holiday, we are sometimes assailed by difficulties as to how we shall get to our destination. A case is in our mind where the children of a friend are suffering from that interesting complaint the whooping cough, and the railway company refuse to carry the sufferers unless Paterfamilias engages an entire compartment. At the Mansion House Justice-room, on Thursday, Bro. Henry Whittingham, the captain of the Rhine steamer, belonging to the General Steam Navigation Company, attended before Ald. Phillips to answer a summons which charged him with having, on 3rd August, carried on board that steamer, on a voyage from London to Yarmouth, 259 passengers in excess of the number specified in the Certificate of the Board of Trade, contrary to the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, and for which offence he had incurred a penalty of £20 and a fine of 5s for every passenger carried in excess of the number for which the vessel had a certificate. It appeared

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from a statement made by Mr. Straight that the occurrence took place on the Saturday previous to Bank Holiday. He said there was a good deal of pressure upon the company to provide accommodation for persons desirous to avail themselves of the holiday, and three steamers belonging to the company—the Rhine, the Albion, and the Seine—were at Fresh Wharf for the purpose of conveying passengers to Yarmouth. The Rhine was only licensed to carry 363 passengers, but on this day 622 passengers were allowed to go on board the vessel, and were conveyed to Yarmouth, the excess on the number being 259. The learned gentleman urged that though the journey was performed by daylight, the admission of such a large excess in the number of passengers might have been attended with most serious consequences, and that the defendant, although an excellent seaman, and fully competent to take charge of his vessel, had been several times before convicted of a similar offence. Two witnesses were called on behalf of the company, who showed that although the larger number of passengers was carried on board the Rhine, she was not in any way crowded, and all were safely conveyed to their destination without suffering any inconvenience. Sir. B. Phillips considered the question was one of considerable importance, and the public were indebted to the Treasury authorities for having taken up the matter. He regarded it as a very serious thing for a steamboat company to allow such a large number of passengers to be conveyed on board one of their vessels in excess of the number she was authorised to carry. He ordered the defendant to pay a fine of £20, and 2s 6d for every passenger carried in excess, and the costs, amounting altogether to £52 10s, which amounts were at once paid.

The various questions presumably settled by the Berlin Congress still appear to give considerable trouble to those interested in their definite adjustment. The resistance to the Austrians, both in Bosnia and Herzegovina, is not overcome, and it has been deemed desirable that large reinforcements should be sent in order to complete the occupation. It is even reported from Belgrade that General Szaparay has been forced back and compelled to retire across the river Bosna, but this news needs confirmation. The Vienna papers are very strong in their condemnation of the Porte, which they state is secretly urging the inhabitants of Bosnia and Herzegovina to oppose the advance of the Austrian troops. The withdrawal of the English Fleet from Turkish waters has not yet taken place, in consequence of the Russians not having completed their retirement from San Stefano. As this work is being carried on, although very slowly, we may expect to hear in a few days of the movement of the English Fleet, and thereby the removal of the last of the precautionary measures it was deemed desirable to take during the recent conflict. The Russians seem very undecided how to act with regard to the occupation of Batoum; it appears certain were they to enter by force, considerable disturbance would occur; and to avoid this, they have now consented not to advance any further for a fortnight. The Turks have promised during that time to use every endeavour to induce the armed tribes to abstain from opposition, which, we trust, they will be able successfully to accomplish, if once force of arms has to be resorted to it is impossible to say when or where the matter will be settled. Certain of the Turks, now that they are released from the pressure of their enemy, are urging the Sultan to refuse to surrender any territory, and although at present the party who advocate such measures are in the minority, it is questionable whether the feeling will not spread, and that some difficulty may yet arise. The Russians with a view of providing for the cost of their late expedition, have announced a new loan of 300,000,000 roubles, which they offer at 93 per 100, to bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent. There has been some rumour of Marshal MacMahon resigning his position as President of the French after the close of the Exhibition at Paris, but nothing definite has been announced. Considerable discussion has occurred respecting such an event, but it is generally believed the rumour is entirely unfounded. The *fetes* which we last week announced as being held in Belgium in commemoration of the marriage of the King and Queen have continued, but have been greatly marred by bad weather. The report of Mr. Wilson as to the Egyptian finances has been accepted as a correct statement by the Khedive, who expresses his willingness that his own private estates, as well as those of his relatives, shall be given up for the public benefit. Fearful accounts of the ravages of yellow fever are daily received from the various towns and villages on the Mississippi, the infection this year being worse than that known for some time past, many of the negro inhabitants being attacked as well as Europeans. Intelligence from the Cape is satisfactory, the native insurrection being reported as subsiding.

VILLAINY DEFEATED!

THE Lodge was dim, and dusk, and grim;
The lights were lit, but they had mostly
Been turn'd low—too low—and so
The place look'd very blue and ghostly.

No sound was heard, and nothing stirr'd
The hush that made the place so mystic,
Until the door, full slow and sure,
Was opened in a way mephistic!

And, lo! a head, all shock and red,
Into the room with care intruded;
With hollow eyes it quickly spies
That no one's there—itself excluded!

Then, gaunt and thin, a man comes in—
He shuts the door and turns the handle,
Darts thro' the gloom across the room,
And near upsets the Master's candle!

Not long he thinks, but quickly sinks
Upon all fours, in manner able;
Then off he glides, and softly hides
Beneath the Secretary's table!

In folds around unto the ground
The cover falls so very neatly,
That 'neath its lid the wretch is hid,
All safely, surely, and completely!

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Anon, a noisy neighb'ring clock
Distinctly tells the hour of eight,
And with the last decided knock
Comes ev'ry mighty potentate.

Each settles quickly in the Lodge,
For business must be set about;
Around the Guard and Tyler dodge
To keep all interlopers out.

The Secretary sagely sits,
And coughs a cough quite grandly gruff;
And then, to brighten up his wits,
He takes a mighty pinch of snuff.

As always is the case with such,
One half the pinch he tries to taste
Soon proves to be—a half too much,
And so it all is lost in waste,
For little clouds in mid air hover,
That settle on the table cover;
And when the Secretary shakes it,
The hidden man unkindly takes it,
As clouds of dust and snuff arise,
That fill his mouth, his nose, his eyes,
And make him very ill at ease,
For, oh! he wants—he wants—to sneeze!

Oh, dear! oh, lor! how snuff is curst!
He feels as tho' he'll choke or burst!
He struggles, gasps, and pants, and whoezes,
Until, oh, woe! he loudly sneezes!

"S'death!" The Lodge is all confusion!
Each one dashes from his seat,
Eager to resent intrusion,
And aid in wreaking vengeance meet.

But quick the foeman leaves the floor,
And quicker still undoes the door;
And then—oh, black and base defiler,
He doubles up the poor old Tyler!

But tho' he's free, and now can dash on,
And so escape their righteous passion,
A cloud of cubes, and plumbs, and gavels,
Assist the villain on his travels.

The moral of this short narration
Is worthy great consideration—
For should mean spies admission get,
You'd fain remove each knavish duffer:
To PUT OUT WICKED men, why, let
Your Secretary be—A SNUFFER!

F. JULIAN CROCKER.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday next, the 4th September 1878:—

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th June for confirmation.

2. In consequence of the Resolutions passed at the last Quarterly Communication for keeping Banking Account of the Grand Lodge, in future, at the Bank of England, certain alterations in the Book of Constitutions are rendered necessary.

The M.W. Grand Master will therefore move—

1st. To repeal Articles 2 and 3, page 35, of the Book of Constitutions.

2nd. To substitute for them the following: viz.:—"All monies belonging to the Grand Lodge shall be deposited in the Bank of England in the names of the Grand or Pro Grand Master, the Deputy G. Master, and the Grand Treasurer. The duties of the Grand Treasurer shall be to keep a general supervision of the accounts, to sign cheques, which must be countersigned by the Grand Secretary, for all monies duly voted by the Grand Lodge, and generally to assist and advise the Trustees and Executive Officers in the due and faithful administration of the funds of the Fraternity. The accounts shall be annually audited by the professional auditor to be appointed by the Grand Master pursuant to a Resolution passed in Grand Lodge on the 23rd June 1859."

3. The M.W. Pro Grand Master will make a communication to Grand Lodge with regard to the scrutiny for the election of members of the Board of General Purposes at the Quarterly Communication on the 5th of June last; and a Resolution will be proposed approving the action of the Pro Grand Master in the matter.

4. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz.:—

A Brother of the Lodge of Sympathy, No. 483, Gravesend	£50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother, of the Hartington Lodge, No. 1021, Barrow-in-Furness	£50	0	0
A Brother of the Lion Lodge, No. 312, Whitby	£50	0	0

5. 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 to Grand Lodge as follows:—

At a Special meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 2nd July 1878, by direction of the Pro Grand Master, to consider the matters relative to the election of Members of the Board by Grand Lodge on the 5th June 1878, the several papers (five in number) containing the summary of the votes were produced, and the scrutineers (who had been summoned to attend the Board) were called upon to identify their respective papers.

Upon investigation only one paper appeared to the Board to require positive explanation, in consequence of there being recorded upon the face of it 113 votes in favour of a brother whose correct grand total of votes, as ascertained by examination of the whole of the voting papers, by order of the Pro Grand Master, amounted to only 59.

The entire number of brethren in Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication referred to was 404, and the voting papers examined and retained in the hands of the Grand Secretary amount to 374, so that no more than 30 could by any possibility be missing, even supposing that every brother present voted.

The Scrutineers' paper containing the said discrepant record was identified by Bro. Joseph Smith, Past Grand Pursuivant, and by Bro. William Hilton P.M. of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, as the paper recording the votes examined by them, and upon these brethren alone of the whole body of Scrutineers the Board thought it necessary to call for explanation.

It was stated by them that Bro. Joseph Smith performed the part of calling out the several votes on the balloting papers, and that Bro. William Hilton marked down upon the Scrutineers' paper the votes so called out.

Bro. Joseph Smith was called upon to explain the palpable discrepancy between the number of votes actually recorded for the Brother in question, and the number called out by him to Bro. Hilton as having been so recorded, and the explanation offered by him was, in the opinion of the Board, most unsatisfactory, and could not by any possibility be reconciled with the facts as ascertained by the Board, who reported accordingly to the Pro Grand Master.

At a Special Meeting of the Board of General Purposes, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of July 1878, by direction of the Pro Grand Master, the Board arrived unanimously at the following conclusions:—

That Bro. Joseph Smith wilfully misrepresented the votes on the balloting papers examined by him.

That in consequence the return made to Grand Lodge by Bro. Joseph Smith, as Chairman of the Scrutineers, was false, and that Bro. Joseph Smith, when making such return, must have known and did know that the same was false.

That in addition to being guilty of a grave Masonic offence in misrepresenting the number of votes given, Bro. Joseph Smith violated his solemn pledge as Scrutineer, under the provisions of Article 3, page 108, of the Book of Constitutions, and thereby rendered himself amenable to Masonic punishment under Article 8, page 109.

And it was thereupon unanimously resolved:—

"1st. That Bro. Joseph Smith be suspended from all his Masonic functions and privileges for a period of two years."

"2nd. That it has not been proved to the satisfaction of the Board that Bro. William Hilton was in complicity with Bro. Joseph Smith, but that it has been established that Bro. William Hilton was negligent in the discharge of his duties as Scrutineer."

"3rd. That Bro. William Hilton be admonished for the above mentioned neglect of his duties as Scrutineer."

The Board have further to report that they have appointed a Committee to enquire and report whether any better mode can be devised than that specified in the Book of Constitutions, which may ensure greater accuracy in conducting the elections by Grand Lodge of Members for the several Boards and Committees.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON,
20th August 1878.

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th May, showing a balance in the hands of the Trustees of the late Grand Treasurer of £3,542 18s 9d; in the London and Westminster Bank, £1,925 5s 5d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

6. The Report of a Special General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 10th July 1878, will be laid before Grand Lodge, and the following proposed alterations in the Rules which were then agreed to will, in accordance with the laws of the Institution, be submitted for the approval of Grand Lodge:—

To alter law 19, page 9, and laws 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, page 10, of the Rules and Regulations, by substituting the words "Guineas" for "Pounds."

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

No. 1755.—Eldon Lodge, Portishead, Somersetshire.
1756.—Kirkdale Lodge, Liverpool.
1757.—King Henry the Eighth Lodge, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.
1758.—Southern Cross Lodge, Palamcottah, Madras.
1759.—Areas Lodge, Laura, South Australia.
1760.—Leopold Lodge, Scarborough, Yorkshire.
1761.—Empress of India Lodge, Woollahra, Sydney, N.S.W.
1762.—Goulburn Lodge of Australia, Goulburn, New South Wales.
1763.—Saint Mary's Lodge, Thame, Oxfordshire.
1764.—Eleanor Cross Lodge, Northampton.
1765.—Trinity College Lodge, Weymouth Street, London.
1766.—Saint Leonard Lodge, Shoreditch.
1767.—Kensington Lodge, Kensington.
1768.—Lodge of Progress, Freemasons' Hall.
1769.—Clarendon Lodge, Gresham Street.
1770.—Vale of White Horse Lodge, Farringdon, Berkshire.
1771.—Jamaica Lodge, Kingston, Jamaica.
1772.—Pimlico Lodge, Millbank, Westminster.
1773.—Albert Victor Lodge, Pendleton, Lancashire.
1774.—Mellor Lodge, Guide Bridge, Lancashire.
1775.—Leopold Lodge, Church, near Accrington, Lancashire.
1776.—Landport Lodge, Portsmouth.
1777.—Royal Hanover Lodge, Hounslow.
1778.—Southern Cross Lodge, Harrismith, Orange Free State, South Africa.
1779.—Ivanhoe Lodge, Sheffield, Yorkshire.

NOTE.—"The Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1879 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.

DEATH.

SHAND.—On the 21st August 1878, ADA, aged seven years and ten months, eldest child, and only daughter of Bro. J. E. Shand, 2 Albert-mansions, Victoria-street, S.W., deeply regretted. IN MEMORIAM.

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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 AUGUST.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
546—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.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
166—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
463—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
527—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
672—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
851—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
873—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
890—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1050—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
1061—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1064—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1380—Skelmersdale, Queens Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1473—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1478—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl.
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 605—De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe.

TUESDAY, 3rd 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.)
444—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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1368—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 209 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
130—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
134—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
156—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
246—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
263—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
403—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
556—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
929—Freedenap, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
946—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
993—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1013—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1246—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1422—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1506—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1573—Bootle, 196 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 263—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M. M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.

WEDNESDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall. At 6 for 7.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Wimsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1366—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
259—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
326—Mona, 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.
423—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.
471—Saurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
593—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1059—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.
1197—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1187—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.
1306—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
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. (Instruction.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.
M. M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

THURSDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
720—Panmure General Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
1627—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
291—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.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
809—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underly, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1390—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate.
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery.
1613—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 758—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.

FRIDAY, 6th 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. (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, 154 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1296—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1443—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
660—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Instruction.)
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh.
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1393—Hainer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1529—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1604—Goseforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Goseforth.

SATURDAY, 7th 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.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1436—Truro, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

MONDAY.

154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1108—Rural Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
1211—Gotlersch, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan, Halifax.
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.

TUESDAY.

265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 299—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

WEDNESDAY.

R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

THURSDAY.

208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1231—Saville, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY.

242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
305—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
1619—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.

SATURDAY.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday evening, the 29th inst. Bros. Webb W.M., Maidwell S.D., Norden J.W., Da Silva S.D., Moss J.D., Hunter I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, and numerous other brethren. The Lodge having been opened in the usual manner, the ceremony of installation was efficiently rehearsed by Bro. F. Brown W.M. 174, assisted by Bro. Webb and the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Grammer acting as candidate. Bro. Maidwell was elected W.M. for next Thursday, and the Lodge was closed.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Met on Wednesday, the 28th inst., at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C. There were present Bros. Moss W.M., Sayer S.W., Biddle J.W., Gottheil P.M., Brown S.D., Harris J.D., Bush I.G., Walker, Skelt, Webb, Bolman, and Brunes. The first ceremony was rehearsed. In accordance with previous arrangement, Bro. Moss vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Brown, for the purpose of working the ceremony of installation, a duty which that brother most successfully accomplished, and at the conclusion of the business in hand was rewarded with a very sincere and cordial vote of thanks. Bro. Sayer was elected W.M. for Wednesday next.

Alliance Lodge, No. 667.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 20th August, at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool. Present—Bros. John Ellis W.M., Henry Firth S.W., J. H. Gregory J.W., Thos. Peake Secretary, T. Ockleshaw P.M. Treas., A. Bucknall J.D., Bailey and Craghill Stewards, R. Foulds I.G., P. Ball Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Bitter, Devaynes, Jackson, and G. S. Willings; Visitors—Bros. Johnstone J.W. 786, Jones 84, Canada, Langley, and Grundy 249, Leatham 823, Stubbs 1547, Massey 673. Lodge opened, and the minutes were read. Bros. Walker and Sefton were examined; Lodge opened in the second degree, and Bros. Walker and Sefton were passed, by Bro. John Ellis W.M. The lecture on the tracing board was very ably given by Bro. G. S. Willings I.P.M. The sum of five guineas was voted for charitable purposes, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to banquet.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on 23rd August. Present Bros. Tucker (Treas.) W.M., Costelow S.W., Gomm J.W., Gunner Sec., Goss S.D., May J.D., Franckel I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor, and Bros. Kyezor, Talbot, Botley, Wood, &c. Lodge was regularly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The W.M. ably rehearsed the ceremony of the third degree, Bro. Botley candidate. Lodge was resumed to first degree, and the call given to refreshment. Upon labour being resumed, Bro. Wood tendered himself as a candidate for Masonic light, and was impressively initiated. Upon the motion of Bro. Franckel, seconded by Bro. Goss, Bro. Wood was elected a member. The Sec. then proposed that bye-law 19 should be altered by omitting the word "September," and inserting "November" in lieu thereof. As the bye-law at present stands, it brings the Lodge of Instruction banquet into the same month as the gathering which concludes the season of the Mother Lodge. The proposition was seconded in a few pithy remarks by Bro. Roe, and carried unanimously. On the proposition of Bro. Roe, seconded by Bro. Gomm, Bro. Costelow was elected W.M. for next meeting; in acknowledging the honour, Bro. Costelow expressed his intention to do his best; but he could not promise the brethren anything like the intellectual treat they had had that evening. The Secretary announced that he had received a letter from Bro. Acworth (the W.M. of preceding Friday), stating that he was so indisposed as to be compelled to keep his room, but he sent hearty good wishes. Lodge was closed with due observance of antient usage, and adjourned till 30th August at half-past seven p.m.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Gilham W.M., Hunt S.W., Wardell J.W., Polak S.D., Weige J.D., Forss I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Bessell, Gilham jun., J. Lorkin, Webb, Borer, Crouch, Finch, Allen, Kershaw, C. Lorkin, Masters, Brasted, Taylor, Chandler and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Davis candidate. The Preceptor in his usual excellent manner worked the installation ceremony, and placed Bro. Allen in the chair. The W.M. resumed the chair, and the Lodge was closed to the first degree. Bros. Martin of Lodge 212, Taylor and Chandler of Lodge 1677, and Kershaw of 773, were elected members. Bro. Hunt will preside at the next meeting. During the evening reference was made to the fact that this Lodge of Instruction, since its removal from the Triangle, Hackney, had held its meetings regularly each week, not a break having occurred during the twelve months. Brethren who desire instruction should pay this Lodge a visit. The Preceptor is a most competent instructor, and spares no pains to impart the knowledge he possesses. The worthy Sec. Bro. Richard Dallas is likewise most hearted in the cause, and seems to be in the height of his glory when the attendance of members is large. This, by the bye, is almost invariably the case.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—On Wednesday, the 28th inst., at Bro. Hyde's, the Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street. Bro. Thompson W.M., Hallam S.W., Drury J.W., Long Preceptor, and a goodly number of brethren. The ceremony of initiation was performed by the W.M., after which he vacated the chair to Bro. Alcock, who then ably performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Collinson was elected a joining member, and Bro. Hallam W.M. for ensuing week. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Alcock for his able working, and he was made an honorary member of the Lodge.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 23rd instant. Bros. Bolton W.M., Moss S.W., Richmond J.W., Hine S.D., Townsend I.G. Lodge being opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hine acting as candidate. This brother also proved his efficiency, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Moss worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Notice of motion was given that the meetings nights of the Lodge be altered from Friday to Thursday evenings. Bro. Moss was elected to preside at the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed. We may state that the poor attendance of the brethren was owing to the stormy weather. Bro. Crouch had announced his intention to rehearse the ceremony of installation, but could not come; we also know that the Preceptor, Bro. Fenner, was prevented attending, owing to the flooded state of his neighbourhood, which is near Finsbury Park. We hope to see a better muster of the brethren at future meetings.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—Held its usual weekly meeting at the Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville-road, King's Cross, on Tuesday, 28th August. Present—Bros. J. W. Smith W.M., T. C. Edmonds S.W., F. Pierdon J.W., F. W. Sillis S.D., L. Solomon I.G., W. M. Stiles (Sec.) in the absence of Bro. T. A. Adams P.G.P., who is enjoying a well-deserved rest at the sea side, acting Preceptor. The Lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed. The first and second sections of the first lecture were worked by Bros. Sillis and Stiles respectively. Bro. Edmonds elected W.M. for ensuing week; Officers appointed in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer and in perfect harmony. This Lodge, notwithstanding the hot weather and the absence from town of many of its members, continues to hold its meetings weekly during the summer months.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.—Held at the Havelock Tavern, on Wednesday evening, 28th instant. Present—Bros. R. Olley W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., G. Ferrar J.W., — Francis S.D., Woolley J.D., McMillan I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, E. Dietrich Secretary, McDowell, O. Dietrich, W. Ferrar, &c. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed in a very able manner by the W.M., Bro. W. Ferrar being candidate. Bro. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the first, second, third and fourth sections of the lecture. A cordial vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. C. Olley for the highly efficient manner in which he worked the ceremony, and conducted the proceedings, this being the first time he had occupied the chair. Bro. C. Lorkin was elected W.M. for the next meeting. It was resolved that the annual supper take place on the first Wednesday in October. An efficient board of Stewards was appointed.

Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541.—On Saturday last this young but prosperous Lodge held a most interesting meeting, over which Bro. Haigh, the very efficient W.M. presided, assisted by his Officers, viz.:—Bros. Lee S.W., Daniel J.W., Larchin S.D., Kensington J.D., Denison I.G., and Palmer P.M. The Lodge was attended by a numerous and distinguished number of visitors and members. The initiation of Messrs. Jarmain, Herridge, and Clark into Masonry was performed by the W.M. in his usual impressive manner, as was the passing of Bro. Boyle, and the raising of Bros. Burrow and Brookman; after the arduous labours of the Lodge, the W.M., his Officers, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall to welcome about thirty ladies who had been specially invited to the banquet. At the conclusion of the dinner, provided in Bros. Bertram and Roberts's usual elegant style, Bro. Ward rendered grace, "For these and all thy mercies," in a most effective manner, his splendid voice and execution being highly appreciated by the company. The usual Loyal toasts were followed by that of the Grand Officers; this was appropriately responded to by Bro. Buss, Assistant Grand Sec.; Bro. Palmer P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M. took occasion to dilate upon the prosperous state of the Lodge, and to thank the W.M. and brethren who had been assiduous in promoting so agreeable and pleasurable a meeting. The W.M. strongly urged the cause of the several Masonic Charitable Institutions. Bro. Stacey, in proposing the toast of the Ladies felt convinced that this meeting augured well for an annual gathering of the ladies. Bro. Rubenstein replied on their behalf. The pleasures of the evening were much enhanced by the excellent singing of Miss Edith Daniel and Mrs. Shipway, as also by Bro. Ward; Miss Bennett and Mrs. Shipway gave some concerted pieces on the pianoforte. Bro. Dyte P.M. Treasurer, and Bro. Gush rendered good service as Stewards.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—At Bro. Wood's, Crown and Woolpack, No. 102 St. John-street-road, on Tuesday, the 27th instant. Present—Bros. W. Rowley W.M., Trewinnard S.W., W. Payne J.W., T. Goode S.D., Hallam sen. J.D., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner acting Secretary, Hirst I.G.; also Bros. T. Goode, S. Goode, E. Payne, Wood, Hallam jun., Isaac, Dyland, W. Cook, Green, Stock, &c. After the Lodge had been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. E. Payne acting as candidate. Bro. Pearcy

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worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Samuel Goode, of the Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1288, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Trewinnard was appointed to preside at the next meeting, after which the Lodge was closed and adjourned. We are very pleased to see this Lodge is making progress. Many brethren, well known in Masonry, have recently joined. From what we have seen of their working, the conductors are animated by a spirit of emulation in obtaining a perfect knowledge of the ritual.

PHYSICAL DISQUALIFICATIONS.

IT is one of the lessons repeated over and over again to Brethren that they must not depart from the ancient Landmarks, and must not tolerate any innovation in the law of Masonry. In this way a strong feeling of conservatism is created amongst the Craft, so that it is not easy to change the character of the Institution, nor move it from the well established lines of procedure. It is a matter of rejoicing that this is the fact; that the Masonic organizations is planted somewhere and maintains fast hold of the ancient traditions and laws.

Very likely the best informed Brethren attached to the Institution, if they were beginning *de novo* to lay the foundations of Masonry, would arrange the system somewhat differently from the plan and method that are stamped upon the Order as it now exists. Doubtless they might introduce many things into such construction work that would be improvements over the ancient formulas—things that would seem to be more in accordance with the spirit and thought of the present age. But Masonry comes to us full shaped out of the past; and it is better that we should take it as it is, abiding by its ancient laws and regulations, even though some of these provisions are not precisely what we would have them, rather than to run the risk of changes and modifications which once introduced may lead to the entire disruption of the organization.

This is our thought respecting the subject of physical disqualifications. It has been put into the fundamental law of Masonry that a proper pre-requisite to the making a man a Mason is that he should be hale and sound of body, not deformed nor dismembered. Such a restriction was grafted upon those associations of the middle ages from which the Masonry of modern times has descended. In those ancient societies the protection of physical labor was the chief thing aimed at. Strength and perfectness of bodily condition were essential to doing the work required; and it was a wise enactment which provided that the assemblies of those old Fraternities should be sound in body and without the touch of any physical drawback.

That things have changed since those olden days is not to be questioned. Masonry has grown into a Fraternity that now exists chiefly for social and benevolent purposes. In view of these changes, this natural progress, there is opportunity for a strong argument in favour of "letting down the bars" in the matter of physical requirements. Brother Hughan presents this side of the case in an article we have copied, an article that will be sure to command attention.

Our opinion, however, is as stated above; we are disinclined to favor changes in the old and clearly defined provisions of Masonic law, notwithstanding some of these modifications seem to be recommended by many good reasons. There is danger in such a course, according to our thought; for once begin to strike down the *landmarks*, and there is no telling to what lengths the iconoclastic spirit of the age may proceed. It is better to err on the side of a prudent conservatism, rather than sanction changes in the name of progress that shall unsettle, perhaps, the whole fabric of the Institution.

Having said this much in the defining of the position, we only desire to add that in our opinion there is sometimes given a too arbitrary construction, a too harsh enforcement of the ancient law providing that candidates for Masonry shall be whole in body and physically sound. Is it not something of overscrupulousness when a distinguished Brother avows his belief that a woman or an atheist can just as properly be made a Mason as a man who is deprived of even the joint of his little finger? Is it not making rather too much of the *landmark* when a surgeon's examination is demanded, when a lost joint or some obscure physical weakness is held to be an insuperable objection to the reception of a candidate, while no such careful scrutiny is instituted respecting moral defects? Surely there is as much reason for a generous elasticity in the construction of the law respecting physical qualifications, as there is for a liberal application of the tests by which the mental and moral condition is to be tried. It is not well to strain at gnats and swallow camels.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

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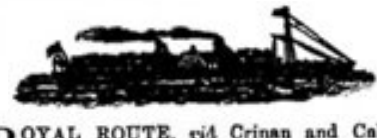
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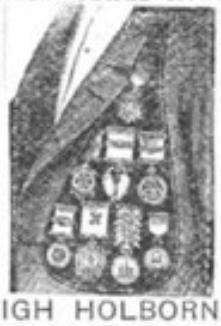
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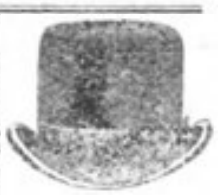
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MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

IN the absence of the Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, and Deputy Grand Master, General Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, presided at the Quarterly Communication on Wednesday. Among those present were Bros. Sir Harcourt Johnstone, Bart., M.P., Grand Junior Warden, Capt. Platt P.G.W., Æ. McIntyre Grand Registrar, John Hervey Grand Secretary, Rev. W. A. Hill and Rev. R. A. Pickard Grand Chaplains, John Havers Past G.W., J. C. Parkinson P.G.D., Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., John Clabon P.G.D., Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Rev. R. J. Simpson Past Grand Chaplain, Rev. C. J. Martyn Past G. Chaplain and Deputy Prov. G. Master Suffolk, S. Rawson Past Dist. G. Master China, Sir Albert Woods (Garter) Grand Dir. of Ceremonies, Rev. S. R. Wigram P.G. Chaplain, &c., &c., &c. Grand Lodge having been opened with customary formalities, the minutes of the last Communication were confirmed. Two resolutions of the Grand Master, rendered necessary in order to give effect to certain changes agreed to at the last meeting, were then submitted. It will be remembered that a resolu- was passed by which it was agreed that Grand Lodge should open a Banking Account at the Bank of England, and the present motion was to repeal Articles 2 and 3, p 35 of the Constitutions, and substitute for them a resolution to the effect that all Grand Lodge monies should be deposited in the Bank of England in the names of the Grand Master or Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Treasurer; that the duties of the G. Treasurer should include a general supervision of the accounts, the signature of all cheques—which must be countersigned by the Grand Secretary—and assisting the Trustees and Executive in the administration of the funds; and that the accounts should be annually audited by the professional auditor to be appointed pursuant to Grand Lodge Resolution of 23rd June 1859. The resolutions were accepted unanimously. The Reports of the Board of Benevolence and Board of General Purposes, the former recommending the grants published in our columns last week, and the latter submitting the measures it had been deemed proper to adopt relative to the erroneous return of votes at the last Communication were agreed to unanimously. What other business, including the alteration of "pounds" into "guineas" in certain Laws and Regulations of the R.M.B.I., was rendered necessary by the action of the Special General Meeting of the Governors of that Institution, having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed.

So much for the business transacted, but a few comments on the Report of the Board of General Purposes, albeit we have noticed the subject matter before, would seem to call for some remarks. Happily, it seldom falls to the lot of Grand Lodge to take cognizance of an offence of this despicable character, and it is for this reason probably that the Board passed so very lenient a sentence on the incriminated Brother. Let us note somewhat circumstantially the case as it was set forth in our columns last week. It was, to begin with, one of sufficient importance to arrest the attention of the Pro Grand Master, and that immediately; and his Lordship forthwith ordered a special inquiry to be made. In one of the Scrutineers' Papers, which was identified by Bro. Joseph Smith, Past Grand Pursuivant, and Bro. William Hilton P.M. 780, as theirs, the votes cast for a certain Brother were recorded as amounting to 113, whereas, on an examination of the whole of the voting papers, they proved to be only a total of 59. This discrepancy, it was pointed out, could not possibly have happened through any large number of voting papers being missing, as there were 404 members who attended Grand Lodge, and 374 voting papers were given in, and are still in the hands of the Grand Secretary. Thus it was impossible to account for the amazing discrepancy. There was a difference of 54 between the number recorded and the number cast. The loss of voting papers, and what further explanation was attempted by Bro. Joseph Smith, was, as might have been expected, entirely unsatisfactory. The consequence was, that, at a second meeting specially convened for the purpose, the Board unanimously found that Bro. Joseph Smith had knowingly misrepresented the votes on the balloting papers examined by him; that the return he had made to Grand Lodge, as Chairman of Scrutineers, was false, and Bro. Smith knew it to be false. This being the case, sentence of two years' suspension from all his Masonic functions and privileges was unanimously passed on Bro. Joseph Smith, while Bro. Hilton, who had acted, but not in complicity with Bro. Smith, was admonished for negligence in the discharge of his duty. The vote of Wednesday, endorsing the Report of the Board of General Purposes, brought to an end the first, and let us hope the last, act also of a most discreditable episode in the Masonic history of the day. It is difficult to form anything like an accurate idea of the mind which can be guilty of a crime which is at once so enormous and yet so despicable. The falsification of a return is about the grossest form of lie which can be uttered. It is not the result of fear, as in the case of a man who tells a lie to save himself a thrashing, or to avoid certain other consequences which terrify him. It is uttered deliberately, and in this case most deliberately. The initial error of mistaking 113 for 59 was deliberate, and the return to Grand Lodge which contained this glaring inaccuracy was essentially still more so. Now, the man who did this could not possibly have in him anything approaching to a sense of honour, or else the received idea of what constitutes honour is the reverse of just. In this case, it would follow, naturally, that he should be excluded from a society which is nothing if it is not honourable. Some among us may have a regard for jewels, and think him the best man who carries on his breast a trayful of insignia; others may occasionally be unmindful of their duties; in short, we all may be guilty of those shortcomings which it is the fate of men, being simply mortals, not angels, to commit. But the falsification of a return is something so utterly low, and the man who makes it, acting as he must do with such marked deliberation, is so essentially a low order of mind, that his exclusion from our Society, for a time at least, if not for all time, is absolutely necessary. The Board have taken the more lenient view, and defined the period of his suspension, in the hope, no doubt, that, in that time Bro. Smith will have been enabled to raise his mind from the abyss of lowness into which it had sunk. Should he not, however, have succeeded in doing so when the two years have expired, or should there be the slightest doubt about his success, we trust he will take a hint from good Dr. Oliver, who remarks of definite suspension that "it frequently assumes the character of a milder phasis of expulsion, for the suspended brother very seldom renews his connection with the Craft, although his readmission could be effected, as a matter of course, without ceremony or inquiry."

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The George Tavern, Australian Avenue.

EVEN those who can only carry their recollection of the City and its principal thoroughfares some twenty or five-and-twenty years back, can hardly repress a feeling of surprise at the changes which have been wrought in that brief period of time. Where were close and stifling alleys, ill-built and ill-paved streets, lined on both sides with—for so wealthy and important a City as London—very ill-conditioned houses, there now will be found broad and well-paved thoroughfares, lined with blocks of buildings which certainly deserve the description of palatial. So rapidly are these changes being made, that a few years hence those who can remember what the City was, say as recently as the year of the Great Exhibition, will hardly recognise it for the same. True, it took a long time for the worthy Londoners to bestir themselves, but the Spirit of Improvement once aroused, has exerted itself most vigorously, till there is a reasonable chance that little of the old streets and houses will remain much longer unimproved; or, to put the matter differently, what still remains of old London—not so very old either, it must be remembered—will be pulled down and rebuilt on a grander and more imposing scale. Perhaps, no neighbourhood has witnessed greater changes in this respect than that included in the Ward of Cripplegate, and especially in those parts of it which verge on Aldersgate-street and the Barbican. These and such other familiar names as Red Cross-street, White Cross-street, Jewin-street, &c., &c., remain, but, to use a common mode of expression, were any of their former inhabitants to resume their mortal coil, and appear once again amid the scenes of their busy livelihood, it is certain they would be unable to recognise the streets and houses of to-day as those with which they were so familiar. And these changes which a few years have brought about, are a sufficient reason for preserving some knowledge of different City localities, as they were in former days. Even the most matter of fact and prosaic person must take some delight in hearing or reading of the people who lived where now they toil and strive to make their fortunes, and this feeling is likely to be the stronger, the more considerable are the improvements which have been made. There is something more than mere sentiment—or at all events the sentiment is highly creditable to those who indulge in it—when people recall that this great noble or statesman, that poet or soldier, passed a portion of his life in this quiet unpretending street, or, that now important and imposing thoroughfare. Most people, indeed, delight in knowing something of the place in which they dwell, and there is perhaps no kind of literature so generally popular as that which treats of the former history of localities and districts. Thus little or no apology is needed for the sketch we have presently compiled.

The George, so ably administered by mine host, has no history of its own to boast of, but it is in the centre of a district which has, and a very interesting record it is. A few years since, and Australian-avenue, in which it stands, was a mere blind alley, with a not particularly attractive pawnbroker's shop at its entrance; now there are on either side of it large and commanding premises, and the hostelry itself is by no means the least attractive building in the avenue. Nor is it the least important; for a well-conducted tavern, if not exactly "a thing of beauty and a joy for ever," is certainly a most desirable place, and likely to be frequented by sensible men of business at the inevitable hour of the day, when the "inner man" asserts himself, and only a "grill" or "cut from the joint" will bring him to his senses again. But of this part of our subject we shall speak anon. The time for a juicy steak has not yet come, and in the meantime, let us take a turn in the neighbourhood, and see not only what it is now, but try and recal something of its former history.

The avenue is on the south side of the Barbican, and nearest to where that street meets Aldersgate-street. Here at once we have something to interest us. Barbican, according to Stow, and the other London Antiquaries, derives its name from the "Burgh Keanin," or "postern tower," which stood on the north side of the street opposite to Redcross-street, and the remains of which were still in existence towards the end of last century. In this tower, Bagford tells us, "the Romans kept watch and ward at night that they might give notice of conflagrations or the approach of an enemy, and here on the top of the turret they lit bonfires to guide travellers to the City." In Edward III.'s reign it was entrusted to Robert Ufford, Earl of Suffolk, and it remained in his family till the reign of Mary, when it was in the keeping of the Baroness Katherine Willoughby d'Eresby, a baroness in her own right, and widow of Charles Brandon Duke of Suffolk, who lived in a stately mansion close by. This lady narrowly escaped being burnt at the stake for calling her lap-dog Gardiner, after the bishop of that name, and dressing him up in episcopal rochet and surplice. For this she and her second husband, Richard Bertie, had to flee the country, and they sought refuge in Poland. On the site of Bridgewater-square stood the mansion of the Earls of Bridgwater. It was burnt down in 1687, when Charles Viscount Brackley and his brother Thomas perished in the flames. Sir Thomas Spelman, author of the "Glossarium," died at his house in Barbican in 1640. Beech-lane, according to Stow, was so named after Sir Nicholas de la Beech, lieutenant of the Tower, who was deprived of his office by Edward III. An old house in Barbican, once belonging to the Abbot of Ramsay, was called afterwards Drewrie House, from Sir Drew Drewrie, an owner thereof, and this was inhabited subsequently by the gallant old cavalier chief, Prince Rupert. To another house the great John Milton migrated from Aldersgate-street, remaining till 1647, when he went to live in High Holborn. In time, however, the street lost its gentility, and it is mentioned by Strype as inhabited chiefly by clothes-salesmen, while in his day on the site of the old watch tower stood a watchhouse for the brawling mobocks of the day. It was also along this street that the authorities of Cripplegate were wont to go in procession when beating the parish bounds, and when they reached the south-western end, they set up a post opposite to the Boar's Head, now known as the Brown Bear, and kept by that genial and obliging host, Mr. Frederick Wykes, and then crossing to the north side, proceeded up Goswell-road. It will further interest members of the great Masonic Fraternity—and mine host of the George is a brother—to know that the present Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, met at the Red Cross, Barbican, during the years 1736-45. It is also worthy of note that in Edward I.'s time the Barbican was Crown property, for an Inquisition made in the third year of that monarch's reign, re Purprestures in the City, showed that some twelve years before, one Thomas Juvenal had appropriated some ground without "le Barbekan," and inclosed it with an earth wall, and it was held at the time of the Inquisition by the Sheriffs by Master Nicholas Brabanzonne, who was summoned at command of the King's justices, and said he had nothing to do with it, and laid no claim to the Purpresture, being tenant to Thomas Fitzsimon de Burgh. And the said Thomas came, and prayed he might arrent it at threepence per annum, which was granted, because the twelve sworn men swore the enclosure was no annoyance. It was further adjudged that the King might recover the arrearages, to wit, three shillings, but no forfeiture, because it was not the said Thomas's doings.

Between Whitecross-street and Golding-lane, stood the Fortune, one of the earliest and most important of the Elizabethan theatres. It was opened about 1600 by Philip Henslowe and Edward Alleyne, founder of Dulwich College, and what till quite recently was an adjoining passage, but is now a broad street, still retains the name of Playhouse-yard. In Golding-lane was the Nursery, mentioned more than once by Pepys in his Diary, and also by Dryden, a seminary established in the reign of Charles II. for training children to the profession of the stage. Nor must we forget mention of a certain building in Whitecross-street, which till quite a recent date was used as a Debtors' Prison, while it was in this street that Dr. Williams established his Free Library for Dissenting Ministers, now removed to Grafton-street, Fitzroy-square. Redcross-street, so called from the Cross opposite Golden-lane, has associated with it one curious anecdote related by Sir Thomas More in his Life of Edward V., in which he tells how that on the night after the morning that Edward IV. died, a man called at the house of one Pottier, a servant of Richard Duke of Gloucester, who resided in the street, and Pottier, when he heard the news, said, "Then will my master, the Duke of Gloucester, be King, and that I warrant thee." And we know he did become King as Richard III.

If we turn to Aldersgate-street we shall find ample matter to satisfy our craving for historical associations. We have already mentioned that Milton lived here, until he moved to a house in Barbican. On the east side of the street, Nos. 35 to 38, stands Shaftesbury or Thanet House, built by Inigo Jones, formerly the residence of the Tuftons, Earls of Thanet, and subsequently of Ashley Cooper, Earl of Shaftesbury, one of the famous Cabal Ministry of Charles II.'s reign. Nearly opposite to it was Petre House, the residence of the Petre family in the Elizabethan days, and of Pierrepoint, Marquis of Dorchester in the days of the Commonwealth. It was also used as a State prison in these latter days, and subsequently as the temporary residence of the Bishops of London, when the Great Fire had burnt them out of their house in St. Paul's Churchyard. It was to this house that the Princess Anne, after she had deserted her father James II., in 1688, was brought by Bishop Compton, in a hackney coach. At the north-east corner, and not far from Shaftesbury-street, stood Lauderdale House, the mansion of the Earl of Lauderdale, another member of the Cabal Ministry, who was afterwards sent, in 1669, as Lord High Commissioner to the Scottish Parliament, where he put down Conventicles, and was guilty of those cruelties which caused such desperation, and led to the rebellion of the Covenanters. Close by was Bacon House, the residence of Sir Nicholas Bacon, Lord Keeper in Queen Elizabeth's time, and father of the immortal Francis Bacon. In this street lived the warlike Earl of Peterborough, who in 1705 took Barcelona, and the famous Duke of Montagu, father of the Duke of Montagu who in 1721 was Grand Master of Freemasons. Two doors from the Barbican stood once the Bell Inn, "of a pretty good resort for wagons with meal," whence the waterman-poet, John Taylor, *temp.* James I., set out on his pilgrimage to Scotland. Opposite St. Botolph's was the Cooks' Hall, which escaped the Great Fire, but was destroyed by an insignificant conflagration in 1771, since when the Company, incorporated in 1480, have transferred their business to the Guildhall. Trinity-court, a little beyond the church, is so called from a brotherhood of the Holy Trinity, first founded in 1377 as a Fraternity of St. Fabian and St. Sebastian, licensed by Henry VI., and suppressed by Edward VI. The Hall was still standing in 1790. Another distinguished inhabitant of Aldersgate-street was Brian Walton, Bishop of Chester, who died there in 1661. He was a man of great erudition, and in 1657 published the first English Polyglot Bible—in Hebrew, Syriac, Chaldee, Samaritan, Arabic, Ethiopic, Persian, Greek, and the vulgar Latin languages. On the west side of the street stood the London residence of the Nevilles, Earls of Westmoreland, still indicated by Westmoreland-buildings, and near the site of Bull and Mouth-street stood the mansion of the Earls of Northumberland, where dwelt among others the fiery Hotspur. Henry IV. gave it to his Queen Jane, and it was then known as her Wardrobe. This was close to the Aldersgate itself. It was in her house in this street that, in 1621, died Mary, Countess of Pembroke, the "Sydney's sister, Pembroke's mother," immortalised by Ben Jonson in his noble epitaph. Where now is The Queen's Hotel, St. Martins-le-Grand, was the old Bull and Mouth—corrupted from "Boulogne Mouth," in allusion to the siege of Boulogne by Henry VIII. It stood in Bull and Mouth-street, and the south side, in Angel-street, still retains the name, though only a luggage depôt of Chaplin and Horne. A statuette of a Bull, with the arms of Edward VI. and Christ's Hospital above, and a tablet, probably taken from the old inn below, on the front of the Queen's Hotel, mark the ancient hostelry. The tablet bears the following quaint inscription:—

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"Milo the Cretonian,
An ox slew with his fist,
And ate it up at one meal,
Ye Gods, what a glorious twist!"

At No. 134, on the west side of the street, a board over the two shops comprised in it announces "This was Shakespeare's House," but there is, says Mr. Walter Thornbury, no evidence whatever, documentary or traditional, of the truth of the assertion. On the same side is the well-known "Albion Hotel," so famous for its *récherché* dinners, and frequented by many Masonic Lodges, while in 1830, there stood the Half Moon Tavern, the resort of wits in Charles II.'s time. Among the streets leading out of Aldersgate-street, must be mentioned Little Britain, presumed to have been so named from the Earls of Brittany having lodged there. Here was published Milton's great work *Paradise Lost*. It lay unnoticed on the stalls for a length of time, till the Earl of Dorset, chancing upon it, took it up, and having read some passages here and there, sent it to Dryden, who returned it, saying, "This man cuts us all out, and the ancients too." The thoroughfare was famous for its old booksellers, and as the haunt of learned book-hunters. In Noble-street, in the days of Shakespeare, lived Serjeant Fleet, Recorder of London, and subsequently in the same house, Robert Tichborne, Lord Mayor 1657, one of those who signed Charles the First's death warrant, and who was executed with Harrison and others at the Restoration. The Old Castle and Falcon Inn stood near the old Gate. Jewin-street, another of the Aldersgate-street tributaries, anciently called Leyrestowe, was granted by Edward I. to William de Monteforte, Dean of St. Paul's. For many centuries, this was the one place of interment allowed to the Jews of London, till in the reign of Henry II. they obtained leave to buy local graveyards. Stow describes this street as being in his day, full of "fair garden plots and summer-houses for pleasure." Of other streets in the neighbourhood, what is now Milton-street was the once famous Grub-street, where so many poetasters and literary hacks eked out a living as best they could. In Monkwell-street stood Barber-Surgeons' Hall, the first building is said to have dated from Edward IV., and the second was erected by Inigo Jones in 1636. At the upper end of this street stood Lambe's Almshouses, the founder being a clothworker who was a gentleman of Henry VIII.'s chapel, whose benefactions were very considerable.

As in the course of our fanciful perambulations we have traversed parts of the Ward of Cripplegate, a brief mention of St. Giles's, Cripplegate, will not be amiss. It is the successor of one built twenty-four years after the Norman conquest. Matilda, Queen of Henry I., had founded a brotherhood there, dedicated to St. Mary and St. Giles. The church suffered greatly by fire in 1545, after which it was repaired and partially rebuilt. It has also since undergone repairs at other times—1623, 1624, 1629, and again in 1704. It escaped the ravages of the Great Fire and contains many old monuments, though the conflagration of 1545, already mentioned, destroyed most of the ancient ones. It has a peal of twelve bells, besides one in the turret, and is one of the few London churches which can boast a set of chimes, said to have been constructed by a poor working man. Among those whose remains lie interred in this church must be enumerated John Speed the learned topographical writer, who died 1629; Foxe, the martyrologist, who died 1587; a granddaughter of Sir Thomas Lucy, Shakespeare's persecutor, whom the great poet has immortalised as Justice Shallow, and a daughter of the same ignoble knight; Sir Martin Frobisher, one of our earliest Arctic explorers, and also one of Elizabeth's captain's who fought so gallantly against the Armada; the great John Milton, who died 1674, and his father John Milton deceased 1646; and Dr. William Bulleyn, a noted herbalist and physician, *temp.* Elizabeth. In the parish register of St. Giles's will be found the record of the marriage of Oliver Cromwell afterwards Lord High Protector with Mistress Ann Bourchier, on 22nd August 1620, Oliver being then in his twenty-first year.

Of course, it were quite possible for us to go on wandering about in a region so rich in historic memories; but we have gone far enough already, and having trotted "promiscuously" along the streets in the immediate neighbourhood, under the guidance of such learned persons as Stowe, Strype, Walter Thornbury, &c., &c., we are becoming sensible that the demands of our "inner man" may not, with due regard to health and comfort, be much longer resisted. We therefore hasten our steps towards Australian Avenue, in order that we may secure at Bro. Harrison's excellent restaurant one of his juiciest of steaks, and wash it down with a tankard of his best October, or if the taste suit us better, with a glass or two of that particular "seal" which he knows on occasion to produce from the inmost depths of his well-stored cellar. Hunger apart, we go to this particular hostelry for many reasons. We know from experience that we shall have all we can possibly desire in the way of food and good liquor to wash it down with. We know it will be well and speedily served; that Bro. R. T. Barrett, who is the directing genius of the establishment, and well known to Crippletonians, will exert himself to minister to our wants: that the room in which we shall be accommodated is suitably furnished, with an air of real comfort about it, and but little show; that the attendants will be civil and obliging; that the plate, glass, and linen will be clean and of excellent quality; and lastly, that the charges of our host will be moderate. Comfort, good victuals, and civility are to be had at the George Restaurant. Those who want more than this, or other than this, must go elsewhere. All we can add to these few words of praise, worthily bestowed, is the hope that host Harrison will find his untiring efforts to oblige his customers and meet their every wish will have the reward they merit, in the shape of good custom and plenty of it.

Brave hearts do not pass through a conflict unaided, and often a passing shelter is provided into which they may creep until the worst is over.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday. General Brownrigg, in the absence of the Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, and Deputy Grand Master, took the Grand Master's throne, having Bro. Richard Giddy as Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Samuel Rawson as Past Grand Master, Captain Platt as Senior Grand Warden, and Sir Harcourt Johnstone, M.P., as Junior Grand Warden. The attendance of brethren was large. On the motion of the acting Grand Master the following resolutions were carried:—

1st. To repeal Articles 2 and 3, page 35 of the Book of Constitutions.

2nd. To substitute for them the following, viz.:—"All monies belonging to the Grand Lodge shall be deposited in the Bank of England in the names of the Grand or Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Treasurer. The duties of the Grand Treasurer shall be to keep a general supervision of the accounts, to sign cheques, which must be countersigned by the Grand Secretary for all monies duly voted by the Grand Lodge, and generally to assist and advise the trustees and executive Officers in the due and faithful administration of the funds of the Fraternity. The accounts shall be annually audited by the professional auditor to be appointed by the Grand Master pursuant to a resolution passed in Grand Lodge on the 23rd June 1859."

Bro. Havers P.G.W. in moving "that this Grand Lodge approves of and confirms the proceedings of the Grand Master in ordering a revision of the returns made by the scrutineers of members returned as elected to serve on the Board of General Purposes in June last, and in acting on such amended return, thus unseating three brethren who had been declared to have been duly elected, and who were not so elected, and restoring to their rightful seats three brethren who had been duly elected and were deprived of their seats by the falsification of the returns," said the brethren would permit him for a moment to take a brief retrospect of this very unheard of proceeding. Not within the memory of the oldest man present had any scandal so grave, so outrageous, been known. One would hardly have imagined that a man held in good repute should, after taking a solemn obligation before the G. Master and assembled brethren to make an honest, true and faithful return, for the purpose of serving a friend, so have falsified the return as to oust three most respectable members of G. Lodge and return others who held the lowest number of votes as having the highest. The G. Lodge would agree that it was the duty of the Grand Master to act for his Grand Lodge in such an emergency, and save it from the consequences of so grave an error. He thought Grand Lodge might go further. The Grand Master had acted with the greatest promptitude, so that there had been no delay, and when the time for the meeting of the Board of General Purposes came, the proper members were summoned to attend. He would, therefore, venture with the approval of Grand Lodge to add to his motion, "That this Grand Lodge expresses its thanks to the Grand Master for his prompt and energetic action, by which speedy justice has been done and a grave scandal corrected." He could not help condoling with Grand Lodge on this very great scandal. He took it to be a public calamity. He regretted exceedingly the severe punishment that had been inflicted on a man who had been held in considerable repute among the brethren for many years, who was an old Grand Officer, and who had been a member of the Board of General Purposes for twenty years. He thought the punishment most severe, but he felt bound to say he thought it most just. He was not sure that a man guilty of such conduct ought to be longer tolerated among them; but he thought it well to temper justice with mercy. He pitied the man, but at the same time he was glad an example had been made of him. The Board of General Purposes deserved credit for the manly and upright way in which they had performed a most painful duty. There was reason to fear that this was not the first time such an occurrence as the brother punished had been guilty of had happened; but he trusted that steps would be taken to prevent such a thing happening again. Bro. McIntyre, Q.C., in seconding the motion, heartily concurred in everything that Bro. Havers had said, and felt confident that while the brethren were sorry for the punishment awarded, they were still more sorry the punishment should have been deserved. The motion was carried, and Grand Lodge shortly afterwards was closed in form.

The s.s. Devonia, on board which vessel were Bros. Meyer, Sutter, and others of the Mary Commandery Pilgrimage, arrived at New York on 1st September, all well.

The arrangements which are being made by the brethren of Northampton for successfully carrying out the consecration of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, on the 17th inst., are of the most complete character. They have secured the assistance of two important members of the Craft to perform the ceremonies. Bro. Terry J.G. Warden of Herts, and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, having undertaken that of Consecration, and Bro. Butler Wilkins, the Deputy Grand Master of the province of Norths and Hunts, that of Installation. We can only repeat our good wishes of last month, and hope it will be our pleasure to record for many years the doings of this new Lodge.

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THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

Bro. R. F. Gould.

(Continued from page 132.)

§ 25.—The following remarks, expressed by the *oldest* Masonic body in England (1779) and styled by Bro. Hughan "a really dignified protest against the assertions of its rival," are of interest, as marking disapproval by a sister Grand Lodge of the arbitrary and unconstitutional acts of the Grand Lodge of England.(1)

"York being the established Place of Masonic Government, the whole fraternity successively paid Allegiance to its Authority, and whereas the Sacred Art flourished so much, that Masonry in the South came to require some Nominal Patron to Superintend its Government. A person under the Title of Grand Master for the South was appointed, with the Approbation of the Grand Lodge at York, to which the whole fraternity at large were still bound, as they were before, to pay Tribute and acknowledge Subjection. And thus Masonry flourished for many years in the South, as well as in the North, but afterwards became again at so low a Ebb in the South, that in the year 1717, only four Lodges remained extant in those parts, but those Lodges ever gloried in Originating from the Ancient York Masons, which they constantly testified. And whereas these very Lodges cemented under a new Grand Master for the South, and hence arose what is now called the Nominal Grand Lodge in London, whose meetings have been by some considered as General Meetings, but without any Constitutional Authority to give such Meetings a Sanction to that Title.

"And whereas the Grand Lodge of All England, still existing at York, is the Supreme Legislature of Masonry in this kingdom. And hath, with Lamentations, beheld that the Nominal Grand Lodge, in London, have not only forgotten the Allegiance due to this Parent State of Masonry in England, but have proceeded to insult its Dignity, and depart from every ancient Landmark of the Order, assuming such arbitrary and unmasonick Measures, as ought not to be found among Masons.

"Besides, which, many Masters and Lodges under their Sanction have been struck off their Books on trifling occasions, and particularly on Pecuniary ones, Motives which Masons ought to blush at, and, in fine, they have adopted Measures altogether arbitrary and repugnant to the principles of the Masonic Institution, whereby the true Spirit of Free Masonry in the South of England hath been subverted, and if not timely supported by the Masonic Legislature might become totally destroyed.

"Hence, however, the Grand Lodge in London, from its Situation, being encouraged by some of the Principal Nobility of the Nation, arose at Great Power, *and began to despise the origin from whence it sprang.* In an unbrotherly manner, wishing the Gr. Lodge at York annihilated, which appears by one of their Almanacks, insinuating, that though there are some Brethren remaining, who act under the Old Constitution of York, yet that they are few in number, and will be soon annihilated.(2)

"Upon the whole, let every dispassionate Mason but weigh impartially the several Facts here stated, and he must spurn at the daring Innovation offered by the Nominal Grand Lodge in London, to so sacred an Institution.

If he wishes to partake of Masonry in its Original Purity, he will turn his attention to that source, where it hath been Inviolably maintained and continued for Successive Ages to this Day, and, where the Legislature of Masonry for this Kingdom stands fixed by its true Title 'The Grand Lodge of All England, Established at the City of York.'"

§ 26.—I. On 27th December 1813,(3) the Union of the two Societies took place, under the Grand Mastership of H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, there being at the period of this amalgamation 640 Lodges holding under the "Moderns," and 359 under the "Ancients."(4)

II.—The articles of Union agreed to, by the rival Grand Lodges, were twenty-one (5) in number, of which three only bear distinctly upon the subject of the present article, viz., Nos. II., VII., and VIII.

III.—Art. II. "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.*(6) 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."(7)

IV.—Art. VII. (Extract from, omitting the Grand Officers.) The United Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of England shall be composed of—

"The actual Masters and Wardens of all Warranted Lodges,(8) Past Masters of Lodges, who have regularly served and passed the chair before the day of Union, and who have continued without secession regular contributing Members of a Warranted Lodge. It being understood that of all the Masters who, from and after the day of the said Union, shall regularly pass the chair of their respective Lodges, but one at a time, to be delegated by his Lodge, shall have a right to sit and vote in the said Grand Lodge, so that after the decease of all the regular Past Masters of any regular Lodge, who have attained that distinction at the time of the Union, the representation of such Lodge shall be by its actual Master, Wardens, and one Past Master only."

Past Masters are admitted to membership in many Grand Lodges, and by some the inherent right has been claimed to sit in these bodies. But the most eminent Masonic authorities have made a contrary decision, and the general opinion now is that Past Masters obtain their seats in Grand Lodge by courtesy, and *not* by inherent right.(9)

In the composition of the *United* Grand Lodge of England, the admission of Past Masters in 1813, in deference to the prevailing practice among the "*Ancients*," was a distinct innovation; it may be noted also that for many years subsequent to the Union (until 1834), Past Masters were ineligible for election to the Boards of General Purposes, Finance,(10) Works, and Schools, and the Committee of Benevolence. It was in consequence of this disability, that the late Bro. Peter Gilkes, in order to qualify for election to the Board of Benevolence, of which for the last sixteen years of his life he was a distinguished member, *during that period* annually filled the chair of a Lodge, and discharged its arduous duties.(11)

V.—Art. VIII. (Ante § 9, Note 4.)

§ 27.—I. The prevailing theories with regard to Masonic history, are of so conflicting a nature, that the student may be sorely tempted to take refuge in the sceptical solution of this difficulty, propounded by a notable mystic of the last century.(12) "No man can give any account of the Order of Freemasonry, of its origin, of its history, of its object, nor any explanation of its mysteries and symbols, *which does not leave the mind in total uncertainty on all these points.*"

The descent of modern Freemasonry has been variously traced; (*a*) from the old Roman Sodalities, (*b*) the operative Guild assemblies of the middle ages, (*c*) and from the German operative Stonemasons in the beginning of the eleventh century.(13)

If, however, we turn from *within* to *without*, the pale of the Craft, and seek for information from *non-Masonic* writers, we are assured by one high authority,(14) "that true Freemasonry, *of which Freemasons, as a rule, know nothing*, existed before the Templars." And by another,(15)

(1) Draft of a Manifesto: Grand Lodge of All England (York), May 1779. Unpublished Records of the Craft (Hughan), pp 37-40.

(2) See Freemasons' Calendar 1783; and Constit. 1784.

(3) Preston, Ed. 1861; (Oliver), p 309; Mas. Mem. p 27.

(4) Mas. Mem. pp 114-18.

(5) Ibid; Preston, Ed. 1861, (Oliver) p 309.

(6) This degree, according to the best authorities, was *introduced* about 1740-4; Masonic Reprints (Hughan), p 53; History of the Royal Arch (Oliver), p 38; Laurie, p 429; Findel, p 183. See § 27 (IV.)

(7) The import of this last sentence can only be gauged by imagining the impression it would create if reproduced in the Book of Constitutions of current date.

(8) It was apparently not thought necessary to designate the old Lodges by their proper (*i.e.*, Time Immemorial) appellation.

(9) Mackey's Lexicon of Freemasonry.

(10) United with the Board of General Purposes about 1839. Four *Past Masters* added to the Boards of General Purposes and Finance, 1834.—F. Q. Rev.

(11) F.Q. Rev. (1834), p. 142.

(12) Dr. Adam Weishaupt, Founder of the Illuminati; Proof of the Existence of Illuminism, Charlestown, 1802, p 81; Memoirs of Jacobinism, by the Abbe Barruel, Vol. II. p 352.

(13) Freemasonry originated in the fraternity of the English Free-Stone Masons, which again is identical with the fraternity of the German Stonemasons, and these partly inherit its customs and institutions, and partly received them from the monasteries, and when at the height of their prosperity in the middle ages—remodelled them in a spirit of their own.—J. G. Findel, *Masonic Magazine*, February 1874.

(14) Secret Societies of all Ages and Countries (Heckethorn), 1875, Vol. I. p 196.

(15) Secret Societies of the European Revolution (Frost), 1876, Vol. I. p 22.

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"that Masonic writers who reject the hypothesis of descent from the Templars throw no light upon the matter; *in casting from them that theory they seem to have left themselves entirely in the dark.*"

Leaving these discrepancies for others to explain; I subjoin one peculiarly *British* theory,(1) which from its quaintness, may interest, if it fails to convince, and shall pass on to a consideration of the essential simplicity of the original Masonic Rite.

II. From the earliest period, at which any distinct evidence is forthcoming of the usages and customs, which have finally crystallized into what we now know by the expression Freemasonry, a Simple Rite of one degree, or a single form of initiation, was the only ceremony (as we now understand that phrase) observed by the fraternity.

All the brethren were on an equal footing, and the "Master" only meant that member who was elected by vote to preside in the Lodge, or who was charged with the care of work, or with control over the workmen. The three titles, or in modern parlance, "*degrees*" of Apprentice, Fellow-craft (or Craftsman) and Master-Mason, being only applied in reference to their art.(2)

The Apprentice, as the term signifies, being a learner; the Craftsman, an expert workman, who had acquired his trade; and the Master, an overlooker, or, possibly, an employer of labour.

There were no secrets communicated by Lodges to either fellows of Craft, or Masters, that were not known to Apprentices, since members of the latter grade were necessary to the legal constitution of communications for the admission of Masters and Fellows.(3)

The MASON WORD is the only secret that is ever alluded to in the minutes of St. Mary's Chapel, or in those of Kilwinning, Atcheson's Haven, or Dunblane, or in any other, examined by Bro. D. M. Lyon, of a date prior to the erection of the Grand Lodge of Scotland (1736).(4)

But that this talisman consisted of something more than a word, is evident from the "Secrets" of the "Mason Word" being referred to in the minute-book of the Lodge of Dunblane, and from the further information drawn from that of Haughfoot, viz., that in 1707 the word was accompanied by a grip; (5) whilst so far back as 1686, it is proved by manuscripts of about that period that in England "Signs" were communicated to the initiates.(6)

(1) The adherents to Druidism had various names. *Guydelians, Paulicians, Manicheans, Leogrians, Oughers, May's-ons*, besides others. In the sense of the bough, or office of justice, the word *May* is primitive to the month of *May*, to *Maia*, the Goddess of *Justice*, to *Majestas*, and to the proper name among the Romans of Maius, Magus, or Majius. Considering, too, that the *May* (May-pole) was eminently the great sign of Druidism, as the Cross was of Christianity, is there anything forced or far fetched in the conjecture that the adherents to Druidism should take the name of *Men of the May*, or *May's-ons?*

The word *Hiram* (which is made the foundation of the now-adopted name of *Masonry*, and of the strange story of the architecture of the Temple of Jerusalem) signifies precisely the *high-pole* or *holy-bough*. This single word, however, of *Hiram*, not improbably furnished the hint afterwards inlarged into all that fabulous foundation of *Masonry*, after that the real cause of the name of *May's-on* had been abolished, and lost in the shades of antiquity. From the premises there also appears clearly the reason why the Society of the May's-ons, or adherents to the *Religion of the Grove*, should be more peculiarly national to Britain than to any other part of the world. This country was, in all probability, the parent of Druidism. Essay on the Real Secret of the Freemasons (Cleland) 1766, p 120.

The method of the foregoing derivation well illustrates the principle enunciated by Voltaire, "That in etymology vowels *go for very little*, and consonants *for nothing at all*," of which a further example is afforded by the contention of some etymologists, that the term "Mason," is derived from *mass* a club, with which the doorkeeper was armed to drive away uninitiated intruders! (see Heckethorne, Vol. I. p 251).

On comparing, however, the actual Druidism of the past with the Masonry of the present, the position advanced by a writer of the last century (1783), "that the most perfect remains of the Druids' rites and ceremonies are preserved in the customs and ceremonies of *Masons*," (Smith's *Use and Abuse of Freemasonry*, p 35) would seem to be one that is fairly maintainable. See Preston, Ed. 1796, p 165; Constit. 1767, p 72; Borlase, Ant. Corn., pp 53-146; and Secret Societies (Heckethorne), Vol. I. p 110.

(2) Findel, p 81; Masonic Reprints (Hughan), p 10.

(3) Lyon, pp 20—23; Findel, p 108; the Old Constitutions (Cox), pp 23—26.

(4) Lyon, pp 20—23.

(5) Ibid.

(6) Hughan, cited by Lyon, p 211.

III.—"It seems clear (says Hughan) that modern Freemasonry of Three Degrees, not only is of English origin and a continuation of ancient operative Masonry, but that its introduction into the new arrangement took place in London, certainly not before A.D. 1717.(7)

The introduction of the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason was effected so imperceptibly that the exact date has not been recorded. It is very probable that the degree of Master Mason first originated as a reward for Masonic merit, especially for brethren who had passed the chair during 1717-20; and that the second degree has been intercalated afterwards, to complete the three steps of the operatives.(8) The third degree could hardly have been present to the mind of Dr. Anderson when, in 1723, he superintended the printing of his "Book of Constitutions, for it is therein stated, that "the Key of a Fellow-Craft," is that by which the secrets communicated in the Ancient Lodges could be unravelled.(9)

It was no common thing for many years after the revival to meet with members who had received a degree beyond the Fellow-craft,(10) which was all that was required of the Treasurer, Secretary, or Doorkeeper of Grand Lodge, by the Constitutions of 1723; all new regulations, moreover, remaining subject to the approval of the youngest apprentice.(11)

Fellow-crafts and *apprentices* (12) *only*, are named in O. R. XXXVII. and by the provisions of O. R. XVIII., in the sickness or absence of the Deputy G.M., the Grand Master was empowered "to chuse a discreet Fellow-craft to act as Deputy *pro tempore*.

In the minutes of the Moira Lodge, No. 92, which commence 17th July 1755—the first mention of anything beyond "*making masons*," is as follows, viz.:—

	£	s.	d.
"Perticular Night, 27 Aprill 1756			
For the Makeing Jn°. Simpson, Mariner ...			
He paid into the Lodg - - - one pound one Shill	1	1	0
And Rais°. Master the next lodg night and paid."	0	5	0
	£1	6	0

whilst the earliest reference (by name) to the *two first* degrees, appears under date of "Oct. ye 20th 1760," viz., "The Busness being over the Lodge was close in due form. The Enter°. Apprintice and fellow Craft's parts."

IV.—The degrees recognised in 1723 (13) being but three, the Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, undoubtedly all others not included in such a simple Rite are "Innovations" in the Body of Masonry.

"It may be argued that so long as the consent of a Grand Lodge was obtained, any number of degrees would be legitimate, but as it was expressly declared by the first Grand Lodge that 'All the alterations were only for amending or explaining the old Regulations for the good of Masonry, without breaking in upon the Antient Rules of the Fraternity, or infringing the OLD LANDMARKS;' it is evident that anything so revolutionary as *extra* degrees must be foreign to pure and Antient Freemasonry, and contrary to the ceremonies sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of England at the revival."(14)

On the 26th May 1799, it was resolved by the Grand Lodge of *Scotland*; that they sanction the *Three Great Orders of Masonry*, and these alone, of APPRENTICE, FELLOW-CRAFT, and MASTER MASON, being the Ancient Order of St. John, and they *expressly prohibit* and discharge all Lodges having Charters from the Grand Lodge, from

(7) Hughan, cited by Lyon, p 211.

(8) Findel, pp 150-1.

(9) Constit. 1723, p 29; Lyon, p 210.

(10) N.B.—When you are first made a Mason, you are only entered Apprentice; and till you are made a Master, or as they call it, pass'd the Masters' Part, you are only an entered Apprentice.

NOTE.—There is not one Mason in a hundred that will be at the expence to pass the Masters' Part, except it be for interest.—The Mystery of Freemasons, 1750 (an engraved sheet in Brit. Museum).

(11) See §§ 15, 21, and 22.

(12) Then the GRAND MASTER shall allow any Brother, *Fellow-Craft* or *Apprentice* to speak, directing his discourse to his *Worship* or to make any motion for the good of the Fraternity, &c. Constit. 1723, p 70.

(13) Constitutions of the Freemasons (Hughan), VII.

(14) Ibid; see § 22.

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holding any other meetings than those of the Three Orders above described.(1)

V.—A non-Masonic writer, from whose pages I have already quoted, may here be profitably cited.(2)

"As to spurious Masonry, its almost countless degrees form an incoherent medley of opposite principles, founded chiefly on Christian traditions and institutions, orders of knighthood, contested theological opinions, historical events; in fact, every important event or institution has afforded models for Masonic mimicry."

"Masonry ought not to be an ambulance, but a vanguard. It is embarrassed by its excessive baggage, its superfluous symbols."(3)

VI.—Reverting to the enquiry with which this Section commenced—viz., the most probable origin to be assigned to modern Freemasonry—the preceding paragraphs (II.—IV.) will have shown, that the usages and customs of Masons have been vastly extended, since they ceased to be (in the South of England) the peculiar and especial heritage of the "Four Old Lodges."

Masonry may therefore be termed the stock, and modern Freemasonry the scion; the pristine simplicity of our Ancient English Rite being now only reflected in the mirror of tradition.

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(1) Laurie, p 162. See § 26 (III.)

(2) Secret Societies of All Ages and Countries (Heckethorne), Vol. I. p 266.

(3) Ibid, p 348.

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CHARITY STEWARDS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is with considerable gratification I find the subjects connected with the above heading occupying so prominent a place in your columns from week to week, as I am satisfied the more thoroughly are ventilated the many questions involved, the more beneficial will be the results to the interests of our Institutions, which must at all times be regarded as deserving our most thoughtful consideration, and which, under present circumstances, cannot fail to be objects of considerable anxiety.

With your correspondents to present date—if I gather correctly from their letters—three questions notably present themselves for discussion:—

a. The necessity for Anniversary Festival Dinners.

b. The expenditure of time and money by those who undertake the duties of Stewards.

c. The inadequate return for such expenditure.

a. At the recent Festival in aid of the "Mark Benevolent Fund" this was treated at some length by the Chairman, Lord Skelmersdale, than whom there cannot be quoted one more solicitous for the prosperity of our Institutions—more ready at any time, and at all times, to give his services in promotion thereof; more earnest and more genial in the discharge of any duty he undertakes, or one whose utterances, from the distinguished position he occupies in the Craft, and in other branches of Masonry, are more deserving of attentive respect. In the expressions then used by his Lordship there was no condemnation of the present system; the words adopted were in the form of a friendly, not a criticising enquiry—why could not—(resolving itself really into the shape of an earnest, trusting hope that such might be the case)—the results all were desirous of realising be accomplished without the large outlay necessitated by a dinner?

Doubtless, the enquiry has been urged over and over again; while, with equal certainty, it may be affirmed the aspiration has been indulged in by infinite numbers of those who are in the habit, at the call of duty, of participating in festive assemblies, and assuredly by none more heartily than by those upon whom devolves the labour of organising and carrying out all the multifarious details in connection with the "getting up" of such gatherings.

Deeply imbued with this feeling, but firmly impressed with its Utopian character, I ventured, in reply to his Lordship's observations, with all deference to express my opinion, based upon experience and fortified by practice, that the abolition of the social meeting under the name of "Anniversary Festival" would be detrimental to the interests of the Charity which might elect to try the experiment.

I cannot better depict the advantages *often* the question of money resulting from the Annual Festival than in the words of my excellent friend Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York, in his letter in your issue of 24th August, the concluding paragraph of which is admirably exhaustive.

These admitted, let me turn to the consideration of the most important point,—the acquisition of funds.

The *modus operandi* is: Fix a day to which the attention of W.M. and Members of Lodges is constantly directed by circulars, notices, &c., soliciting the names of Brethren to act as representative Stewards of Provinces, Lodges, &c., in support of a Brother, more or less distinguished and influential, who has consented to preside at the Anniversary Festival to be then celebrated. In response, the names of (say) 200 Stewards are received. These Stewards exert themselves, more or less successfully, to obtain donations; fired, in the majority of cases, by a just spirit of emulation to excel in the discharge of the duties they have undertaken; their eyes turned to the goal—the Festival Day—when the results will be publicly announced, amidst the plaudits of "fair women" and good brethren. The aggregate, an enormous success; those who have contributed largely evolving out of their inner consciousness a gratifying reward; those who have laboured equally perseveringly, but not so fortunately, consoling themselves that they have done their best; those who have fallen short, led to put enquiries to themselves, and stimulated, it is to be hoped, to more earnest exertions on a future occasion.

The "feast of reason and the flow of soul," the charms of melody, the badge of honour, all provided from a special fund raised by the Stewards, without calling for the outlay of a shilling from the funds of the Institution; the pleasant introductions, the interchange of social amenities, the renewal of old, sometimes of severed, friendships—contribute to throw a halo over the event, which renders each recurring anniversary a red-letter day in the memories of all who have joined in its celebration.

This is but the Masonic phase of a universal practise. Centenaries, jubilees, comings of age, national triumphs, political victories, foundation-stones of churches, hospitals, colleges, schools, theatres, &c., great events in connection with religious or secular societies, scientific associations, all have, as a necessary concomitant, that wonderful English institution,—a banquet, in some form or other; and all acknowledge the potency of the agency.

Abolish the annual gathering and you take away the pivot of the entire machinery, you deprive the Arch of its keystone. The Festival is the culmination of the labours of a year, the visible embodiment of the individual and collective exertions brought into play out of sight of the public.

I am free to confess that, so far as my experience extends, the festival *per se*, no matter under whatever distinguished auspices it may be held, does not materially conduce to an increase of funds—*i.e.*, the work has all been done previous to the Festival, which may be looked upon as a consummation. I do not think it can be proved that at the banquet tables more than £100 has ever been added to the aggregate amount on the Lists of Stewards made up previous to their entering the room.

But now occurs the question: Would brethren be found to act as Stewards if their duties were simply to be confined to paying visits to a few Lodges, soliciting support from their funds and from friends, recording the amounts on a list, remitting the same with money received to head-quarters on or before a given day, the amounts being published in due course, and there an end? I, for one, think not. Will any of your correspondents suggest some other plan as worthy of trial?

This letter has far outrun the limits I had set for myself in treating of "a," and not wishing to trespass unduly on your space, or on the patience of your readers, I will reserve my remarks on the two remaining points of discussion, probably asking insertion of a separate communication on each.

Meanwhile, I am,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

London, 2nd September 1878.

SCRUTINEERS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am very glad to find that *at last* some *positive* action is to be taken with regard to the malpractices of those delinquent scrutineers who are unfaithful in the discharge of their self imposed onerous duties. It is now some years since the following occurrence took place, but I think the recital will strengthen the hands of the executive in the manly verdict they have passed, and which I hope will have a deterring effect for the future, and lead to a thorough alteration in our elective system. I suppress names and substitute blanks; but should it be doubted, I have all the papers now before me, and think I cannot better explain the case than by quoting extracts from my Petition:—

"To the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

"That at the last School Election, the 16th October 1871, I was interested in the case of D.; that I there met Brother ——— of ———, who was representing that of C. At two o'clock Brother ——— came to me, stating, that although he had already polled 1250 votes for C.'s case, he had just received a note from Brother ———, *one of the scrutineers* (and which he showed me), bearing the following: "*Buy, Borrow, or Steal* 200 *more, or you will be nowhere,*" thus announcing, from the scrutineers' room, that anything under 1450 would be unsuccessful.

"On consulting with my friends, at twenty minutes to three, and ascertaining that my whole strength was 1179 votes, we, on the faith of the document sent from the scrutineers' room, abandoned the case as hopeless, giving 300 votes to Brother ——— for his boy C." &c. &c.

"I therefore unhesitatingly declare that had it not been for the note shown me as coming from the scrutineers' room with the statement it contained, I should have polled my votes, and thus secured the election of the boy D. . . . . Through the misstatement of one of the most important officers appointed that day, who I consider not only

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committed a great breach of trust in communicating to his friend in the election room, but in also volunteering to be placed on the list of scrutineers for the purpose (as it appears) of securing the election of his candidate."

Such was my Petition.

Now, may I ask could there have been a more flagrant breach of trust than this? but what reply did I get. The case was brought before the Board, without any notice being given me, but, strange to say, by some *extraordinary means* the erring scrutineer was present, and all I heard of the matter was, "That it had been discussed, and the Brother had expressed his regret, for (what he called) an error in judgment," and that was all the redress I obtained. There was, therefore, only one course open to me, admission by purchase; so I paid the hundred and fifty guineas, which was *partially* recouped by subscriptions amongst the boy's relatives and those who worked the case. I might add that C. headed the poll with 1598 votes, while the lowest successful candidate got in with 958!! and I threw up 1179 on the representation of a scrutineer! Comment on such a case I leave to others, with the wish that next Wednesday this disagreeable episode and blot on our Institutions may find a remedy by some system being devised that shall place an effectual bar to its recurrence.

Believe me, &c. &c.,

WILLIAM BIGGS,

P. Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Bucks, P. Prov. S.G.W. Wilts.

31st August 1878.

In Memoriam.

IT is with the deepest regret that we record this week the sad and sudden death of one who was one of the brightest ornaments of Cornish Masonry. It will be long, indeed, before that most distant of our Western Provinces can boast of his equal in activity, in loyalty, and in liberality among its brethren. Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., at the time of his death held several important offices in Masonry. He was D.G. Master of the Province in Craft, and its Grand Master in Mark Masonry, while he was Intendant General in the Masonic and Military Order of Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine. Sir F. Williams was born 25th January 1830. He was educated at Winchester, and in 1858 married Mary Christian, youngest daughter of the Rev. Robert V. Law, Rector of Christian Malford, Wilts, and granddaughter of the late Right Rev. G. H. Law, D.D., Bishop of Bath and Wells. He was a member of the firm of Tweddy, Williams and Co., Bankers, of Redruth and Truro, and was also largely engaged in mining and other operations. He was Deputy Warden of the Stannaries, a D.L. and J.P. of Cornwall, a J.P. for Devon, and a Fellow of the Royal Geological Society. He succeeded to the title on the death of his father, the first baronet, in 1870, while his connection with the Commons House of Parliament dates from the year 1865, when he was first returned for Truro in the Conservative interest. A memoir of our late distinguished brother will be found in the volume of "Masonic Portraits" reprinted from the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, the title under which he figured in that list of worthies being "The Merchant Prince." However, a few facts in connection with his Masonic career, above and beyond what we have stated, will be read with interest. Sir F. Williams was initiated in January 1863, in the Phœnix Lodge of Honour and Prudence, No. 331, Truro. He was a joining member of No. 131, Lodge of Fortitude of Truro, and of Westminster and Keystone, No. 10, and the Marquis of Dalhousie, No. 1155, both London Lodges. He was the representative of the Grand Lodge of Portugal in our Grand Lodge, as well as a Past Grand Warden. In Royal Arch Masonry he held the office of Second Grand Principal in the Chapter of his Province, and was a Past Grand Scribe N. We have already noted that of Mark Masonry in Cornwall he was the presiding genius in fact as well as in name, while he was a Past Grand Sovereign of the Order of Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, and had taken the S.P.R.S. or thirty-second degree in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. He was Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and a Vice-Patron of both the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, besides being the largest contributor to, and one of the moving spirits of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund. This is, indeed, a proud record of titles to the love and respect of his brother Masons, and one that will not easily be surpassed. It is sad to think he should have been suddenly stricken unto death by a fit of apoplexy, and so, in the fulness of mature age, removed from all he loved most dearly. But life and death are in the hands of the Supreme Being for Him to dispense as seemeth best, and it is not for mortal men to question the justice of His awards. We can but offer to his bereaved family and the brethren of his Province our sincere tribute of respectful sympathy. We trust that He who has visited them thus grievously will give them strength to endure their grief. In fine, to quote some lines by the Earl of Surrey—

"Divers thy death do diversely bemoan
. . . . . .
But I, that knew what harbour'd in that head;
What virtues rare were tempered in that breast;
Honour the place that such a jewel bred,
And kiss the ground wherein the corpse doth rest."

On Wednesday morning there was a large muster of the Masonic body at the York Cemetery, on the occasion of the funeral of the late Bro. William Cowling, P.M. 236, who had died at Scarborough on the previous Friday. Bro. Cowling had for some years occupied a prominent position amongst York Masons, and had laboured hard and successfully in the interests of the York Lodge, No. 236. He was initiated in 1850 in the York Lodge (then called the Union Lodge), by Bro. R. W. Hollon, then W.M., and was elected Master in 1855. For a number of years he served the Lodge as Treasurer, and was re-elected W.M. in the centenary year (1877). He was a P.M. of the York Mark Lodge (T.I.), and P.Z. of the Zetland Chapter 236, and was a P. Prov. Senior G. Warden for N. and E. Yorkshire. The pall was borne by five Past Masters and the Inner Guard of the York Lodge. Amongst those present, in addition to the Officers of the Lodge, and many brethren, were Bros. J. March P.M. 236, W. Lawton P.M. 236, Rev. J. E. M. Young P.M. 236, Thomas Cooper P.M. 236 and P.M. 1611, R. Davison P.M. 236, J. Todd P.M. 236, G. Balmford P.M. 236, F. Rawling P.M. 236, T. B. Whytehead W.M. 1611, &c.

CONSECRATION OF THE ELDON LODGE,

This ceremony took place on Tuesday, in the large room over the Pier refreshment-hall at Portishead, the new Lodge of the Order really being in connection with the Royal Hotel. There was a very full meeting of the brethren from Somerset and the adjoining province of Bristol, and the ceremony was ably performed, in the most solemn and impressive manner, by the V.W. Bro. R. C. Else D.P.G.M., and the Officers of the P.G.L. of Somerset, among the latter being Bros. the Rev. F. Seale Chaplain, E. Turner Payne Treasurer, F. Brown S.W., A. Page J.W., F. R. Payne Secretary, H. C. Smith Registrar, W. H. Batten and W. W. Westcott D.C.'s, J. Walker Deacon, and the following Past Provincial Grand Officers:—Dr. Bryant P.P.J.W., Captain Peel Lloyd P.P.G.R., R. M. Worlock P.G.S. (Bristol), W. Barge P.P.G.J.W. (Bristol), Sidney Lewis P.P.G.S.B., and W. Dill P.G Pur. The musical portion of the ceremony was most ably conducted by Bros. J. R. Thebridge, F. Worlock, John Gard, W. R. Maby, and A. G. Hayman. The consecrating officer having constituted the Lodge, installed Bro. Charles E. Daniel W.M., and he appointed Bro. T. W. Hardwicke S.W. and Bro. Walter Minns J.W. The proceedings, which were of the most interesting and impressive character, terminated soon afterwards.

The Lodge being closed, a splendid banquet was subsequently spread in the same room by Mr. Boulter, of the Royal Hotel, and the excellent catering gave the utmost satisfaction. Brother Charles E. Daniel W.M. presided, and of the following brethren who were present at the ceremony nearly all sat down —Bros. R. C. Else D.P.G.M., Somerset; Robert M. Worlock P.G.S., Bristol; Sidney Lewis P.G.S., Somerset; W. Barge P.M. 187, P.P.G.J.W. Bristol; J. Blizzard P.M. 261, P.P.G.S.W. Taunton; F. J. Brown P.M. 41, P.S.G.W. Somerset; Wm. Hodges I.P.M. 1,296; J. A. Page P.M. and Sec. 1,296; J. Roberts Bristol, 187; Alfred G. Hayman S.W. 973, Frome; F. Seale P.G.C. 135, Somerset; S. Bryant P.P.S.G.W. Somerset; W. C. Jarrett P.M. 68, and P.P.J.G.D. Bristol; H. Walker P.M. 33, P.G.S.D. Bath; W. F. Collins I.G. 53, Bath; F. H. Worlock J.W. 1,296, I.G. 1,388; R. C. Stephens 610, Bristol; T. T. Hallam P.P.G. J.W., Bristol; E. Payne P.G.D.; W. H. Dill P.M. 906, P.G.A.P., Somerset; G. Dando Bristol; W. W. Westcott P.M. 814, P.G.A.D.C.; Robert Peel Floyd P.M. 41 P.P.G.R. Somerset, John B. Hood P.M. 137 and 103, E. Fiore 610, 906 and 326, Bristol, J. R. Farler J.D. 68 Bristol, E. G. Grubb, E. E. Sober 610, Bristol, Robert Scott 68, P.G.S.W. Bristol, William Bazzard P.P.G.S.D. Bristol, Robert Compton P.P.G.S.D., 68, Bristol, Herbert J. Gough P.P.G.P., 326, Bristol, W. C. Bamfield M.M. 326, Bristol, Thomas Bamfield M.M. 326, Bristol, J. Stoate 610, Bristol, A. J. Salter 53, Bath, G. Patterson 610, Bristol, Thomas Bowden I.G. 103, Bristol, G. Perrin Sec. 68, Bristol, G. F. Forster 329, R. Wilton 135, Bridgwater, H. W Batten 291, Highbridge, James Lloyd 1,363, Tyndal, John Hill 68 Bristol, William Munroe P.M., P.P.D.C. Bristol, 326, T. W. Hardwick Bristol, 103, J. R. Thebridge 68 and 1,756, William Rice 419, C. S. Daniel 291 and 1,404, Charles C. Woolfoide 1,199, George Phillips 1,199, H. R. Smith G.P.R., 1,117, J. E. Jones 68, T. Rowles 68, W. J. Cullimore A.D.C. 103, F. R. Prideaux P.M. 291, P.P.G.D.C., Francis Trull W.M. 68, Charles Fisher 103, S.W. 68, W. R. Maby 68, J. Courtice S.D. 68, &c.

After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were given, and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.—*Daily Bristol Times and Mirror*.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen is still at Balmoral Castle, and with Princess Beatrice and Prince Leopold attended divine service on Sunday. The Court is ordered to go into mourning for three weeks, on account of the death of the late Queen Christina of Spain. On Sunday the Duchess of Edinburgh was safely delivered of a daughter, at Coburg, at which place the Marquis and Marchioness of Lorne have lately arrived.

The Australian Cricketers concluded what is expected will be their last match in England on Tuesday, when 11 players of England opposed them at Kennington Oval. The match resulted in favour of the colonials, who scored 166 against their opponents' 158.

The inquiry into the loss of the Eurydice has been concluded. The court consider that the vessel was in a sound and seaworthy state, and that no blame could be attached to either the officers or crew. They state that the loss was occasioned by the ship being caught in a sudden squall, the approach of which was concealed from the officers of the ship by the high land of the coast.

In addition to the casualties from the storms which were recorded in our last issue, several fatalities have occurred round the coast, where vessels have been wrecked and members of their crews lost.

The week which has just closed will be painfully remembered by a very great number of families. Two most disastrous accidents have occurred, which, together, will render the homes of some thousands desolate, and will cause heartfelt sorrow in many families. On Saturday the regular fast cheap train of the London, Chatham and Dover Railway, which leaves Ramsgate and Margate each day was, in consequence of excess of traffic, divided into two parts. The first of these reached its destination as usual, but to the second a most appalling accident occurred. On reaching Sittingbourne Station the driver observed that the line on which he was travelling was blocked by some

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goods trucks; unfortunately, in consequence of a curve in the line, the obstruction was not observed until too late, and in the crash which followed five persons were killed and forty more or less injured. An inquest has since been held, and a verdict of manslaughter returned against the two guards of the luggage train, who, it is stated, were guilty of criminal negligence in carrying out the shunting operations they were engaged in. The second, which was one of the most fearful calamities of modern times, occurred on Tuesday, on the River Thames, at Woolwich. The Princess Alice, a large iron saloon steamer, licensed by the Board of Trade to carry 899 persons, left Sheerness for London at 4.15 p.m., and called at Gravesend at 6.30. She was to stop at North Woolwich pier, and was in Gallion's Reach, just below it. The tide was running down, at two hours' ebb, and in rounding the point on the south bank (Tripcock Trees Point) into the reach, the course of the steamer was to hug the bank and to avoid the force of the tide. She then headed across the river to the next point, that on the north side, called the Devil's House. When half-way down the reach, and in mid-stream, she was run into by a screw collier outward bound. It was then 7.45 p.m. The Bywell Castle, the vessel which ran the passenger steamer down, had hauled out of dry dock at 5.45 p.m. that evening, and at 6.30 p.m. left the wet dock, in charge of Mr. Dicks, pilot, and her master, Captain Thomas Harrison. The log of the Bywell Castle gives the following particulars:—"At 7.45 p.m. proceeded at half speed down Gallion's Reach. Being about the centre of the reach, observed an excursion steamer coming up Barking Reach, showing her red and masthead lights, when we ported our helm to keep over towards Tripcock Point. As the vessels neared, observed that the other steamer had ported, and immediately afterwards saw that she had starboarded and was trying to cross our bows, showing her green light close under the port bow. Seeing collision inevitable, stopped our engines, and reversed full speed, when the two vessels collided, the bow of the Bywell Castle cutting into the other steamer, which was crowded with passengers, with a dreadful crash. The excursion steamer, which turned out to be the Princess Alice, turned over and sank." It is, unfortunately, impossible to gain any particulars from those in charge of the Princess Alice, as none of them are among the few that were saved; for this reason it will be all but impossible to satisfactorily prove who was to blame, should such a charge be made against the directors of either ship. The estimates of the loss of life are various, but all appear to agree that upwards of 500 lives have been sacrificed, while various statements, apparently well founded, place the number as high as 700. The exact number can never be found out, as no record is kept of the passengers who embark or land at the various piers. The work of recovering the dead goes on, and it is expected that bodies will be found in various parts of the river for some time to come. Operations were speedily commenced with a view of raising the wreck, and most likely before these lines are read will have proved successful. There is a rumour that about 250 bodies are in one of the cabins, but until the work is further advanced this cannot be confirmed. Her Majesty the Queen has, with her usual consideration, expressed her sympathy with the sufferers. As may be expected in such a calamity, the Craft will, during the next month or two, have specially brought home to them the awful consequences of the accident, and we hope that some notice will be taken of the matter by Grand Lodge at its next meeting. Already we have heard of one brother and his family being lost; while another, with his wife, are among those saved. The early accounts of the disaster contained the information that a Lodge of Freemasons, on hearing of the accident, at once closed their Lodge and rendered every assistance in their power. We hope that the action of our Woolwich brethren will be endorsed by Grand Lodge, who can materially assist, by voting a sum of money to the fund now being raised on behalf of those whose friends are missing.

After the fearful consequences of these two casualties, it is gratifying to be able to record that an accident which occurred on Wednesday evening off the Isle of Wight, and which might have added a terrible third to the week's list, was unattended by fatal results. One of the Isle of Wight Company's boats, whilst returning from an excursion to Alum Bay, in the face of a strong tide, was rendered helpless by the breaking of a link of one of the rudder chains; and as a consequence almost immediately ran aground. Fortunately, order was maintained on board, and the whole of the passengers were either landed, or taken on board another of the Company's steamers, which happened to be passing. Yet another narrow escape is recorded, from off the Isle of Man; where a steamer, on which were several passengers, on Wednesday escaped being run into by about a foot. Some damage was done to the sounding line and other gear of the passenger boat, but beyond a considerable fright, no serious consequences occurred to the passengers.

Another week has passed, and little has to be added to the account of the operations in Bosnia and the Herzegovina. The work of occupation by the Austrians seems to be at a standstill, the general in command appearing to think it best to await the reinforcements which have been sent him. The Russian occupation of Batoum has been all but completed; the Lazis having determined to migrate, had resolved not to oppose the soldiers, and consequently the work was carried through without disturbance. The Turkish Government seem determined not to carry out their parts of the Berlin Treaty, unless they are absolutely obliged to do so; they now refuse to surrender the territory to which Greece is entitled. The Athens Government have called upon the Powers to enforce the Berlin understanding, and rumours are current that Italy is making military preparation to support Greece if necessary, The withdrawal of Russian troops from San Stefano still continues, but it is stated that fresh troops are pouring into Bulgaria. Information, both from Cyprus and the Cape, is re-assuring. At the former place the health of the troops is said to be improving, while from the latter the civil war is considered as concluded. In fact, a day of thanksgiving has been observed in the colony. The terrible epidemic of yellow fever is said to be greatly extending among the inhabitants of the shores of the Mississippi, and in several parts of the Union subscriptions are being raised in aid of the sufferers.

One of the new Lodges for which a Warrant has been granted is intended to perpetuate the memory of the late King of Hanover. The meetings will be held at the Town Hall, Hounslow, during the summer months. The principal Officers designate are Bro. H. A. Dubois P.P.G.D. P.M. P.Z. W.M., Bro. Henry Lovegrove S.W., and Bro. George Clark J.W.

The meetings of the New Concord Lodge of Instruction will in future be held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., under the Preceptorship of Bro. Cusworth P.M. The winter session will be opened on Wednesday next, at 8 o'clock.

The Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No. 87, will resume it weekly meetings on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the White Hart, College-street, Belvedere-road, Lambeth, when it is hoped that the members will be enabled to attend, as some important matters are to be arranged; amongst others, the question of appointing a brother to act as Preceptor.

THE FALKLAND MEMORIAL.

The Brethren of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, Newbury, have obtained the sanction of the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master (SIR DANIEL GOOCH, BART., M.P.) to organise arrangements for the attendance of the Brethren of the various Lodges in the Province on the occasion of Unveiling the Memorial to LORD FALKLAND, which has been erected on Wash Common, the site of the first Battle of Newbury. The ceremony will be performed at 12.45 p.m. on Monday next, by the Pro Grand Master of England (Lord Carnarvon).

Bro. W. Biggs P.M., Past Provincial Grand Secretary, has kindly consented to act as Director of Ceremonies.

After the Ceremony a Public Luncheon will be provided in the Corn Exchange, Newbury, at 2 o'clock. The Worshipful the Mayor of Newbury (T. S. Slocock, Esq., M.A.) will preside, supported by Lord Carnarvon and others. Luncheon Tickets, 2s 6d each.

The W. M. and Brethren of the Lodge entertain the hope that as many of the Brethren as possible will endeavour to attend, to do honour to the Pro Grand Master.

The Brethren will assemble in the Council Chamber at Half-past Eleven o'clock precisely. The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master has graciously consented to allow the Brethren to appear in full Masonic clothing. The attendance of Brethren from neighbouring Provinces is respectfully invited.

BRO. CHARLES HOPSON, *Secretary.*

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ROYAL YORK LODGE, No. 315.

VISIT OF THE PROV. G. MASTER AND THE OFFICERS OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

THE regular meeting of the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, which was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., was specially interesting from the fact that the Prov. G. Master with several of his Officers attended the meeting. The Lodge was formally opened at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. A. J. Hawkes, supported by Bros. C. W. Hudson and J. Packham, the Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. The other offices were filled as follows:—R. J. Pope Sec., W. Gibson S.D., Ash J.D., W. J. Smith I.G., Payne Steward, and Devine P.G.O. Organist. Among the Past Masters were Bros. Foat I.P.M., W. J. Nell, W. R. Wood, Eborall, T. Hughes, H. H. Hughes, &c. The usual preliminary business having been disposed of, the ballot was taken for Bro. Paige, and he was declared duly accepted as a joining member; the ballot was again brought into requisition, this time on behalf of Mr. J. Saxby, who having been accepted was initiated into the Order. After some other matters had engaged the attention of the members, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet presided over by the W.M. The various dishes provided having received the attention of the members, grace was said, and the toasts of the evening were commenced, the two which usually head our lists being appropriately introduced by the W.M., and meeting a most hearty reception, the members joining in the anthems which followed. Bro. R. W. Wood P.M., P.G.S., now assumed the gavel, and directed the attention of the brethren to the important duties devolving on the Pro G.M. The Earl of Carnarvon, who, he said, was not only a prominent Mason but also a great statesman. He was zealous in the performance of the duties required of him in connection with Freemasonry, and, in fact, thoroughly carried out anything he took in hand. He (Bro. Wood) had the pleasure of being present when his Lordship was advanced to the Royal Arch degree, and although that connection was but trifling, he was gratified at being able to refer to it, and now felt it an honour to have the opportunity of proposing the health of his noble Bro. and Comp. After a song, Bro. Stride P.M., P.P.G.J.W., introduced the next toast on the list, Lord Skelmersdale and the the rest of the Grand Officers past and present. He was pleased at being depated to propose this toast, and coupled the name of Bro. Wood therewith. That Brother having replied, the W.M. rose. He had great pleasure in giving what all must admit was the toast of the evening. He referred to the progress Masonry had made in the Province of Sussex since it had been under the rule of its present governor, and expressed his pleasure at being Master of the Royal York Lodge at the time the Provincial Master had honoured it with a visit. He thought that few of the Past Masters could boast of such an exceptional distinction, as it was twenty-five years since any Provincial Grand Master had been within its walls. He referred to the gratification it afforded the Masters of the Sussex Lodges to avail themselves of his Lordship's invitations to attend the summer picnics he gave, and hoped that he would long be spared to rule and guide the Masons of Sussex. An excellent recitation from the S.W. followed the toast, and then the Prov. G. Master rose to respond. He thanked the brethren for the hearty way in which they had received the mention of his name, and expressed his regret that illness had prevented his attending their installation meeting in March last. Their Master had referred to the progress made during the past few years in Sussex Masonry, but he hoped at the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge to be in a position to present a report far in advance of any that had yet been given. He pointed out that the principal aim of Freemasons should be the support of their charitable institutions, and for this purpose he urged the advisability of combination. He saw that the Province of Herefordshire had just taken the matter in hand, and he hoped it would not be long before every Province in England which had not yet its charity committee would follow the example. He hoped that the annual receipts of the three Charities would increase year by year, and that the time would come when it could be said that every Mason contributed something to their maintenance. The W.M. next gave the toast of the visitors, he apologised for diverging from the list laid before him, but hoped the members would excuse his so doing as several of their friends had soon to leave. He coupled with the toast the name of the Mayor of Brighton, Bro. Mayall, who briefly responded on behalf of the visiting brethren. He had been a Mason 27 years, but hitherto had taken very little interest in the working of the Craft. The remarks of the Prov. Grand Master on the requirements of the Charities had induced him to decide that henceforth he would devote more attention to the work of the Order, and he hoped for the future to carry out Freemasonry in its integrity. The health of the Deputy Prov. G. Master was next given from the Chair, together with that of the rest of the Prov. G. Officers. The Master regretted that the absence of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master from this country prevented his being among them on the present occasion; in his absence he would call on Bro. Dixon, the P.W. of the Province, to respond. That Bro. congratulated the Royal York Lodge on the honour conferred on them by the visit of the Prov. G. Master; he regretted the absence of the Deputy of the Province, but hoped he would be able to attend at some future meeting. He tendered the hearty thanks of the whole of the Prov. G. Officers. Bro. Farncombe P.G.S. followed Bro. Dixon, adding his personal thanks. Bro. Stride P.M. gave the next toast, that of the W.M. Since Bro. Hawkes had occupied the chair of the Lodge, he had devoted his energies to making everything as comfortable and harmonious as possible, and he felt the whole of the members would agree that he had been successful. The Worshipful Master in reply considered it a great thing to be able to say that he was honoured at his Installation by a larger gathering than had ever assembled in Brighton under similar circumstances; he, throughout his occupation of the chair, had met with every consideration it was possible to be shown him. The health of the P.M.'s was next given, and responded to by Bros. Wood, Stride, and Sandeman. That of the Officers followed, acknowledged by the Senior Warden, after which the initiate of the Evening was toasted, and he replied in a capital speech. Throughout the evening several of those present endeavoured, by songs and recitations, to make the meeting pass pleasantly, and if we may judge from the good feeling displayed throughout, they wer successful. The Tyler was summoned and gave the farewell toast of the meeting.

NEW ZEALAND—NAPIER.

NO better evidence of the spread of Freemasonry in Hawke's Bay could possibly be given than that which is furnished by the fact that it has been found necessary in the best interests of the Craft to erect another Hall in Napier.

It is now twenty years ago since the first Lodge was opened in this town, at which time, and for that purpose, the late Colonel McGregor, Mr. Michael Fitzgerald, Mr. J. A. Smith, and others, obtained a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The first meetings were held in the upper floor of a store at the Spit, and though the most primitive furniture and accessories were well in keeping with the cheerless appearance of the apartment in which the brethren assembled, the warmth of heart and Masonic spirit that were there engendered gave ample promise of bearing good fruit. The canopy of Heaven being the roof tree of Masonry, it mattered little to the fathers of the Craft in Napier where they practised the rites and ceremonies of the Order so that they could secure freedom from prying eye, and listening ears. But no great length of time elapsed before better accommodation was obtained, and in due course land was bought, and the first building dedicated to Masonry was erected in this town. By this time Scinde Lodge, 419 I.C., numbered amongst its members nearly all the principal people of the province, and until about two years ago was the only Lodge in Hawke's Bay. With the growth of population came brethren of other Constitutions, who naturally and loyally desired to see another Lodge established. Some old Masons of the English Constitution thereupon met, and decided to form a Lodge which, under the name of "Victoria," has gone on prospering until it became necessary for the convenience and comfort of both Lodges that another Hall should be erected. This building is now completed, and was formally consecrated to-day.

Situated on a section at the corner of Munroe and Dickens-streets, the new hall presents a striking appearance, the front being remarkably classic in its design. The facade of the edifice is of the Doric style of architecture, having three windows and four fluted columns, with entablature surmounted by pediment. Admission to the building is obtained by a door, the only one, on the north side, which leads into a vestibule seven feet wide, from whence entrance is gained both into the Lodge-room and into the ante-room. This latter apartment is 20 feet long by 18 feet wide, and will be ordinarily used as a refreshment room. The Lodge-room is an extremely handsome hall, 40 ft. in length and 20 ft. in width, having plastered walls and cove ceiling, finished with heavy cornices. In the east, west, and south walls there are alcoves for the chairs of the three principal officers, whose stations are in those situations, the eastern alcove being surmounted with cornice and crimson canopy. The Chairs are placed on dais painted to represent black and white marble. Running round the walls are stuffed spring seats covered with crimson rep. The Masonic furniture is very handsome and complete, and much of it being the gift or manufacture of the members, no expense has been spared to make the several presentations worthy of the Lodge. The officers' pedestals and the altar are beautifully designed, the tops resting on entablatures supported by columns in groups of three, having carved capitals, with moulded bases and cornices complete; each pedestal represents one of the three orders, Doric, Ionic, or Corinthian. Until gas is laid on, the hall is lighted by a kerosene chandalier, and ventilated by patent ventilators.

The contractors for the building were Messrs. Baillie and Davis, who have performed their work in a manner that has given the greatest satisfaction. Indeed every one connected with the Victoria Hall appears to have vied with the other to make the building at once an ornament to the town and a credit to the Craft. We should mention that the architect is Mr. W. A. Dugleby, whose knowledge of the requirements of a Masonic Lodge, combined with his professional ability, has left nothing to be desired. To the untiring energy of J. M. Batham, Esq., the present Worshipful Master of the Victoria Lodge, is also greatly due that Masonic spirit and zeal that have animated the brethren, by which, without any assistance, they have quietly and unostentatiously worked together to that result which shows itself in the completion of as handsome a Lodge as any in this colony.

The consecration of the new building was fittingly appointed to take place on the Masonic Festival of St. John the Baptist, and the august ceremony was attended by every Mason in Hawke's Bay who could be present. The ordinary monthly meeting of the brethren of the Victoria Lodge was held at three p.m., and the Lodge having been duly formed in the Third Degree, the Delegates of the Provincial Grand Lodge were admitted at 4 p.m., with the usual honours. The Delegates were brother Past Masters Batham and Harwood, Bro. P.M. Batham taking the chair. The brethren then resumed their seats, and the Secretary having read the delegation, temporary Grand Officers were appointed, P.M.'s Kennedy and Wundrum occupying respectively the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs. The ceremony of dedication then commenced by the Rev. Chaplain reading the first three verses from the 1st chapter Genesis, which was followed by the beautiful anthem "Father of Light," which was most impressively sung. On the application of Brother P.M. Draustield, the Lodge was formally examined, and Brother Architect Dugleby having returned the Working Tools, the D.P.G.M expressed his approval. Bro. P.M. Price then announced the desire of the Brethren that the Hall should be consecrated according to ancient form and usage,

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upon which the Rev. Chaplain read the Consecration Prayer. The following programme was then observed:—Procession of Officers; March by Organ; at termination of first circuit in the East, the Hall was dedicated to Freemasonry; corn sprinkled; grand honors; Ode; to Masonry; at the termination of second circuit, wine was sprinkled, and the Hall dedicated to Virtue; grand honors; Ode to Virtue; at the end of the third circuit, oil sprinkled, Hall dedicated to Charity; grand honors; Ode to Charity. The Rev. Chaplain then pronounced the Invocation, the choir responding. After the anthem "To Heaven's High Architect," had been sung, the D.P.G.M. delivered an able address, and this concluding the ceremony, the delegates of the District Grand Lodge retired. The proceedings were most impressively conducted from first to last, and occupied about two hours in their performance. The choral portion of the service was presided over by Bros. Redman and Aplin.

A banquet in honour of the occasion was held in the evening. The chair was taken, shortly after 8 o'clock, by the W.M. Bro. Batham, supported by P.M.'s Bros. Harwood and Wandram, and Bros. Kennedy and Sutton, and the W.M. of the Scinde Lodge, Bro. Dransfield. Brother Morgan, Senior Warden of the Victoria Lodge, and Bro. de Lisle, Junior Warden, occupied the vice-chairs, in their respective positions. There were nearly 100 brethren present.

The first toast was the usual one, "The Queen and the Craft," by the W.M., Bro. Batham, followed by the "The Three Grand Masters"—those of England, Ireland, and Scotland, respectively. "The District Grand Masters of New Zealand" was also given by the Worshipful Master.

P.M. Bro. Harwood then proposed "Prosperity to the Victoria Lodge." He said it was now, he believed, two years since the formation of the Victoria Lodge, and from that moment to the present it had advanced steadily, increasing in strength until it had assumed the position it now occupied—a position which it had attained by the united efforts of its members and the untiring exertions of its Officers and Masters, especially of its present Worshipful Master. The handsome Masonic Hall in which they were now assembled stood as a grand monument of the attachment of its members to the Craft. They must all ernestly hope that the Lodge might continue to flourish for many years to come, under its energetic promoters, in unity, strength, peace, and harmony.

The toast was acknowledged by the Worshipful Master, who took occasion to thank Bro. Harwood for his kindness in coming to Napier to assist in the ceremony of that day, a kindness which was all the more felt by him (the Worshipful Master) as Bro. Harwood was the only Past Master in the English Constitution whose services were at all available. The W.M. also thanked the Officers of the Scinde Lodge for the efficient assistance they had rendered. He then gave some particulars of the efforts made to get the hall erected, dwelling with warmth of feeling upon the liberal and willing aid that had been accorded by the brethren of the Lodge. Over £600 worth of shares had been taken by the brethren, the shares bearing no interest, and a considerable portion of the furniture and requisites had been presented to the Lodge by the brethren. The brethren had worked hard to get the Lodge erected, and it rested with them to do credit to it and never disgrace it.

Bro. Morgan, S.W. of the Lodge proposed, "The Lodges of Sister Constitutions," responded to by P.M. Bro. Wandram.

Bro. Dransfield, W.M. of the Scinde Lodge, proposed in highly eulogistic terms, "The Worshipful Master of the Victoria Lodge," acknowledged by the W.M., Bro. Batham.

Bro. de Lisle, Junior Warden of the Victoria Lodge, proposed "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of P.M. Bro. Sutton, and suitably acknowledged by him.

P.M. Bro. Kennedy proposed "The Building Committee and the Architect of the Hall" (Bro. Dugleby.)

Bro. D'Arcy Irvine, M.A., proposed the "Visiting Brethren." Bro. Elsross acknowledged the toast, and congratulated the Victoria Lodge upon the handsome hall they had erected for their meetings, and expressed a hope that it would frequently be graced with the company of ladies at Masonic balls or other occasions when the presence of the fair sex was permissible.

Bro. Combe proposed "The newly-made Masons," responded to by Bro. Loab, of Waipukurau.

The W.M. proposed the health of the caterer, Bro. Johnson, which was suitably acknowledged.

The Worshipful Master informed the brethren that he had received telegrams from the Tauranganui Lodge (Gisborne) and from the Wellington Lodge, conveying expressions of congratulation. He had also received a cordial letter from the District Grand Master of Westland (Bro. Lazar), expressing regret that he was unable to be present. He had besides received telegrams and letters from various brethren regretting their inability to attend. He mentioned these matters as evidence of the kind interest evinced in the prosperity of the Lodge. (Applause.)

Bro. Garner proposed "Absent Brethren," which was duly honored.

Bro. Ellis proposed "Old Masons" (of not less than ten years' standing). The toast was acknowledged by Bro. Raven, who then proposed the health of "Our Worthy Chaplain"—acknowledged in feeling terms by Bro. D'Arcy Irvine, Chaplain of the Lodge.

Bro. Combe proposed "Prosperity to the Craft.

Bro. D'Arcy Irvine proposed "The Press," acknowledged by Bro. Pirani.

"The Ladies" was proposed by Bro. Garner, and was responded to by Bro. Begg.

Bro. Blythe proposed "Buried Animosities," which having been honored, the last toast, usual at all Masonic banquets, was given by the Tyler, Bro. Motley—"All poor and distressed Masons throughout the Universe."

"Auld Lang Syne" then concluded a banquet which was about the most pleasant and harmonious of any that has been given in Napier, or perhaps in any other part of New Zealand. The evening was enlivened with songs and recitations by the brethren, the accompaniments being played by Bros. Redman and Aplin. We may here mention that Brother Johnson deserves great credit for the manner in which he discharged his duties as caterer. Everything was served in good style, and the ornamentation of the feast was in excellent taste.

SOUTHERN CROSS LODGE 997, E.C.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. B. SCANDRETT.

THE interesting annually recurring event, the installation of the Worshipful Master of the Southern Cross Lodge, E.C.—the oldest lodge in this portion of New Zealand—came round last Monday evening, when Bro. W. B. Scandrett was, with the usual formalities, placed in the highest position in the gift of a Lodge. The ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner by one who is justly regarded as a father in the Craft, Bro. W. Craig. Bro. the Rev. W. P. Tanner officiated as Chaplain, the musical service being entrusted to a small but efficient choir of male voices under the direction of Bro. Hantrie West, Organist of the Lodge. The attendance of brethren was very large indeed, no less than sixty being present in the room, including a very creditable representation indeed of the Brethren of the Scottish Constitution Lodge, St. John, who, headed by their R.W.M. Bro. Wragge, and his I.P.M., were heartily received with the proper Masonic honours. Into the details of the ceremony it is unnecessary to go, suffice it to say that in the actual act of Installation no less than nine of the rank of Installed Master assisted, and that the proceedings were, to Masons, of a most interesting character throughout. Having invested his Immediate Past Master, Bro. A. C. Henderson, who, during the past year has been a most efficient and energetic Master in the Craft, the newly installed W.M., later in the proceedings invested his Wardens and Officers, the W.M. being subsequently addressed on his duties to his Lodge and to the Craft by P.M. Bro. Craig, and the Wardens and Brethren by the I.P.M. The following is a complete list of the Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. B. Scandrett W.M.; R. Waymouth S.W., L. E. Reade J.W., T. Perkins Treasurer, A. Mair Secretary, W. S. Moir S.D., A. Cross J.D., W. Daley I.G., A. Munro Tyler. The Lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren thereafter adjourned to the other Lodge room, in rear of the Prince of Wales Hotel, where a splendid repast—one which gave the highest satisfaction to all present—had been prepared for them by Bro. R. Powell. The W.M., Bro. Scandrett, occupied the chair, supported on his right and left by Bro. Wragge, R.W.M. of Lodge St. John S.C., and the I.P.M. Bro. Henderson. The tables having been cleared, the W.M. proposed "Her Majesty the Queen," which toast was enthusiastically drunk, the brethren singing the National Anthem. P.M. Bro. J. T. Martin proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," alluding to the fact that the Prince is Grand Master of England. P.M. Bro. Moffett proposed "The three Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland," which was drunk with Masonic honours. P.M. Bro. Martin proposed "The District Grand Lodge and future Invercargill Royal Arch Chapter," to which Bro. E. R. Bowen made response. R.W.M. Bro. Wragge, of Lodge St. John S.C., proposed the health of "The Southern Cross Lodge and its newly installed Master," alluding in the warmest terms to the fraternal relations that exist between the Southern Cross Lodge and his own. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm and with musical honours, by the brethren of the S.C. and the visitors. W.M. Bro. Scandrett acknowledged in a most cordial manner the heartiness and goodwill with which the toast was drunk. P.M. Bro. Wade in a genial manner proposed the health of I.P.M. Bro. Henderson stating that from the satisfactory manner in which Bro. Henderson during the past year had discharged his duties as Master, he (Bro. Wade) felt a pride himself as having, during his term of office, been the first to appoint Bro. Henderson to an office in the Lodge. Bro. Henderson suitably replied, in doing so taking an opportunity to relate his experience of the onerous nature and duties of the office he had just vacated, and to bespeak from the brethren for his successor that consideration they had displayed towards himself. S.W. Bro. Waymouth proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge," which was acknowledged by P.M. Bro. Craig, who, in the course of his remarks, referred in terms of the highest commendation to the recent action of the Grand Lodge of England in instructing all Lodges under its jurisdiction to refuse admission to or hold intercourse with Masons under the Grand Orients of France and of Egypt, which had decided in future not to insist upon—as qualification for Masonic membership—belief in God. The action of the Grand Lodge of England in regard to these two Grand Lodges he considered should have the approval, not only of Masons, but of all good men throughout the world. The W.M. Bro. W. B. Scandrett then proposed "The Lodge of St. John S.C." which was drunk with the amplest honours and three cheers, R.W.M. Bro. Wragge ably making response to the toast. "The Wardens of the Southern Cross Lodge," proposed by Bro. Bowen, and replied to by Bros. Waymouth and Reade; the Ladies (humorously responded to by S.D. Bro. Moir); "the Host and Hostess," and "All Poor and Distressed Masons," brought the regular toast list to a close. During the evening some capital songs and recitations were given by various brethren, one of the best contributors to this portion of the proceedings being Bro. R. Bree, whose kindness and ability were acknowledged in a special toast. "Auld Lang Syne," sung in orthodox style, and "God Save the Queen," brought a pleasant evening to an appropriate close.

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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 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.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

MONDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
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. (Instruction).
1435—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1635—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Bardett-road. (Inst.)

75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
181—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
249—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
292—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
491—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby.
569—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
731—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
863—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.
1593—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.
R. A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington.
K. T.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale.
M. M. 165—Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

TUESDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER.

48—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.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
[illegible]—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Powis-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, 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 Rouge, Boston.
294—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon.
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Bishop.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Liverpool
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
906—Hesketa, Grapes Inn, Croston.
1250—Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley.
1325—Stanley, 214 St. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1418—Keole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
R. A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.

WEDNESDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, Lonsdale-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
[illegible]—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Rose and Crown, Wanley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burnsall-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
[illegible]—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1196—[illegible] Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Sandrock and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1280—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1305—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1324—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton.
R. A. 177—Panmure, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1260—Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

125—Hythe, White Hart Hotel, Hythe.
[illegible]—Prince and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
198—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
264—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich.
[illegible]—St. Luke, Cross and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
225—St. Luke, Athenæum, Lancaster.
261—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
453—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
580—Harmony, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1249—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, 150 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1520—Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannoc, Staffs.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes.
R. A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 409—Stortford, Chequers' Inn, Bishop's Stortford.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER.

Provincial Grand Lodge, North and East Yorkshire. Special Meeting at the Old Globe Lodge, Scarborough, to Consecrate the Leopold Lodge, 1780.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
720—Panmure General Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
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.
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin.
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, Willington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Kidowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1204—Royd's, 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.
1563—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
R. A. 613—Eridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.

FRIDAY, 13th 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.)
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (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, 150 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1296—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 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Instruction.)
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1269—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.
K. T.—Faith, Leaders Buildings, King-street, Wigan.

SATURDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

869—Gresham, Chesbunt Great House, Chesbunt Park.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
1637—Unity, De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton, Middlesex.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.

MONDAY.

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
290—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
494—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
721—Dolcine, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
1542—Legodunum, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
R. A. 300—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

TUESDAY.

405—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
605—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.
1552—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
R. A. 253—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 359—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

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WEDNESDAY.

258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
567—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract.
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1845—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
271—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
1414—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
R. A. 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.

FRIDAY.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
498—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
615—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
1008—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclesbill.
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—This well established Lodge held its first meeting, after a recess of two months, at the Old Rodney's Head, on Monday last. Present—Bros. R. H. Halford W.M., Pearcy S.W., G. Cook J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, J. A. Powell S.D., A. Wing J.D., W. Cook I.G.; also Bros. J. Stock, Crawley, Hallam sen., Hallam jun., W. Rowley, Garrod, Byng, W. J. Goode, Morgan, &c. Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was excellently rehearsed by the W.M., who was well supported by his Officers; Bro. W. Rowley was the candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the first, Bro. Fenner the second, Bro. Powell the third, and Bro. Pearcy the fourth section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. S. J. Byng, W.M. of the Burgoyne Lodge No. 902, and W. J. Goode, of the Crusaders' Lodge No. 1677, were elected members. Bro. Pearcy was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge will now meet regularly every Monday evening.

Warrington Lodge of Lights, No. 148.—The regular monthly meeting was held on Monday, 26th August, at the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street. The W.M., Bro. Joseph Pickthall, presided, and was assisted by his Wardens and a goodly number of brethren. The Lodge having been opened in ancient form, the minutes were read. The Lodge was raised one degree, when Bros. A. Mackie and G. F. Carson claimed preferment, and having sustained their claim, were entrusted and they retired. The Lodge having been opened in the third degree, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, who separately raised in ample form the two brethren before named. To illustrate the lecture of this degree, a new tracing board of large size was used for the first time. After labour the brethren were invited by the W.M. to supper, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The usual toasts were duly honoured. The W.M.'s health was drunk with much heartiness, as was that of the junior members. The Visitors one and all complimented Past Master Bowes on the manner in which he had rendered the ceremony of raising. Some excellent songs were sung during the evening, and at half-past ten the Tyler's Toast was proposed.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on 30th August, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. Costelow W.M., Goss (W.M. 780) S.W., May (S.W. 780) J.W., Gunner Sec., Tucker Treas., Gunner S.D., Franckel J.D., Talbot I.G., J. C. Roe P.M. Preceptor, Blasby, &c. Lodge regularly opened; minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Tucker volunteered as candidate, and was carefully taken through the initiation ceremony. He then answered the questions leading to second degree perfectly. The call was given to refreshment. Labour was resumed by the esteemed W.M. of the Mother Lodge, who, at the request of Bro. Costelow, and for the instruction of the juniors, rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Blasby acting as candidate. Bro. Costelow then resumed the gavel; and having opened up to the third degree, closed down to the first. On proposition by Bro. Roe, seconded by Bro. Tucker, Bro. Goss was elected W.M. for next meeting. Lodge was then closed in brotherly love, and adjourned till the evening Friday at half-past seven p.m.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Hunt W.M., Forss S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Carr S.D., Polak J.D., Smyth I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Wyman, Wright, Christian, Taylor, Allen, Finch, J. Lorkin, Gilham and others. After due observance of preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Slaiter candidate. Bro. Moss answered the necessary questions, the Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Moss candidate. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and after resuming its duties, was opened in the third degree, and regularly closed down. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the fourth Section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Moss, of Lodge 1275, was elected a member. Bro. Forss will preside at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M., for his able working in the chair for the first time in this Lodge.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—At Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 30th ult. Present—Bros. Moss W.M., Hine S.W., Quincey J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Crouch S.D., Serjeant J.D., Gieseke I.G.; also Bros. Bolton, Powell, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Bolton as candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree; Bro. Moss resigned the chair in favour of Bro. Crouch, who worked the ceremony of Installation. Lodge being resumed to the first degree, Bro. Moss again took the chair, and Bro. Fenner worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hine was elected W.M. for ensuing week. According to a notice of motion given last week, a proposition that the Lodge meetings be held in future on Thursday instead of Friday evenings, was unanimously carried. A vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Crouch for working the ceremony of installation, which he acknowledged. Lodge was then closed.

Acacia Lodge, No. 1309.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Halliford, on Tuesday, 27th Aug. Bro. J. George W.M. raised Bros. J. Proffitt and F. G. Luke. Bro. C. G. Rushworth, P.G.R. Middlesex and P.M., Sec., initiated Mr. J. E. Faith. Bro. F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. installed Bro. C. G. C. Stahr P.M. 871 as W.M. The ceremonies were admirably rendered. The Officers are Bros. R. P. Tebb S.W., J. Scott J.W., F. Walters (the Father of the Lodge and its first W.M.) Treas., C. G. Rushworth Hon. Sec., J. Davies S.D., C. C. Smiles J.D., J. Sutcliff I.G., W. Y. Laing P.M. Tyler. The I.P.M. Bro. J. George having declined to accept a Past Master's jewel, the amount voted to him was spent in purchasing a Life Governorship of the Male Annuity Fund in the name of the Secretary of the Lodge for the time being. The Stewards to represent this Lodge at the forthcoming Charity Festivals are Bros. Chas. Horsley P.P.G.R. Middlesex P.M., &c. Benevolent; J. Sutcliffe Girls', and J. Proffitt Boys' Schools. Notice of motion was given by the Treasurer to vote some surplus funds to the Masonic Charities. This brother also exerted himself to get the several Stewards for the Charities, and was well seconded by the estimable Secretary. Banquet followed. The Visitors were Bros. E. C. Taylor P.M. 11, R. Jennings J.W. 907, G. Musgrave 1507, &c., &c.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Metropolitan Club, Kingscross, on Tuesday, 3rd September. Present—Bros. Edmonds W.M., Pierdon S.W., Sillis J.W., Side S.D., Putland I.G., Stiles Secretary, Kingham acting Preceptor, and several others. The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising were rehearsed, the W.M. performing his duties in an able manner. Bro. Pierdon S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form. The ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed in this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday, 17th inst., at seven p.m., by Bro. R. T. Kingham, W.M. of the parent Lodge. He will be supported by Bros. Adams P.G.P. Preceptor, Willing P.M. and Treasurer 1507, Douglas W.M. elect, and other brethren of eminence in the Craft.

Sir Hugh Middelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—Held its meeting on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at Bro. Wood's, Crown and Woolpack, No. 162 St. John-street-road. Present—Bro. Pearcy W.M., Isaac S.W., Hyland J.W., Osborne Sec., Powell S.D., W. Rowley J.D., Fenner I.G., also Bros. Stock, Gibbs, W. Cook, Moses, Wood, Hurst, Hallam sen., and Hallam jun. Lodge being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in a faultless manner, Bro. Cook acting as candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Moses, the Lodge being advanced, Bro. Gibbs answered the questions, and The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the W.M. showing marked improvement in his working, and being ably assisted by the Officers of the Lodge, Bro. Gibbs was candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the second and third sections, assisted by the brethren. Lodge being resumed, Bro. Isaac was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and we hope the brethren will gather round him on that occasion. We are assured his working will be appreciated by those who favour him with their attendance. Bro. C. K. Killick, W.M. of the Kingsland Lodge 1693, presented a copy of the Constitutions to this Lodge of Instruction, and a vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes for the same. Bro. Stock, in a eulogistic speech, proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Fenner for having acted as Secretary during the temporary absence of Bro. Osborne; this was duly carried, and Bro. Fenner returned thanks. Lodge was then closed.

Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1445.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday evening, at the Prince George Tavern, Parkholme-road, Dalston. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. W. H. Myers, who was supported by his Officers, a goodly number of members, and the following visitors:—C. Hubbard W.M. 820, B. Cundick P.M. 144, G. H. Seddon S.W. 174, J. W. Francis J.W. 1685, S. Lazarus P.M. 53, W. W. Morgan 211, &c. The Lodge was opened at four o'clock, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. John Thomas Macgregor was examined and duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. After the receipt of the Auditors' Report, Bro. Joseph Clark was introduced as the W.M. elect, and the ceremony of installation was carefully performed by the out-going Master, Bro. W. H. Myers. On the re-admission of the brethren, Bro. Clark was saluted, and he appointed his Officers:—Bros. Wm. H. Myers I.P.M., S. L. Green S.W., Goddard J.W., W. F.

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Stevenson Tr., G. Walters Sec., N. D. Partridge S.D., C. Howard J.D., Lewis I.G., Robson W.S., McDonald D.C., Young Org., W. Gilchrist Tyler. Routine business was then transacted, and the Lodge was closed. The banquet was well served, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the assembled guests. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. briefly introduced the two Loyal toasts, following which were given the National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales." With that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, was associated the name of Bro. Joshua Nunn, who, the W.M. stated, was a member of the Leopold Lodge, and a Mason well known and universally respected at the East-end of London; moreover, whenever mention was made of him throughout the Craft, it was with feelings of admiration and respect; he (the W.M.) had great pleasure in offering the toast for their acceptance. After Bro. Potter had favoured the company with the "Skipper and his Boy," Bro. J. Nunn rose to reply: In the name of the illustrious brethren who were associated with him in the toast, he returned them his sincere thanks. For himself, it was true he was one of the Founders of the Lodge, but he was present that evening as an honorary member. Freemasonry at the east end of London was doubtless flourishing, and their success was due to the exertions of such men as those by whom he was surrounded. The next toast was entrusted to Bro. W. H. Myers, who gracefully proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Clarke had been an immediate neighbour of the late worthy Preceptor, Bro. Thomas Austin, and he (Bro. Myers) should not be surprised if the brethren discovered that the mantle of that talented Brother had fallen on their Worshipful Master, who, by the way in which he had that evening invested his Officers, had displayed abilities which he individually had not given him credit for possessing. He was sure all present would fully honour the toast. After a song by Bro. Hill, the W.M. replied. He thanked the members of his Lodge sincerely for the honour they had paid him in electing him to the chair. He would strive earnestly to advance the interests of the members. With regard to what Bro. Myers had said in reference to his association with the late Bro. Austin, he trusted he might convince them he had benefitted by what he had gleaned from that Brother's vast store, and which Masonic knowledge he would strive to dispense for the benefit of the Leopold Lodge. The next toast given was the health of the Visitors, and those present severally replied, after which the W.M. gave that of the Past Masters, at the same time presenting the I.P.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, to which was added an elegant appendage, which had been subscribed for by some of the members This substantial mark of the esteem in which he is held was feelingly acknowledged by Bro. Myers, who made reference to matters connected with the history of the Lodge which concern the members thereof, and will not interest the general reader. The remaining toasts all received their due consideration, and Bro. Gilchrist was called on for that to our distressed brethren. In the early part of the evening a feeling of gloom pervaded the assembly, in consequence of a report which had been circulated that an esteemed Preceptor, well known in the neighbourhood, was amongst those who were lost in the ill fated steamer, the Princess Alice, but Bro. Morgan, who did not arrive till a late hour, was able to dispel the gloom by stating he had just received an intimation that the brother in question was at his post on the Tuesday evening when the accident occurred. In addition to those we have already mentioned, Bros. Young, Seddon, Myers, Tombs, Morgan, &c., contributed to the entertainment of the company.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—Held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, 4th September, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street. Bro. Hallam W.M., Drury S.W., Abell J.W., Hallam jun. S.D., Vizzard J.D., Brown I.G. The ceremony of initiation was ably performed by the W.M., Bro. Collinson candidate. The greater part of the lecture was gone through by the brethren. Bro. Drury was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the second degree will be rehearsed.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.—At the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E., on Wednesday evening, 4th inst. Present—Bros. Woolley W.M., G. Ferrar S.W. and Treas., C. Lorkin J.W., R. Olley S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Elliston I.G., W. Fieldwick Preceptor, E. Dietrich Hon. Sec., &c., &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. W. Ferrar candidate. Bro. C. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture. Bro. Elliston of New Concord Lodge 813 was elected a member. Bro. G. Ferrar was unanimously chosen W.M. for the next meeting. Bros. C. and J. Lorkin and Bro. R. Olley were appointed auditors. Bros. Fieldwick, G. Ferrar, and E. Dietrich were re-elected Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary for the ensuing year, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to them for the manner in which they had performed their duties during the past twelvemonths. A cordials vote of thanks to Bro. Woolley for the manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair closed the proceedings.

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The proceedings of the Congress, which has been held in the Palace of the Trocadero and Tuileries, under the patronage of the French Government, have recently been brought to a conclusion. The Congress has been a great success. It was attended by representatives of 17 nationalities, and by 1,048 men of science who take an interest in the topics brought forward for elucidation and discussion. Perhaps the most interesting, and certainly the most important matter with which the Congress dealt, had reference to the means of diminishing the dangers arising to workers in different industries from the use of poisonous mineral substances, more especially white lead, mercury, &c., by the definite substitution of non-poisonous substances. The papers of Professor Lutschannig, Analytical Chemist and Assayer of Metals, Liverpool, and Dr. T. L. Phipson, F.C.S., which dealt with one branch of the subject, namely, the dangers arising to the health of those employing white lead or preparations of lead, such as house painters, lead paint makers, &c., were listened to with the deepest interest. To an Englishman, and to English industry, has fallen the credit of solving the problem of how to produce a less costly, a more permanent, a non-poisonous, and a complete substitute for the white or carbonate of lead used in painting houses, and for all other purposes for which white lead paint is now employed. After ten years' experiments and investigation, Mr. Thomas Griffiths, F.S.A., of Liverpool, and a member of the Sanitary Institute of Great Britain, has produced the desired pigment, which is prepared, by a special process, of sulphide of zinc, in combination with other ingredients, which, while in nowise modifying the hygienic properties and advantages of the zinc, lend to this metal a body and a whiteness which even lead paint itself does not possess. Some of the qualities which recommend "Griffiths' Patent White," as it is called, were clearly placed before the Congress. It was stated that its covering powers exceed by about 25 per cent. those of the best lead paints, and this, too, without being any dearer; it does not yield to the influence of injurious gases, which destroy ordinary paints; the most violent heat will neither blister nor crack it; it does not contain any poison, and does not cause any odour, and it does not produce any chemical or galvanic action on metals, as is the case with lead; this is a feature of the utmost importance. In this latter respect the new paint acts as a true preservative, as it does not yield to the influence of oxygen, ammonia, sulphuretted hydrogen, salt, or any other destructive or corrosive agent. It is evident that from the cheapness of cost, and its inherent excellence, the new paint is calculated to satisfy the demands both of the Tradesman and the Sanitary reformer. About 25 tons per week of the "Griffiths' Patent Zinc White," as it is called, are turned out at the works of the Liverpool Silicate Paint Company, who manufacture this pigment for the owners, Griffiths, Fletcher & Berdoe, and a new factory has been opened on the banks of the Thames, which will give a weekly output of about 50 tons more. In contemplation of a further great increase in the demand, arrangements have been made by which, in no distant future, 200 tons per week can be manufactured. The new paint has been approved by numbers of scientific and commercial authorities. Apart from its value as a commercial product there can be no doubt that, from a sanitary point of view alone, Mr. Griffiths acted wisely in submitting this invention to the approbation of the International Congress. We see it was also brought before the meeting of the British Association in Dublin, and is attracting the greatest attention, and, as Dr. Phipson justly says, "this is one of the most useful and ingenious discoveries of the present age."

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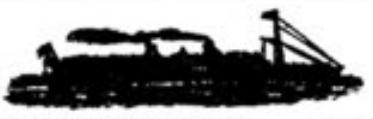
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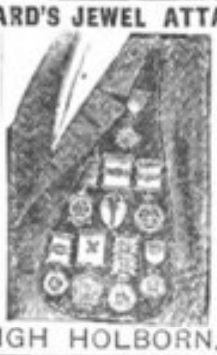
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CUSTODY OF LODGE FUNDS.

THE resolutions passed in Grand Lodge at its meeting on the 5th June last, as to the future investment of its funds were, on Wednesday, 11th inst., confirmed by the passing of certain resolutions defining where and in whose names the monies of Grand Lodge should in future be deposited. The measures now to be adopted for the safe custody of the funds offer a security such as should satisfy the most particular among our number, enacting as they do that all monies shall be deposited in the Bank of England in the joint names of the Grand or Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Treasurer; and that all cheques for amounts duly voted by Grand Lodge shall be signed by the Grand Treasurer, and countersigned by the Grand Secretary. The first part of this resolution, stipulating that the money shall be placed in the Bank of England, is no less a result than could have been expected taking into consideration the unfortunate nature of our recent experiences. In fact, for some time past, it has been urged by various members of Grand Lodge, that the laws on this question are really out of date, and the Freemasons of England ought to have their now considerable funds placed in the custody of the first of our great banking establishments. Naturally, this would have been a very delicate matter to bring forward while the late Grand Treasurer retained the position he had filled for so many years, and whose long occupation of that important office fairly entitled him to the confidence reposed by Grand Lodge, but it is a question that has been growing each year in importance, and one that would eventually have demanded consideration under any circumstances. We are gratified, then, in recording that on this, its first opportunity, Grand Lodge has taken the initiative step, and that for the future we may consider the funds of Grand Lodge as secure as it is possible for human laws to make them. Still we think the duty of Grand Lodge does not end here; we should have preferred to have heard a suggestion made that some similar alteration should be effected in the rules governing Provincial and Private Lodges. We, of course, may rely on some of the more important Provinces following the example set by Grand Lodge, and perhaps a few of the wealthier private Lodges may likewise do so; but were it officially recommended to every Lodge in the kingdom, and some suggestion offered as to the means likely to be most successful, we consider that at least one-half the Lodges would adopt such a recommendation—or some modified form thereof—before another year had passed. We consider that Grand Lodge would thus be studying its own interests, and at the same time act its part of "guide, philosopher, and friend" to every Lodge working under its jurisdiction. Amongst the members of Grand Lodge it was a very easy task to find a responsible brother to fill the office of Treasurer, but in private Lodges it can hardly be denied that difficulties often arise. A few weeks since a correspondent wrote to us in rather strong terms regarding the Treasurer of his Lodge, who, he stated, was, for certain reasons, unsuited to fill that office. Since that time we have received communications from other parts of the country,—that our correspondent's picture was an exact outline of the Treasurer of our several correspondents' particular cases, thus making it certain that the individual Lodge referred to was not alone in its misfortune. Again, it has occurred when a Lodge has lost its funds through calamity or misfortune overtaking its Treasurer. At the present time we are reminded of two cases, which have recently occurred, where Lodges have suddenly found themselves penniless, and in each case the loss is considerably over £100. These we fear are but examples of what takes place year after year, and of what will continue so long as the present system remains in vogue. We are not opposed to Treasurers in general; far from it; for, as a rule, more good-natured or liberal members cannot be found in a Lodge; still we hold that the system is bad, and in support of this assertion ample evidence can be adduced if necessary. One brother, who is in a position which makes his opinion worthy of all consideration, lately stated in our presence that he would be pleased to have as his income the *interest* on monies which had been lost to Lodges from the various causes we have referred to, and gave it as his opinion that this would be amply sufficient to warrant his retiring from business, and to provide himself and family with everything they required. It is a matter, however, that must be approached in the various Lodges with the greatest caution, unless Grand Lodge think it desirable to refer in some way to it, then the question could be freely discussed without giving offence to the most sensitive Treasurer, who would thus know he was only one of considerably over a thousand similarly placed, who were being talked about, and many of the number would bring their experience to guide the members of their Lodge in their decisions.

Another question in connection with this subject is,—Could not the funds of each Lodge be so invested as to bear interest? When we take into consideration the immense amount which would represent the balances of the various Lodges in England, we can but regret that these balances are not earning something. Say, for example, the number of Lodges in England having funds in hand are one thousand, and that on an average their balance is £10, we thus have a sum of no less than £10,000, which, if invested at three per cent., would produce sufficient to provide for the clothing, education, &c., of two boys and two girls in our Schools, and then leave enough to place two additional annuitants on both the Male and Female Benevolent Funds. Thus, in a way which would injure no one, should we be able to provide for eight more in our Institutions. Again, the average balance might with safety be reckoned at £15 or £20, in such case the benefits arising from the interest could be shared by twelve or sixteen persons respectively. That numerous amounts of apparent insignificance make considerable differences in the totals received by our Charities is clear from the large sums which are annually raised by the Associations formed in London, and some parts of the country, for obtaining Life Governorships by weekly subscriptions of 1s or 6d each. The greatest obstacle we see to the carrying out of this scheme is, the difficulty of investing the money easily; but this is an obstacle readily overcome. In every town where a Lodge is held there is a branch of some one or other of the large banks, and at any of these deposits may be made which, on an average, would realise say 2½ per cent. If any of our readers think the question worthy of consideration, it will gratify us to hear their views on the subject, but we hope to see some Lodge take steps to inaugurate such a fund as we point out could be raised. We remind brethren that the *average* sum required from each Lodge, to provide for the accommodation of four more children in addition to two aged Masons and two widows, is but six shillings per annum.

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THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

Bro. R. F. Gould.

(Continued from page 166.)

§ 28.—The power of *passing* and *raising* Masons, continuously possessed by the old Lodges, may be dismissed in a few words. Since, by what may be termed a process of "levelling up," viz., the extension of this privilege to *all* Lodges in 1725,(1) Lodges, old or new, are now on the same footing.

§. 29.—Original No. 1 (Lodge of Antiquity) would seem, in every way, to have avoided any surrender of its rights, and, indeed, to have powerfully asserted its independency.

§ 30.—Original No. 2, by all authorities alike, is admitted to be defunct.

§ 31.—I. Original No. 3 (Fortitude and Old Cumberland). The status of this Lodge is open to discussion,(2) though the point is narrowed to the consideration of a short statement of eight lines only, viz., the note to Lodge No. 10 in § 6, upon which, moreover, Preston entirely bases *his* estimate of this Lodge's position. It is submitted that the brethren of Original No. 3, from the date of their coming under a new Constitution, *suspended* merely, the exercise of their undoubted inherent privileges. It would, indeed, seem to be incompatible with the terms of the compact of 1721, for them, whilst preserving an unbroken continuity of existence, to surrender rights inherent in themselves, and confirmed to them *in trust for and by the Masons of the Metropolis.*(3) These rights would seem to be inalienable; they were inherent in the members of Original No. 3, and must have become the inheritance of succeeding generations, as well as *having been* the possession of the earliest one. The members are continuous; there has been no gap between one generation and another, and what was inherent in them must clearly be continuous also.

Grand Lodge having, in the case of Original No. 4, taken upon itself to *revive* privileges which it was incapable of *creating*, out of respect to Past Grand Master Payne, might, it is thought, well essay the simpler task of sanctioning the *resumption* of privileges which are merely dormant, in respect to the memory of Past Grand Master Sayer?

II. But, as a matter of fact, were these rights surrendered? This view is only sustainable, on the ground that the acceptance of a warrant, necessarily involved an implied or constructive surrender by Original No. 3 of its inherent privileges, and if authority and precedent be regarded, no such argument would seem to be maintainable. Under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, it has been inferentially stated (4) that one of, if not both, the two senior Lodges, Mother Kilwinning and the Lodge of Edinburgh, accepted warrants from the Grand Lodge, and it is matter of history, not only that, believing their *ancient* privileges to be assailed, they subsequently retired from the Masonic Union, but also, that so far from their acceptance of warrants being construed into a renunciation of pre-existing privileges, these were increased rather than diminished on their return "within the fold." The Master of Mother Kilwinning, in particular (after the secession of this Lodge from 1743 to 1807), being constituted *ipso facto* Provincial Grand Master for the Ayrshire district.

III. It has, however, been urged by a very high authority (Bro. Hughan), that Original No. 3 lost its privileges through amalgamation with a *junior* Lodge; but with great respect to Bro. Hughan (whose adverse opinion, I am assured, must militate greatly against the general reception of my conclusions)—

(*a*) I fail to see any evidence whatever of an amalgamation.

(*b*) If such an amalgamation did occur, I am at a loss to understand how this step could possibly involve a loss of precedency in the case of the *older* Lodge, any more than happened on its further absorption of the Old Cumberland Lodge in the present century. In all amalgamations of this kind, *i.e.*, unions of two *existing* Lodges, the doctrine of merger has prevailed, and the lesser precedency has invariably been merged in the higher, as would naturally occur under the old legal maxim, "*Omne majus continet in se minus*,"(5) as illustrated by the rule that "whenever a greater estate and a less, coincide and meet in one and the same person or body, the less is immediately annihilated; or, in the law phrase, is said to be merged, that is, sunk or drowned in the greater.(6)

(*c*) The earliest *amalgamation* of Lodges, of which we possess any authentic record, occurred shortly before the 24th January 1742, on which day the Master of No. 95 (meeting at the Turk's Head, Greek-street, Soho), constituted 12th December 1732, surrendered the Warrant of Constitution in Grand Lodge, by reason of its having joined with No. 38 (meeting at the King's Arms, Strand), a Lodge which dated from 25th May 1725. (7) On 26th February 1744-5, a similar surrender of its Warrant by No. 185 (Three Tuns, Houghton-street, Clare Market, constituted 4th November 1740) is recorded, on its joining with No. 102 (Fountain, Katherine-street, Strand, constituted 23rd May 1733).(8)

(*d*) It should be added, moreover, that the precedency of Original Nos. 1 and 4 (present Nos. 2 and 4) has been entirely unaffected by their various unions with junior Lodges.

IV.—It appears indeed somewhat anomalous, that whilst the meeting at the Old Apple Tree Tavern in *1717*, is justly regarded as the most momentous event in the history of the Craft, the old Lodge *under whose banner that meeting took place*, and who furnished the *first Grand Master*, who was elected to preside over the *Premier Grand Lodge of the World*, has been so totally forgotten, that its ancient privileges have subsided into abeyance, and even its very existence is disputed!!

§ 32.—Original No. 4 (Somerset House and Inverness). This Lodge, though spoken of rather disparagingly by Bro. Preston, who, indeed, loses no opportunity of extolling the Lodge of Antiquity at the expense of the other old Lodges, would seem fully to have retained its Time Immemorial privileges.

Its expulsion from the Masonic Union (1747-51), does not necessarily imply, any break in the continuity of its existence as an independent Masonic community, since it is most probable that on its restoration to the Union the same members belonged to it who had been such on its erasure; although were this not the case it would have been fully "within its rights" during the interim, in discharging the duties of Masonry, by the initiation or admission of members, conformably with its immemorial constitution.(9)

§ 33.—I. No very great antiquity can be claimed for our old English Lodges. It is highly probable that the dates placed opposite the names of original Nos. 1 and 2 in Pine's List for 1729 (§ 5) express the precise periods of their establishment.

It is certain that (see § 21, Note 3), as an official of Grand Lodge (Note 2, page 405), Pine would possess unusual facilities of information, besides being placed in a situation of responsibility as regarded accuracy of statement.

Original Nos. 3 and 4 would in this case date between 1712 and 1717.

II. The numbers placed against the old Lodges in the

(1) See p 4, note 6.

(2) §§ 6, 11, 15 and 16 (III.)

(3) §§ 15 and 22, and note 7, p 4.

(4) At the *first* Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland (1736), all Lodges who were not regularly constituted were enjoined to apply for a new Constitution, in order that they may be enrolled on the Grand Lodge Registry; *and those who had been properly constituted* were required to exhibit their patents for *confirmation* thereof. In consequence of this, *almost all the Lodges* applied for new Constitutions, &c.—Laurie, pp 100-1. See also §§ 1 *ante*, and 34 (I.) *post*.

(5) Broom's Legal Maxims, 4th Ed. p 174.

(6) Ibid, p 176.

(7) Constit. 1767, p 239.

(8) Ibid, p 244.

(9) See §§ 15, 17 (IV.) and 21 (last note).

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1723 List (Constit.), and in the account of the Revival (§2) confirm one another, Dr. Anderson being answerable for the numeration in both cases, and the Lodges numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4 respectively in § 3, may without doubt be identified with those bearing similar numbers in § 2. The 1738 List (Constit.) makes this clear as regards § 2, but only inferentially so far as concerns the 1723 List, which, had it stood alone, would have been open to various interpretations, having been compiled prior to the Regulation of 27th December 1727. (See Note 3, p 405.)

§ 34.—I. The analogy between the Grand Lodges, in England and Scotland respectively,(1) derives another illustration, from the fact that the most ancient Lodge under the Masonic constitution of each of these countries, seceded for a time from the governing body.(2) In 1737, it was resolved by the Grand Lodge of Scotland,(3) that all Lodges should be enrolled according to their seniority, which should be determined from the authentic documents which they produced; those producing none to be put at the end of the roll.

On 30th November 1743 (4) a letter was read from the Lodge of Kilwinning, complaining that they were only second on the roll, while, as the mother Lodge of Scotland, they were entitled to the *first* place. The Grand Lodge decreed, that as the Lodge of Kilwinning had produced no documents to show that they were the oldest Lodge in Scotland, and as the Lodge of St. Mary's Chapel had shewn their records as far back as 1598, the latter had an undoubted right to continue first on the roll.(5)

In consequence of this decision, Mother Kilwinning, although it had been a consenting party to the erection of the new Grand Lodge, withdrew from it in 1743, and re-asserting its independence, continued to exercise all the functions of a Grand Lodge until, in 1807, a reconciliation was effected between it and the present Grand Lodge of Scotland.

It being conceded that Mother Kilwinning should be placed at the head of the roll of the Grand Lodge, and that *her daughter Lodges, as soon as the roll should be arranged and corrected, should be entitled to be ranked according to the dates of their original charters, and of those granted by the Grand Lodge;* also that the Master of the Mother Lodge Kilwinning for the time being, should be *ipso facto* Provincial Grand Master for the Ayrshire district.(6)

II. Here unfortunately the analogy ceases; our oldest English Lodge, original No. 1, now the Lodge of Antiquity, though it resumed, as a matter of course, its position as No. 1 on the roll of the "Constitutional" Grand Lodge, after the temporary secession of 1779-90,(7) it was shortly afterwards superseded by the Grand Stewards' Lodge, a creation of 1735, and, in 1813, became also junior to a Lodge dating from 1759 only(8): original Nos. 3 and 4 have experienced still harsher treatment.

III. It will doubtless be contended, that the Masonic re-union of 1813 was no mere healing of a schism, such as would admit of the rights of the parties being resumed as they existed prior to the breach, but a union of two Masonic societies (by agreement) of coequal authority, who *each* contracted away its separate rights and privileges, in consideration of the ample power and authority which was thereby to vest in the *one* Masonic body, produced by the fusion of the two independent Grand Lodges.

IV. But, the Four Old Lodges were the "*Common Ancestors*" of both "Moderns and Ancients," and however indisposed the latter may have been, to yield precedence to *Warranted* Lodges (of the "Moderns"), though of prior date to their own, it is scarcely conceivable that the negociations pending in 1810–13, for a union of the rival Grand Lodges, would have been in any way jeopardised, had the "Moderns" made the precedency of the "*Old Lodges*" over all other Lodges ("Modern or Ancient,") a condition precedent to signing away their independent existence.

Indeed, the acquiescence of the "Ancients" in the precedency claimed for the Grand Stewards' Lodge, negatives any such conclusion.

V. If, however, the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland with regard to "Mother Kilwinning," cannot be instanced as at present coinciding with the policy pursued by our own Grand Lodge, is it not possible to follow the precedent established by our Scottish brethren, and to place the Old Lodges at the head of the roll, without numbers?

VI. The story of the great schism might have had a very different ending, had the Old Lodges wavered in their loyalty to the governing body they set up; a real flavour of antiquity would thereby have been communicated to the so-called "Ancients," the countenance of the creators of the Masonic Union of 1717, would doubtless have found general acceptation as a return to the "*Old Constitutions*," and the Masonic historian of to-day, might have hesitated to characterise as an anachronism, the familiar title by which the regular Masons have been distinguished from the "Seceders."

If, however, they could not reasonably expect any *reward* for their fidelity, they at least merited an immunity from *punishment*, but in the result, as has been already narrated, the Old Lodges who did *not* secede (*i.e.* join the Ancients) were degraded, whilst the actual seceders (as represented by their Senior Lodge), were exalted to the highest position on the roll.

History repeats itself—the charge preferred against the Grand Lodge of England by the York Masons, a century ago, of "*despising the origin from whence it sprang*,"(1) has derived yet a further illustration, from the hard measure meted out to the survivors of the Four Old Lodges, who as their creation, the "Premier Grand Lodge of the World," has advanced so as to have become a wonder and a pattern to the universal craft, have themselves steadily retrograded from the foremost position they once occupied, until, in the end, their ancient privileges have passed out of the domain of reality, and constitute an almost forgotten page of Masonic history.

(1) § 1.

(2) §§ 17, 18 and 21.

(3) Laurie, p 101.

(4) Ibid, p 106.

(5) Art. Mother Kilwinning. By Bro. D. M. Lyon. *Freemasons' Magazine* (1863), p 302. It was well known, and universally admitted, that Kilwinning was the birthplace of Scottish Masonry; but, as the records of the original Lodge were lost, the present Lodge at Kilwinning could not prove that theirs was the identical Lodge which had first practised Freemasonry in Scotland. Laurie, p 101.

(6) Laurie, p 173.

(7) § 17.

(8) Present No. 1 Grand Master's Lodge. Formerly No. 1 "Ancients." See § 9.

(1) See § 25.

COMMITTEE MEETING—BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Hyde Pullen (in the chair), George J. Row, H. Browse, Don. M. Dewar, J. W. M. Dosell, W. H. Perryman, H. Massey, Joyce Murray, Richard Morris, C. J. Rushworth, W. Mann, F. Adlard, J. Boyd, and F. Binckes Secretary. After reading and confirmation of the minutes, the salary of one of the Masters was increased from £65 to £75 a year. Authority was given for the education of one boy out of the School, and the ordinary allowance for that purpose was granted. The Secretary informed the brethren of the lamented death of Bro. Jesse Turner, and of Bro. John Symonds' resignation as Trustee of the Institution. Harry Newbolt, an applicant for the sixth time for admission to the School at next election, was withdrawn by his friends, he having obtained a presentation for Christ's Hospital. In reply to Bro. Joyce Murray, Bro. Binckes said that Bro. Benjamin Head had recovered from his recent severe illness.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Colonel Creaton (in the chair), W. Stephens, Raynham Stewart, James Brett, L. Stean, John G. Stevens, F. Adlard, C. A. Cottebrune, Hyde Pullen, N. G. Philips, J. M. Case, S. Rawson, J. Newton, Jabez Hogg, C. F. Hogard, W. H. Main, and James Terry Secretary. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, and the reception of the House Committee's Report, Bro. Colonel Creaton said that the Committee felt that a greenhouse was a necessity at the Institution. An estimate had been obtained, but he thought other estimates should be got for it. The brethren having authorised the obtaining of other estimates, Bro. Colonel Creaton reported that the gardener's lodge was progressing favourably, and the walls were ready to receive the framework for the roof. A cheque for £140 on account was ordered to be drawn for the builders, and directions were given for insuring the cottage, and for an estimate for a reinsurance of the Institution at Croydon to be obtained. Five petitioners were placed on the list, and a notice of motion given by Bro. Raynham Stewart concluded the proceedings.

HINTS TO HIS FAULTFINDERS.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

It is very curious that—while our Masonic writers rarely trouble themselves to find fault with such contributions as, for instance, that the Henry VI. MS. is true; or that early in the fourteenth century ex-Knight Templars were Masonised in Scotland; or, as another maintained, that it was so done at York, besides other absurdities that appear occasionally in Masonic papers—if I happen to point out evidence that might clear Mrs. Dunckerley from the charge of adultery which her son imputed to her, or that the Christopher Wren Masonic stories by Anderson and Dermott are unreliable; or that our Cyclopædists are not infallible; our self-appointed "defenders of the faith" immediately become excited, and one after another come forth to protest, to apologise, or to find fault.

Now, I do not imagine myself infallible, and I have no objection whatever to be criticised, and if any one can show that my facts or inferences are wrong, I would cheerfully thank them for it. But it seems to me that my faultfinders (if the three criticisms above referred to were not written by one and the same person) find fault merely for the sake of discouraging investigation and inquiry. They seem to have committed themselves to some popular Masonic absurdities, and therefore fear that their turn may come next.

"When sheep are shorn, the lambs tremble."

The defender of Dunckerley has by no means satisfied me with his defence. It smacks very much like a sharp lawyer's one-sided plea. I must, however, defer saying any more about it at present, because I have, as yet, been unable to get the sixth volume of the *Freemasons' Magazine* to which he referred for his additional information. To the second faultfinder I have already replied last week, and to the apology of my third critic, that the *two Aberdours* in Bro. Woodford's Cyclopædia, was a mere "clerical error," and that it did not mislead any one except Bro. Norton, I shall say, in the first place, that it seems very improbable that Bro. Mackenzie and Bro. Woodford should have coincided in making the same clerical error in their respective Cyclopædias. And, secondly, I beg to assure my critic that others besides myself would have been misled by a statement supported by two Cyclopædias.

A Cyclopædia is only valuable when it is reliable, and when it is unreliable, it is a mere nuisance. Now, within a few years, three Masonic Cyclopædias have made their appearance, and if the general opinion of the Masonic press could be relied on, each of these Cyclopædias must be faultless. But on examining Dr. Mackey's Cyclopædia, I found so many errors, so many exploded statements, so many subjects irrelevant to Masonry, and so much *Buncombe*, that I can safely aver, that if these redundances had been left out, the bulk might have been reduced to a sixth of its size, or even less.

Bro. Mackenzie's book is less bulky, and contains consequently fewer errors. But, nevertheless, this author imitated Dr. Mackey's plan too closely, and therein he was wrong. A Cyclopædia of Agriculture should be confined exclusively to all subjects connected with farming. A farmer's daughter here and there may learn to play on the piano, but that is no reason why an article on music should be ingrafted into a farmer's Cyclopædia. A Cyclopædia of Masonry should in a like manner be confined to Masonic subjects: for instance, the articles in Bro. Mackenzie's Cyclopædia on the Talmud, Kabballa, the Baal, Shem (Dr. Falk), the legend about Christ, of the St. John's, Christians, &c. These articles may be very amusing and instructive, but they are as much out of place in a Masonic Dictionary as they would be in a dictionary of mathematics, music, or any other similar work.

Again, the Hebrew words in a Masonic Cyclopædia (and some of them faulty too) are merely put in there for *Buncombe's* sake. The "Aleph," says Bro. Mackenzie, possesses peculiar sanctity; it refers to the Trinity, and by distorting it, it may be made into a St. Andrew's Cross. Now, all this is mere twaddle; the Aleph is no more sanctified than the Beth. The inventor of that letter knew nothing about St. Andrew's Cross, nor had he the remotest notion about the Trinity. But suppose the inventor of the Aleph had really been a Trinitarian, what has the Hebrew *Aleph* or the *Trinity* to do with Masonry?

It is not my intention to write a regular review of Bro. Mackenzie's Cyclopædia, but before I part with the subject, I must call attention to a blunder of Dr. Mackey which is incorporated in the book before me. I mean the twenty-five *so-called* "Masonic landmarks."

I have had several controversies about "ancient landmarks" with English and American brethren, in the course of which I have shown that while Dr. James Anderson was really the greatest Masonic innovator, yet it was Dr. Anderson who Masonised the phrase "ancient landmarks." Halliwell's poem is minus of *free born*; it merely ordains, "ye no bondman prentice take." This no bondman law was imposed by Acts of Parliament, not upon Masons alone, but upon all trades. I have also proved that neither the Strasburg Constitution of 1459, nor the Turgo Constitution of 1462, contain any reference to "*free born*," or to "*no bondman*." Nay, even the sound *limb law* was not mentioned in the German Constitutions; but yet *sound limb* and *free born* are placed by our Cyclopædists—Mackey and Mackenzie—among the landmarks, or irrepealable Masonic laws.

Our American *landmarkers* bombastically compare Masonic laws to the laws of the Medes and Persians, both are alike irremovable. Well, the Pope also had irrepealable laws, and it is a well-known fact that the downfall of the Pope's power was mainly, if not entirely due, to his irrepealable laws. The downfall of the Medes and Persians was perhaps in a like manner due to their irremovable laws, and the same causes will help the downfall of any other society.

The Stuart Dynasty were also great landmark sticklers. "Divine right of Kings," and "our prerogative," were their ancient landmarks. The antiquity of those notions they traced to William the Conqueror, to King David, and to King Nimrod. No one disputed the antiquity of the said landmarks. But, nevertheless, John Bull kicked against them. They were not consistent, he said, with his own common sense. At last Mr. Bull became disgusted with the persistency of the landmark sticklers, and to get rid of them, he decapitated one King, and sent another, with his landmarks, on a tramp to France. Since that time "Divine right of Kings" ceased to be claimed by English Sovereigns, and "*our prerogative*" meant the right of the people to make, alter, or abolish any law or laws whenever they think proper to do so. Such being the case, irrepealable laws became an impossibility in England, because each Parliament is empowered to abolish the laws passed by all preceding Parliaments. "The prerogative of the people" is really and truly *the landmark of landmarks*, and it is older than other so-called landmarks. It was not created by legislation, because it is older than the oldest legislative code, and it cannot be destroyed by legislation. Brutal force of Kings or priests may for a time obscure it, but it—*the prerogative of the people*—is sure to re-establish its rights in spite of adverse legislation. If then the prerogative of the people is Nature's own indestructible and irremovable landmark, then the Masonic theory of irrepealable laws is both *absurd* and *futile*.

The fact is, "ancient landmarks," in the Masonic sense of the phrase, was invented in behalf of kingcraft and priestcraft. With such a phrase, all kind of oppression and superstition has been defended. When an old usage, creed, or law, is assailed, if there is any intrinsic merit in it, it will be defended on the ground of its merit. It is only when there is really no merit in an old usage, law, or creed, that its defenders resort to the plea of "ancient landmarks." Whenever, therefore, "ancient landmarks" is appealed to in a debate, we may be very sure that the landmark pleaders have neither reason nor justice on their side.

Of this fact Masonic history furnishes ample illustrations; thus, the exclusion in America of colored Masons from white Masons' Lodges, the exclusion in Prussia of Jews from Masonry, the retention of sectarianism in Masonic rituals, and the fanatical spirit evinced against the Grand Orient of France, were all defended on the plea of *ancient landmarks*.

But when we come seriously to reflect where the theory of "ancient landmarks" will lead us to, then its absurdity becomes so manifest that, I think, even Bro. Mackenzie will be compelled to laugh at it; thus, in plain language, "Remove not the ancient landmarks," simply means, *that we must never try to become either wiser or better than our great, great grandfathers were, a thousand or more years ago.*

In short, the phrase ancient landmarks is a delusion and a fraud, and the sooner we discard it from Masonic nomenclature the better will it be for Masonry.

Bro. Woodford's Cyclopædia is less bulky than either of the former, it is also minus of the landmark superstition, and it is free from Hebrew words, and if the author had omitted Latin, French, and German, the book would not have been less valuable; the work, however, is not free from faults, and the only chance we have of getting ultimately a good Masonic Cyclopædia is, for every one who discovers the shortcomings of our present Cyclopædians, or who can suggest any improvement for Masonic Cyclopædias to publish their ideas freely and fearlessly. We must never mind offending an editor, and we must discard the Masonic literary practice of "you tickle me, and I will tickle you." We need not, however, use harsher language than is absolutely necessary, nor should we refrain from giving due merit where it is due. But the mere fear of giving offence should never deter us from exposing errors or from concealing the truth. Such is my determination to deal with Masonic subjects, and such I hope it will continue to be as long as I can wield a pen, and as long as Masonic editors will publish my communications.

In conclusion, I beg to assure my faultfinders that I am very grateful to Bro. Woodford and to Bro. Kenning for many acts of civility and goodwill I receive from them. My private friendship to Bro. Woodford has, however, never deterred me from coming into conflict with him on Masonic subjects. If I recollect right, our first "friendly tilt," as Bro. Hughan calls it, was about Dunckerley. We have also differed about ancient landmarks, but we nevertheless remain good friends. With Bro. Mackenzie I have not the pleasure of being personally acquainted, but I am grateful to him for the notice he once took of a request of mine for information about a certain book, said to have been published by Ramsay, in Dublin, in 1737.* The above remarks, about his book (with a great deal of which I heartily agree) was certainly not due to any ill feeling on my part towards him. My faultfinders will, therefore, understand that my criticisms were prompted by no other motive than that expressed in the previous paragraph.

* The Ramsay book was sent to me by Bro. Carson, from Cincinnati, for inspection, and I am strongly persuaded that the said book was never printed (as its title page indicates) in Dublin. "Dublin" was probably put in to deceive the French police. The same book was subsequently printed in English at London. So says Kloss.

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.—CYPRUS, its history and characteristics. THE MICROPHONE AND TELEPHONE. THE GIANT PLATE MACHINE. DUBOSCQ'S CHROMATIC FOUNTAIN. TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION with the DIVER, &c. THE PARIS EXHIBITION. THE KAFFIR WAR. Prof. Pepper's Interesting and Instructive Sanitary Lectures, entitled PURE AIR, PURE FOOD and PURE WATER. EVOLUTION OF SPECIES.—Concluding daily, at 4 and 9, with a MUSICAL JUMBLE and THE BABES IN THE WOOD, by Mr. Seymour Smith.—Admission to the whole, 1s; Open at 12 and 7. Carriages at 5 and 10.

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The Colony we Live in. Adelaide: Frearson and Brother, Printers and Publishers, King William-street. 1878.

THIS useful little pamphlet may best be described as a *multum in parvo*. It gives within the narrow compass of ten pages a considerable amount of valuable information, chiefly in the form of hints as to the class of people who are most needed in the colony, the measures most needful to increase its prosperity, and the anomalous fashions by which life in South Australia is distinguished. Having pointed out the qualifications indispensable for an efficient colonist, and having paid a well deserved tribute of praise to "the trusty yeomanry to whom the stability of her prosperity is confided," the pamphleteer goes on to note the class of immigrant which is most needed in S. Australia. He deprecates most strongly the far too common practice in the mother country of sending out young men of good families to make their way in an entirely new sphere, and he describes it as being as "unwise as it is cruel and selfish;" it often meets with the saddest results, and cannot be too strongly reprehended. He says they are "as ignorant of the requirements a life so utterly different from their early one calls for, as they are unfitted for it; away from all control of family and friends; no longer restrained by the wholesome fear of losing cast with the associates of their old sphere, they become discouraged, indifferent, careless, and too often drift into the dangerous loafing class, whence they rapidly sink to their ruin." All men, however, of this class do not turn out thus unsatisfactorily, and the writer acknowledges that many examples are not wanting "of men well bred, well educated, and gently nurtured coming out here to seek for a more promising field for endeavour than is offered to them in the old world, and who, joining at once the great brotherhood of workers, beat out, through countless vicissitudes, trials and privations, a path for themselves to honourable positions, and in time become a power in the land. In their successful battle with difficulties they have gained self-control, and consequent strength of character. In witnessing and sharing with the poor the hardships often so patiently endured by them, they have learned to sympathise more widely with their fellow-beings, and to help and support them in time of need. This is the class of men who, valuable everywhere, become priceless in the new world where so many elements of contention and discord exist—where so many and various are the interests to be reconciled—so many the claims to be adjusted! Would that our legislators were chosen from such patterns, and possessed the self-respect, calm judgment—dignity, the tact and forbearance of the true gentleman."

The subject of education, with a view to the mental development of the colonists, is mentioned, and regret is expressed at the want of liberality shown by the colony to the scholastic class. "It is a fact as grievous as it is anomalous that some of our school teachers are worse paid than upper servants. Can this be right? Is it wise or just? We are rich, we are prosperous, we need education; we wish for the best kind; why not pay the best price for it, and thus bring to our help first-rate talent and experience? What inducement under the present *regime* do we offer to young people to qualify themselves highly for the task of tuition? We are said to be a generous community; let us then be so to our good friends the school teachers, and in time we shall reap a rich reward." We fully endorse the remarks of the writer, but seeing the old country is shamefully indifferent to the adequate remuneration of teachers, male and female, we can hardly wonder at a young colony following in the same track. Here, in England, the average governess is oftentimes treated worse than a servant, for governesses are plentiful, and servants are not; it is not surprising, therefore, that the successful English colonist, more often than not a man of low degree, should look down with contempt on a common teacher.

In speaking of the drawbacks due to climate and other conditions, the writer points out how in many cases they might be greatly mitigated. For instance, he asks, "Why not take advantage of the experience, born of time, and gained by those who inhabit climates which approximate to ours, and avoiding exposure to the mid-day sun, turn some of its most oppressive hours into a time of rest or siesta?" A little further on he remarks, "To see a man walking about the streets of Adelaide in the white heat of its summer day, with thick, dark clothing on, must impress strangers with grave doubts of his sanity. Why not take an independent stand, and instead of following, sheep-like, the lead of others, even to our own detriment, initiate customs and fashions of our own?" The question is a most reasonable one, and the only excuse we can offer in behalf of the South Australians for not adopting a fashion of their own, and one suitable to the conditions of life as they are in that colony, is that most of them are English born, and prefer following in the footsteps of their fathers to obeying the instincts of common sense.

It will be gathered from the foregoing that this little pamphlet is what we described it at the outset, and as the price is only sixpence, those of our readers who are interested in matters colonial will do well to expend that modest sum in the purchase of a copy. It does not contain much that is new, but its advice is sound enough, and worthy to be followed by intending emigrants.

Under the Red Ensign. By Thomas Gray. London: Simpkin, Marshall and Co.; Kent and Co.; J. D. Potter; Wilson's (late Norie's); and Pewtress and Co., 15 Great Queen-street, W.C. 1878.

It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of a work of this kind to sailors, and those who may desire to go to sea, as well as to those who have relatives either at sea or about to place themselves under "The Red Ensign." Mr. Gray, from the official knowledge he has gained in the Board of Trade—the Government Department to which the guardianship of our Mercantile Marine interests is entrusted—speaks with an authority which can only be derived from his actual and practical experience of the subject. He is, in fact, the very man of all others whom a parent or guardian about to send a youngster to sea, or the youngster himself, should consult, and there is no better way of doing this than by purchasing this useful book. It tells him not only what he must do, and whom he should consult, but likewise what he must scrupulously avoid doing, and of whom he must under no circumstances seek counsel. The first and two following chapters are especially addressed to "Parents and Guardians," who are told plainly the kind of boy that should go to sea, and how they should treat those who evince an irrepressible desire to do so. They are also undeceived as to the dangers of a sea life, which Mr. Gray says, are "grossly exaggerated and misrepresented. Undoubtedly," he adds, "there are shipwrecks and sufferings at sea, but what portion of humanity is free from danger or exempt from suffering? A passenger ship is as safe as a passenger train. Miners are as liable to severe suffering as seamen; and, as a matter of danger, it is quite as, if not more, dangerous to attempt to cross the crowded thoroughfares in our cities and towns, than it is to go to sea in a foreign-going British ship." The principal dangers which beset the British merchant sailor are not those he experiences when following his profession, but are those he is liable to when ashore. These are fully described in Chapter VI. Chapter II. is entitled "What to avoid," and the post of infamy under this head is properly assigned "the Advertising Crimp." Mr. Gray's advice is to the point—"Before you enter into any arrangement with any one who advertises in the way I have described, cut out the advertisement and send it to the Board of Trade, and ask whether the advertiser is known, and whether he is licensed by the Board of Trade to supply seamen and apprentices to ships." The reason for this is also given. "Some of these men have been convicted more than once, and such of them as sail pretty close to the law are pretty well known at headquarters." The inquiry must be addressed to the "Assistant Secretary, Marine Department, Board of Trade, London," and will be answered forthwith. Then is quoted a most important section of an Act of Parliament, which we take leave to reproduce. "All superintendents of Mercantile Marine offices appointed under the Act" (these are public officers at public offices at every port), "shall, if applied to, give to any persons desirous of apprenticing boys to the sea service, and to masters and owners of ships requiring apprentices, such assistance as is in their power for facilitating the making of such apprenticeships, and may receive from the persons availing themselves of such assistance, such fees as may be determined by the Board of Trade." The fee is fixed at five shillings, so that for this modest sum the desired information can be had from the official headquarters—which is the best of all sources of information, and no one need trouble the crimp and incur the monstrous charges he is certain to make. Other sections are quoted, showing the penalties improper persons or those acting improperly render themselves liable to, so that any one who has reason to believe he has been victimised knows how to obtain a legal remedy against the person who has imposed upon him. Chapter III. tells the reader "What to Do," that is, where to go for information; whether a youngster should be apprenticed or sent to sea as a boy, what wages the different classes of sailors receive, and the cost and extent of an apprentice's outfit. In Chapter IV. the Merchant Service is described, and the reader is told "What sort of people the boy will meet in it, and how to treat them." This, and Chapters V., VI. and VII. are addressed to "The Boy." Chapter V. treats of "Wages," Chapter VI., a most important one, of "Rights, Duties, and Obligations," while Chapter VII. contains much sensible advice on the subject of "The Naval Reserve," showing how desirable it is that all sailors of good character who are attached to their calling should join and the advantages they will derive from so doing. So much for the Book or Pamphlet itself. But there are no fewer than fifteen Appendices, numbered A, B, C, &c., &c. Appendix A shows the comparative safety of the merchant service. Appendix B gives cases—the names only being omitted and "Blank Dash" substituted—of crimps who have been punished by fine or imprisonment. Appendix C contains "Forms of Indentures of Apprenticeship—England and Scotland;" and D the "Forms of Apprenticeship to the Sea Service." In E we have a list of training ships of all classes, while the other Appendices contain particulars respecting Wages, Food, Berthing and Accommodation, Examination for Certificates as Officers and Seamen, Rights of Seamen in regard to Seaworthiness of Ship, List of useful Books for a Boy, &c., &c. In short, Mr. Gray, in his "Under the Red Ensign," has provided a most useful compendium of valuable information, which will be of service both to parents and guardians, and to their sons or wards, as the case may be. He is, as we have said, one who is quite competent to write such a book, his official position enabling him to speak with certainty of whatever it is desirable should be known by the public. We thank Mr. Gray, accordingly, for the opportunity he has afforded us of making acquaintance with a work of such general usefulness.

In the "Model Lodge" men will come together as brethren in fact as well as in name. They make their Lodge the rallying point of mutual interests and affections. It is a sort of family, wherein each member feels that he has a rightful place and a relation of love to sustain with every other member. In the Lodge of this character, members do not have to go about asking to be introduced to each other, or wondering how it could have happened that some coarse-grained and objectionable person could have been admitted to the rights and privileges of the organisation. Theirs is a homogeneous body. All are acquainted and willing to recognise each other whenever and under whatever circumstances they may meet. No stranger can come within the gates of their Temple except by the hearty assent of their entire membership. They do not forget their pledges to help and stand by each other, but are faithful alike to the demands of a true friendship and a noble Masonic profession.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

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CHARITY STEWARDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Having established, as I hope, conclusively, not only the desirability, but the absolute necessity, of Anniversary Festivals as a means to an end, let me now address myself to the consideration of—

b. The expenditure of time and money by those who undertake the duties of Stewards.

On this your correspondent, "A Steward who has served once," remarks (in your number of 24th August): "My principal reason for not putting my name down as Steward *is the same as many give in this district.* It costs too much, both in time and money." Exactly the same grounds may be urged for withholding co-operation in any good work. Whatever is done is worth doing well, and no great object can be accomplished without the expenditure both of time and money. Leaving the outer world, is it—from a Masonic point of view—a "great object" to find means for the education and maintenance of the young and aged who by accident or misfortune need support? There is not a member of the Order who will fail to respond in the affirmative! Then, brethren must be found to organise themselves, and this cannot be done so successfully as by the formation of a Board of Stewards, whose first care is to furnish a fund from which shall be defrayed the entire expenses of the Festival, so that—unlike the majority of charitable institutions outside Freemasonry—the amount realised may be placed *intact* to the credit of the funds of the Institution. Not only is this so, but, as in the instance of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, for which I can speak with a knowledge of facts, a sum of £550 has been contributed in seventeen years from *the surplus of the* "Stewards' Fund."

Within the memory of many of us, when a Board of Stewards comprising forty or fifty representatives was looked upon as large or numerous, the responsibility of a Steward was, admittedly, heavy, involving not only his personal donation, of at least ten guineas (at that time regarded as a matter of course), but a contribution to the "Stewards' Fund" of from five to eight guineas, a substantial "expenditure of money," though perhaps that "of time" was not so serious as at present, owing to the comparatively limited area for exertion.

At the present day, when a Board of Stewards of from 150 to 200 is regarded with feelings of disappointment, the fee payable by each Steward for expenses does not exceed two guineas, and out of this small amount he receives twenty-six shillings in kind—Dinner Ticket and Badge—leaving sixteen shillings for other expenses.

But as it is the hope of reward that sweetens labour, let me recount the advantages now derived by a brother from his "expenditure of time and money" as a Steward, many of them not known to the Stewards of bygone years.

Every brother accepting the office of Steward is called upon to pay a fee—say two guineas—to "The Stewards' Fund," separate from the funds of the Institution; from which are defrayed the entire expenses of the Festival, such as printing, postage, music, &c.

For this fee, each Steward receives his Dinner Ticket, value 21s, and *if he present a donation of ten guineas or upwards*, one vote for life *in addition* to the votes to which he may become entitled by virtue of such donation.

A second Stewardship, accompanied by a similar donation, entitles a brother to *two* votes for life, *in addition* to those formerly possessed, and to those to which he may become entitled by virtue of his second donation.

Every Steward at the Anniversary Festival who shall procure donations or subscriptions to the extent of not less than fifty guineas in addition to his personal donation, shall receive one additional vote for life at each election, and, similarly, a further extra vote for every additional sum of not less than fifty guineas so collected and paid over.

In addition to these privileges, there is the following, conferred by the M.W.G.M. at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on 4th June 1873, for the express behoof of Provincial brethren, some of whom had complained of "the expenditure of time and money" necessarily entailed upon them as contrasted with Metropolitan brethren:—"Every brother who shall serve the office of Steward at any Anniversary Festival of any one of the Masonic Charities, as the representative of some Provincial or Country Lodge, who shall personally attend such Festival, and shall bring up thereto contributions amounting to not less than one hundred guineas, shall have the same rights and privileges, as to wearing the Charity jewel or clasps, as if he had himself contributed the sum of ten guineas whilst serving such Stewardship." Here is a great boon, so far as the right to wear the much-coveted "Charity jewel" is concerned, though not giving voting power, and, in my opinion, somewhat marred by the compulsory "personal attendance."

It will thus be seen that the "expenditure of time and money" is rewarded by the acquisition of valuable rights and privileges, with honour and distinction, to say nothing of the gratification derived by every well regulated mind from the sense of duty done.

Having referred to Stewards of past years, I will now state that the experience of Festivals in recent years shows that Boards of Stewards now comprise three classes—

1. Those who pay the fee as Stewards, qualify as Life-Governors, Vice-Presidents, &c., in virtue of a personal donation, and collect nothing.

2. Those who pay the fee as Steward, make no personal donation, and collect amounts more or less considerable.

3. Those who pay the fee as Steward, qualify by a personal donation, and collect more or less largely. And, there are these, not sufficiently numerous to be classed, who pay the fee as Steward, and do nought beyond.

I forbear from comment on these different classes. I do not contrast class with class, because I concede most fully the right of independent individual action, and because I admit most gratefully that the aggregate benefits to our Institutions are worthy of all admiration, and that any critically comparative analysis would not only be ungraceful but censurable.

My only object in these letters—necessarily diffuse, exceedingly commonplace, but, I hope, not altogether unpractical—is to afford some material for a fair and full consideration from every point of view of all the points involved in the important question, "How can the interests of the Masonic Institutions be best maintained, and the present support increased? I am anxious to prove that the present machinery, in the shape of Festivals and Stewards, is the best that can be devised. I want to see the ranks of Stewards largely recruited from the brethren of wealth and influence who have held, and are holding, themselves aloof. I want to convince brethren who are doubtful or hesitating that "time and money" *must* be expended in labouring for those who cannot aid themselves, that such "expenditure" should not only not be grudged, but cheerfully undertaken by those who can legitimately incur it without detriment to themselves and their connections, if they are in any respect imbued with a proper sense and value of their initiatory obligations.

No one than myself is more intimately acquainted with the exacting and arduous duties devolving upon our Anniversary Stewards. I have served the office at six different Festivals—twice before, and four times since the tenancy of my present office—and have acted as Secretary of the Board of Stewards at Eighteen Anniversaries. Whatever sacrifice is involved is simply a sacrifice of self—a duty and a pleasure in the cause of the poor and distressed of the household of faith.

I refrain from doing more than alluding to the complaint of expenditure in connection with the personal attendance of a Steward at the Festival, because that is entirely optional, only given when convenient, or perhaps when a visit to the Metropolis may be looked upon as an agreeable change from the quiet monotony of country life. Still less can I consider the question of expense involved in the compliance with the desire of a wife to accompany her husband on his visit as Steward. To Masons especially, with the characteristic gallantry of the Order, the association on all possible occasions with those who, we are told, "share our troubles, and double our pleasures," must be productive of such unmixed gratification as to exclude the possibility of entertaining considerations of so sordid a nature.

In addition to the subject matter of my succeeding communication, I shall have to ask space for insertion of my views as to a more extended and comprehensive support to our Charities than they at present enjoy.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

London, 9th September 1878.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am pleased to see by your last issue that Brother Fred. Binckes has taken this matter into consideration, and that he promises to give other of his ideas on the subject. I fully agree with him in his opening paragraph,—That any discussion is sure to be beneficial to the Charities. I had hoped to have given you my views on some of the questions raised, but, at present, I have not time to devote to the task. May I ask the favour of a portion of your space for a letter next week?

Yours fraternally,

ALPHA.

INVESTMENT OF GRAND LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

12th September 1878.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It affords me very great gratification—as I ventured to suggest the same alteration a few months ago—that our Grand Lodge has determined henceforth to invest its funds in the Bank of England, as is done by the Ecclesiastical and Charity Commissioners, so that proper security will be given against losses through contingencies; but whilst we may celebrate the song of mercy, we must also lament the solemn dirge of woe, in the recent mortality of so many distinguished Masons. The deaths of Bentley Shaw of Yorkshire, and Sir Frederick Williams of Cornwall, of John Sutcliffe of Lincolnshire, and of William Cowling of York, not to mention others, are very appalling. Their demise admonish us to set our house in order, for we too, that survive, must die and not live. Of William Cowling we may state, without fulsome flattery, that he was the Prince of Masons at York. By him I was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, advanced into Mark Masonry, and exalted into the Companionship of the Royal Arch. I admired his lofty Masonic talents, always equal to any emergency, either as S.G.W., to give place to the Lord Mayor of York, in the Grand Lodge, or to perform any other of the lower and various offices of Masonry. Of him, it may be lamentably recorded, "multis ille bonis flebilis, occidit."

Yours truly and fraternally.

DANIEL AGE, D.D.

Langton Vicarage, Gainsborough.

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SCRUTINEERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I should be wanting in moral courage and totally regardless of that confidence which arises from the possession of a clear conscience if, having noticed the letter of Bro. Biggs under the above heading in your impression of the 7th inst., I did not at once reply to it. Blanks are an abomination to me, and I always did, and hope always shall, object to the shield of anonymity.

Being absent from home, seeking a brief respite from "worry and care," I have not my papers to refer to. I can therefore only, at this moment, rely on my memory for such particulars as I think necessary in repudiation of Bro. Biggs' statement, which, not denied, stigmatises "Bro. ——, *one of the Scrutineers*," as having "committed a great breach of trust."

I am the Scrutineer referred to, and I distinctly state that the circumstances are not as Bro. Biggs represents. I cannot recollect the name of the candidate in whom I was interested on that occasion, *seven years ago*, nor of the "Bro. —— who was representing" the case. Of course, these particulars I can ascertain on my return home, but the delay would probably weaken my reply. I do, however, remember that what I really did was, to urge on the representative of the candidate in perhaps somewhat too forcible terms, and using a quotation very liable to misconstruction, but before I could *possibly* know how the voting was proceeding, and influenced only by the general opinions of other brethren before the Scrutineers were appointed, that he should not relax his efforts to obtain proxies. My note "from the Scrutineers' room" was in answer to one sent to me there by "the representative of C.," and was written either just before, or at the immediate commencement of the proceedings of the scrutiny. Bro. Biggs has no right to assume that the facts are otherwise than I then represented, and now repeat, and, because he blundered, to endeavour to throw the onus of his mismanagement on another person. Having, as he states, 1,179 votes for his candidate, it was *his duty* to have polled them, and not to have listened to any solicitations which the "representative of C." or any other person chose to make. His own acumen ought to have sufficed to tell him that with 1,179 votes in hand he must have had at least a very good chance of success. For myself, I never knew him, or of him, until after this unfortunate occurrence, and never authorised any transaction with him.

There were no "*extraordinary means*" adopted in respect of my presence at the General Committee Meeting of the Institution when Bro. Biggs subsequently petitioned. I was there in my own right, and probably had some inkling of Bro. Biggs' intention to represent his cause of complaint. Of course such knowledge would naturally rather have ensured my attendance than have kept me absent; but I don't remember that I was otherwise influenced in any way. There, in answer to Bro. Biggs' petition, I fully and effectually justified what I had really done, and proved to the fullest satisfaction of my brother Committeemen that in no way whatever had I violated my trust as a Scrutineer. It is therefore most wanton and ungenerous in Bro. Biggs to suggest the reverse.

From this untoward circumstance the following "morals" may be drawn:—

1st. Don't act as a Scrutineer of votes should you be in any way interested in a candidate for election. Having the purest intentions, any trifling anxiety on behalf of a *case* may be magnified into a "breach of confidence or trust."

2nd. Don't *quote* in haste, and don't use forcible expressions in quotation which might bear a different interpretation to that intended.

3rd. Don't believe in the generosity of a brother Mason to bury an unpleasant occurrence in oblivion, and don't be sure at any time that the ghost of a long-forgotten incident may not arise "after many days" to disturb the rest you may greatly require, and are earnestly seeking.

Should the "Representative of C." notice this correspondence, I hope he will add his testimony to the correctness of my version of the transaction so plausibly misrepresented by Bro. Biggs.

With fraternal regards, believe me, yours faithfully,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z.

Bournemouth, 9th September 1878.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is impossible there could be a case showing more emphatically the importance of having an independent body of Scrutineers than that mentioned by Bro. Biggs in his letter of last week. For my own part, it strikes me that no one should be eligible as a Scrutineer who has the slightest interest in the return of any candidate. Thus no brother serving on a committee for promoting the success of any applicant, no one who has actively canvassed for any one, and no one who has any votes yet unpolled, should be chosen member of the Board of Scrutineers. It would be better, indeed, if the Scrutineers were non-voters altogether, as well as non-canvassers and non-members of Committees, for then it would be impossible they could exercise any influence in favour of this or that candidate. I do not imagine there would be any difficulty in finding the requisite number of brethren, so circumstanced, who would be quite willing to undertake the duty, but in the event of there being any, then, I say, let no one be elected who has not already recorded his vote or votes for the candidate of his choice. In such case no element of doubt or suspicion can enter into the return of the Scrutineer, whereas, if he still retains his vote or votes, he retains at the same time the means of turning the election at the last moment in favour of a particular candidate. We know the polling is very close at times, and that a single vote often makes all the difference between success and failure. By excluding the Committeemen and canvassers of the several candidates from election as Scrutineers, by forbidding Scrutineers from voting when once they have entered on their duties, and by cutting off all communication between the Scrutineers and the supporters of candidates, so that none but the Secretary and his clerks can possibly have access to the former, the Scrutiny would be above the smallest iota of suspicion, and nothing of the kind which Bro. Biggs described last week, or which has brought so heavy a punishment on a Past Grand Pursuivant, could possibly take place.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

T. P. B.

OFFICIAL VISITS BY PROV. G. MASTERS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The reports of proceedings at Lodge meetings which appear in your columns frequently contain comments on matters which, if they be received in a fraternal spirit, and attended to by those interested would doubtless lead to improvements. Occasionally, however, I consider you rather severe; as, for instance, when in your paper of 11th May last you accused our Deputy Prov. G. Master of neglecting his duty in not visiting the Lodges "under his care and guidance." A letter which appeared in a subsequent number I think put that matter in a better light, and I trust convinced you that Bro. Hughes is desirous for the welfare of his Province. I now ask,—Why have you passed without comment the passage in your report of the Royal York Lodge, inserted last week, referring to the visit thereto of the Provincial Grand Master of Sussex? The matter I here refer to is doubtless apparent, considering the tenor of my opening remarks, but the passage I specially direct your attention to is the following:—"the W.M. rose. He had great pleasure in giving what all must admit was the toast of the evening. He referred to the progress Masonry had made in the Province of Sussex since it had been under the rule of its present governor, and expressed his pleasure at being Master of the Royal York Lodge at the time the Provincial Master had honoured it with a visit. He thought that few of the Past Masters could boast of such an exceptional distinction, as it was twenty-five years since any Provincial Grand Master had been within its walls."

Now, Bro. Editor, I should like to know the state of Freemasonry in the Province of Sussex; if it is flourishing, it is very certain that its success has not arisen from the attention given to it by its Provincial Grand Master. At the present time, I believe, there are less than twenty Lodges in the Province, and if twenty-five years are allowed to elapse between the Prov. G.M.'s visits to a Lodge, one visit a year would suffice, and leave a few years "rest," even with the present number of Lodges; fifteen years ago there were about a dozen only. What is the opinion of the W.M. of Royal York Lodge as to the duty of a Provincial Grand Master? Does he consider he should occupy that important post merely in name, or did he politely condemn the action of his ruler when he gave the toast?

Yours fraternally,

NORTH WALES.

[We would remind our correspondent that the present Prov. Grand Master of Sussex has only held his appointment since March 1877, and that he cannot be expected to be responsible for the shortcomings of his predecessor.—ED. F.C.]

MASONIC MYSTERIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

4th September 1878.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I see no reason for rejecting either of the signs given by Bro. Norton in his paper which appeared last week in your journal. No. 1 answers the origin assigned to the sign by the *Tatler*, which I alluded to in a former letter, and which is given as follows in *Old and New London*: "The 'Mitre' was a celebrated music house in London House Yard, at the north-west end of St. Paul's. When it ceased to be a music house, the succeeding landlord, to ridicule its former destiny, chose for his sign a *goose striking the bars of a gridiron with his foot*—(the italics are mine)—in ridicule of the 'Swan and Harp,' a common sign for the early music houses." No 2 corresponds with the suggested "vernacular reading of the coat of arms of the Company of Musicians," which may have been suspended at the door of "The Mitre" when it was a music house, and is described in the same work as follows: "These arms are a swan with his wings expanded with a double tressure, counter, flory, argent. This double tressure may have suggested a gridiron to unsophisticated passers-by."

I find on reference to "Debrett" on Heraldry, that "the Tressure" in the Chapter is one of the Subordinate Ordinaries; that it is the diminutive of the "Orle"—another Subordinate Ordinary—which is described as "a border or frame within the shield," and of which it "is supposed to be half its breadth;" and that "it passes round the shield in the same form and shape as the escutcheon, and is generally borne *double* and *fleurie*." The "double Tressure, counter, flory, argent" might certainly be rendered by "unsophisticated" persons as a gridiron, and except that the goose in No. 2 has not got its wings expanded like the swan in the Musician's Coat of Arms, there seems no reason why the second sign should not be as genuine a goose and gridiron as the first.

Bro. Norton's paper has at least the merit of being very amusingly written, even if the mystery he indicates is not of the most mysterious character.

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on Monday, in company with the King and Queen of Denmark, for the Continent, while the two sons of their Royal Highnesses have resumed their studies on board the Britannia at Dartmouth.

The work of recovering the bodies from the wreck of the Princess Alice has been continuously persevered in during the week. Up to the present time the general opinion seems to be that over 600 persons, must have perished in consequence of the accident. The various inquests which have been opened are proceeding, but no very important or satisfactory evidence has been forthcoming. The Board of Trade have ordered an inquiry into the matter, and the first meeting with that object in view, is announced to take place on the 24th inst. This, it is understood, is to be followed by an official committee, whose duty it will be to consider whether any alteration is required in the rules which regulate the navigation of the Thames.

While the awful calamity of last week is fresh in the memory of the whole country, another fearful accident is recorded. On Wednesday an explosion occurred at the Abercarne Old Pit, near Newport, which resulted in the death of upwards of 280 persons. Soon after the explosion occurred a meeting was held to decide the best means to be adopted to extinguish the fire, which still raged. As it is impossible to stop the fire without first destroying the ventilation, this seems a very important matter, as, should by any chance there be any of those in the pit still alive, the latter course will result in their death; therefore, it is not without considerable anxiety the managers can discuss the matter, nor can any decision be arrived at, until ample assurance is arrived at that no life exists in the pit.

The fatal fire which recently occured at Birmingham has assumed a very unexpected phase. The owner of the house, a Mr. Dennison, has been arrested on suspicion of having wilfully murdered his wife, child, and two other persons, it being alleged that he maliciously set fire to the building.

The Austrian troops make but slow progress in occupying Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Mahomedan insurgents offering them in various districts an obstinate resistance. The insurgents wage something more than a mere guerilla warfare, being thoroughly organised, and apparently well provided with the means of prolonging the strife. The struggle finds sympathy beyond the borders of the occupied provinces, the gravest feature of the situation being the organisation of the "Albanian League," which the Porte is believed to be powerless to break up. The assassination of Mehemet Ali Pasha and his suite, near Jahova, by the infuriated Moslems, seems to indicate the impotence of the central Government to curb the fanaticism of its subjects. At Posavina the insurgents are reported to have 50,000 men, including 15,000 Turkish troops; and they hold several strongly fortified positions. The Austrians now have concentrated in the two provinces an army of 200,000 men, in order to crush all opposition; and it is said that General Szapary intends to bring his force up to 100,000 before recommencing offensive operations. The conquest of Novi-Bazar, it is stated, will be reserved for as spring campaign. General Zach has sustained a repulse before Behacs, a town defended by Turish regulars, who declare that they have received no orders from Constantinople to surrender, and that they will defend the place to the last extremity. General Sametz captured the citadel of Kljuc, in the Kraina, after several hours fighting. In Constantinople numerous arrests have been made, in consequence of an alleged Muradist conspiracy, and the murder of Ali Pasha has increased the disquietude of the capital. Nothing has been done by the Sultan in reference to the Austro-Turkish Convention, but it is understood that Safvet Pasha recommends the signature of that instrument. It is reported from Constantinople that Lord Salisbury has intimated to the Porte that England will probably not give her adhesion to the joint remonstrance which Germany proposes should be addressed to Turkey in regard to the tardy execution of the Treaty of Berlin, especially as to Greece and Montenegro. The Russians are now in the occupation of Batoum, and it is stated have asked Servia to keep her troops on a war footing till peace is definitely assured.

From America news reaches us that the yellow fever epidemic still rages in the Southern States. In many cases it is necessary to suspend all business operations, and as a consequence, large numbers of workmen are unemployed, and great distress prevails,

CONSECRATION OF THE LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1760, AT SCARBOROUGH.

On Thursday the consecration of this new Lodge, for which a Warrant was granted at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, took place in the Old Globe Lodge Rooms, at Scarborough, the ceremony being performed by the Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master for N. and E. Yorkshire, Bro. J. P. Bell, M.D., of Hull. The brethren having assembled in the Lodge room, the procession entered at high twelve, and the D.P.G. Master having formed a Lodge, the ceremonies were proceeded with. Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.M. 200 and P.P.G.S. Warden, acting as Director of Ceremonies. The music used was Bro. Atkinson's, and it was well executed, Bros. H. Walshaw and J. E. Wilkinson being the principal vocalists, and Bros. C. H. Hunt and B. Shaw accompanying on the harmonium and piano. Bro. G. H. Walshaw P.M. 200 and P.P.G.D.C. was installed as first Master, and he appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. T. J. Gilbert S.W., J. Verity J.W., R. Peacock P.M. 200 Treas., W. Fraser Sec., A. S. Kirk S.D., J. Knaggs J.D., E. H. Hackers I.G., G. Dixon Org., G. Simpson Tyler. Amongst those present at the ceremony were Bros. the Rev. C. E. Camidge P.G. Chaplain, M. C. Peck P.G. Secretary, T. Sissons P.P.G. Registrar, H. Blane P.G.D.C., G. Balmford P.P.G.O., C. H. Hunt P.G.O., A. Fraser P.G.S.B., A. Fricour P.G.S.D., N. H. Delamere P.P.G.S.D., Rev. J. Parkinson P.G. Chaplain, H. A. Williamson P.M. 200, W. Roberts P.M. 298, W. H. Prince P.M. 298, G. Taylor P.M. 1248, A. W. Tomlinson W.M. 200, R. Powley P.M. 200, F. Foster P.M. 1248, T. B. Whytehead W.M. 1611, W. Garbutt P.M. 200, H. J. Morton 1248, G. Padley 1248, R. Boreman 200, W. H. Smyth 312, A. T. B. Turner 1611, W. P. Husband 1611, H. Fairfax 190, J. H. Milestone 1605, J. W. Harrison 1021, James Horsfall 178, G. Chambers 555, W. B. Richardson 200, T. Westlake, J. F. Littlewood 139, J. D. Sissons 139, G. Dixon 1166, J. J. Davidson 1248, J. Marny 1248, G. C. Pritchard 1319, M. Robinson, V. Fowler 200, W. Meeke, S. Middleton 200, J. Wanless, J. Webster, J. H. Hackett, A. M. Labarthe 1298, G. Simpson 200, E. Walker 784, J. E. Wilkinson 1611, W. De Meilhac 1248, J. Ward P.G. Pursuivant, T. Crier P.G. Tyler, &c. After the ceremonies were concluded, the brethren dined together at the Royal Hotel, the W.M. Bro. G. H. Walshaw ably presiding; and in the evening a ball was given for the benefit of the Masonic Charities at the Grand Hotel, which was largely patronised by the brethren and the visitors staying at the great watering place of the north.

MASONS CALLED TO AID THE SUFFERERS.

The following has been issued by Excelsior Lodge, F. and A. M.:—

To all Free and Accepted Masons in and near the City of New York:—

At a Special Communication of Excelsior Lodge, No. 195, F. and A. M., a committee was appointed to procure funds to be devoted to the relief of the distressed worthy Master Masons, their widows and orphans, in the Southern States, suffering from yellow fever. Contributions are earnestly solicited, and will be properly acknowledged and forwarded.

They may be sent either to the undersigned, chairman of the committee, at United States Army Building, corner of Houston and Greene-streets, or to R.W. Frank R. Lawrence, District Deputy Grand Master, No. 13 Chambers-street.

For the Committee of Excelsior Lodge,

JAMES R. GILMORE, Chairman.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked as under:

At the Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, No. 749, Harp Tavern, Jermyn-street, Regent-street, by the brethren of the Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435, on Friday, 27th September 1878. Bros. Cull (S.D. 1446) W.M., Farwig (S.W. 180) S.W., Collens (D.C. 766) J.W. Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. Bro. G. Wilson, (Org. 1321) Hon. Sec. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Waugh, Richardson, Hancock, Collens, Belfrage, Farwig, and Coulton; SECOND LECTURE — Bros. Wynne, Watts, Hurdell, Docker, and Davis; THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Hunter, Wright, and Wray.

We remind our readers that the Consecration of the Eleanor Cross Lodge will take place on Tuesday next, the 17th inst., at Northampton, when we hope the members of the Province will assemble in force, to do honour to the occasion.

Messrs. Tegg and Co., Pancras-lane, will shortly publish "Berkeley's Principles of Human Knowledge," with Introduction and copious Explanations, by Collyns Simon, LL.D., Author of the Nature and Elements of the External World, and Proposer of the Berkelein Prizes in 1848 and 1850.

The Installation Meeting of the Loyalty Lodge will be held this day (Saturday) at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill. Bro. C. H. Webb is the W.M. elect. Lodge will be opened at 2.30 p.m. precisely.

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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 SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Royal Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
869—Gresham, Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1536—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
1637—Unity, De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton, Middlesex.

MONDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
1206—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1625—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
219—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
339—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
382—Royal Union, Lebanon Hall, Exbridge.
424—Lebrough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeck.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport.
1037—Portland, Royal Brunkwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Bonney Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Dover.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
M. M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.

TUESDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
66—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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
R. A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

117—Wynstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
218—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Tuesday-market, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
854—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
519—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1046—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1059—De Sherland, Fountain Hotel, Steeresea.
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 6.0. (Instruction.)
1514—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. at 6.
189—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8. (In.)
548—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
704—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Pepin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Paimers and Hall, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1424—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1507—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

29—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
254—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
321—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
537—Zetland, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Prover's Inn, Openshaw.
691—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
692—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
694—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
833—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
873—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
963—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
1356—Freemasonry, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
1423—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1429—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1040—Syke, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks.
1056—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1129—St. Chad's, Rochdale Hotel, Rochdale.
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, near Man.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1341—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
1357—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1393—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1456—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom.
R. A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lanc.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.
R. A. 580—Unity, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.
R. A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.

THURSDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
720—Panmure General Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury Lane.
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
208—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn.
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge.
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
668—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
683—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1041—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1269—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.
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.
R. A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Market-place, Haslingden.
R. A. 1214—Scarboro, Scarboro Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.
K. T.—William de la More, Town Hall, Bootle.

FRIDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Ambulstion Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
23—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. (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.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1842—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme.
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds.
1360—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 40—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford.
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
M. M. 124—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
K. T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
K. T.—Jacques de Molay, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

SATURDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Royal Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—Met at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 12th Sept., at 7.30. Present—Bros. J. B. King W.M., Maidwell S.W., Da Silva J.W., Webb S.D., Hogg I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Harper acting as candidate. Bro. Maidwell then took the chair and rehearsed the ceremony of the second degree, Bro. Grammer as candidate. The first section of the second lecture was worked. Lodge was then closed in the second degree, and the first section was worked. Bro. King now resumed the chair, and the second section was worked (as likewise were those previously enumerated) by Bro. Hogg, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Harper, No. 813, was elected a member. The Lodge was then closed.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, 9th September. Bros. Bidell W.M., Moss S.W., Rich J.W., Maidwell S.D., Davis I.G., Hollands Sec. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed by the W.M.,

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in a creditable style. Bro. Moss was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. As the evenings are now closing in, the attendance of brethren is requested.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held its usual meeting on Monday the 9th inst., at the old Rodney's Head, No. 12 Old-street, Goswell-road. Present:—Bros. Pearcy W.M., J. A. Powell S.W., Wing J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Feuner Secretary, W. Rowley S.D., H. Hallam sen. J.D., H. Hallam jun. I.G., also Bros. Byng, S. Hallam, &c. Lodge being opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Byng gave proofs of his proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M. in his usual masterly manner, he being ably assisted by his Officers—who each performed his part in an excellent manner, thus rendering the Master's duty comparatively easy. Bro. Byng was the candidate. The W.M. worked the second, third, fourth, and fifth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and then called off and on. Bro. Powell was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87.—The winter session of this Lodge was opened on Wednesday last, at the White Hart, College-street, Lambeth. The W.M. Bro. H. T. T. Ross presided, and was supported by a great number of the members. The first business before the Lodge was the raising of Bros. Evans, Bogg, Brown and Burlett, which ceremony was duly accomplished. The ballot was next taken for the admission of Mr. William Reynolds; it resulted in his unanimous election, and that gentleman was introduced, and formally initiated. A letter from Bro. Bond P.M., resigning his office as Treasurer, was read by the W.M., and a stormy discussion ensued; the W.M. apparently forgetting it was in his power to command silence. Eventually a brother was proposed as the future Treasurer, and unanimously elected. The retiring Treasurer however declined to hand over the monies he had in hand until the accounts were audited; five brethren were thereupon appointed to perform this task. Two sums of 10s each were voted for the relief of distressed brethren who had applied to the Master during the meeting, and other matters being disposed of, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Saturday, the 7th of September, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Bros. I. P. Cohen W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., J. A. Powell J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., T. Goode S.D., Garrod J.D., Byng I.G., R. Pearcy Preceptor. This was the first meeting of the Lodge after the recess, and the numerous attendance augurs well for the coming session. The preliminaries of opening, &c., having been attended to, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and several sections of the first lecture were worked. Bro. J. Lorkin will preside next Saturday.

Ancient Ebor Preceptory of Knights Templar, No. 101.—The regular quarterly meeting of this Preceptory was held on Tuesday evening. Amongst those present were Sir Knights the Rev. W. Valentine E.P., T. Cooper P.E.P., W. Lawton P.E.P., T. B. Whytehead P.E.P., J. S. Cumberland, T. B. Priestick, P. H. Rowland, G. Simpson, G. H. Simpson, J. Ward, &c. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of York (Comp. Wm. Varey, of the Zetland Chapter 286) was a candidate for installation, and the ceremonies were worked by the E.P. and Officers. The members of the Mary Commandery Pilgrimage, who visited York from Philadelphia in July, and were entertained by the Ancient Ebor Preceptory on that occasion, were elected honorary members, as was also E. Sir Knight J. W. Woodall P.E.P., of the Geoffrey de Bouillon Preceptory, Scarborough, and P.G. Constable for North and East Yorkshire.

Tyrian Lodge, No. 253, Derby.—A meeting was held on 28th August, at the Derbyshire Masonic Hall. Present—Bros. A. G. Taylor W.M., E. R. Ward S.W., W. C. Watson J.W., F. J. Robinson Sec., W. Naylor Prov. G. Sec. Treas., T. Hall Prov. J.G.W. as S.D., T. Horsley jun. J.D., J. S. Hockey as I.G., Past Masters T. Cox P.P.S.G.W. and present Prov. Treasurer, and W. H. Marsden P.P.J.G.W., E. Holden Tyler. Visitor—Bro. J. O Manton Sec. 1085, The Lodge was opened at 7.45 p.m. After the reading of the circular and minutes, Bro. Ward S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Naylor re-elected Treasurer. The Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. Beatson raised to the rank of a M.M., in the course of which ceremony he gave involuntary evidence of its impressive character. The Lodge was closed at 9 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual toasts were duly honoured. The W.M. elect, when called upon, expressed his intention to endeavour to uphold the prestige of the Lodge. The retiring Master bore testimony to the support given him by his officers and brethren generally; the S.D. of the evening, in his character of Prov. J.G.W., responded to the Prov. Grand Officers' toast, and the Visitor made a passing allusion to the newly raised brother's display of feeling, showing that the impression caused was in contradistinction to what the impression would have been if his manner had been inattentive; and, finally, the Initiate expressed himself as very anxious to adhere to the great principles of Freemasonry, and thus prove that the favours he had received had not been undeservedly bestowed. It should also be stated that there was a very interesting discussion relative to the origin of Freemasonry, and its identity with Jewish and other customs, Bro. P.M. Hall, Bro. Davis and Bro. Manton contributing some very interesting facts.

Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Present—Bros. R. L. Armstrong W.M., J. Page Sen. Warden, R. G. Salmon Jun. Warden, G. W. Lax Secretary, J. Ridsdale Past Master Treasurer, S. M. Harris S.D., G. Dumford J.D., J. S. B. Bell I.G., Macdonald Steward, G. S. Sims Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Monday P.P.G.P., J. Cook P.P.G.S.W. The Lodge being opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. H. E. Joel was then initiated into our Order in a most impressive manner by the W.M., and Bro. Boegienne was passed to the F.C. degree, both ceremonies being most perfectly worked. The Lodge was then closed down, and routine business being disposed of, the W.M. in a few well chosen remarks asked the brethren to accept at his hands a finely executed group of the Officers of the present year. The picture, which is the work of Bro. H. S. Mendelshon of this town, is a rare production of art, and the portraits are all very faithful likenesses, and form a very pretty feature in the Lodge Hall. On the motion of Bro. Monday P.M., seconded by Bro. Ridsdale P.M., a vote of thanks, which was carried by acclamation, was passed to the W.M. for his very handsome presentation, which would always be looked on with pleasure by every member of the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured; the health of the Master, the P.M.'s, the visitors and the initiate all received due attention, and some capital harmony rendered the evening very enjoyable. The visitors were Bros. J. Cook P.M. 481, J. Wood S.W. 48, J. Goss S.D. 481, and A. Joel 481.

St. Peters Lodge, No. 481.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The chair was filled by the W.M. Bro. R. Eynow, supported by Bros. J. Cook P.M. as S.W., J. Usher J.W., H. S. Sewell I.P.M., G. Thompson P.M. Treas., J. Atkinson P.M. as Sec., J. Spearman P.M. as S.D., J. Goss J.D., T. Prentice I.G., R. Ferry Organist, G. S. Sims Tyler. The Lodge being opened, and the minutes of last meeting confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. H. R. Papa, which proving successful, that gentleman was initiated. The Lodge was then opened up to the third, and two brethren were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Both ceremonies were given by the W.M. After receiving the hearty good wishes of several visiting brethren, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshments. The visitors present were R. L. Armstrong W.M. 406, G. I. Dean W.M. 541, R. Whitfield S.W. 48, W. Cooper J.W. 1342, W. Grist S.D. 1626, E. Middlemist J.D. 48, and S. M. Harris S.D. 406.

The William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—This Lodge held its first meeting after the vacation on Friday, the 6th of September, at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgeware-road. Present—Bros. J. C. Hayes W.M., Heath S.W., Hall J.W., Braun Sec., Rudderforth Preceptor, Harris S.D., West J.D., Nichols I.G.; J. March, Adair, Kennard, Tribbel, Clipper, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. March candidate. The same brother answered the questions for passing and was entrusted. Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of passing, was rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Heath elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On the 6th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge. Bros. Goss (W.M. 780) W.M., May (W.M. elect 780) S.W., Gunner (Hon. Sec.) J.W., Tucker (Treas.) S.D., Blasby J.D., Botley I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Roe 780, Alais 834, and Bros. Costelow, Becket, Josey, Talbot, Emerson, &c. Lodge having been opened, the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. Lodge was then duly opened up to the third degree, when Bro. Talbot was raised. In prescribed and regular form, the installation ceremony was rehearsed, those brethren not entitled to witness the whole ceremony withdrawing; upon their re-admission, Bro. Roe (who had been installed during their absence) was greeted with the customary salutes. Lodge was resumed, and successively closed down. Bro. May was elected W.M. for ensuing meeting. Bro. Emerson was unanimously elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction, and he expressed his acknowledgments. After a highly instructive evening, Lodge was closed in due form.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Forss W.M., Carr S.W., Christian J.W., Polak S.D., Slaiter J.D., Smyth I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Holsworth, Webb, Borer, Taylor, Brand, C. Lorkin, Wyman, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. Allen answered the questions. The Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Webb worked the first and second sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and regularly closed to the first. Bro. Carr was elected W.M. for next week.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—At the weekly meeting on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street. Bro. Drury W.M., Abell S.W., Vizard J.W., Marston S.D., Collinson J.D., Pate I.G., Long P.M., and others. After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Collinson offered himself as a candidate, and having given proofs of his proficiency, the Lodge was opened up, and he was duly passed to the 2nd degree. Several sections of the lecture were worked by the brethren, and Lodge was closed down. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Drury for the very able manner he had performed the duties of the chair for the first time. Bro. Abell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, on which occasion the ceremony of raising will be rehearsed.

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Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction.—Held at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday, 9th September, at 7.30. Present—Bros. Grist W.M., McMillan S.W., Goddard J.W., Blunt S.D., Jacob J.D., Nevill I.G., Slaiter Secretary; also Bros. L. Coubro, Lockitt, Forss, Grimbly, and other brethren. Lodge was opened in ancient form, and after the preliminary business the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jacob being candidate. The ceremony of passing was next worked, Bro. Coubro as candidate. The Lodge was opened up, and the W.M. ably and impressively worked the ceremony of raising, Bro. Forss candidate. Lodge was resumed. Bro. Forss, of Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, and Bro. Grimbly, of Temple Lodge No. 101, were unanimously elected members. Bro. McMillan was appointed W.M. for the ensuing two weeks. The Secretary called attention to the bye-law referring to the annual supper. Bro. Jacob proposed, and Bro. Blunt seconded, that this interesting event take place on the 23rd September. Bros. Grist, Blunt, and McMillan were elected to audit the accounts. Lodge was then closed.

Hartington Lodge, No. 1085, Derby.—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place on 4th September, at the Derbyshire Masonic Hall. Present—Bros. G. Pipes W.M., J. Heathcote S.W., W. B. Hextall J.W., W. Heathcote P.G.D. of C. I.P.M., M. H. Bobart P.P.S.G.W. Treasurer, W. H. Biggs W.M. 802 as Secretary, J. O. Manton Sec. as J.D., W. Butterfield I.G.; Past Masters W. H. Brinsley P.P.J.G.D., J. Worsnop P.P.G.P., and other brethren. The proceedings were commenced in due form at 7.40 p.m. The ballot was taken for Mr. Edwin Belfield of Belper, and found clear; a letter from the W.M. of the Belper Lodge, in reply to formal enquiries, was previously read, saying that there was no objection to Mr. Belfield, as a resident of the district represented by the Belper Lodge, being accepted by the Hartington, also speaking in commendatory terms of the candidate. Mr. Henry Carr was initiated, the ceremony being very impressively performed. A Quarterly Communication from Grand Lodge was presented, and then the inquiries of the W.M. closed the labours of the evening. The hall is at present in the hands of painters and decorators, which precluded the working of the fourth degree and damped the ardour of the brethren in the matter of the Loyal toasts.

Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158.—This Lodge held a regular meeting on Tuesday, the 10th September, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. Present—Bros. W. Allan W.M., Smith S.W., R. Harris J.W., T. Pulsford P.M. Sec., A. Wright P.M. Treas., Stewart S.D., R. Fortune J.D., Wilks W.S., Holloway I.G., Stead Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Walters, Wise, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular Lodge meeting and Lodge of emergency were read and confirmed. Bros. Lyon, Bertolle, Clarke, and Beecroft were raised to the sublime degree, and Bro. Davies was passed. After routine business, Lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of light refreshments.

Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178.—This Lodge held its election meeting on Thursday, the 5th September, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Present—Bros. Frederick Garbett W.M., Joseph Stock S.W., Simpson J.W., F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. Sec., Ebsworth Treas., Bell S.D., Quincey J.D., Chaloner I.G., Laing Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Ebsworth, Dakin, Lover, &c. Visitors—Bros. P. Brown 156, W. Cook P.G.S. 1580, Hyland 1580, Beck W.M. 1687, R. Buck W.M. 1196, &c. The Lodge was opened, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bros. E. Chittenden and G. J. Wainwright were raised to the sublime degree. There were two aspirants for the second degree—Bros. J. W. Walker and Wheeler—and both were advanced a step. A sum of five guineas was voted from the Lodge Funds for a Past Master's jewel to the outgoing W.M., Bro. Frederick Garbett. After the bye-laws had been read, the brethren proceeded to the election of a Master for the ensuing twelvemonths, and this resulted in the S.W., Bro. Joseph Stock, being selected for that honourable post. We congratulate our worthy brother, as, for some inexplicable reason, for the last five years the brethren of this Lodge have—so we are told—favoured the Junior instead of the Senior Wardens with their suffrages on election nights. Bro. P.M. Ebsworth was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Y. Laing P.M. Tyler. A notice of motion that £10 10s be voted from Lodge funds for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of the W.M. elect, was handed in. Twenty guineas having been voted from Lodge funds in aid of a distressed brother, who had done good service to the Lodge, and routine business transacted, the meeting was closed.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—At Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 6th instant. Bros. Hine W.M., Pede S.W., Crouch J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Richmond I.G., Bolton, &c. All formalities having been duly observed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in a manner which showed the diligence he had used in studying the ritual. He was assisted by an efficient staff of officers, Bro. Bolton acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first four sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Peile was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed, and adjourned until Thursday, at eight p.m. All future meetings of this Lodge of Instruction will be held on Thursdays. Members are requested to note the change of the night of meeting.

On Thursday, the 12th inst. Bro. Peall W.M., Richmond S.W., Moss J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Kent S.D., R. W. Pearcy J.D., Gieseke I.G.; also Bros. Hine, Bolton, &c. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Bolton candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. who was ably assisted in both ceremonies by his Officers. Bro. Richmond was elected W.M. for next Thursday. A vote of thanks was accorded the W.M. for the manner he had performed his duties. After Lodge was closed, the brethren made a subscription for the relief of the sufferers by the calamity which befel the Princess Alice. Bro. Fenner was requested to forward the amount to the Mansion House Relief Fund. We hope this example will be followed by other Lodges of Instruction.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—On Monday, the 9th inst., the regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York, the W.M. Bro. T. B. Whytehead occupying the chair, and there being present in addition Bros. T. Cooper I.P.M., J. S. Cumberland S.W., Jas. Kay as J.W., T. Humphries Assist. Sec., T. D. Smith S.D., A. T. B. Turner J.D., G. H. Simpson as Org., M. Millington I.G., R. Ware, Lackenby, Husband, Tom Smith, Blackstone, Wilkinson, Churchill, &c. A ballot was taken for a candidate, which proved successful, and subsequently for a joining member—Bro. R. W. Hollon P.M. 236 and P.G.D.C. Eng.—which also proved successful. Mr. W. G. Girling, who had been elected at the previous meeting, was then initiated by the W.M., and Bro. the Rev. R. P. T. Tennent was raised to the third degree. Bro. A. T. B. Turner presented to the Lodge copies of Abiman Rezon (7th Edition), and Finch's Masonic Key (2nd Edition), and the W.M. on behalf of Bro. T. W. Wilson, York Lodge 236, presented a rare engraved portrait of Bro. Francis Drake, G.M. of the Grand Lodge of all England at its Revival at York in 1761. The W.M. said the portrait of Bro. Drake had a special interest for them, possessing as they did the identical Bible, with an inscription to testify the fact, which lay on Bro. Drake's pedestal. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to Bros. Turner and Wilson for their gifts. The W.M. reminded the brethren of the Masonic event that was to take place at Scarborough on the following Thursday, and said he hoped to be accompanied by as many brethren as possible. Two life subscriberships in the Masonic Boys' School were balloted for, and drawn respectively by Bros. T. Cooper P.M. and J. Keswick, and the Lodge was closed in solemn form, a very pleasant evening being subsequently spent by the brethren.

OPENING OF LODGE S. GEORGE, DARGAVILLE, KAIPARA, N.Z., 19TH JUNE 1878.

SUBSTANCE OF ADDRESS BY REV. F. GOULD.

IT gives me great pleasure to be present at the consecration of this Lodge, but I must apologise for the inaccuracies that may be noticed in the remarks I am about to make, for I am but young in Masonic experience. Still the interest I have from the first felt in Masonry having increased continually, and with it the desire to investigate the origin and progress of the Craft, perhaps a few thoughts on the subject may not be unacceptable.

The history of Masonry is, I think, generally believed to begin with the erection of Solomon's Temple, and no doubt a great deal was substantially arranged at that period. My own thoughts, however, point to a much earlier date for its origin, namely, the time of the erection of what is usually called the "Great" Pyramid in Egypt. The researches of Piazzi Smith have led to the general conviction that this vast pile was put together with an object far higher than that it should be the receptacle of the remains of an Egyptian monarch. Indeed, the Egyptian mind would probably have never conceived such a project. The other Pyramids, built as monuments, were merely copies (very inferior ones) of the Great Pyramid, and they gradually diminished in size, so that the modern are the smallest.

It would be impossible to point out all the peculiarities of this wonderful structure which give to it its peculiar significance; but, to mention a few: Its peculiar position, on the "utmost bound of the everlasting hills," is so literally true that a deep fissure in the rock on the very edge had been carefully filled up with solid masonry so as to place it in the exact spot required. The angle of the descending passage had reference to the peculiar astronomical position of the heavens, and from this datum has been gathered the exact date of its erection. It was in existence before Moses became learned in all the wisdom of Egypt; before Jacob came down to Egypt. When Abraham visited the country this wonderful structure was even then hundreds of years old. Then its measurements outside and in—position with regard to the north. The proportion which its perpendicular axis bears to the sides, and the proportion which the area of its vertical section bears to the area of the base. Such, and a multitude of similar measurements are proof of a wonderful design on the part of the builder—a design far beyond the conception of the people of the land. It was doubtless the work of strangers. Then again the measurements of the passages, chambers and niche, and the coffer, the internal measure of which equals the calculated capacity of the ark of the covenant, are full of significance. The number 5 and its multiples occur over and over again, and the strangest discovery of all is, the almost complete identity of our English inch, acre, wine pint and gallon, quarter and chaldron, with the measurements here ascertained. Should the theory that the English are descended from the lost tribes of Israel ever receive corroboration, this identity of measurements may have its part in the work of proof, and may explain why Masonry has been so well kept up among the English.

That the erection of such a structure, with such evidences of design, by strangers, should have necessitated the formation of a guild among the builders, and the inculcation of the principles of true morality by which they might be kept pure from the false morality of the people among whom they dwelt, appears very proba-

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ble, and if so we have here a true Masonic body—Operative and Speculative.

It would appear probable that a similar body would be formed at the building of the Temple, and other large edifices, by Solomon, for this monarch was remarkable for carrying out his great designs with method and order; and, moreover, as from the age of Solomon magnificent structures were being continually raised—*e.g.*, in Greece, Asia Minor, and subsequently in Rome—the Masonic guilds would become *permanent* bodies.

On the general introduction of Christianity a great impetus was given to the building and adornment of large Cathedrals throughout Europe. The continuance of Masonic Guilds would follow as a natural consequence. Connected with these there would be Lodges of Instruction, in which the sciences, such as Geometry and Architecture, would be taught, while the instruction in morality would naturally be illustrated by the tools which were in use among the workmen. Masons need not be reminded of the lessons that would have been taught and illustrated by the rule, square, level, compass, chisel, gavel, &c. So important are these lessons of morality, and so apt the illustrations, that though the Guilds have ceased as regards operative Masonry, yet the higher purposes have been secured by Masonic Guilds to the present day. How much then is to be learned by Masonry! and how important that we should, by regular attendance, secure for ourselves the continual repetition of these valuable lessons. The true way to recommend Masonry is to regard its ritual not as a dead letter, but as involving great principles of action. An Israelite with his ceremonial might lose sight of the meaning, and so lose all the benefit intended by it. So may it not be with Masons.

In conclusion then, I would urge on the brethren who are members of this new Lodge of S. George to recommend Masonry, by endeavouring to act up to the noble principles that are by it taught. You are at present few in number: those outside will narrowly watch your conduct. Remember, then, that a good Mason must be a good man.

NEWTON, AUCKLAND.

THE Consecration of the Eden Lodge, No. 1530 (E.C.), took place on 17th July at the Rising Sun Hotel, Newton, Auckland. There was a large attendance, and amongst those present were Bros. G. S. Graham D.G.M., E. T. Wildman D.D.G.M., and the following Grand Lodge Officers:—Rev. C. M. Nelson D.G. Chaplain, C. F. Goldsbro' D.G. Treasurer, H. G. Wade D.G. Secretary, E. Willcocks D.G.D.C., Dawson D.G.A.D.C., Hesketh Organist, Rattray Pursuivant. The Masters and Officers of most of the other Lodges in the district were also present, as well as many Visitors. The District Grand Master presided, and the Lodge was consecrated in accordance with ancient custom. The following officers were installed:—Bros. J. Warren W.M., D. Chapman S.W., J. Carlaw J.W., W. J. Suiter Treasurer, W. Johnson Secretary, E. W. Morrison and J. Moore Deacons, T. Walker I.G., C. Westmoreland Tyler, and Thos. Barnett Steward. At the conclusion of the ceremonial, which was carried out with the usual solemnities, the Lodge was called off. A banquet was subsequently held, at which the customary toasts were proposed. Great praise was attributed to Captain Mann, of the Rising Sun Hotel, for the excellent arrangements made and the superb spread provided.

The Quarterly Communication of the Masonic Provincial Grand Lodge of New Zealand, North Island, Scottish Constitution, was held on the 18th of July at the Masonic Hotel, Princes-street. There were present Bros. F. Whitaker P.G.M. who presided, W. Anderson P.G.S.M., W. McCullough P.D.P.G.M., A. Brodie P.G.S.W., A. Dewar P.G.J.W., W. Errington P.G. Architect, E. K. Tyler P.G. Secretary, T. L. Murray P.G. Treasurer, Captain Fraser P.G. Director of Ceremonies, Captain Goldsmith P.G. Sword-bearer, Ellison P.G.J.D., Walker W.M. St. Andrew's, and a number of other visitors and representatives of the various Lodges and Constitutions. The principal business of the meeting was to receive the report of the committee appointed to draft and prepare by-laws for the Provincial Grand Lodge. These, after the minutes were read, were adopted, after some emendations. Bro. the Rev. J. Hill having resigned his position of P.G. Chaplain, on account of his removal to the South Island, the P. Grand Master announced that he had appointed Bro. the Rev. Mr. Gould, of Otahuhu, to that office. A number of routine matters were discussed, and the meeting was brought to a close in the usual form.

The Masonic banquet at the Thames, given by the brethren of the Sir Walter Scott Lodge on 1st July to the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Whitaker, was a very successful affair. The W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. T. L. Murray, presided. In responding to the toast of his health, Bro. Whitaker said: Being there, reminded him of the time when he was first affiliated to Scotch Masonry, and he looked upon the Sir Walter Scott Lodge as the very foundation of their Provincial Grand Lodge. He had first started on his Masonic career in England, then he joined an Irish Lodge, and at last found himself landed in Scotland, and was so well satisfied that he had no disposition to leave it, least of all for the Colonial Lodge of which he had spoken in New South Wales. This occasion, he believed, was the first in which they had had an official inspection from a P.G.M. The Scotch Constitution provided for an annual visit, and he was determined, if possible, to visit every Lodge in the district. He was much obliged to Bro. Murray for the way in which he had proposed his health, and to the brethren for the hearty response given.

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THE PRIMITIVE FREEMASONRY OF THE ANCIENTS

From the CORNER STONE.

THE general diffusion of Masonic literature throughout the world, but especially in the United States, has now made almost every Mason acquainted with the theory that has been insisted upon—that the principles of Freemasonry—that is to say, the doctrine of Speculative Masonry—existed in the earliest ages of the world, and were believed and practised by a primitive people, or priesthood, under the name of the *Pure* or *Primitive Freemasonry* of the antediluvians; that this Freemasonry was, at length, after the Flood, corrupted as to the truths it taught, and then went under the name of *Spurious Freemasonry*, but that a choice few preserved the primitive doctrines, and handed them down to the present day, where they exist under the form of *Speculative Masonry*.

These doctrines are not now denied by any one who has carefully studied the Masonic system, although many differ in relation to some of the details of the theory advanced. This theory does not belong exclusively to any Masonic writer. It was promulgated at the middle of the last century by the celebrated Chevalier Ramsay, the author of the "Travels of Cyrus," and the founder of a very philosophical system of Masonry. In a work published by him in 1751, entitled "The Philosophical Principles of Natural and Revealed Religion, unfolded in a Geometrical Order," he has briefly but distinctly advanced this theory, and it is given here to the readers of the Corner Stone—first, because the work is very scarce in this country, but principally because it contains a most succinct and satisfactory evidence, as well as history of the origin and progress of the science of Freemasonry.

The Chevalier, writing a work for general perusal, has said nothing in it of Masonry by name; but, as the course of his studies and the labors of his life identified him with the institution, it is apparent that, under the name of ancient religion, he was thinking of his favorite science. The reader has only to substitute in the paragraphs about to be quoted the word "*Masonry*" for "religion," and in a few lines he will be put in possession of the whole theory on the subject, as it has been more elaborately worked out by Hutchinson in his "Spirit of Masonry," and other Masonic writers.

Ramsay propounds his theory as follows:

1. Adam, Noah, and all the other antediluvian and post-diluvian patriarchs knew the great principles of natural and revealed religion, and, therefore, could and should have taken all possible means to transmit this saving knowledge to their posterity.

2. It would have been unbecoming the prudence and sanctity of these holy patriarchs not to have chosen some surer method for transmitting these sacred truths than by tradition, which is much more subject to falsification than written tradition.

3. The most ancient, the most expressive, and the most palpable way of writing was not by arbitrary names and alphabetical letters, but by symbolical gravings, which represented intellectual ideas by corporeal images; and this way of writing was particularly consecrated to the use and transmission of Divine things to posterity, as the word hieroglyphic (*sacred writing*) indicates.

4. According as the world increased, and was peopled after the deluge, the sons and grandchildren of Noah copied and carried these sacred symbols of religion (*or Primitive Freemasonry*) to the different places of the earth which they went to inhabit with their families; thus these symbolical characters were transported from country to country, over all the face of the terrestrial globe; and for this reason it is that the symbols, images, idols, statues, representations, traditions, fables and mythologies about the gods, goddesses, and religion are much the same in all nations.

5. By succession of time, the true original sense of the sacred symbols and hieroglyphics was forgotten. Men attached themselves to the letter and the signs without understanding the spirit and thing signified, and this fell by degrees into the grossest idolatry and wildest superstition. They explained the sacred symbols according to their fancy, and so turned all the ancient traditions into fables, fictions, and mythologies, where, though the circumstances were different yet the fund was the same.

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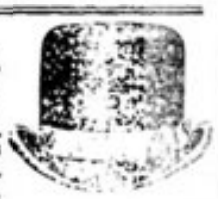
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VISITORS: THEIR RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES.

IT will be seen from a report we publish elsewhere in our columns of the meeting, on the 6th August, of the Lodge of Goodwill, No. 711, Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope, that a question was raised respecting the presence of a visiting brother, who had given proof of his worthiness to be admitted, during the ceremony of opening the Lodge and the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting. The brother about whose right the question was raised was none other than our worthy friend Bro. Constable, whom we take this early opportunity of congratulating on his return home. Why any objection should have been taken to his being present during what are, after all, merely formal preliminaries is an enigma we shall not attempt the solution of, nor will it be in our power to suggest a reason for the Master's readiness to waive his objection to Bro. Constable's presence if the latter had resolved on standing on his rights and insisting on his admission. It is one of those cases which can only be dealt with on general principles, and all we propose doing is briefly to state the circumstances as explained to us by Bro. Constable himself, and then to offer a few remarks as to what, in our humble judgment, is the course which a Lodge should pursue when a strange brother presents himself at the doors and requests to be admitted within its precincts. The facts are as follow:—Bro. Constable presented himself at the hour appointed for the meeting of the Lodge. He was properly introduced, and having proved himself to the satisfaction of the W. Master, and assumed his clothing, he entered the Lodge, and then awaited its opening. However, the Master went and requested Bro. Constable would retire till he had opened the Lodge and the minutes awaiting confirmation had been confirmed, the reason he assigned for this unusual request being that it was not their custom to permit strange brethren to be present during these preliminaries. Bro. Constable did as requested, took off his apron, and resolved not to claim admission. Bro. Brister, the Treasurer, then went out, and said that if Bro. Constable insisted upon being present as a right, the Master would allow his presence, but Bro. Constable does not seem to have been pleased by this relaxation in his favour, and went home. The matter was discussed during the slight repast which followed the Lodge business, and many brethren objected to the action of the Master, and applauded Bro. Constable for having stood up for his constitutional rights, it appearing that this is the second instance in which a visiting brother had retired or been called upon to retire from the same cause.

The laws laid down in the Constitutions on the subject of Visitors are clear enough, "No visitor shall be admitted into a lodge unless he be personally known, recommended, or well vouched for, after due examination by one of the present brethren; and during his continuance in the lodge he must be subject to the by-laws of the lodge. The master of the lodge is bound to enforce these regulations." In this there is nothing which in any way warrants the exclusion of a visitor during any part of the time the Lodge is met together, nor is there anything in the two sections which follow, and which regulate the exclusion of visitors, on which the Master of Goodwill could rely as a justification for requesting Bro. Constable to retire while the Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. They enact that visitors of known bad character may be refused admission, and that brethren who are not subscribing members to a Lodge may not visit a Lodge in the town or place where he resides "more than once" during the period of their "secession from the craft." Beyond a few words at p 19 as to visitors to Grand Lodge, and a prohibition at p 79 against the reception as visitors of brethren "concerned in making masons clandestinely, or at a lodge which is not a regular lodge, or for small and unworthy considerations, or who may assist in forming a new lodge without the grand master's authority." There is nothing in the Constitutions beyond what we have already quoted or described, and it is certain that these contain no justification whatever for the conduct pursued in this particular instance. Going further, and consulting well-known authorities on Masonic law, we shall find, similarly, no exclusion of the kind practised in Lodge of Goodwill is mentioned, there being, however, one case in which the enforced retirement of visitors is deemed proper. Oliver, having first of all discussed the general regulations already referred to, the restrictions on visiting, and the examination of visitors, goes on to speak of the "Privileges of Visitors," and he cites in evidence a report from the Board of General Purposes during the year 1819, in which, as he considers, the true rights of a visitor are defined. A Lodge in London refused to admit some brethren, who were well known to them, on the ground that "as the Lodge was about to initiate a candidate, no visitors could be admitted till that ceremony was ended." Complaint was made, and the several parties attended the Board, when it appeared that "the Officers of the Lodge against which the complaint was laid had acted under an erroneous opinion of the general laws, and not from any intention to infringe them, or to offend against the established customs of the Craft; and they assured the Board of their anxiety, at all times, to conform themselves to every regulation of the Grand Lodge, and that they should not again fall into a similar error." Thereupon the Board passed a resolution to the effect that "it is the undoubted right of every Mason, who is well known or properly vouched for, to visit any Lodge during the time it is open for Masonic general business, observing the proper forms to be attended to on such occasions, so that the Master may not be interrupted in the performance of his duty." In spite of this, however, says Dr. Oliver, there are Lodges which do "refuse admission to visitors when practising the ceremonies of any of the degrees, although such exclusion is undoubtedly illegal." The writer then goes on to describe how a late Grand Master, when the subject was brought under his notice, declared "that a Mason's Lodge is a Mason's church; and that no qualified brother could be legally refused admittance under any circumstances." Later we come to a paragraph specially treating of "the Exclusion of Visitors," and from this we extract the following passage:—"When any business of a private nature, such as a discussion on the state of the funds, or any other topic which cannot be interesting to a stranger, occupies the attention of the brethren, due notice having been given to every member, it would be indelicate to invite visitors to be present, as the financial affairs of the Lodge might be in such a state of disarrangement and confusion as it would be undesirable to communicate to any who were not members, and who, consequently, could feel no interest in the proceedings. And, therefore, in some Lodges the bye-laws are imperative on this point, and direct that no subject of local importance to the Lodge ought to be discussed in the presence of visitors. When, therefore, such discussions are unavoidable, visitors may be courteously

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requested to withdraw." No objection can be taken to this exposition. No brother having the slightest claim to be considered a gentleman would be desirous of prying into the secrets or inner history of the Lodge he was visiting; and our knowledge of Bro. Constable justifies us in stating that, had he been invited to retire during the discussion of matters of a private nature, and concerning only the members of the Lodge, he would have done so at once, and with all the grace imaginable. But the request for him to retire was not urged on this account, but on the ground of Lodge custom. There is nothing in the opening of a Lodge which can be described as of other than a general character. All tried Masons are acquainted with the ceremony, and a night or two's attendance at a Lodge of Instruction would enable most brethren to fulfil it personally. The minutes, which were those of the previous regular meeting of the Lodge on the 2nd July, and of an emergency meeting on the 23rd of the same month, may have included notes referring to private matters, or a discussion may have been contemplated on the question of their being confirmed, all which would concern members only. We are assured that, in such circumstances, no visitor would make bold to remain, having been courteously invited to retire. But the offer of the Master of the Lodge of Goodwill to allow Bro. Constable to remain, if he insisted on his right to be present, disposes of this supposition at once. The sole reason assigned for preferring so unusual a request to the visitor was that "it was not the custom" of the Lodge "to allow strangers to be present at these preliminaries." What there is in the ceremony of opening a Lodge to which all approved Masons may not be admitted we are unable to say; but that the minutes might contain matters of a private character is very likely; still, from the information forwarded to us by Bro. Constable, "custom" only was pleaded as the apology for his not being permitted to remain during the preliminaries. This custom, we need hardly say, is not reconcilable with the Constitutions, as quoted, or with the Report of the Board of General Purposes in 1819, in which it was declared to be "the undoubted right of every Mason who is well known or properly vouched for to visit any Lodge during the time it is open for general Masonic business." The only reason which the Master of the Lodge of Goodwill could urge in his defence—so far as we can judge—is that the Lodge is not open till it has been opened—that is, till the opening ceremony has been performed. We do not say this is not a valid reason, but we think it would be straining unduly the law as interpreted by the Board of General Purposes in the case we have referred to. All matters of this kind should be dealt with in a spirit of large-heartedness, and it seems to us to be narrow-minded in the extreme to invite a brother to retire during the opening ceremony, and yet allow him to enter the Lodge during the transaction of its general business. We say this much on the supposition of the Lodge not being open till the customary formalities have been gone through, but our true objection to the action of the W. Master of this Lodge rests on the earlier and fuller reasons we have offered.

THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

Bro. R. F. Gould.

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LIST No. 11.

The engraved list for 1740 constitutes one of the most important links in the chain of our Lodge History, marking, as it does, the *first change of numbers;* the previous (and earliest) numeration having extended from 1729 to 1739.

The numeration which this change inaugurates, ranged from 1740 to 1755 inclusive, being followed by those of 1756-69, 1770-80, 1781-91, and 1792-1813.

It is remarkable, moreover, for containing more errors in regard to dates, than will be found (appearing for the first time) in any other of the Official Lists. Successive engravers naturally perpetuated the mistakes of their predecessors, but to Pine belongs the distinction, after having had the bringing out of these lists for seventeen years, of placing the wrong dates of Constitution against no less than *four* out of the first *nine* Warranted Lodges on the 1740 List, which error, in its entirety, has survived to this day. (See List No. 9.) Also No. 43 is placed at the year 1727 *from* 1728; No. 98 at 1734 *from* 1733; and No. 99 at 1732 *from* 1733. The dates in each case *from* which the alterations were made having been those recorded in the Constitutions 1738, which was approved in manuscript by Grand Lodge.(1) The present positions of the last mentioned Lodges, Nos. 98 and 99, afford a good illustration of the inconveniences that have ensued; No. 98, the senior of the two, being placed *after* the fair date of its warrant as No. 45 (Strong Man), and No. 99, the junior, being placed higher than its proper seniority, as No. 35 (Medina). Present No. 35 (Medina) was a London Lodge up to 1761, but, in 1762, was removed, or its warrant transferred, to West Cowes, Isle of Wight. It was erased in 1773, but appears again in the numeration for 1781-91 as No. 33, having moreover gained *a further year's seniority* (1731), which it retains to this day?

No. 43 (present No. 29, St. Albans) is placed at the year 1727 *from* 1728—an error which has also survived to the present time. No. 93 (present No. 37, Anchor and Hope, Bolton) was permanently placed at the year 1731 *from* 1732 in the 1781-91 numeration.

It would appear that warrants changed hands very easily. Thus the present No. 64, Fortitude, Manchester, met at the Flower Pot, Bishopsgate St., London, until 1743, when it was erased; in 1744 it was off the list, but reappeared the following year, as the Hare and Hounds, Parsonage Lane, Manchester.

No. 165 (present No. 67, Star in the East), or its place or warrant, belonged to a London Lodge, meeting at the Three Tuns, Houghton-street, Clare Market, up to 1745, when the warrant of constitution was surrendered. In 1750, however, the blank was filled by the name of the *Third* Lodge, Calcutta, East India, dated at 1740. The list for that year showing *one other* Bengal Lodge only, namely: No. 66, the East India Arms, Bengall, dating from 1730 (which will also be found in the 1740 List). In 1756, at the change of numbers, these Lodges (Nos. 66 and 165 in 1745) are shown as No. 40 and 117, respectively, and in the following year, the earlier of the two has disappeared. It is somewhat singular that the present No. 67, though dated at 1740, never appeared on the roll till 1750, also that whilst its *first* name, the *third* Lodge, Calcutta, would imply that there were *two* Senior Bengal Lodges then in existence, no intermediate Lodge can be found on the lists. In 1778, present No. 67—then No. 93—is styled the *first* Lodge of Bengal. It is just possible, that the older Indian Lodge of 1730, was identical with the so-dated Lodge of 1740, and in such case existing No. 67 is placed ten years *after* the fair date of its warrant.

No. 86 (present No. 39, St. John's, Exeter) has had a somewhat chequered career. Appearing as No. 97 in the List for 1734 (the earliest after its establishment now extant), it became No. 86 in 1740, but, on 29th November 1754, having been erased, along with nineteen other Lodges, was omitted from the List at the change of numbers in 1756, and, accordingly, on re-instatement in 1759, had to come in at the bottom of the roll; during the continuance, therefore, of this numeration (1756-69) its place was No. 239; in 1770, it resumed its proper seniority, as No. 48; becoming No. 38 in 1781, and 35 in 1792. During the continuance of the engraved lists, 1723-78, this Lodge was shown at its proper date (1732), but in the numeration of 1781-91, and 1792-1813, was placed *before* the fair date of its warrant, at 1731, where it has since remained.

The earliest of the engraved lists was published in 1723, the *latest* (now extant) in 1778.

John Pine was the engraver for 1723 to 1741; the lists for 1742-3 are missing, but in 1744 the engraver was *Emon* Bowen (§ 3, IX.) Benjamin Cole then followed, during 1745-66; being in turn succeeded by *William* Cole, in 1767, who brought out, in 1778, the last engraved list, which is owned by our National Masonic Library. The "Signs of the Houses" cease to be shown after 1769.

The Lodges in this list (1740) which have ceased to appear on the roll, are shown in ordinary type, whilst the still subsisting Lodges are in italic.

The various erasures and re-instatements, chronicled in the Constitution books up to 1784, are, as far as practicable, noted below; these changes however, are very imperfectly recorded.

To facilitate reference, the numbers borne by Lodges at the previous numeration (1729-39), are shown in a separate

(1) §§ 11 and 20 (II.)

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column. This arrangement will enable the interested reader to identify any Lodge on the 1740 List, with its *name, place,* and *date,* on *all* previous lists from 1729 onwards:—

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No.	No. and Name 1740		Constituted.
1729			
1	1 *King's Arms*	*St. Paul's Churchyard*	
3	2 *Horn* (1)	*Westminster*	
5	3 Crown (2)	Behind the Royal Exchange	July 11 1721
4	4 *Shakspeare*	*Marlborough-st.*	Jan. 17 1721
6	5 *Braund's Head*	*New Bond-st.*	Jan. 19 1721
7	6 *Rummer,*	*Queen-st., Cheapside*	Jan. 28 1721
8	7 King's Arms (3)	Temple Bar	April 25 1722
9	8 *Red Cross*	*Barbican*	May 1722
10	9 *Kings Arms* (4)	*New Bond St.*	Nov. 25 1722
11	10 *St. George and Dragon*	*Portland St. Oxford Market*	Feb. 27 1722
12	11 *Crown*	*New Crane, Wapping*	1722
13	12 *Bury's Coffee House*	*Bridges St.*	March 28 1723
14	13 Queen's Head (5)	Great Queen St.	March 30 1723
15	14 Rummer (6)	St. Mary Overy's Church Yard	April 1 1723
16	15 Bedford Arms (7)	Covent Garden	April 3 1723
17	16 Shakspear's Head (7)	Covent Garden	1723
18	17 Sun (7)	Holborn	May 5 1723
19	18 *Mourning Bush*	*Aldersgate*	1723
20	19 French Swan (8)	Long Acre	June 12 1723
21	20 Baptist's Head and Anchor (5)	Chancery Lane	Aug. 4 1723
22	21 Dog	Billingsgate	Sep. 11 1723
23	22 *Half Moon*	*Cheapside*	Sep. 18 1723
24	23 Swan and Cocoa Tree (9)	Whitecross St.	1723
25	24 Running Dog	Lamb St. Spittlefields	Dec. 24 1723
26	25 Dog (7)	St. James Market	1723
27	26 Forrest's Coffee House (8)	Charing Cross	March 27 1724
30	27 Three Tuns	Norwich	1724
31	28 White Horse	Chichester	July 17 1724
32	29 Crown, Clasped Hands and Rose	Bridges St. Chester	1724
34	30 Bunch of Grapes	Carmarthen, S. Wales	1724
35	31 Tree	Portsmouth	1724
36	32 *Red Lion* (8)	Congleton, Cheshire	1724
37	33 *Arms* (10)	Moore Fields	July 1724
38	34 *Sun*	*Hooper Square, Goodmans Fields*	Jan. 22 1724
39	35 Swan and Rummer	Barth Lane, Royal Exchange	Feb. 1724
40	36 Sun	St. Pauls Churchyard	April 1725
42	37 Angel (11)	Whitechapel	1725
43	38 *Kings Arms*	*Strand*	May 25 1725
44	39 Mitre (3)	King St., Westminster	Sep. 1725
47	40 Globe (12)	Fleet St.	Aug. 9 1727
46	41 Mount's (13) Coffee House	Grosvenor Street	Jan. 12 1727
48	42 Figure (9)	Salford near Manchester	1727
49	43 *Leicester Coffee House*	*Leicester Fields*	Jan. 31 1727
50	44 Arms (13)	St. Bernard St. Madrid	1727
57	45 E C and Figure (14)	Charing Cross	April 15 1728
52	46 Cushion (9)	Warwick	April 22 1728
53	47 Rose	Cheapside	1728
54	48 Royal Oak (7)	Great Earl St. Seven dials	1728
55	49 Old Man's Coffee House	Charing Cross	1728
56	50 Crown and Anchor (15)	King St. Seven dials	1728
51	51 Rock	Gibralter	Nov. 1728
59	52 Three Tuns (9)	Scarborough	Aug. 27 1729
70	53 Lion (13)	Lynn Regis, Norfolk	Oct. 1 1729
60	54 St. George and Dragon (16)	St. Mary Ax	Jan. 22 1729
61	55 Fountain (17)	Snow Hill	Jan. 24 1729
63	56 Masons Arms	Madox St. Hannover Sq.	Mar. 25 1730
65	57 St. Rooks Hill (9)	Near Chichester	In the Reign of Julius Cæsar
66	58 Red Lion (9)	Canterbury	April 3 1730
67	59 Castle (13)	St. Giles	1730
68	60 Tree (11)	Long Acre	April 29 1730
69	61 Bacchus (14)	Bloomsbury Market	May 22 1730
75	62 *Gun* (18)	*Suffolk St.*	July 17 1730
73	63 Head (19)	Lincoln	Sept 7 1730
62	64 St. George and Dragon (9)	Northampton	Jan. 12 1730
71	65 Globe (20)	Old Jewry	Jan. 26 1730
72	66 East India Arms	Bengall, East India	1730
76	67 Queen's Head	Old Bailey	1730
79	68 Griffin	Snow Hill	1730
80	69 Angel	Macclesfield, Cheshire	1731
82	70 Three Tuns (20)	Newgate St.	Oct. 21 1731
81	71 Fleece (9)	Bury St. Edmunds	Nov. 1 1731
83	72 Three Tuns	Smithfield	Dec. 17 1731
84	73 Old Castle of Antwerp	Behind ye Royal Exchange	Dec. 23 1731
77	74 Black Lion	Jockey Fields	Jan. 11 1731
86	75 Kings Arms (21)	St. Margarets Hill, Southwark	Feb. 2 1731
87	76 Kings Arms	Leigh, in Lancashire	Feb. 22 1731
84	77 Crow and Bell (9)	Wolverhampton	Mar. 28 1732
90	78 Ville de Tonnerre (13)	Rue de Boucheries, a Paris	Apl. 3 1732
89	79 Head (7)	St. Paul's Churchyard	Apl. 11 1732
91	80 Three Tuns (13)	Grosvenor Street	Apl. 12 1732
92	81 Arms (6)	Newgate Street	May. 25 1732
93	82 Bird	Without Bishopsgate	Jan. 21 1732
94	83 Sun (22)	Ludgate Street	Jan. 24 1732
95	84 Kings Arms (23)	Dorset St. Spittlefields	July 12 1732
96	85 White Dog	Ipswich	1732
97	86 *New Inn* (9)	*Exeter*	1732
98	87 Union Coffee House	Upper end of the Haymarket	Aug. 17 1732
99	88 Hoop and Griffin (10)	Leadenhall Street	Aug. 18 1732
101	89 Rummer (24)	Old Fish St. Hill	Aug. 29 1732
102	90 Royal Vineyard (24)	St. James' Park	Sept. 5 1732
103	91 King's Arms (14)	Leicester Fields	Sept. 8 1732
104	92 Virgin's Inn (25)	Derby	Sept. 14 1732
105	93 *A Private Room*	*Bolton-le-Moor*	Nov. 9 1732
106	94 Crown Coffee House (26)	Spittlefields	Nov. 15 1732
107	95 Turk's Head (26)	Greek Street, Soho	Dec. 12 1732
108	96 Seven Stars (9)	Bury St. Edmunds	Dec. 15 1732
109	97 Lamb	Katherine St. Strand	Dec. 27 1732
110	98 *Ship Coffee House*	*Nr. Hermitage Bridge*	Feb. 2 1734
111	99 *Fleece* (27)	*Goodmans Fields*	Feb. 17 1732
112	100 King's Arms	Tower St. Seven Dials	Mar. 3 1732
113	101 *Bear and Collar*	*Bath*	May 18 1733
114	102 Fountain (27)	Katherin St. Strand	May 23 1733
118	103 *Red Lion*	*Bury, Lancashire*	July 26 1733
119	104 Dog	Stourbridge	Aug. 1 1733
121	105 Crown	Ludgate Hill	Dec. 27 1733
122	106 Forrest's Coffee House (24)	Charing Cross	1733
123	107 Fountain (7)	Snow Hill	1733
124	108	Hamburgh, Lower Saxony	1733
125	109 *Swan*	*Birmingham*	1733
126	110 Royal Exchange	Boston, New England	1733
127	111	Valenciennes, French Flanders	1733
128	112 D. M. & Figure (7)	Petticoat Lane, Whitechapel	Nov. 5 1734
129	113 Mason's Arms (26)	Plymouth	1734
130	114 *Bell*	*Nicholas Lane*	June 11 1735
117	115 *Shakespears Head*	*Stewards Lodge, Covent Garden*	June 24 1735
131	116	Hague	1735
132	117 *Two Fencers*	*Newcastle*	June 24 1735
133	118 At the Castle (13)	Aubigny, in France	Aug. 12 1735
134	119 Bear with Collar (9)	Strand	Aug. 25 1735
135	120	Lisbon	1735
136	121 Weymouth Arms (9)	Warminster, in Wiltshire	1735
138	122 Queen Elizabeth	Hicks Hall	Oct. 30 1735
137	123 Rummer	Bristol	Nov. 12 1735
139	124 Arms	Savannah, Georgia	1735
140	125 Ashley's London Punch House (20)	Ludgate Hill	Mar. 1 1735
141	126 *Three Cups*	*Colchester*	1735
143	127 Fountain (28)	Gateshead	Mar. 8 1735
142	128 Fountain (29)	Shrewsbury	Apr. 16 1736
144	129 Running Dog (21)	Lambs St. Spittlefields	June 11 1736
145	130 Three Crowns (9)	Weymouth and Melcome Regis, Dorset	1736
146	131 *Head*	*Norwich*	1736
147	132 St. George and Dragon	Tythe Barn St. Liverpool	June 25 1736
148	133 Bell (21)	Nicholas Lane	Aug. 16 1736
149	134 St. George and Dragon	Birmingham	Sept. 30 1736
150	135 *Kings Arms*	*Lombard Street*	Dec. 2 1736
151	136 *Black Dog*	*Castle St. Seven dials*	Dec. 21 1736
152	137 Blossom's Inn	Laurence Lane	Dec. 31 1736
153	138 Durham Castle (23)	Swallow Street	Jan. 24 1736
154	139 Crown (19)	West Smithfield	Feb. 14 1736
155	140 Kings Arms (10)	Cateaton Street	Feb. 22 1736
156	141 Horn (9)	Braintree, Essex	Mar. 17 1736
157	142 Three Tuns (7)	Wood Street	Mar. 22 1736
158	143 Westminster Hall (29)	Dunning's Alley, Bishopgate Street	Mar. 30 1737
159	144 Three Tuns	Spittle Fields	April 18 1737
160	145 Half Moon and Three Tuns (13)	Snow Hill	April 20 1737
161	146 K. I. and Figure (9)	Old Jewry	May 10 1737
162	147 *Gun*	*Jermain Street*	Aug. 24 1737
163	148 Black Posts	Maiden Lane	Sept. 21 1737
164	149 Sun	Aldersgate Street	Dec. 8 1737
165	150 Angel (13)	Shipton Mallet, Somersetshire	Dec. 12 1737
166	151 Angel (9)	Above Hill in ye Bailiwick of Lincoln	Dec. 23 1737
167	152 Swan and Dove (9)	Hereford	Jan. 16 1737
168	153 Fountain (10)	Bartholomew Lane	Jan. 27 1737
	154 Parham Lodge	Parham Antigua	Jan. 31 1737
169	155 Mansion House (7)	Still Yard, Thames Street	Feb. 17 1737
170	156 Red Lion (13)	Red Lion Street, Clerkenwell	Mar. 27 1738
171	157 Wheatsheaf (13)	Gloucester	Mar. 28 1738
172	158 *Crown and Angel*	*Crispin Street, Spittle-Fields*	May 3 1738
173	159 D. G. and Figure (9)	Pall Mall	May 16 1738

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174	160	Griffin and Bell (1)	King Street, Golden Square	June 19	1738
175	161	Swan (11)	Fish St. Hill	July 10	1738
176	162	*Black Bull*	*Halifax, Yorkshire*	July 12	1738
177	163	Swan (9)	Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire	Oct. 26	1738
	164	Court House Lodge	St. John's, Antigua	Nov. 22	1738
178	165	*Flower Pot* (12)	*Bishopsgate Street*	Jan. 19	1738
179	166	*Crown and Anchor*	*King St. Seven dials*	Jan. 27	1738
180	167	Horse and Man	Foregate St. Chester	Feb. 1	1738
181	168	Cushion	St. Albans	Feb. 10	1738
182	169	K. C. and Figure	Rumford, Essex	Mar. 13	1738
	170	Bakers' Lodge	St. John's, Antigua	Mar. 14	1738
183	171	Horse Shoe and Magpie (7)	Fleet St.	Mar. 20	1738
184	172	K. W. and Figure (25)	Portsmouth	April 24	1739
185	173	British Coffee House (8)	Charing Cross	April 28	1739
	174	Basseterre Lodge	St. Christophers	June 21	1739
186	175	Black Bull (9)	Spalding, Lincolnshire	June 22	1739
187	176	Red Bull	Charles St. Strand	Aug. 29	1739
188	177	Axe and Gate	King St. Westminster	Oct. 8	1739
189	178	*Grenadiers Lodge*	*May Fair*	Oct. 25	1739
	179	Wheatsheaf (3)	Leicester	Dec. 7	1739
	180	Double Eagle	Gracechurch St.	Jan. 16	1739
	181	White Lion (13)	Banbury, Oxfordshire	Mar. 31	1740

END OF 1740 LIST.

EXTRACTS FROM LISTS FOR 1744-45.

182		Kingston in Jamaica	April 14	1739
183	St. George and Dragon	Castle St. Leicester Fields	June 26	1740
184	Red Lion (14)	Tower St. Bristoll	July 10	1740
185	*Three Tuns* (24)	*Houghton St. Clare Market*	Nov. 4	1740
186	St. Michael's Lodge	Barbadoes		1740
187	Private Room	Lausanne, Switzerland	Feb. 2	1739
188	St. George and Dragon (15)	Whitehaven, Cumberland	Mar. 19	1740
189	Ship and Tower (26)	Haverfordwest, S. Wales	April 14	1741
190	*Hoop and Grapes*	*Coventry Street*	April 13	1742
191	Three Horse Shoes (16)	Leominster, Hereford	Oct. 11	1742
192	Union of Angels	Francford, in Germany	June 17	1742
193	Port Royal Lodge	Jamaica		1742
194	Angel	Dolgelly, N. Wales	Sept. 17	1743
195	White Lion	Broad St. Bristol	Mar. 20	1743
196	St. George	Emperor's Court at Hamburgh	Sept. 24	1743

Of the above Lodges, only thirty-eight will now be found on the roll, viz.:—Nos. (1740—55) 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 18, 22, 34, 38, 43, 62, 86, 92, 98, 99, 101, 103, 109, 114, 115, 117, 126, 131, 135, 136, 147, 158, 162, 165, 166, 178, 185, and 190.

(1) Erased 3rd April 1747. Restored 4th Sept. 1751.
(2) Erased 25th March 1745.
(3) Erased 4th April 1744.
(4) Erased 25th March 1745. Restored 7th March 1747. Erased 23rd January 1764. Restored 23rd April 1764.
(5) Erased 10th April 1782.
(6) Erased 24th April 1776.
(7) Erased 21st Nov. 1745.
(8) Erased 17th Nov. 1760, and 28th April 1775.
(9) Erased 29th Nov. 1754.
(10) Erased 14th April 1746.
(11) Erased 24th June 1742.
(12) Erased 9th April 1743.
(13) Erased 27th January 1768.
(14) Erased 28th April 1775.
(15) Erased 1786.
(16) Erased 21st November 1745. Restored, and by request omitted from List 5th February 1759.
(17) Erased 27th July 1762.
(18) Erased 23rd April 1773.
(19) Erased 17th Nov. 1760.
(20) Erased 7th March 1747.
(21) Erased 5th May 1757. Restored 31st Oct. 1757.
(22) Erased 11th Nov. 1783. Restored 11th February 1784.
(23) Erased 23rd Jan. 1764.
(24) Erased 30th Nov. 1752.
(25) Erased 24th July 1755. Then meeting at the Ben Jonson's Head (for assembling *under the denomination of a Lodge of* ANCIENT *Masons*).
(26) Warrant surrendered 24th June 1742 on joining No. 88.
(27) Erased 23rd April 1773 (then meeting at the Isle of Wight).
(28) Erased 17th Nov. 1760 and 27th Jan. 1768.
(29) Erased 29th Nov. 1754 and 27th Jan. 1768.
(30) Erased 1775-6.
(31) Erased 28th April 1775. Restored 24th April 1776.
(32) Erased 14th February 1758.
(33) Erased 1781.
(34) Warrant surrendered 26th February 1745, on joining No. 102.
(35) Erased 23rd April 1773.
(36) Erased 12th April 1780.

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CHARITY STEWARDS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The fact of your having inserted my short note last week induces me to avail myself of your implied permission to give me space this week. Looking at the various questions which have been raised, I admit that Bro. Binckes's division of them under three heads is correct, but in various parts I can hardly follow him in his treatment thereof. For instance, under his section (a), "The necessity for Anniversary Festival Dinners," he devotes considerable time to proving that such gatherings are advisable, and, in fact, necessary. This I have always considered is the opinion of nine-tenths of those who have any knowledge of the subject; certainly your article, and the correspondence which has ensued, point to the continuance of the Festival Dinners being advisable, the only question being as to the best means to be adopted to make these successful.

In such a matter as this it is very essential that none of the rules are objectionable, to even one person who might devote his services to the cause. I consider, therefore, it praiseworthy for any brother to come forward and point out anything which strikes him as prejudicial. For this reason I do not think Bro. Binckes should be so sharp on your correspondent, "A STEWARD WHO HAS SERVED ONCE." He may be a very hard working and straightforward brother, in fact his statement stamps him as the latter. Of course, I should not agree in charging the Institution with any incidental expenses which might arise in consequence of the Festival, such as your correspondent refers to, but I believe many men look at the total they spend in connection with any given object as the amount that particular item has cost, be it pleasure, pain, or charity; and thereby your correspondent is not alone in this view, which in my opinion is a wrong one.

Having devoted myself thus far to finding fault with Bro. Binckes, I will now try my hand at suggesting remedies.

As for the fee; that I look upon as so small a matter that it requires but passing notice; for, as Bro. Binckes points out, considerably over half the amount is spent on each Steward *who attends the Festival*. At the same time, as your Provincial correspondents have referred to it, I think it worth while considering if it would not be advisable in future to make the fee either a guinea or 25s, and let each brother who attends the Festival pay for his own banquet ticket, as is often done in the case of Lodges on installation nights. I do not say the alteration would make any material difference, but it would certainly do away with the feeling that money had been spent on a banquet which it was impossible or inconvenient to attend. Should the matter ever be brought forward, I would also suggest that some alteration be made in the form of the badge—I was going to write jewel, but think the denomination "badge" is more appropriate to the tinsel now in vogue. Few brethren care to bedeck themselves with such gaudy appendages as have lately been provided for the Stewards, and fewer still value them as it might be expected they would do considering the nature of the services these are intended to commemorate. Surely the same rule applies in this case as in that of Past Masters' jewels,—the neater they are the more they are admired.

Referring now to the advantages offered to those brethren who undertake the offices of Steward as recited in Bro. Binckes's letter last week. I quite agree with him that they are numerous, and confer privileges, but trust he will allow me to differ with him on one point—that of their sufficiency.

The additional voting power which is accorded should in itself be sufficient recompense for the expenditure of time and money which occurs, were it universal, but the conditions which are attached—in my opinion—completely nullify the genuineness of the gift (?) which is in fact purchased. Why not confer a vote on every Steward who collects, say twenty-five guineas? leaving the matter of personal donation out of the question. Were this suggestion adopted, many brethren would make a point of *always* being on the look-out for small sums for one or other of the Charities, and, as the voting papers for each election were received by them, they would be reminded how easy it was to obtain another vote for life at an outlay—even under present arrangements as to fees—of but two guineas. The alteration would lead to a few extra votes being issued, but I believe the expense thereof is usually considered, from an advertising point of view, as money well spent. In my own case, I have made up my mind that, unless anything unforeseen occurs, I shall serve as Steward to one or other of the Charities every year, and I hope to be able to take up large lists, but as I understand it, I shall not get any votes on account of my labours unless I make a donation on each occasion of not less than ten guineas. I shall not alter my resolution in consequence of this, but merely point to it as showing my idea of the matter. The same objection occurs in the special boon conferred on Provincial brethren, as to wearing the Charity jewel; the conditions are both unnecessary, and, as Bro. Binckes states, mar the gift. Why should it be compulsory for a brother to travel one or two hundred miles to and from London for a few hours pleasure? and why not recognise lists of smaller amount than one hundred guineas?

The question of advantage "derived by every well regulated mind from the sense of duty done," is, of course, beyond doubt, but I do not think the support of our institutions, or, indeed, of anything else

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would result *merely* from a sense of duty. Some reward must be offered, the question is, of what form and of what value shall it be? I am rather surprised Bro. Binckes should have put this as he has, for he does not seem to have forgotten "that it is the hope of reward that sweetens labour," he, but a few lines earlier in his communication having himself quoted these words.

In conclusion, I would ask, has Bro. Binckes read the letter of "INVICTA" in your issue of 31st ult.? If so, I wonder he has not in some way referred to it. I look upon it as an important one. "INVICTA" states that he has served four, and a friend of his eight Stewardships. Now the opinion of such brethren (I suppose, from the letter, that in this matter it is uniform) should be worth something. What is their opinion? That the money they have spent in attending the Festivals is wasted—they admit, on *themselves*—and that for the future they intend to act differently. Now what will they do? We certainly cannot afford to lose such hearty workers; therefore, why not exert ourselves to keep them?

Apologising for the length of my present communication,

I remain, yours respectfully and fraternally,

ALPHA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think that Bro. Binckes's letters on this subject will command the assent of the great majority of Freemasons. He has stated the case most literally, and argued it, point by point, with the greatest judgment. In my humble opinion the manner in which he has placed some of his arguments is well nigh, if not quite unanswerable. Considering the magnitude of our Charity Festivals, it strikes me the cost which falls upon the Stewards is extremely small. The fee per Steward is now Two Guineas, and the cost of other tickets issued, is a guinea each gentleman's, and fifteen shillings each lady's, or it may be half a guinea. Say there are four hundred gentlemen and two hundred ladies present, and taking the lower fee for the latter, we get the cost of the banquet as five hundred guineas. If we assume, for the sake of argument, that there are two hundred Stewards, then we have from them four hundred guineas, and must add to this sum two hundred guineas for the non-Stewards' tickets, and one hundred guineas for the ladies' ditto, making in all seven hundred guineas or £735. We have already set down the banquet at £525, so that there remains a sum of £210, for music, badges, advertising, &c., &c., &c., and the experience of our latest Festivals is to the effect, that there is a margin or surplus over on the right side of the account, a considerable portion of which finds its way into the coffers of this Institution, which receives also the aggregate of the lists collected without the *deduction of a single farthing*.

If brethren incur more than the two guineas outlay, that is purely a personal question, which in no way affects the main argument. But let those who object to the present system—which, be it remembered, is almost universal in this country—suggest some other which is likely to be more profitable. I fancy they will incur some difficulty in doing so.

Fraternally yours,

P. T.

SCRUTINEERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is not my intention to enter into discussion with Bro. Stevens on a subject that occurred *seven years* ago, my object in writing the record of that event was "to point a moral and adorn a tale," under the circumstance of the heavy punishment passed on the Past Grand Pursuivant, hoping it would have the effect of calling attention to the very imperfect way in which our elections are carried on, and that from letters on the subject some practicable alteration may be effected. All I wrote in your issue of the 7th was *from the Petition* I sent to the General Committee of the Boys' School at that time, which being settled *in my absence* I do not, nor ever did, know the statement Bro. Stevens made, consequently I have nothing to add to, or detract from, that Petition as stating my grievance. Had his brother Committeemen treated me fairly, as any properly organised court would have done, they would not have listened to an *ex parte* statement from one of their body, but have called all parties together, and heard both sides before passing judgment. Query—Is not a reform wanted here? Had Brother Stevens allowed blanks to be substituted for names, this exposure would not have appeared as regards his committee. Now, with regard to Bro. Stevens himself. I can honestly respond to his remarks that, until this unfortunate occurrence, I did not know there was such a person, and do not even remember ever having met him. But I am happy to see my communication has begun to bear fruit already, in a letter from "T. P. B." whose practical suggestions bear on the point. I still maintain our election should be so managed that errors should be impracticable; that even the Scrutineers themselves should be checked, to see that their returns are correct, and not let them—as has happened—return a child as elected, and afterwards find a rejected one should have filled his place. I also maintain that sufficient time is not expended in casting up the votes. The poll closes at three, and generally by five o'clock the successful candidates are declared; the Scrutineers having, in the interim, examined some thousands of votes. If the Ballot Box was used, and the same system adopted as at our Parliamentary elections, no one could by any means anticipate the result.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM BIGGS, P.M., P.Z.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Stevens's letter of last week confirms me in the views I have already expressed, that a way should be found of having only those as Scrutineers who are entirely independent of any interest in any of the candidates—at least from the moment they enter the Scrutineers' Room. Bro. Stevens acknowledges, in a manly, straightforward manner, that he it was who despatched the obnoxious message, while his account of the matter exonerates him from all blame except on the score of indiscretion. I do not refer to the language in which his message was couched—every one knows well enough that it never is intended to be accepted literally; but to his having communicated at all, when once he had entered the Scrutineers' room, with any one outside, whether in answer to a note he had received, or at his own instance. Every one will most readily exonerate Bro. Stevens of intentional blame after the manly explanation he has offered, but there should be no room whatever for even the slightest suspicion of blame to enter into any brother's mind. It is far easier to excite doubts about anything or person than to allay them; and, therefore, if those only are employed as Scrutineers who have no interest in the election, or whose personal interest, as represented by the votes they have cast for their favourite candidates, has passed away before entering the Scrutineers' room. No one could then say he had been misled by a Scrutineer's message to a friend, how harmlessly soever that message may have been intended.

Fraternally yours,

T. P. B.

LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am continually hearing complaints made as to the disposal of Lodge Funds, and that a large number of Lodges do not contribute to the Charities. It certainly is a most un-*Masonic* state of things, and I think it reflects on the members of such Lodges. How can they call themselves Masons—whose leading characteristic is Charity—and yet devote their funds to self-gratification alone? To me this is a "mystery" I hope *not* to be initiated into. Why not adopt the principle of applying all Lodge funds to acts of Charity, and separate the banquet? Let this latter be a special matter. No one would wish to deprive a brother of his refreshment, yet I certainly feel hotel bills unnecessary items in Lodge accounts. Would it not be possible to make it compulsory on all Lodges to contribute something towards the Charities? A useful lesson would be given if all Provincial Grand Lodges made it a rule to bestow no Provincial honours on any brother belonging to a Lodge who had not contributed according to his means to the Charities, and that every Lodge should provide at least one Steward annually. An article in the CHRONICLE of last week mentions, "the average sum required from each Lodge to provide for the accommodation of four more children, in addition to two aged Masons and two widows, is but 6s per annum." Surely so small a sum could be well provided by each Lodge. The practice of forming Charity Associations should be encouraged. One shilling per week subscribed by ten persons, on the same principle as a building society, would ensure two Life Governorships per annum. Surely no Lodge is so impecunious as not to be able to afford this.

No small augmentation to the fund could be raised by a well organised system of banking all Lodge funds, as hinted at in your Editorial last week. If any bank could take up the whole list of Lodges it would be worth the interest; but to open separate accounts at numberless banks would scarcely be practicable, as interest could only be allowed on an accumulated sum, not on individual deposits. As regards the interest, this should be handed over in a lump sum to the Charities, but not apportioned to each Lodge, according to the amount under deposit.

I am afraid I am trespassing on your space, but hope these few hints may prove serviceable to the Charities.

Yours fraternally,

16th September 1878. DICK RADCLYFFE.

APPROACHING ELECTION FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg leave to call the attention of the voters, at the forthcoming election for candidates to the Boys' School, to the fact that the number is reduced to 65 by the withdrawal of No. 3, Henry Newboult, and the ineligibility of No. 43, Henry Webb, who is over age.

Yours fraternally,

C. J. PERCIVAL.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—Held at Bro. Wood's, the Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road, on Tuesday last, the 17th instant. Present—Bros. W. Rowley W.M., Hallam sen. S.W., Gibbs J.W., Halford acting Preceptor, Osborne Sec., Hurst S.D., Moses J.D., Mountstephen I.G.; also Bros. Wood, Munroe, F. Goode, Cosworth, and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Munroe candidate. The W.M. resigned the chair in favour of Bro. Halford, who worked the ceremony of raising, in a masterly manner, Bro. Wood as candidate. Lodge resumed to the first degree. Bro. Cosworth, of the New Concord Lodge No. 813, was elected a member. Bro. Hallam sen. was appointed to preside at next meeting.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ELEANOR CROSS LODGE, No. 1764.

ON Tuesday last the Freemasons of the Province of Northants and Hunts assembled in great force at the Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton, for the purpose of consecrating the Eleanor Cross Lodge and investing brethren to act as Officers for the ensuing year. The Warrant for this Lodge, which was granted by Grand Lodge during the last quarter, was issued on the petition of the following brethren:—M. A. Boémé P.M., T. Whitehouse W.M., F. Gadsby S.W., Hamilton W. Parker J.W., Geo. Ellard I.G., Henry Brown, S. J. W. Sanders Asst. Chap., H. J. Atkins, H. Hill and H. Spoor, all of 360, S. Wathen Wigg and E. Morris of 1391, J. Linnett (Sir Watkin Lodge, Mold, 1477), and C. H. Frank 538. It will thus be seen that the new Lodge starts under most favourable auspices, enjoying as it does the support of the principal members of the Pomfret Lodge, No. 360, which is the only other Lodge in the town. Indeed, we understand that the members of 360 are unanimous in wishing success and prosperity to the new Lodge. Punctually at 12 o'clock the Lodge was opened, under the direction of Bro. James Terry, who was the Officer appointed to perform the ceremony of consecration, he being supported by Bro. Butler Wilkins, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who acted as Installing Master. The usual preliminary business having been most satisfactorily disposed of, Bro. S. Wathen Wigg, the Chaplain elect, delivered the following oration; the whole of those present paying our respected brother the greatest attention, and at the conclusion expressing their appreciation of his address:—

"Right Worshipful Master, Worshipful Sirs, Brethren in the North, East, South and West,—At the erection of all stately and superb edifices it is customary to lay a foundation stone, and to speak some words of admonition and encouragement. We, who are speculative rather than practical Masons, are met here to-day, in the name of the G.A.O.T.U., and in the presence of these worshipful brethren, to lay the foundation stone of a new Lodge, and it has fallen to my lot, by the courtesy of the Consecrating Officer, and the will of the brethren, to speak those words which are customary on such occasions—to strike, albeit with a trembling finger, the key-note which shall swell into glorious harmonies in all the future of the Lodge. It must be evident to you that I cannot approach such a task, so grave in its responsibilities, in the presence of such learned and reverend brethren, young and inexperienced as I am, without considerable hesitation; but as obedience is one of the first Masonic obligations, I feel that while in the path of duty I shall receive that kind consideration which a brother may always expect. I do not propose to-day to discuss the past history of Masonry; that is a subject which has tasked the abilities of many of our most eminent brethren, and is utterly beyond my limited knowledge. I prefer to speak of what Masonry is, rather than of what it was; and in doing so our thoughts naturally cluster around one word, which forms, if I mistake not, the very centre and life of our Order. I need not tell you that it is that word which meets us at the door of the Lodge, abides constantly with us during its solemn sessions, goes with us as we retire to the outer world: a word which never forsakes us at any moment of our existence, and is at the last whispered in faltering accents over our open grave—the simple, but all expressive word "Brother;" the foundation, copestone, and cement of our Order. How often men have tried to realise its true meaning, the page of history records, and with like fidelity it records also repeated failure. A century ago that sacred word was inscribed in flaming letters above the guillotine in the streets of Paris, when the blood of the noble, the pious, the pure was shed like water in the sacred name of fraternity. The Middle Ages saw the same attempt in the monasteries and brotherhoods with which this and other countries abounded, but it took not long for men to discover that the sacred name of brother might be borne by men who possessed none of the brotherly spirit. Once, indeed, men thought that the dawn of the day of universal brotherhood had arrived, at that time when, moved by a new and divine impulse, men sold all they possessed, and threw the proceeds into one general fund, and had all things in common; and so true for a time was this brotherhood that it forced from an astonished heathen world the exclamation, "See how those Christians love one another!" But now, alas! those words are never repeated, except in tones of ineffable sadness by friends, or in the bitterest irony by enemies. But to-day our ancient Order presents to the world a united brotherhood, which has not only stood the test of centuries, but of different races, varied nationalities, widely sundered countries, and of divers creeds. A brotherhood which is based on the common Fatherhood of the Most High. The charge sometimes made, that Masonry is anti-Christian, is utterly false—while every Lodge is consecrated in the name of God—every meeting begun and ended with appeals to His holy name, while that sacred volume is never closed during our session, we can afford to treat such a charge as a misapprehension of the ignorant, or a slander of the malicious. And if I am reminded that every Freemason, as such, lies under the ban of the Bishop of Rome, I answer, first, that the Bishop of Rome has no jurisdiction, either in things civil or ecclesiastical, in the realm of England; and I venture further to add that we are as likely to prosper under his curse as under his blessing; for we, as English Freemasons, cannot forget that some of the proudest names in our history have shared that ban, and that some of the noblest pages in the annals of our country were written while we lay under the Papal interdict. Freemasonry is not a religion; she leaves that great and solemn question to be settled between a man and his God; all she demands of her sons is that they shall adore the Almighty Father—shall love the universal brotherhood—shall visit the widow and the fatherless in their affliction, and keep themselves unspotted from the sins and vices of the world. And her doors are only closed against the atheist and the libertine. The Grand Lodge of England has recently nobly vindicated this principle by refusing to acknowledge as brethren those who have impiously, and in defiance of all Masonic tradition dared to remove the name of the G.A.O.T.U. from their Ritual; by that act they cut themselves off from the universal brotherhood, and from that moment they ceased to be Free and Accepted Masons: they went out from us because they were not of us. Our true safety and strength lies in obedience to the precepts taught us in that Sacred Volume, and by bending in awe and reverence at the name of its Author—by imploring His aid in all our lawful undertakings, and by looking up to Him in every emergency for comfort and support. To us, the officers and brethren of the new Lodge, is committed to-day a solemn charge, in our keeping is placed in all its integrity the honour of our fraternity, and we must use all diligence to see to it that we in like manner transmit it unimpaired to those who shall come after us, and if we would preserve and beautify our ancient and illustrious Order we must not be satisfied with the mere outward trappings of the craft. Wearing an apron does not make a man a Mason, or even the correct knowledge of our working tools and ritual; these are but the emblems of those grand principles which constitute true Freemasonry. A man must be made a Mason in a certain place which we know of before ever he enters the door of the Lodge. And if he be not a Mason in this true sense, no matter what position he may hold, what distinction he may attain to, he has yet to learn the vital principles of our Order. And thus, my brethren, you will readily realise how important it will be for us to keep unworthy men without the door of that Lodge which will be to-day for the first time closed-tyled. We know who are fit and proper persons to be made brethren, and it is at our peril that we admit any others. We are not called upon to make a great number of Masons, but we are called upon to see to it that every man we introduce into our ancient and honourable Order is worthy of that high distinction. And it is our duty also, by our conduct both within and without the Lodge, to impress men favorably with Masonry; to behave within the Lodge in such a manner that those admitted to our fellowship may see our ritual performed with spirit and precision. Much more depends than we are apt to think on the impressions an initiate receives when for the first time he beholds a just, perfect, and regular Lodge. If he sees a careless and negligent behaviour, if the ceremonies are performed in a slovenly manner, if the harmony of the craftsmen are to another, or if the obedience to the Master fails in the smallest point, he his apt to undervalue the great privileges to which he has been admitted. It is one of the boasts of our Order that within the Lodge all brethren are equal, but a Mason is always most careful both within and without the Lodge to respect those distinctions which society on the one hand, and Masonic law on the other, has imposed. It will be the most earnest effort of the Eleanor Cross Lodge to cultivate that spirit of true brotherhood which consists not in the name, but in deed—a brotherhood which is not limited to the confines of our Lodge, but is extended to every Mason dispersed over the face of the earth and sea; and especially will it be our aim to work in harmony and brotherly love with that ancient Lodge already in existence in this town, and as one candle lighted at another does not diminish the light from which it is taken, but leaves it in unimpaired brightness, while adding its own share to the general illumination, so we trust that the Lodge consecrated to-day will not diminish the brightness of the ancient light, but rather aid it in the execution of that duty which for so many years it has performed alone. . . . And when we leave the Lodge, let us not fold up our Masonic principles with our aprons, but carry them with us into our every-day life. We cannot do better than imitate the example of our ancient brethren, the evidences of whose skill remain with us to the present day in those stately cathedrals which adorn and beautify our land. Examine them; and in every perfectly-finished arch, every quaint capital, every bit of carven satire, you will discern evidences of the life and freedom of the workmen. You will find no mechanical slave labour, no details carelessly finished, no part, because it was unseen or inconspicuous, left bare and rough; but every niche, every gable, every bit of tracery, show that the soul of the craftsman was in his work; there was principle in the touch of his chisel, honour in the stroke of his gavel, self-sacrifice in the nice adjustment of his compass. And shall we, brethren, to whom the Great Architect has committed the erection of a far more superb and majestic edifice, fall behind our ancient brethren in the quality of our work? The spiritual temple which day by day we are erecting may well tax our utmost energies, and as we labour we must afford to each other that aid and encouragement of which we all stand in need. And let us be careful, like our ancient brethren, to perform each part of our work with care and exactness, not doing well and carefully that part which our fellow-craftsman and the world at large can see and appreciate, and leaving rough and unfinished that side which meets only the eye of the Great Architect. . . . . Let brotherly love, relief, and truth ever be the principles which animate us, and to them let us add that spirit of self-sacrifice, without which no great work can ever be accomplished. When we call to mind the noble lady whose illustrious name we have ventured to assume as the distinguishing mark of our Lodge, who, as tradition has it, at the risk of her own life, extracted the deadly poison from the arm of her husband, may the devoted spirit which animated her also inspire us, so that we may be ready to face even death itself in the path of duty and honour, until at last the stately temple shall arise in all its grandeur and majesty, and, our work being done, the Great Master shall summon us from labour to an endless refreshment in that region bright,

> "Where wisdom, strength, and beauty, roar
> A temple of eternal light."

The formulæ of the ceremony is doubtless known to our readers, we therefore content ourselves by remarking that Bro. Terry was in excellent form, and was enabled, through the perfect co-operation of the Officers, to make the ceremony one of the most impressive we remember having witnessed. Bro. Terry now placed the gavel in the hands of Bro. Butler Wilkins, Deputy Grand Master of the Province, and introduced the W.M. designate, Bro. M. A. Boémé P.P.G.D.C., &c. A board of installed Masters was then opened,

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and that brother was installed as the first ruler of the Lodge, and he, in due course, invested his officers as follow:—Bro. Rev. S. J. W. Sanders S.W., H. J. Atkins J.W., Rev. S. Wathen Wigg Chaplain, Hamilton J. Parker Treas., Henry Brown Sec., H. Hill S.D., H. Spoor J.D., G. Ellard D. of C., J. Linnett Steward, E. Morris I.G., Kirby and Dean Tylers. The Lodge was now called off for the purpose of attending Divine service at St. Giles's Church, to which the brethren marched in procession in full Masonic clothing, a dispensation having been obtained from the Prov. Grand Master permitting the same. The sermon was preached by the very worshipful Rev. Bro. Rent, Past Grand Chaplain of England, from 1 Kings vi. 7, "And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor ax nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building." At its conclusion a collection was made on behalf of the Northampton Infirmary and the Masonic Charities, and resulted, as was afterwards announced in Lodge, in the sum of £25 0s 2d being raised. On the return of the brethren to the Lodge room the J.W. handed over command to the W.M. Bro. Sanders, the S.W. now rose, he had the gratification of being selected to express to the W.M. the hearty thanks of the founders for the great services he had rendered them. As a mark of their appreciation they asked the W.M. to accept an impression of the founders' jewel which had been designed by the Honorary Secretary. He (Bro. Sanders) would not occupy the time of the Lodge by detailing the virtues of their Master, but would suffice by referring to his past services in connection with Freemasonry. He hoped the Lodge would prosper under his guidance. It was also the wish of his brother founders that the Master would present, in their name, a similar jewel to Bro. Brown, whose services as Secretary during the formation of the Lodge had entitled him to the greatest thanks the Lodge could bestow. The Senior Warden having attached the jewel to the breast of Bro. Boémé, that brother tendered his thanks for the honour conferred on him; he should always wear the jewel with pride. He was gratified that the first duty he had an opportunity of discharging, in his new capacity, was to carry out the wishes of the founders in presenting a jewel to Bro. Brown, as some recognition for his exertions on their behalf. Bro. Brown heartily thanked the brethren, he considered the present the proudest moment he had ever spent in Freemasonry. The names of nine gentlemen for initiation, and one brother for joining, were given in for ballot at the next meeting. A letter of regret at inability to attend was read from the Duke of Manchester, Prov. G. Master. Another from Bro. Atkins, asking the acceptance by the brethren of a set of tracing boards, and, in conjunction with the Pomfret Lodge, No. 360, of a copy of the Installation Engraving, was also read, and the gift suitably acknowledged by the W.M. on behalf of the Lodge, it being further resolved that the thanks of the members be recorded on the minutes. Votes of thanks were also passed to the Rev. R. B. Hull, for having granted the use of the church; to the Rev. Bro. Bent, for his admirable sermon; to Bro. Wigg, for his oration; and to Mr. Ebenezer Law, the organist, and the choir, for their assistance in the services at the church. On the proposition of the S.W., seconded by the J.W., honorary membership was conferred on Bros. Bent, Terry and Butler Wilkins, for their services to the Lodge in having performed the ceremony of consecration. Each of these replied, thanking the members for the honour conferred on them. The W.M. having received hearty good wishes from the visitors, closed the Lodge, and the brethen proceeded to the Town Hall, where the banquet was provided. At its conclusion, grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, followed by those of H.R.H the Prince of Wales Grand Master, the Pro G.M., the D.G.M. and the Officers of Grand Lodge Past and Present, with this latter he coupled the name of Bro. Bent, Past Grand Chaplain, who thanked the brethren, both individually and on behalf of the Grand Officers. The next toast was the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Officers Past and Present. Bro. Butler Wilkins, in replying to this, stated he had a threefold task to perform; first, to thank them on behalf of the Prov. G. Master and Officers of Prov. G. Lodge; 2nd, on behalf of himself; and 3rd, to propose what he considered the toast of the evening. All regretted the absence of the Prov. Grand Master, who was anxious for the success of this addition to the Lodges of the Province. When he (Bro. Wilkins) saw around the board so many distinguished brethren who were wearing the insignia of their Provincial Lodge, he felt that it was an unquestionable sign that Freemasonry was advancing in their part of the country. He had great pleasure in replying on behalf of so important a body, and also in thanking the brethren for their kindness to himself. In proposing prosperity to the Eleanor Cross Lodge, he congratulated the members in having secured so able a Master for their first year, and addressed a few words of warning to the Officers, whom he urged to be particularly careful whom they admitted into their ranks. He coupled with the toast the name of the W.M. Bro. Boémé in replying, expressed his gratification at the whole of the day's proceedings. He had been a Mason for many years, but had never before witnessed the important ceremony which they had taken part in that day. Bro. J. T. Green P.M. 360 gave the next toast—the Officers of the Lodge. All Masons were aware that no Lodge could be worked without proper Officers. Those selected that day seemed to him all that could be desired. Bro. Atkins J.W. responded. He felt that the Officers all appreciated the compliment that had been paid them. He assured the brethren that the Officers had the welfare of the Craft, and especially their own Lodge, at heart, and that their aim would be to carry out their duties as true Masons. He would ask the brethren to drink another toast. Most of the members also belonged to the Pomfret Lodge, and when they considered how that Lodge had helped them: he felt a hearty reception would be accorded the toast. As in many cases the brethren were drinking prosperity to their mother Lodge, we need hardly remark that our Bro. Atkins was correct in his surmise, that great enthusiasm would be displayed. The four Lewises who during the procession to and from the church had borne the volume of the Sacred Law were now introduced, and a very handsomely bound Bible was presented to each, as a memento of their services on the occasion. The Master next gave the health of Bros. Buckle and Simmonds, and thanked them on behalf of the Lodge for the part they had taken in the ceremony. Each responded. Bro. Saunders proposed the health of the visiting brethren, and Rev. J. Bird replied. Bro. P.M. Kingston next gave "the Consecrating Officer." Bro. Terry suitably acknowledged the kind remarks and hearty reception accorded them. He had also to thank the brethren of Northampton, and, indeed, of the entire Province, for the hearty support they accorded the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, especially at the end of last and the beginning of the present years. He considered the result of their labours (upwards of £300) was most creditable for such a comparatively small Province as Northants and Hants. He hoped it would be his privilege to again visit the Eleanor Cross Lodge, which he now left with most hearty wishes for its prosperity. Several other brethren were obliged, in consequence of the train being due, to leave at this time; but those who resided in Northampton spent a very pleasant couple of hours together, many of the brethren contributing songs, &c. It having been remarked that the toast of Prosperity to the Pomfret Lodge had not been replied to, in consequence of the confusion caused by so many of the party leaving to catch the trains, Brother Past Master Green was now called upon to respond; this he did in a few well chosen words. The Pomfret Lodge had been in existence for many years, and was happy in the knowledge that they had sufficient members to come forward and found a new Lodge. They not only hoped to see the Eleanor Cross Lodge prosperous, but hoped the time was not far distant when there would also be an Eleanor Cross Chapter. He thanked the brethren on behalf of No. 360, and assured them they might depend on the Pomfret sticking fast to them, and helping them if at any time in their power. Bro. Butler Wilkins rose, he considered the toast he was about to propose was one which should have been given earlier, but he supposed it had been overlooked. In looking round the tables he had seen many with whose faces he was familiar, but he also saw others who were not members of their own Province. He asked the brethren to drink prosperity to the Leicestershire Lodges, and called upon Bros. Cleaver and Wright to respond to the toast. Bro. Cleaver, in doing so, expressed the gratification he felt sure it would afford the brethren of his Province to hear of the day's proceedings. In his Province the aim of each brother was to do all the good in his power for his brother Masons, and he felt sure from what he had seen to-day, the same feeling was rife in Northampton. Bro. Wright also replied. He referred to the fact of the Chaplain of the new Lodge being a Leicestershire man, and he felt proud that a member of his Province could deliver such an oration as he had that day listened. Some songs followed, and the brethren then separated.

LODGE OF ANCIENT CARTHAGE, No. 1717.

TUNIS, NORTH AFRICA.

The regular meeting of this Lodge, for the purpose of electing a W.M., was held at the Masonic Hall, Tunis, on Friday, the 6th Sept. Present—W. Bros. A. M. Broadley D.G.S.W. Malta W.M., N. Lenghi P.M., Rev. E. B. Frankel S.W., J. E. L. Barker J.W., J. H. Stevens Treasurer, S. Souiller Sec., Dr. A. Perini S.D., G. Pentecost J.D., V.C. Clement D. of C., Rev. E. H. Shepherd Chaplain, Paleologo I.G., Lambroso and Schembri Stewards, H. Haylock Tyler, and over thirty other members of the Lodge, with three visitors. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, P.M. Bro. N. Lenghi rose and begged in the name of the Officers and members of the Lodge, to present a P.M.'s jewel, of the value of twelve guineas, to W. Bro. Broadley, as well as an illuminated address on vellum, signed by the Secretary on behalf of fifty members of the Lodge. Bro. Lenghi said, that the great prosperity of the Lodge itself, as well as the revival of Masonry in Tunis, must be ascribed to the zeal and activity of their present W. Master, and concluded by calling on the Secretary to read the address. Bro. Lenghi's remarks were received with loud applause. The address having been read, Bro. Broadley returned thanks, and expressed his strong desire not to be re-elected, as he needed some repose after the labours of his year of Mastership. The ballot was then taken, and it resulted in twenty-nine out of the thirty-three members who voted recording their vote for the re-election of Bro. Broadley. W. P.M. Lenghi called on Bro. Broadley to bow to the decision of the Lodge in the matter, and carry out the good work he had begun. Bro. Broadley then said that, after this expression of the opinion of the Lodge, he felt bound to again accept office, and would try to once more uphold the fame and reputation of the Lodge. Bro. A. Blanch was unanimously elected Treasurer. A vote of thanks was awarded to the scrutineers of the Ballot. W. Bro. Dr. Magnaini P.M., 32°, and Bros. Dr. Funaro and Parisote. The P.M.'s jewel presented to W. Bro. Broadley excited much admiration. The Lodge of Ancient Carthage now numbers nearly sixty members, and it is expected that petitions will be soon presented for Lodges at the seaport towns of the Goletta and Susa, so that English Masonry may be almost safely said to have taken firm root on the shores of North Africa.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

AT a Council held on Saturday, at Balmoral, where the Queen still remains, it was ordered that Parliament, which stood prorogued to the 2nd of November, be further prorogued to the 30th of that month. The Prince of Wales left Brantingham Thorpe on Saturday, and returned to London. On Monday H.R.H. left for Abergeldie Castle, Aberdeenshire. The Duke of Connaught arrived in London on Tuesday, on his way from Potsdam to Balmoral. The Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne left Balmoral on Wednesday for Inverary.

The inquests on the victims of the collision on the Thames continue from day to day. On Monday, evidences of identification having been concluded, the first mate and the seaman who was steering the unfortunate vessel were examined, while on Tuesday, other of the men engaged in the navigation of the vessel, were brought forward. On Wednesday, the principal witnesses were passengers who were on board at the time of the collision, and these, as well as those examined on Thursday, seem to agree that it was impossible for the Princess Alice to have avoided the collision. The fund at the Mansion House being raised on behalf of those left destitute by the accident, now exceeds £23,000.

From an official statement made to the Lord Mayor it appears that 258 lives were lost by the explosion in the Abercarn pit. Of these 131 have left widows, and 363 children are rendered orphans by the calamity. The work of flooding the mine to extinguish the fire has been completed, and steps have been taken to at once commence the pumping out, which it is anticipated will take at least a month. The inquest which has been opened has been adjourned for that time it being impossible to proceed further until an inspection of the pit has taken place. A fund for the relief of the sufferers has been opened at the Mansion House, and up to the present time upwards of £8,000 has been received on account thereof.

The two Fenian prisoners, Condon and Melody, have been released, in accordance with the instructions of the pardon granted on their behalf.

Hobart Pasha, who has been unexpectedly recalled to resume his duties as Inspector General of the Turkish Fleet, has left London for Constantinople for that purpose.

An obstinate resistance is still made to the Austrian troops in some parts of Bosnia. Latest advices from Vienna, however, state that the operations of the force under Field Marshal Bienert, which begun with the passage of the Save have been proceeded with without opposition, and that the troops now occupy the line from Sakova and Gradacac towards the Bosna. The inhabitants of the district of Bangaluka are being disarmed without much trouble, and it is expected that the insurgents will shortly surrender the stronghold of Bihach, near which place General Zach and Reinlander's brigades are stationed. The Austrians are reported to have burnt Breka, on the Save, in consequence of the treason of the inhabitants, and now only require to subjugate Bielina Tuzla and Svornik to complete their occupation of Eastern Bosnia. A circular memorandum has been prepared by the Porte refuting the charge of delay on its part, in carrying out the stipulations of the Berlin Treaty; it will shortly be sent to the Powers. It is estimated that 50,000 Russian troops have now embarked from San Stefano, at which place the operation is still in progress. Mousa Pasha has assumed command of Erzeroum, the evacuation by the Russians having been completed. The Servians are actively engaged in military preparations, and, it is stated, daily expect a subsidy from Russia. In France, a grand military review, at which Marshal MacMahon and the Duke of Cambridge were present, has been held at Vincennes. The troops on the ground numbered upwards of 50,000 men, and generally exhibited improvement compared with that displayed at any such gathering held in that country for some years past. The German Parliament has been engaged for two days on the Anti-Socialist Bill, which was ultimately referred to a committee. From the United States it is reported that the new cases of yellow fever appear to be decreasing in some towns, but that the epidemic still extensively prevails. Some cases have occurred at Jamaica, but it is hoped the measures taken to stop the progress of the malady will be successful in staying its ravages. In view of its appearance at some of the ports of North America, the English authorities have issued orders as to the measures to be adopted should it appear in any of our ports. From the Transvaal news of a disquieting nature is received. The Zulu police have mutinied, and the Caffres are assuming the offensive. Fort Weber has been attacked, and Leydenburg surrounded. In consequence of the dissatisfaction caused by the policy of the Government, many volunteers refuse to serve longer, and are returning home.

THE GRAND MASTERSHIP OF SCOTLAND.—We, *Scotsman*, are authorised to state that Mr. Inglis, of Torsonce, the

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Depute Grand Master Mason of Scotland, has declined to comply with the requisition, signed by about 500 members of the Masonic Order, to allow himself to be nominated Grand Master, in consequence of the expressed desire of the present Grand Master, Sir M. R. Shaw-Stewart, to retain office for another year.

Bro. Erasmus Wilson and his *confrère*, Bro. John Dixon, have received a congratulatory telegram from the Queen on the successful termination of their labours in connection with the Egyptian Obelisk, Cleopatra's Needle.

The City of London Orchestral Union will give the First Concert of their Twelfth Season on Wednesday next, at the Albion Hall, London Wall. Bro. G. T. H. Seddon, S.W. 174, is the Conductor, and Arthur Gee, P.M. 174, is the Treasurer. The Concert will begin at eight p.m.

We have before us a copy of the Report of the Directors of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company for the half-year ending the 30th June 1878, which was laid before the Proprietors at the Ordinary General Meeting on Thursday. The Directors begin by announcing that the general working of the Company during the half-year has been most satisfactory. They then announce that they have taken advantage of the low price of coal, in order to secure contracts for all the coal that will be required to March 1880; that they have resolved on reducing the price of gas to the general consumer to 3s 9d per 1,000 cubic feet, the reduction to take effect from the Michaelmas quarter; and also that the Reports of the Gas Examiners of the Parishes supplied by the Company, with respect to the illuminating power of the gas and its freedom from sulphuretted hydrogen, were, as usual, satisfactory. They conclude their Report with the announcement that the Profit and Loss Accounts amount to £11,103 2s 11d, out of which they recommend the Declaration of a Dividend for the half-year to 30th June last at the following rates, namely: at 6 per cent. per annum on the Preference Stock; at 7 per cent. per annum on the Ordinary Seven Per Cent. Stock; at 10 per cent. per annum on the Ordinary Ten Per Cent. Stock; and at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum on the New Ordinary Seven Per Cent. Shares—all less income tax. This will absorb £10,188 16s 10d, and leave a sum of £914 6s 1d to be carried forward to the profit of the next half year. Appended are various Statements of Account, from which we have gleaned the following interesting particulars:—The paid-up Capital of the Company includes the old Preference Stock (50,000), Ordinary Seven Per Cent. ditto (£125,000), and Ordinary Ten Per Cent. (£75,000), making together £250,000, to which must be added £29,874 12s of the New Ordinary Seven Per Cent. Stock, bringing the total up to £279,874 12s. Against this is set the expenditure till end of half year, amounting to £255,321 1s 8d, leaving a balance unexpended of £24,553 10s 4d. There were consumed during the period 19,883 tons of coal against 20,075 tons received, the quantity in store on 30th June being 11,443 tons, or somewhat in excess of the amount in store on 31st December preceding. The Reserve Fund amounts to £8,275 5s 10d, the Contingent Fund to £10,000, and the Insurance Fund to £1,894 2s 10d. On the Revenue Account there is a balance of £12,550 17s 4d, which has arisen thus. The sale of gas yielded £37,108 4s 3d, £638 2s 4d being for Meter Rental, and the rest for Gas Rental, and the sale of Residual Products £9,589 18s 1d, making a total receipt of £46,698 2s 4d. Against this must be set the following expenditure:—Manufacture of Gas £25,810 12s 5d, Distribution of Gas £2,537 18s 3d, Public Lamps £680 3s 11d, Rents, Rates, and Taxes 1,529 6s 7d, and Expenses of Management £2,798 0s 6d. These, with sundry other items, raise the aggregate of the expenditure to £34,147 5s, leaving, as we have just said, a balance of £12,550 17s 4d. From the General Balance Sheet it appears there is £18,616 7s 2d, that there is coal, &c., in stock and in transit to the value of £17,427 2s 9d, the sum of £13,117 0s 5d is due for Gas and Meter Rental, and £1,154 1s 9d for Residual Products.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

Goodwill, No. 711, Port Elizabeth.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, on the 6th August. The chair was occupied by Bro. C. T. W. Monat, M.W. Dist.G.S.D., the following Officers, members, and Visitors being present, namely:—Bros. Jas. Brister Treas. acting as S.W., Geo. King J.W., W. Gilbert S.D., A. Guthrie J.D., T. Staines Secretary, and J. Newsome I.G.; S. R. White I.P.M., F. D. Deare P.M., I. C. Kennedy P.M., S. Bain D.D.G.M. of the East Province of South Africa, Rev. Dr. Wirgman, H. E. Tonks, E. R. Smythe, Ashburnham, Howell, Gay, Tunbridge, Forsaith, Gibbs, Sutter, Read P.M. and Probate, both of the Cape of Good Hope Lodge, No. 863, F. Holms. Bro. Constable P.M. 185 was only introduced, and proved himself to the satisfaction of the W.M.; but the latter having called upon him to retire during the ceremony of opening and the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Constable did not present himself again during the evening, though he was given to understand that if he insisted on his right to be present, the W.M. would waive all objection. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting held on 2nd July, as well as those of the Emergency Meeting on the 23rd of that month, having been read and confirmed, Messrs G. N. Walker and C. V. Freeman were balloted for as candidates for initiation, and declared elected. Bros. F. Cheese, of No. 683, S. S. Hunter, of No. 281, and W. C. Johnson, No. 1359, were balloted for, and elected joining members. Bro. Wirgman was then raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being ably and impressively rendered by the W.M. A motion by Bro. J. C. Kemsley P.M., to the effect that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. S. A. White I.P.M., was carried, and so was a motion by Bro. S. Bain P.M., that in accordance with the request of D.G. Lodge, the sum of five shillings per member on account be remitted, the amount being placed to the credit of the Lodge in the books of District Grand Lodge. The report of the Standing Committee on District Grand bye-laws was received in part, but sundry questions were raised, and referred back to the Committee for further information. The Auditor's report was received and adopted, after which Lodge was "called off," it being announced that labour would be resumed at 7.30 p.m. the following day, and the brethren adjourned to an informal banquet, a mere slight repast, the only incident of note in connection with this being the discussion among those present as to whether Bro. Constable was constitutionally right in his demand to be present at the opening of the Lodge and during the confirmation of the minutes. Many brethren objected to the action of the Worshipful Master, and applauded Bro. Constable for the course he had adopted. This was stated to be the second instance in which a visitor had retired, owing to the same cause. On the following evening the Lodge again assembled, and after the customary preliminaries, Messrs. G. W. Walker and C. V. Freeman were initiated into the mysteries of the first degree, the W.M., as on the day previous, performing the ceremony with his wonted ability. The Lodge was then closed. We shall offer a few remarks next week on the propriety of this system of distributing the business over two evenings.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The brethren present were Bros. J. M. Clabon (President), Joshua Nunn (Senior Vice President), James Brett (Junior Vice President), John Hervey (Grand Secretary), A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, Col. Burney, E. P. Albert, H. Bartlett, Joseph Wright, H. Garrod, W. Stephens, C. F. Hogard, S. Rawson, W. Russell, W. Mann, W. Groome, Thomas Deane, W. Stuart, G. R. Shervill, G. P. Britten, John White, J. D. Matthews, H. Massey, and W. H. Cohen. There were only fourteen new petitions before the Lodge, and these were relieved with a total sum of £390. Bro. Garrod informed the Lodge that since the last meeting one of the elected members, Bro. Craven Procter Cobham, was unfortunately lost in the collision between the Princess Alice and the Bywell Castle. Lodge was then closed.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked as under:

At the Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, Mile End, on the 22nd September, at 7 o'clock precisely. Bro. Stephens, No. 1623, will preside. Bros. Barnes P.M. No. 933 and No. 554 S.W., Ellis No. 933 J.W., Candick P.M. No. 1421 I.P.M. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. D. Moss, Musto, Shepherd, Calver, Taylor, Yetton, and Williams; SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Ellis, Fieldwick, Burr, Webb, and Andrews; THIRD LECTURE—Bros. I. P. Cohen, Sinster, and Job. Bro. Wm. Musto P.M. 1349 Hon. Sec.

At the Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, No. 749, Harp Tavern, Jermyn-street, Regent-street, by the brethren of the Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435, on Friday, 27th September 1878. Bros. Cull (S.D. 1446) W.M., Farwig (S.W. 180) S.W., Colleus (D.C. 766) J.W. Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. Bro. G. Wilson, (Org. 1321) Hon. Sec. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Waugh, Richardson, Hancock, Colleus, Beifrage, Farwig, and Coulton; SECOND LECTURE — Bros. Wynne, Watts, Hurdell, Docker, and Davis; THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Hunter, Wright, and Wray.

The installation meeting of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, took place on Thursday. Bro. C. K. Crouch is the new W.M. Report shall appear in our next.

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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 SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

MONDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
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.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)

TUESDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, 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, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
180—Industry, The Restaurant, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W.
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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
117—Wynstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
290—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.
R. A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
K. T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire.

WEDNESDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
212—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1424—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury.
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds.
418—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
998—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester.
1119—St. Bede, Mechanic's Institute, Jarrow.
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Manchester.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1285—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1596—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead.
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton.
R. A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Beckenham Swimming Baths.
M. M.—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
M. M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Mosley-st., Newcastle.

THURSDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fenchurch-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Cheyne's, 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—Yarrow-nk, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
720—Pleasure Gen. L. of Inst., Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road Brixton, at 8.
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1326—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1574—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston.
1753—City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
1812—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1877—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1613—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

78—Imperial George, Asshcaton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
344—St. John, Bulls 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.
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Fylde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester.
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1620—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple street, Newcastle.
R. A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale.
R. A. 282—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
M. M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
K. T. Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale.
K. T.—Plains of Manre, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
K. T.—William de la More, Assembly Rooms, Bootle.

FRIDAY, 27th 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. (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.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
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 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Installation.)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet.
1385—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
R. A. 282—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.
K. T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.

SATURDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
1431—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst.
R. A. 306—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

York Mark Lodge (Time Immemorial).—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening. Present—Bros. T. B. Whytehead W.M., T. Cooper P.M. as S.W., William Valentine J.W., Rev. W. C. Lukis Chaplain, J. Hollins M.O., J. Tinsman S.O., Hodgson as J.O., J. S. Camberland S.D., T. Humphries as J.D., A. T. B. Turner I.G., T. S. Camidge as Org., J. Redfare Tyler, Sir James Meek P.M., and several other members and Visitors. A ballot having been taken for three candidates, the ceremony of advancement was worked, and five brethren were made Mark Master Masons. Bro. A. T. B. Turner presented to the Lodge a collar jewel for the office of Deacon. The election of W.M. was the next business, and the Senior Warden, Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, was unanimously chosen, the W.M. reading a letter of apology from the S.W., who was absent in Scotland. Bro. T. Cooper P.M. was unanimously re-elected as Treasurer, and Bro. J. Redfare as Tyler. At the close of the Lodge a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was held. Present—Bros. T. B. Whytehead N., G. Simpson as J., T. Cooper S., W. C. Lukis Chaplain, J. S. Camberland S.D., A. T. B. Turner Guardian, J. Redfare Warder, and six brethren were elevated in the degree. There was a good muster afterwards at the supper table, and a social evening was spent. The York Mark Lodge now numbers over 90 subscribing members.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 16th inst. Present—Bros. J. A. Powell W.M., Wing S.W., W. Rowley J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner sec., Hallam sen. S.D., Hallam jun. J.D., Millington I.G., also Bros. Pearcy, Gardner, Isaac, Millward, Killick, &c. All formalities having been observed, the Lodge was advanced to the second degree. Bro. Gardner answered the questions and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the W.M. worked the ceremony of raising in an excellent manner; being efficiently supported by the various Officers of the Lodge; the ceremony included the traditional history. The W.M. worked the first, and Bro. Pearcy the third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down, and Bro. Wing was elected to preside at the next meeting.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—At Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on Wednesday, 11th September. Bros. Dunn W.M., Pigot S.W., Tremere J.W., Thompson S.D., Hutchinson J.D., Edmonds I.G., P.M. Walker No. 27 acting Preceptor, H. B. D. Dunn Secretary. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. T. Goode candidate. Bro. Durrant, candidate for raising, was examined, entrusted, and that ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Pigot P.M. was elected W.M. for ensuing week. Bro. Durrant, of Lodge No. 648, was elected a member.

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Lodge of St. Michael, No. 1273, Sittingbourne.—The Installation Meeting was held at the St. Michael's School-room, on Thursday, the 12th inst., when Bro. H. Tuff, the Senior Warden, was duly installed as W. Master. There was but little other business, so that when the minutes had been confirmed, and a candidate balloted for and approved (but not initiated), the installation ceremony was at once proceeded with. The Installing Master was the then Worshipful Master, and now Immediate P.M., Bro. Seale, who acquitted himself so thoroughly well as to gain the approval of every one present, and at the conclusion of the ceremony a vote of thanks was, at the instance of Bro. Goldfinch, heartily accorded to him for his efficient working. The W.M. invested the following as his Officers—Bros. H. G. Sutton S.W., J. M. Longhurst J.W., Geo. Payne Treas., T. Henham Sec., W. Challender S.D., A. F. Tucker J.D., J. Potter I.G., H. Black Dir. Ceremonies, R. Murrell Tyler. Other members of the Lodge present were:—Bros. B. Taylor I.P.M., W. J. Harris P.M., C. Burley P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent, J. M. Goldfinch P.M. P.P.G.D. Kent, H. Penfold P.M. and several others. Amongst the Visitors were:—Bros. Rev. W. A. Hill G.C., G. Watson P.M. 1050 P.G. Reg. Kent, H. Bathurst P.M. 133 P.P.G. Reg. Kent, F. F. Giraud P.M. 133 P.P.J.G.D. Kent, H. S. Naylor W.M. 1449 P.G.S. Kent, A. Ranson P.M. 1050, H. G. Clarkson W.M. 1089, E. J. Penney P.M. 1089, J. P. Griffin P.M. 1050, H. Miskin S.D. 1449, M. Barnes W.M. 1050, J. Gambrell 1050, C. Tuff 184, J. P. Watts W.M. 158, T. Deane W.M. 77, J. Saffery J.W. 1089, W. H. Ruskine W.M. 184, J. R. Foord S.W. 503, A. Aubrey S.D. 127, E. Hogben 133, A. Sales 706, A. Barfield S.W. 35. The banquet was held at the Bull Hotel, and did credit to the host, Bro. J. Owens; he was not, however, present, owing to a recent bereavement. The Chaplain having said grace, the toast list was proceeded with, the Queen and the Craft, and M.W. Grand Master were briefly yet ably proposed by the W.M., and were of course heartily received. The third toast contained the names of the R.W. the Pro G. Master, the Deputy G.M., and the Grand Officers. In proposing this toast the W.M. said he must congratulate the Craft upon having such a Pro Grand Master. He had two or three times lately had to deal with most delicate matters, notably in the matter of the Grand Orient of France, and still more lately on a yet more delicate question, and he had proved himself able to grapple with emergencies. The qualities required in a ruler were gentleness and firmness, and these were found admirably combined in the Earl of Carnarvon. He spoke in high terms of the other Grand Officers, and passed a warm eulogy on the worth of Bro. Hill, one of the Grand Chaplains, whose name he coupled with the toast. The Rev. Bro. Hill, in an eloquent speech, said how proud he felt to find himself associated and named with such eminent men as those to whom reference had been made. Alluding to the able and thorough manner in which the affairs of Grand Lodge were conducted, he remarked that unless men came well to the front, it were better they should not come forward at all. He said it so much depended upon the chiefs doing their work thoroughly and well, whether the other officials came up to their work; a little laxity at head quarters was an excellent excuse for laxity elsewhere. It was an honour to Masons to have such men to guide their destinies. We had also the sympathies of our Queen, who was the daughter of a Mason, and who had three sons who were Masons. The reverend Chaplain then alluded to and reproduced some of the observations which had fallen from the Earl of Carnarvon on the occasion of the inauguration of the Lord Falkland Memorial. The favour of serving under these distinguished men, he told the brethren, he owed not to himself, but to the popularity he had obtained amongst them. Whether he deserved that popularity or not, he did not know, but he intended if possible to keep it. Viscount Holmesdale's name was next proposed as Provincial Grand Master, and very cordially received. The W.M. believed that, as a Prov. G.M., he had no superior, and very few, if any, equals; and this, he thought, must be the opinion of all who had witnessed the excellent way in which he had conducted the business at the late meeting at Canterbury, the most successful ever held in the Province. This toast was followed by that of the Deputy Prov. G.M. and the Prov. Grand Officers, the name of Bro. Payne, one of the Grand Officers, and Treasurer of this Lodge, being associated with it. The W.M., in giving the toast, said that the Lodge owed a great debt of gratitude to Bro. Payne. He was a man who was always at his post. Indeed, he thought he might almost say that Bro. Payne had never failed to attend Lodge; at any rate, he was sure he had always been there unless prevented by sickness or some very pressing emergency. They had, moreover, to thank him as their Treasurer for having so long taken care of their deficit for them, although he was glad to say that the balance was now in their favour. He thought too that never had an honour been more justly deserved than that which the Prov. Grand Lodge had lately bestowed upon him. Bro. Payne in a suitable response urged upon the younger brethren the necessity of regular attendance, especially if they held office. He made a touching allusion to the serious illness of Bro. Wood, a P.M. of the Lodge, for whom he begged the consideration and prayers of the Lodge. He concluded by making a brief financial statement, showing how the Lodge had, nine years ago, started in debt, and how that, by judicious and careful management, they now had a very fair balance in the hands. Owing to the rather awkward train-service, some of the toasts which followed had to be hurried over, in order that that of the Visitors might be reached before they were compelled to leave. The toast of the W.M. was of course enthusiastically received. To this he made an able response, and in the course of his remarks referred to the sad catastrophes which had lately happened, one of them in their very midst. Relief, he said was one of the great principles of the Order, and he appealed to the brethren then present to contribute their mites in aid of the sufferers from the foundering of the Princess Alice, and asked them to respond as heartily to this appeal as they had to the last toast. The sum of £6 was at once collected, which the W.M. promised to send to the Mansion House Relief Fund, as a contribution from the Lodge of St. Michael and its Visitors. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Installing Master the I.P.M., whom he complimented upon the zeal and assiduity with which he had performed his duty during the period he had filled the chair, as well as upon his crowning effort in so successfully installing his successor. It gave him great pleasure to pin upon his breast the jewel which the Lodge, in recognition of his worth, had voted him. The reception of the toast proved that the brethren heartily appreciated Bro. Seale's successful efforts. After Bro. Seale had responded, the W.M. gracefully proposed the Visitors, and coupled with that toast the name of Bro. Barfield, of Lodge No. 35, who had come all the way from the Isle of Wight to do him honour. Bro. Barfield, in reply, regretted that he had been, until that day, a perfect stranger to every one present, except their W.M. He had been, he said mixed up with Masonry for 35 years. He compared Masonry as it was then with Masonry as it is now, and mentioned, in proof of its improvement, that the amount bestowed last year upon charitable purposes reached nearly £40,000! Its numbers had lately received vast augmentation, but he was afraid that the bounds were overstepped in this respect. He feared some Lodges showed hardly sufficient discrimination in the selection of members, and judging from his own experience, he thought this was particularly the case in some London Lodges. In spite, however, of this fear, he could not help feeling that this was doing a certain amount of good, for he was sure that Masonry would tend to make every man better. He complimented the Lodge upon their working, remarking that he had never seen better in a country Lodge. The Past Masters of the Lodge were next toasted, for whom Bro. Penfold responded, and the toast of the Officers of the Lodge, proposed by Bro. Harris, brought the list to a close. The music was under the direction of Bro. Aubrey, and during the evening Bro. Arthur Thomas, an excellent tenor, sang some capital songs. Altogether, the Lodge has every reason to congratulate itself upon so successful a meeting.

Royal Jubilee Chapter.—The usual September meeting was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Thursday, the 12th inst. Ex. Comp. T. Foxall M.E.Z. presided, with Ex. Comp. Durkin H., Ex Comp. Stephens P.Z. acting J., Comps. J. Nunn Scribe E., Thurston P.S., Salter 1st Asst. S., Strobe 2nd Asst. S.; Jaceard, H. Lovegrove, Dunn, Laskey P.Z., Dodson P.Z., &c. Comp. Gluckstein P.Z., Faith Chapter, was the only visitor. The Companions appeared in Masonic mourning, owing to the death of Comp. Harvey J. since the last meeting. The candidate for exaltation not being in attendance, the election of Officers was proceeded with, and the result of the ballot showed that the following were elected to office for the ensuing year:—Comps. T. Durkin M.E.Z., J. Nunn H., Lovett J., T. Foxall P.Z. Scribe E., Dunn Scribe N., H. Lovegrove P.S., Potter Janitor. Since the formation of the Chapter Comp. Nunn has been most energetic as Scribe E., and the Companions were unanimous in electing him to the second chair. At the conclusion of the business of the convocation, the Companions adjourned to banquet.

Domatic Chapter of Instruction.—To those of our readers who enjoy, and can appreciate, a couple of hours in Royal Arch Masonry we say,—Attend the Domatic Chapter of Instruction, held at the Union Tavern, Aire-street, Regent-street. Apart from listening to the ceremony of exaltation, invariably well rendered, we have had the pleasure on several occasions of hearing some of the clauses of the sections, or one of the beautiful lectures with which this part of Masonry abounds, worked in a manner that reflects credit upon the able teachers of Capitular Freemasonry who so frequently attend this Chapter. The meetings are held on Wednesdays, at 7.30, all the year round, and seldom less than twenty Companions assemble. On Wednesday last, the business consisted of the ceremony of exaltation, a portion of the first section of the first lecture, the election of Officers for the ensuing fortnight, and the election as members of Comps. Willing jun., and Douglas (Standard Theatre). Amongst the Companions we noticed Comps. Bull, Haslett, Cameron, J. Boyd, Manders, Belfrage, J. J. Boyd, Robinson, &c., &c. The P.S., whose name we were unable to catch, did his work in a very efficient manner. We understand there has been but two blank nights since the resuscitation of the Chapter some three years since. We wish it every success.

Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044. — A meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth. Bro. H. R. Jones W.M. presided, and was supported by the following Officers and brethren:—Bros. W. A. Morgan S.W., Alf. Newens J.W., H. Wilson Treas., J. Frost Sec., J. B. Walker S.D., W. J. Huntley J.D., S. C. Landon D.C., J. J. Holland I.G., J. Wardroper Steward, J. G. Carter P.M., E. H. Boldy P.M., P. Cooke P.M., F. H. Newens P.M., C. W. Gray P.M., Geo. Howick P.M., F. Reed R. Walker, P. V. Denham, G. Clark, John Sanders, G. W. Smith, W. J. Springett, H. F. Goodchild, George Fortescue, R. Neal, F. Knipler, and A. A. Denham. The following Visitors honoured the Lodge with their attendance:—Bros. Wildey Wright (the eminent barrister), Dr. Joseph Oakman, R. H. Smith, Geo. Brooks, Jas. Wright, A. Mason, T. F. K. Smith, and A. B. Morgan. The Lodge having been opened, the usual formal business was proceeded with, Bro. P. V. Denham was then raised to the degree of M.M., and Bro. John Sanders passed to the second degree. The installation of Bro. W. A. Morgan as W.M. was then proceeded with, the installing Master being Bro. Boldy. At the conclusion of the business a banquet was provided, and served in the most *recherché* style, complete satisfaction being expressed at Bro. Dougherty's catering. The usual toasts were given from the chair, and were responded to by the brethren in a truly Masonic manner. The W.M. elect justly praised the retiring W.M., Bro. H. R. Jones, for his abilities. The toast of the Visitors was eloquently replied to by Bros. Wildey Wright, Dr. Oakman, and other brethren.

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Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607.—This Lodge held its installation meeting on Saturday, the 14th September, at the Alexandra Palace, Wood Green. Present—Bros. Frederick Brown W.M. supported by his Officers; Bro. John Newton I.P.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. C. H. Webb, is universally, and most deservedly respected, hence we were not surprised to find a large assemblage of distinguished Masons had assembled to do him honour. Amongst these we may mention Past Masters Bros. Jas. Terry 228 P.J.W. Herts, &c., T. J. Barnes 554, W. Musto 1349, H. D. Stead 1297, Martin 1584, Richards 1584, S. H. Rawley 174, Wallington 860, Brown 180; T. J. Maidwell W. Master 27, Appleby W. Master 174, Seddon Senior Warden 174, Weige Senior Warden 860, W. Fraser 174, J. S. Fraser 174, Harvey 174, W. Beedell 12, Cole, Slaiter 804, Tisney 1275, &c. On the opening of the Lodge all formalities were complied with, and Mr. William Giller was regularly initiated into the mysteries of our Order. Bro. A. A. Perceval was a candidate for passing, and he having exhibited sufficient knowledge to warrant his advancement, received the benefits of the second degree. Bro. Fredk. Brown then ably completed his year's work by installing his successor, performing this task in an eminently satisfactory way. After Bro. Webb had received the salutations of the brethren, he appointed his Officers:—C. J. Perceval Senior Warden, Wyatt Junior Warden, John Newton P.M. Secretary, E.G. Legge (W.M. 1196) Treasurer, Beedell Senior Deacon, Knill Junior Deacon, Carr D.C., Large Steward, Jones I.G., Verry Tyler. Bro. Brown was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, and after tendering his thanks, he intimated that he had a desire to represent the Lodge at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution. The offer was readily accepted by the members. The report of the auditors was adopted, and the proposition—"The Committee having made arrangements with Messrs. Bertram and Roberts, propose that in future the meetings of the Lodge take place on the second Saturdays of the months of April, May, June, July, and September, and that the bye-laws be altered in accordance therewith"—having been discussed, it received the approval of the Lodge. However, the next meeting will be held on the second Saturday in October, as the minutes for this new arrangement will then have to be confirmed. The Lodge was then closed. The banquet was capitally served by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, and the Toast List—an ample one—was fully honoured. We regret the pressure on our space prevents our reporting the speeches, which were highly complimentary, and much appreciated by those who listened to them.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday evening, at 7.30. Present—Bros. Maidwell W.M., Da Silva S.W., Biddle J.W., Norden S.D., Head J.D., Hollands I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, Atkins P.M. Treasurer, and other brethren. The ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed, Bro. Powell acting as candidate. The first and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Powell, assisted by the brethren.

York Lodge, No. 236.—At the regular meeting of this Lodge on Monday evening, the W.M. Bro. the Rev. W. Valentine presiding, supported by his Officers, there being also present Bros. W. Lawton P.M., J. Todd P.M., Thos. Cooper P.M., Chas. Smith P.M., T. B. Whytehead W.M. 1611, &c. A vote of condolence was moved by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. W. Lawton P.M. with the family of the late Treasurer, Bro. W. Cowling P.M., both mover and seconder speaking in high terms of Bro. Cowling's high Masonic talents, and the loss the Lodge had sustained by his death. Bro. J. Todd then moved, and Bro. T. B. Whytehead seconded, a motion that the Lodge do go into mourning for the space of three months in memory of their late Treasurer. Both resolutions having been carried, the Lodge proceeded to elect a Treasurer, and the unanimous vote fell upon Bro. J. Todd P.M., who thanked the brethren for this mark of their confidence.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—At Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. Present—Bros. A. W. Fenner W.M., Byng S.W., W. Rowley J.W., Cosworth Preceptor, Main Sec., Halford S.D., Pearcy J.D., S. George I.G.; also Bros. Trewinnard, White, Fysh, &c. All preliminaries having been duly observed, Bro. Cosworth gave proof of his proficiency, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M., who gave the traditional history; the Officers ably assisted. Bro. Pearcy worked the second and third sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge closed down, and Bro. Pearcy worked the first and second sections of the first Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. W. Rowley of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 917, and White of the Kingsland Lodge, No, 1693, were elected members. Bro. Byng was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bro. Carr W.M., Christian S.W., Polak J.W., Richard Dallas Sec., Smyth Treasurer, Slaiter S.D., Brasted J.D., Marshall I.G., Webb (W.M. Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607) Acting Preceptor; also Bros. Allen, Finch, Lorkin, Borer, Weige, Wardell, Morgan, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Taylor candidate. Bro. Webb then took the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of the third degree, Bro. Weige officiating as the candidate. Lodge was then regularly closed down. Bro. Christian will preside on Tuesday evening next. After the business of the evening had been disposed of, the brethren spent an hour in social converse, interspersed with some capital songs, Bro. Weige rendering goodly assistance as accompanyist. The worthy Preceptor, Bro. Wallington, was not present, a fact that was noticed as of rare occurrence, no member of the Lodge—if we except the Secretary—being more regular in his attendance.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, 18th September, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street. Bros. Abell W.M., Hallam S.W., Vizzard J.W., Long Preceptor, and others. After the confirmation of the minutes, the Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and the sections of the third were worked. Lodge was then removed to the second, and Bro. Drury having offered himself as a candidate, was entrusted and raised. Bro. Hallam was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge closed.

Upton Lodge, No. 1227. — Held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Spotted Dog, Upton. Present—Bros. B. Lyon W.M., Webster S.W., Andrews J.W., A. W. Fenner S.D., Lane J.D., Clark I.G., Wayland Treasurer, Viniocombe Sec., R. W. Pearcy W.S., Gullick Tyler. A fair muster of the brethren were present, including P.M.'s Brown and D. Posener; also Bros. Stroud, Gieseke, Whybrow, Serjeant, Paxton, Simpson, Isaacs, &c. The Visitors were Bros. Hine (Unity) 1637, Stanton (Marquess of Ripon) 1489, Townsend (St. John's, Wapping) 1306. Lodge opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. Owing to unavoidable circumstances, the candidates for passing and initiation were not present, therefore the W.M.'s duties were very light. After routine business had been gone through, the W.M. closed the Lodge, which was adjourned until next April, emergencies excepted, and the brethren then partook of refreshments; after which the Loyal toasts were given. Bro. Brown the I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., who thanked the brethren, and observed that nothing should be wanting on his part to carry out the duties to the satisfaction of the Lodge generally. The W.M. proposed the Visitors, to which each severally returned thanks. The P.M.'s health was honoured by the brethren in true Upton style. In returning thanks, Bro. Posener remarked on the absence of some of the P.M.'s. The Secretary and Treasurer's health was proposed, for which they returned thanks, hoping for the success of the Lodge in the future. The Officers of the Lodge each had his meed of praise. After which the brethren separated; having spent a very pleasant evening. The following brethren contributed to the harmony:—Bros. Serjeant, who sang some capital songs, one being "Finnigan's Wake," P.M. Brown, Stanton, Isaacs, Pearcy, Stroud, Lane, and Townsend.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—At the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Thursday, the 19th instant. Bros. Richmond W.M., Smith S.W., Abrahams J.W., Bratfield S.D., Moss J.D., Hine I.G.; also Bros. Gieseke, Pearcy, Stroud, Townsend, Fenner, &c. Bro. Bolton rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Richmond candidate. The ceremony of passing was also rehearsed. Bro. Moss worked the first section of the lecture. Bro. Abraham, of Israel Lodge 205, was elected a member. The regular meeting of the mother Lodge being held at Upton on the same day caused many members of this Lodge of Instruction to be late in their attendance.

Finsbury Park Master Masons Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—Held at the Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on Friday, 13th September. Bros. Bayley W.M., Frampton S.W., Jeffreys jun. J.W., L. R. Rogers P.M. Preceptor, H. B. Dunn Secretary, Press S.D., Walker jun. J.D., Thompson I.G. Lodge opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Edmonds offered himself as a candidate for initiation, and that ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was called off from labour to refreshment, and on the brethren resuming their labour, Bro. Frampton was elected W.M. for ensuing week. The Lodge was then adjourned until Friday, the 20th instant, at eight o'clock.

Crusaders Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677.—The first weekly meeting of this Lodge, after the holiday recess, was held on Thursday, 12th inst., at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, when a large number of brethren were in attendance, amongst whom were Bros. Kidder W.M., Hames S.W., Stead J.W., Rothschild S.D., Cummings J.D., J. W. Simmons I.G., Hunter Preceptor, Calderwood Treasurer, and T. Goode Hon. Sec.; also Bros. Pigot, Rushton, Isaac, Trewinnard, Rowley, Monntstephen, A. Goode, T. Goode, W. Goode, Rowe, Drury, Moorhouse, Garrod, Pingston, Kidder, Joshua, Shipley, Bacca, Cook, T. H. Simmons, Gay, Hallam, Hallam jun., Callegari, Simpson, Hyland, and Maby. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened up, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Kidder, Bro. Trewinnard being the candidate. Although suffering from severe cold, Bro. Kidder gave great pleasure and satisfaction to the brethren by the able manner in which he worked the ceremony. Bro. Trewinnard having been duly installed W.M., appointed and invested the officers. The Lodge was then resumed, and Bros. Pigot, Shipley and Bacca were unanimously elected members of the Lodge. Bro. Hunter proposed, and Bro. Simmons seconded, that a vote of thanks to Bro. Kidder be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which he had worked the ceremony of installation. This being carried unanimously, Bro. Kidder briefly replied. Alluding to the dreadful calamity which had happened on the Thames, the W.M. said it had been suggested to him that it would be an appropriate way of marking the re-assembling of the Lodge, if they exercised on behalf of those who had suffered the leading characteristic of Freemasonry, namely, Charity. He therefore appealed to the brethren present to aid him in collecting a subscription, to be handed to the Fund now being raised on behalf of the sufferers by this awful catastrophe. The result of this appeal was that the Hon. Secretary was enabled to forward the sum of two guineas to the Fund. Bro. Rowley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The Lodge was then closed.

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THE KILMARNOCK BURNS MONUMENT.

LAYING OF THE MEMORIAL STONE.

FOR some weeks past the usually quiet town of Kilmarnock has been in a fever of excitement over the laying of the memorial stone of the monument to Robert Burns—an event which took place on Saturday last in the presence of assembled thousands. Considering the poet's connection with Kilmarnock, it has often been wondered why it lagged so far behind in the desire to do honour to one whom, it was known, many of the residents of Kilmarnock loved and admired. It was there that the first edition of his works was printed, and it is there where the only full collection of all the editions of his works is to be found, and that, too, in the house of Mr. James M'Kie. With all these advantages, it was not till the movement for a statue to Burns in Glasgow had been carried to completion that it occurred to the minds of some of the Kilmarnock gentlemen to remove the blot which had too long lain on the fair fame of their town. At the Anniversary of Burns, held on the 26th of January last year, it was agreed to have a statue of the poet erected in some suitable place in the town; and in order to have the matter gone into in a practical manner, an influential committee was appointed to carry out the proposal—Mr. Turnbull, the president of the Burns Club, being appointed convener, and Messrs. James M'Kie and James Rose joint secretaries. Thus begun, the movement was not allowed to lag, for within a month £614 had been subscribed, and in April models were asked. As the amount then placed at the disposal of the committee (£1282) exceeded all their expectations, it was decided to have an ornamental building erected which should contain a marble statue of the poet. The Kay trustees, who had recently acquired a large portion of ground from the Duke of Portland for a public park, generously offered to allow the proposed monument to be erected within the grounds. Plans were then asked for, and at a meeting on the 14th of December last Mr. W. G. Stevenson, of Edinburgh, was chosen as the sculptor for the statue, and the design of Mr. Robert Ingram, architect, was selected for the monument. The total cost was estimated at £2300, and the amount at the disposal of the committee is £2260, and they are hopeful that the few hundred pounds which will yet be required to complete the memorial will speedily be forthcoming. The site chosen is the best in the neighbourhood, being on the highest point in the park, and commanding an extensive view of the land of Burns. Arran is seen on the one side, and London hill on the other, while to the north-west are the ruins of Dean Castle, and on the opposite side is the Wallace monument. The style of the monument itself is baronial, of French Gothic design. It will consist of two storeys and a tower—the entire height something like 75 feet. The basement is likely to be utilised as a dwelling-house and offices. Two flights of stairs will lead up to a platform and balcony, where, facing the onlookers, is an alcove of fifteen feet high. In this the statue, which will be eight feet from foot to head, will be placed, and, the sides being open, a walk of three feet wide goes round. Immediately behind, or in the interior of the monument, is a large room which will be used as a museum of relics connected with the poet. A flight of stairs leads from this to a balustrade, which will form a promenade—the stair continuing to the top of the tower. As to the statue itself, it is being cut by Mr. Stevenson from a block of Sicilian marble, weighing about nine tons. The design shows the figure to be in a thoughtful position. The poet is represented as standing firmly on the right leg, the left thrown easily in advance. The right hand holds a pencil, the left a book, which rests on the trunk of a tree. The face is looking to the right, giving the spectator from the front of the figure the view of the face best known by the Naysmith portrait, from which it is taken. The tight-fitting coat and knee-breeches give full opportunity for the display of the design.

On Saturday, flags and banners floated from all conceivable places, and several arches of drapery were hung across the streets. Business was almost entirely suspended, and for three or four hours the shops were closed. The railway company gave extra facilities for visitors; but it was found that the modest calculations of the railway officials were far beneath the requirements, and under these circumstances their resources were not a little taxed to convey all the intending excursionists to Kilmarnock. Fortunately, the weather was favourable, and from an early hour in the forenoon, the principal streets were crowded with a dense mass of people. All available points from which a view of the procession could be obtained, were eagerly seized an hour or two before the time. At half-past two o'clock Provost Sturrock and the magistrates and town council, along with Mr. J. Fortescue Harrison, M.P., Mr. Graham Somervell of Sorn, convener of the county; Mr. Henry Leck of Hollybush, Mr. P. Comyn Macgregor, and others assembled in the Town Hall. The Provincial Grand Lodge met in the school-room, Dundonald-road, under the presidency of Mr. R. W. Cochran-Patrick R.W.P.D.G.M., who was supported by W. Ralston Patrick Substitute P.G.M., William Kennedy R.W.M. of St. John's, Maybole, as P.G.S.W., James Neilson R.W.M. of St. John's, Kilwinning, as P.G.J.W., Robert Wylie as P.G. Secretary, and Rev. Mr. Inglis, Kilmaurs, as P.G. Chaplain. In the meantime the various trades intending to take a part in the procession were gathering in the public recreation grounds, Dundonald-road, where they were marshalled in order by Captain Anderson, of the Ayrshire Volunteers. The Masonic brethren, of whom about 2,000 were present, were being drawn up by their own Grand Marshal, Mr. W. Bryce. Order was gradually evoked out of confusion, and when it was announced, about half-past three, that the Prov. Grand Lodge was ready, a start was at once made. The route was by St. Marnock-street, King-street, Duke-street, London-road, and Holehouse-road, to the public Park. When the head of the procession reached the Town Hall the gentlemen who had met there, at once took their places, and the body then moved on.

One of the most interesting features of the procession was a body of carters, upwards of a hundred of whom were mounted on strong, well-built, and gaily-decorated horses. Each man wore a Kilmarnock bonnet, decked with blue ribbons, and he had also a blue rosette on the breast of his coat. The appearance of the cavalcade as it passed along the streets was very imposing, and the hearty cheers which greeted the men showed how much their efforts had been appreciated. Another noted group was the Foresters. Each Lodge was preceded by three mounted men dressed in the picturesque garb of the Craft, having the bow slung over the shoulder, with the quiver by the side. The joiners also caused a little sensation by the representation of actual work. A lorry had been fitted up with a double bench, and there two men in white aprons carefully planed away at a piece of wood, and seemed to be so intent on their work as to be altogether ignorant of the panorama of which they formed a part, or of the thousands of eager eyes under whose gaze they were passing. There was one class, however, which, though small, could not escape notice. All the trades had flags and banners, on which were appropriate mottoes, while a few displayed working models of their handicraft. Almost hid in the general mass was a small band of chimney sweeps, whose presence would have passed unnoticed had it not been for the banner which they carried, on which was inscribed in large letters, "By dirt we live." The appearance of the men and the lads did not bear out the motto, as for once, at least, they had cleaned all the dirt away from themselves, and come out like the others to honour the Ayrshire bard. It is impossible to notice in detail all the component parts of the procession, but it may not be out of place to refer to the presence among the Freemasons of the Lodge 133—St. David's of Tarbolton. This is the native Lodge of the poet, which from some cause lay dormant for 42 years, and was only resuscitated by the Manchline people in January of last year, in order that it might take a part in the Burns demonstration in Glasgow. Alongside of this Lodge was 135—the St. James Kilwinning, of Tarbolton—which the poet joined on his leaving the St. David, and in which he occupied the highest post. It is estimated that about 4,000 people took part in the procession, and when all were gathered together there could scarcely be fewer than 10,000 persons in the Park. Indeed, it was remarked that such a day had not been seen in Kilmarnock since 1832, when the Reform agitation stirred the feelings of the people. An idea of the number in the procession may be gathered from the fact that it took 40 minutes to pass a given point; and before all were placed in position it was about half-past five o'clock in the afternoon.

As soon as the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge had taken their places on the building,

Mr. Turnbull called on the Depute Provincial Grand Master to lay the memorial stone of the monument. Nearly fifty-eight years ago Sir Alexander Boswell, the P.G.W. of the day, laid the memorial stone of the monument to the poet on the banks of the Doon, and it was in no spirit of rivalry, but from a well-founded desire that, on a site overlooking so many scenes familiar to the poet's daily presence, in a town where he met and enjoyed the fellowship of many warm friends, and where his poems were first given to the world, it was right and proper that his memory and his genius should be fittingly recognised and perpetuated. Mr. Turnbull concluded by presenting Mr. Cochran-Patrick with a handsome silver trowel for the purpose of laying the stone.

After the tune Old Hundredth had been played by the band of the Artillery Volunteers, the P.G. Chaplain offered up prayer, and then the Provincial Grand Secretary placed a bottle in the cavity of the stone, after which the stone was laid with all due Masonic honours.

The articles contained in the bottle included a short sketch of the monument, alphabetical list of subscribers, copy of Burns's poems, copies of various newspapers, the current coins of the realm, the standard measure of one foot and the standard weight of 1 lb. A brass plate was placed above the cavity, and on it was the following inscription:—"By the favour of Almighty God, on the fourteenth day of September, Anno Domini Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-Eight, and the era of Masonry 5878, and in the Forty-second year of the reign of our beloved Sovereign, Victoria First, the memorial stone of this monument, erected by public subscription in honour of the genius of Robert Burns, Scotland's national poet, was laid by R. Wm. Cochran-Patrick, Esq., of Woodside, Beith, Right Worshipful Depute Provincial Grand Master for Ayrshire (attended by numerous Masonic Lodges), according to the ancient usages of Masonry."

The Depute Provincial Grand Master then said—Nearly three generations of men have lived and died since the mortal remains of Robert Burns were laid in their last resting place on the banks of winding Nith. But though "fate has snapped the brittle thread" of his eventful life, and removed his bodily presence from us, and death has silenced for ever the tuneful voice which delighted a listening world, the event of to-day shows that his genius is still as much honoured and admired in his native land as it was when in life's full vigour, in the plenitude of his genius, "in glory and in joy" "he followed his plough upon the mountain side." Time, the great destroyer of merely mortal works, "has laid his palsied hand in vain" on our minstrel's strain, and the holly of the Scottish muse is as bright now as when Coila first garlanded the poetic brow of her inspired bard in the "auld clay biggin'." He whose memory the people of Kilmarnock have worthily commemorated in this magnificent monument was essentially the national bard of Scotland and of the Scots. Of all the illustrious names which form the muster-roll of the poets of our land not one is more familiarly known in its homesteads, none so dearly treasured in the hearts of its people as that of the Ayrshire ploughman. Nor can we wonder at it. His muse, "homely in attire" though she is, has conferred a deathless fame on the everyday incidents and characters of humble, honest Scottish life. All that goes to make up the nationality of a people—their old associations, their common lives, their familiar ways, their modes of thought, their peculiarities of expression—are all immortalised in the simple Scottish lays of Burns. To use his own often quoted words—"The poetic muse of his country found him at the plough and bid him sing the loves and joys, the rural scenes and rural pleasures of his native country in his native tongue." But he sang these homely themes as

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they were never sung before. It is one of the best proofs of the greatness and originality of his genius that he borrowed his inspiration from what he saw around. No matter how intrinsically worthless the subject might be, he at once invested it with undying interest. He has married to immortal verse the "Wee, modest, crimson-tipped flower," the daisy, the "cowran, timorous beastie," the mouse, and has mourned Tam Samson as Cypris wept for her dead Adonis, as Thyrsis wailed for Daphnis, or the nymphs their lost Lycidas. As classic poets have immortalised the festivals of ancient time, he in undying strains has celebrated the rustic sports of Hallowe'en; and his description of the quiet close of the labourer's week of toil under the cottage roof-tree is peerless in the annals of poetic literature. Such were his subjects, and the scenes were worthy of the song. To us standing here to-day his works possess a special interest. We are in the very district which was so dear to him. The "fair nature" he loved so well is familiar to us. The hills and woods, the sweeping vales and foaming floods, the plains and fells, the red-brown moors, the burnie whimpling through the glen—we know them all. The rising sun still glints with glorious light o'er the Galston moors as it did on the "simmer Sunday morn" of Mauchline's "Holy Fair;" the moon yet glowers on the distant Cumnock hills, as she did near a hundred years ago, when the poet sang of Death's complaint against John Hornbrook. The banks and braes of bonnie Doon are as lovely now as when they met the poet's eye, and the yellow woods are waving yet "o'er Lugar's winding stream." The well-fed Irvine and "auld hermit Ayr" no longer flow unsung, but like the yellow waves of Tiber, or the "honoured flood of Arethusa and smooth sliding Mincius," are "crowned with vocal reeds." Nor is there anything in these simple scenes to take them of themselves out of the run of everyday life. Davie, the "ace of hearts," the "odd, kind chiel about Muirkirk," winsome Willie, honest Tam o'Shanter, and Souter Johnnie, "his ancient, trusty, drouthy cronie," were decent, honest Ayrshire men; and the fair ones, whose varied charms he sang so often and so well, were simple, honest, bonnie Ayrshire lasses. Taken thus by themselves, there is nothing sensational in the subject, the scenes, or the actors in the poetry of Burns. But the spark of Nature's fire which glowed so brightly in the bosom of the poet has made them renounced all over the wide world, and touched the heart of every age for all time. The influence of the poetry of Burns can be directly traced to three causes. These are, first, his own natural gifts, common to him with the great minds of every age; there was next the fact that he spoke of what all his fellow-men knew in language which they all understood; and there was, lastly, the circumstance that this combination of lofty genius with the common objects of rural life was at that time and for this country original. To find any parallel to the case of Burns we must go to a far distant land, and to an age separated from the present by a long interval of time. Under the sunny sky of Syracuse, nearly three centuries before the birth of Christ, Theocritus and his school immortalised the rural life of his age with all the natural freshness and originality of true genius. But Burns borrowed nothing from them—I do not suppose that he knew of their existence, and all that Burns has done is entirely due to his own merit. It is impossible to separate the poetry of Burns from Burns the poet. We are all familiar with the circumstances of his career, from the first burst of his fame in his "glorious youthful prime" to the last sad scenes—"the tears all and the fears all of dim, declining age." Born in a comparatively humble sphere of life, without any of the advantages which high education and refined culture could have given—gifted by Nature with the most splendid genius, strong passions, and a morbidly sensitive pride—exposed on every side to temptation—at one time caressed by the world of learning and fashion; at another neglected, misrepresented, forgotten, almost in bodily want—it is not surprising that the lash of his bitter satire sometimes fell where it was not deserved, that he wrote things which had better been left unwritten, and that he did things unworthy of his nobler nature. No one was more sensible of all this than the poet himself. We cannot excuse what must be condemned, but we may pity and forget. There is too much in his career which ought to be a warning rather than an example. But with all this the influence of the poetry of Burns is much more for good than for evil. For one who has been made worse by reading his works tens of thousands have been made better; and as has been often said of another great name in literature, if everything to which the most captious critic could object were obliterated from his works, much would remain which would only perish with the language in which it is written. I have now, in the name of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and of the numerous body of Masons from other parts of Scotland, to thank you for the kind welcome which you have given to us, and for asking us to take a part in this ceremony. It is the privilege and the pleasure of the Masonic body to take part in laying foundation and memorial stones of public buildings which are designed for good ends; but I venture to think that on no occasion did they come forward more heartily or with greater pleasure than to-day, because he whose memory you are commemorating was not only an honour to his country and an honour to Ayrshire, but we honour him in the Masonic Craft as a brother of our own. I have also to thank you for the handsome present you have given me, and I can only say I shall honour and treasure it as one of the most pleasing memorials that I have. I may just take this opportunity of stating that the mallet which it was my privilege to use to-day was the very one which the poet himself, when presiding over the Sons of Light in the Lodge of Tarbolton, used upwards of twenty times.

Provost Sturrock, on behalf of the town of Kilmarnock and the subscribers to the monument, thanked the R.W. Depute Provincial Grand Master and the other members of the mystic tie for coming in such numbers to lay the memorial stone of the monument. Probably no man had so impressed his countrymen as Robert Burns. He need hardly even except the great magician of the north. If, however, any proof were needed that the genius of Burns was still appreciated by his countrymen, he would only point to that great gathering and to the demonstration. Purists there were, and purists there would ever be, who would detract from the reputation of the poet and defame his name. He did not envy these men. Burns was great on account of his genius; and the most of those present he thought would agree with him in sinking any little difference of opinion as to the frailties that beset him. All mankind had their frailties, and he needed not at this time of day to apologise for those of Burns. When this monument was originated twelve months ago in the town of Kilmarnock an appeal was made to the gentlemen round about, and a hearty response was made. Though it might be invidious to mention names, he could not but allude to the handsome subscription of Colonel Alexander, M.P. for South Ayrshire. The Provost concluded by expressing the hope that the monument would be worthy of the name and fame of Burns, and that it would be a shrine to which many would gladly pay a visit.

The National Anthem was then played by the band, and the proceedings terminated.

The procession then formed in reverse order, and marched back to the town, the route chosen on this occasion being by the Cemetery road, Willie Mair's Brae, High-street, Union-street, and Portland-street to the Cross, where they dismissed.

In the evening a public dinner was held in the George Hotel, when Provost Sturrock occupied the chair, and Mr. Turnbull discharged the duties of croupier.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

THE annual meeting of the Grand Imperial Council of Scotland of the Red Cross of Constantine was held on Thursday the 12th inst, in Freemasons Hall, Edinburgh—the most Ill. Grand Sovereign Colonel Francis Burdett on the throne. The following members of the Grand Council were also present:—The Hon. Lord Inverurie, Most Eminent Grand Viceroy; Illustrious Sir Knights James Crichton, G. Treasurer; R. S. Brown, G. Recorder; J. B. Mercer, G. H. Almoner; W. Edwards, G. Architect; and the following members of the Grand Senate:—V. Em. Sir Knights Nicola Minola, George Dickson, M.D., Colonel Robeson (United States Consul), F. L. Law, and C. Ferin. Office bearers were appointed to fill the vacancies for the ensuing year. The Rev. Mr. Wannop Haddington was admitted a member of the Order, and appointed to the office of Grand High Prelate in the Council. The following were elected members of the Senate:—The Hon. F. J. Moncreiff, J. Melville, George Barrie, L. W. Fox, R. T. Shiells, and J. H. Balfour, W.S. A report from the Executive Committee was read and approved, which showed very satisfactory progress of the Order in Scotland. The other business was routine. At the close of the meeting a number of the brethren dined in the Windsor Hotel. A number of Freemasons were also present, comprising Bros. R. F. Shaw-Stewart, S.G.D., D. Murray Lyon, G.S.; and other Officers of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; Brother Lindsay Mackersy, Reg. Gen. of the Order of the Temple; and Brother Dr. Walter Scott Carmichael, Past Master of Lodge St. David, &c. Apologies for absence were intimated from General Bruce, the newly-appointed Commander of the Forces in Scotland; Captain Charles Hunter, Wales; Bros. John Crombie, Aberdeen; Alex. Kelt, Dundee, M.P. Sovereign of the Inverurie Conclave; J. S. M'Ilwraith, M.P. Sovereign of the Ayr Conclave, &c. There were about forty present—Colonel Burdett in the chair, and Lord Inverurie acting as croupier. After an excellent dinner, served by Bro. Thiem, the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign proposed the toasts of "The Queen and the Christian Orders," "The Prince and Princess of Wales and other members of the Royal Family," and "The Navy, Army, and Reserve Forces," Captain R. F. Shaw-Stewart replying for the Army, and Bro. Lieut. Lumsden for the Reserve Forces. Lord Inverurie next proposed "The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign," remarking that he was at the head of the Order in England, where it numbered far more than in this country, and that much of the success of the Order in Scotland was owing to the manner in which he occupied his high position. The toast was very heartily drunk, and Colonel Burdett in the course of his reply expressed his gratification at receiving from another country an invitation to preside over this Order. Bro. Christie then proposed "The Most Eminent Grand Viceroy, the Right Hon. Lord Inverurie, and the Members of the Grand Council," in doing which he attributed much of the success of the Order since it was introduced to this country, by Bro. Mercer, to the zeal and energy of Lord Inverurie. Those who took the degree were delighted with it, and he was sure that if they put their shoulder to the wheel Lord Inverurie would lead them to success, as the Earl Marischals, ancestors of Lord Inverurie, used to lead their followers of old to victory. (Applause.) Lord Inverurie in the course of his reply expressed his hope that all their members would cultivate what Lord Aberdeen, once Premier, used to call "a cordial good understanding." (Applause.) The Rev. Mr. Wannop replied in suitable terms for the members of the Grand Council, and spoke in high terms of what he had seen of the Order. Lord Inverurie then proposed "The Religious and Military Order of the Temple for Scotland," which was acknowledged by Bro. Mackersy; and Bro. Crichton next proposed "The Grand Lodge of Scotland," for which Lord Inverurie replied. "The Illustrious Intendants-General of the Order" was next given by Lord Inverurie, who coupled with the toast the name of Bro. R. S. Brown, and spoke in high terms of his exertions in that capacity and as Grand Recorder. In the course of his reply the Recorder held up for imitation the action of Lord Inverurie in establishing in Dundee the Conclave which bears his name. Bro. Crichton then proposed "The Representatives of Sister Grand Councils," for which Bro. Mercer replied. The Grand Recorder proposed "The Sovereigns and Viceroys of Conclaves," which Sir Knight McFarland of No. 9 Conclave acknowledged. Bro. Shaw-Stewart replied for "The Visitors," which was proposed by the Grand Viceroy; and after the Sentinel's toast, the meeting concluded. In the course of the proceedings some excellent songs were sung by several of the musical Knights and Brethren who were present.

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Do	Ranelagh
BLACKHEATH	Crown
BERKHAMPSTEAD	Castle
BRIDGENORTH	T. Whitefoot, Wine Merchant
BRIGHTON	Old Ship
CHESTER	Pied Bull
Do	Red Lion
EALING	Feathers
ETON	Christopher
GLOUCESTER	Greyhound
GREENHITHE	Pier
HAMPTON WICK	White Hart
HIGH WYCOMBE	Red Lion
HULL	Paragon
KEW	Star and Garter
KINGSTON	Griffin
LIBERARD	Webb's
LIVERPOOL	Bear's Head, Cable Street
Do	Canton, Victoria Street
Do	Conway Castle, Hockings Hey
Do	Elephant, Woolton
Do	Elm Tree, Westminster Road
Do	Liverpool Arms, Pembroke Place
Do	Sea View Vaults, Park Street
Do	Temple Restaurant
Do	15 Water Street
LLANDUDNO	Imperial
LLANIDLOES	Trewythen Arms
MACHYNLLETH	Glyndwr
MAIDENHEAD	Bell
MOLD	Black Lion
Do	J. Corbett, Wine Merchant
NEWBURY	S. G. Hunt, Spirit Merchant
Do	White Hart
NEWTOWN	C. Morgan, Wine Merchant
Do	Elephant and Castle
Do	T. E. Izzard, Wine Merchant
OSWESTRY	Cross Keys
OXFORD	George
Do	Roebuck
READING	Upper Ship
RHYL	Belvoir
RICHMOND (SURREY)	Star and Garter
SWINDON (OLD)	Goddard Arms
TROWBRIDGE	Crown
WINDSOR	Castle
Do	White Hart
WINCHESTER	George
WOLVERTON	Royal Engineer
WORCESTER PARK (SURREY)	Railway Inn
WREXHAM	Feathers
Do	John Williams, Wine Merchant
Do	White Horse
YARMOUTH, GT.	Crown and Anchor

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RESUMPTION OF LABOUR.

THE time is at hand when the majority of our Lodges will be once again in the full swing of work, and the moment seems not inopportune for offering a few words of advice. We may imagine that we are about entering on a new year, and in such case a review of the past, as well as a close scrutiny of the prospect before us is desirable. We do not for one moment suppose we shall be in a position to offer much, if anything, in the way of novelty. One Masonic year is remarkably like another, and it is only occasionally that anything happens of a very distinctive character. It is almost certain, therefore, that what we say in this instance we have said again and again in former articles. Still, at the risk of being thought tautologous, we must traverse the same route again, and it may be that our remarks will meet the eye of sundry who have not had any previous opportunity of studying our views. And, after all, we shall not be singular in this matter; indeed, our most learned authorities find themselves under the necessity of repeating many times the advice it is their duty to offer, and therefore we need not be ashamed that we labour under the same necessity as they do. Were we to compare the addresses which a consecrating officer feels it his duty to make when constituting this and that new Lodge, we should notice in them all a strong family likeness. There would be the same impressive advice to the Master and his Officers to be circumspect in the discharge of their duty, the same caution to brethren generally to be careful whom they admit into the Fraternity, and the same urgent recommendation of our noble Charitable Institutions to the hearty support of Craftsmen. Points of this description lose none of their importance because it is found necessary to urge them again and again; at all events, it is far better to indulge in this repetition of the practical than to pen learned essays on the abstruser portion of Masonic study. But let us address ourselves without further preface to the duty of the moment. We have said that in a short time most of our Lodges will be once again in full working order. It will be admitted on all hands that in order to ensure a continuance of that prosperity which has attended most of our Lodges, and especially during the last half dozen years, those only should be appointed to rule and govern them who are willing and anxious to discharge, to the best of their ability, the responsibilities of their several positions. In particular the Master, who has it in his power to make or mar the fortunes of the Lodge he has been chosen to preside over, must be a model of tact and courtesy. He should be able to work the ceremonies creditably. He need not be a very learned man, but he should make it a point of acquiring the requisite knowledge of the duties of his position. It does not add to his dignity, or the estimation in which he should be held by his fellow-members, if they find he is obliged every now and then to have recourse to the kind offices of one of his Past Masters to help him through his work, or that, when a new candidate for Masonic light presents himself for initiation, he is under the necessity of vacating the chair, in order that some well-informed elder of the Lodge may perform the ceremony. It sounds somewhat ridiculous, to say the least, for the head of a Lodge to have his work done vicariously, when a brother has made such progress in our science in Freemasonry as to be deemed worthy of being admitted into the mysteries of a higher degree, and he who has reached the highest position of all, is himself unable to impart the additional knowledge. It is very pleasant, no doubt, for a brother to write W.M., and P.M., after his name, and it may be to carry on his breast three or four jewels commemorative of the valuable *services* he has rendered in his capacity of Master; but the least that a man can do who aspires to the highest position his brethren can confer upon him, is to qualify himself for the regular discharge of his functions. It is the reverse of complimentary to the brethren who choose him for their ruler when a Master in no wise concerns himself about the work he will have to fulfil, and fancies that all that is required of him is, to preside genially in the banqueting-hall. Even a novice in the art of Masonry will quickly discover for himself the difference between a Lodge which is governed by a thoroughly competent Master, and that which is presided over by one who prefers doing his duty by deputy. Equally important is it that the Officers generally should be appointed for their competency and readiness to do what is required of them. The Warden who looks forward to the day when he himself shall be installed in the chair of his Lodge will best show his worth by acquiring a practical knowledge of his duties as Warden. That is the least he should do, for if he is negligent in the inferior office, is there any probability he will be more considerate, and more regardful of the superior and more exacting duties of the chair? Similarly those who fill the minor offices should make a point of attending and doing what is required of them in as perfect a manner as possible. There is the old maxim, which is none the less deserving of our attention because it happens to be an ancient one, that what is worth doing at all is worth doing well, and we hold that no Lodge should elect a Master who thinks it too much trouble to discharge his duties, and no Master should appoint as Officers brethren who will not make the slightest sacrifice in respect of the time and trouble required of them in order to do their work thoroughly. Let us next say a few words as to the admission of new members, a matter in which it is impossible to carry caution to excess. A single unpleasant member may destroy the harmony of a Lodge, and therefore, it is impossible to be over-careful whom we receive into it. Too often, we fear, the proposal of candidates is done hastily, and without due inquiry. Indeed, the inquiry in many Lodges is merely a formal matter, to which few, if any, pay the slightest attention. Yet the Constitutions are very precise on the subject. "No person shall be made a mason without a regular proposition at one lodge, and a ballot at the next regular lodge; which shall not take place unless his name, addition or profession, and place of abode, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons." If this law is observed literally, as it should be, there is ample opportunity for due inquiry to be made into the character and antecedents of a candidate for initiation, but it is, we believe, a common practice in many Lodges to abridge the interval prescribed by this law, and a few days' notice is all the Lodge gets, that Mr. A.B.C. proposed by Bro. S. and seconded by Bro. Z. will be balloted for, and if elected, initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. There is no reason why this practice should ever be adopted, for the Constitutions make due provision for any real emergency that is likely to arise. Let members be circumspect as to those they take upon themselves to recommend for admission. Let them bear in mind that a recommendation involves a certain amount of responsibility, and in order to impress this on their minds let Masters of Lodges take care that the law is strictly enforced on all occasions, and our Society will be all the better for the circumspection. It is not necessary we should be a numerous, in order to be a respectable body. On

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the contrary, by extending the privileges of Freemasonry to all applicants indiscriminately, we run a good chance of lowering its character.

A third point on which it is desirable we should offer a few remarks is, that of the expenditure of Lodge Funds. We are not of those who think the expenditure of every shilling should be narrowly scanned, but the distance between niggardliness and a lavish expenditure of money is very considerable. Seeing that one of the chief objects of Freemasonry is the promotion of good fellowship, there is every reason why the members of a Lodge, when they have accomplished the labours of the evening, should devote a few hours to enjoyment round the festive board; but this can be done at a moderate cost quite as well as by an extravagant outlay. It is no doubt a very fine thing to sit down to banquets at a guinea or more a head, but we question if half of those who partake of them would not prefer a quieter and less showy kind of "feed." They could have "the feast of reason and the flow of soul" all the same, and the Lodge Funds would be all the better. Or, in cases where each member pays his share of the outlay, let the older ones do all they possibly can to discourage extravagance. The Lodge will prosper none the more because its members discuss periodically a costly array of viands, and still more costly wines, while the less pretentious dinner will enable it to be more liberal in its support of our Institutions. And this brings us to the fourth and last point on which we feel it is desirable to offer a few words of advice. Our Charities have increased in magnitude during these latter years, while the demands on their resources have increased likewise. They depend almost entirely for support on the voluntary subscriptions of the brethren, and the amount which must be raised annually in order to keep them in their present state of efficiency represents not far short of the interest on a million of Government Stock. We have had an instance this year of the effect which a depressed state of public affairs must have on the amounts raised at the Festivals of these Institutions, for though the aggregate of the three amounts is eminently satisfactory when we compare them with the totals subscribed as recently as four or five years ago, still there was a very considerable falling-off as compared with the results achieved in 1877, when over £35,000 was collected by the Boards of Stewards, while this year the amount is under £30,000. Yet the number who are in receipt of the benefits of these contributions is greater than ever, and the need for a more liberal support is proportionately increased. We all know how hard the Secretaries work, and how they go everywhere and do everything they can to secure subscriptions, but we fear there are not a few Lodges who might be a great deal more responsive than they are, while in the case of others no response whatever is made, be the appeals never so urgent. Here, then, is ample room for improvement, and we trust that as our Lodges are now resuming their duties, Worshipful Masters and other brethren of influence will exert themselves still more energetically in advocating the cause of these Institutions. They will never have reason to repent them of their zeal in such a cause.

ADJOURNMENT OF LODGES.

WE promised in our report of a meeting of the Lodge of Goodwill, No. 711, Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope, to offer a few remarks on the practice which is apparently of occasional, if not of common, occurrence, of calling off the Lodge for refreshment and completing the tale of business set down for the gathering on the day following; or in other words of adjourning the Lodge for twenty-four hours, when the agenda paper is too heavy to allow of all the business being got through at one sitting. The subject has been noticed in these columns once before, and we believe there is little doubt whatever that this adjournment of a Lodge cannot be justified. As was pointed out at the time of our former reference, a Lodge can only be adjourned till the time of its next regular meeting, and there is, fortunately, a precedent which settles the question. At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on 3rd September 1856, it being found impossible to transact the whole of the business, a motion adjourning Grand Lodge to the 1st October was proposed and carried, and on the latter day the brethren met together as arranged. However, it was argued by many of those present that any such adjournment was illegal. No settlement of the disputed point was then arrived at, but on the question being referred to the late Earl of Zetland, his Lordship convened a Grand Lodge of Emergency for 19th November, and gave his decision in the following terms. "It appears that at the September Quarterly Communication the Grand Lodge passed a resolution of adjournment to the 1st of October, which, I am decidedly of opinion, was an unprecedented and illegal act; and consequently whatever proceedings took place at such adjourned meeting are null and void. In looking over the minutes of Grand Lodge, it appears to me that the phrase *to adjourn*, when used with respect to Grand Lodge, is precisely analagous to its application to the House of Commons. In that House the question is 'That the House do now adjourn,' which only means *until the next legal day of meeting*, and it is adjourned accordingly to that day and no other. In like manner, when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it adjourns to the next Quarterly Communication, and to no intermediate time. I am prepared to stand by my own decision on this point, that when Grand Lodge adjourns, it adjourns to the next legal day, unless a Grand Lodge of Emergency be called, at which no business can be transacted except such as appears upon the circular by which it is convened." The above will be found at pp 312-313 of Oliver's *Masonic Jurisprudence*, and may be taken as our guide for the conduct of private Lodges. The Bye-laws of a Lodge specify the days on which it meets, and when the Lodge is adjourned, it must, in accordance with the law as laid down by the late Grand Master, stand adjourned to "*the next legal day of meeting*" and no other. But in the case, as reported by us last week, the Lodge was "called off," the announcement in the summons to members to attend containing the following announcement:—"The Lodge will be called off, and labour resumed at 7.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 7th"—the meeting was on the 6th—"when those candidates who have been accepted will be initiated into Freemasonry." It may be that, in our colonies, there are few, if any, facilities for assembling together, and consequently we must not expect the law to be administered with that exactitude which we look for at home: but it would be rather unpleasant for the candidates, who were initiated at the adjourned meeting, if the legality of their initiation were called in question at some future time. According to Grand Lodge Calendar, the first Tuesday in the month is the appointed day for the Lodge of Goodwill to meet; therefore the "calling-off" till the following evening was certainly an irregularity, which, in the opinion of the late Grand Master, Lord Zetland, nothing could justify. Nor, as far as we can see, was there any necessity for doing what was done. An emergency meeting could have been called for the 7th (Wednesday), and certain business set down for transaction at that meeting. By this means, the law would have been observed, and no question affecting the validity of the gentlemen's initiation could possibly be raised. What we are anxious to impress on our readers is, that it is desirable the laws should be administered as correctly and carefully as possible, instead of with an easy, good-natured laxity, as is too often the case in some Lodges.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls' met on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. A. Rucker presided. There were also present Bros. E. H. Finney, H. Hacker, Walter Sowdon, A. H. Tattershall, Joshua Nunn, E. Letchworth, H. Massey, Thos. W. White, John Boyd, Thomas Berdwin, H. A. Dubois, R. B. Webster, G. Faulkner, H. Potter, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. The chairman reported the death of Bro. C. Jardine, who was lost in the Princess Alice. Bro. Nunn moved that a letter of condolence be written to Bro. Jardine's widow and family, and informed the brethren that the death of Bro. Jardine was really a serious loss, for he had left nine children, only one of whom was earning remuneration, and that was barely sufficient to keep him. The motion, which was seconded by Bro. Thomas W. White, was carried unanimously. On the recommendation of the House Committee, Bro. Nunn gave notice of a motion for the Quarterly Court to suspend the laws of the Institution so as to place one of Bro. Jardine's little girls on the October list. Bro. Nunn likewise gave notice of motion for the Quarterly Court in October to increase Col. Creaton's Committee for altering the laws from five to nine members.

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THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

Bro. R. F. Gould.

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LIST No. 12.

From List of Lodges, 1768 * (W. Cole).

1	The West India and American Lodge at y^e MITRE, FLEET ST		2 Wed. the 4th A Masters Lodge	Constituted Time Immemorial
2	Sign of a Fleece	Old Horn Lodg Tothil Street Westminster	2nd Thursday	Time Immemorial
3	Thatched House	Lodge of Friendship St. James St.	2nd and 4th Wednes:	Jan. 17 1721
4	Sign of Crown and Rolls	Chancery Lane	2nd & 4th Tuesday	Jan. 19 1721
5	Tyrian Lodge TALBOT		1st Thursday	Jan. 28 1721
6	Lodge of Fortitude ROEBUCK Oxford St.		1st and 3d Wednesday	Feb. 27 1722
7	Sign of King's Arms	New Bond St.	1st and 3rd Wednesday	Nov. 25 1722
8	Ionic Lodge Sign of Running Horse	David street Grosvenor Square	3rd Tuesday	May 17[2]3
9	Dundee Arms Sign of same	At their own Private Room Red Lion St. Wapping	2nd & 4th Thursday	1722
10	Sign of Mitre	The Globe Lane Chatham	1st & 3rd Monday	March 28 1723

* From Engraved List, Grand Lodge.

At first view, the description of the Lodges in the above list would seem to be in direct conflict with that already given in a previous reprint from an Official List of 1776 (see List No. 7, ante): the following extract from the Book of Constitutions, 1784, will, however, explain the apparent discrepancy:—

Nov. 24, 1775.(1)—"The Grand Secretary informed the Grand Lodge, that a Free-Masons' Calendar for 1775 and 1776, had been published by the Company of Stationers *without the sanction of the Society*: and that as he apprehended a publication of that kind, properly authorised, would be acceptable to the fraternity, and might be beneficial to the Charity, he moved, that a Freemasons' Calendar, under sanction of the Grand Lodge, be published, in opposition to that published by the Stationers Company; and that the profits of such publication be appropriated to the general fund of the Society.—The question was put, and it passed in the affirmative."

The Calendar of 1776, cited by me in List 7, proves, on re-investigation, *to be the unauthorised publication*, and a subsequent inspection of later *Official* (engraved) lists than I had previously had access to, leaves no doubt of its general inaccuracy, as will plainly appear by comparing with the List above.

The List for 1768 marks the period of transition in the nomenclature of Lodges; distinctive names being frequently, but not yet universally, adopted. With the exception of original No. 1, which appears in 1760 as the West India and American *Lodge*, and is scarcely a case in point, the first of the old Lodges (under which title I classify all the Lodges whose descriptions are exhibited above), to adopt a distinctive name, was the Lodge of Friendship, then No. 3, which is so styled in W. Cole's List for 1767; in the following year (1768), as shown above, this example was followed by Nos. 2 (Horn), 5 (Tyrian), 6 (Fortitude), and 8 (Ionic). No further steps were taken in this direction until 1770, when No. 1 became the Lodge of Antiquity, and No. 9 the Dundee Arms Lodge. In 1772 No 4 blossoms into the British Lodge. In 1777 No. 7 becomes the Tuscan Lodge; but not until 1781 does No. 10 appear as the Kentish Lodge of Antiquity.

It should be noted that the date of constitution of No. 8 in the 1768 List (Ionic, *now* Royal Alpha) is given as May 17[2]3. A similar date is shown in the Lists for 1767 and 1769. It will be observed that the "*signs of the houses*" are only shown with regard to *six* out of the ten Lodges above exhibited (see Notes to List 11).

The Somerset House Lodge, with which original No. 4 (No. 2 Horn, above) amalgamated about 1774, was constituted May 22 1762, and is described in the Engraved List for 1763 as No. 299 "on Board H.M. Ship the Prince at Plymouth;" in 1764-66, as "on Board H.M. Ship the Guadaloupe;" and in 1767-73, as "the Sommerset House Lodge (No. 219 on the numeration of 1770-81) at ye King's Arms, New Bond St." (§ 16, IV.)

It is highly probable that the removal of this Lodge from Plymouth to London was effected at the instance of Bro. Thomas Dunckerley?

(*a*) This brother, whose period of service afloat, as a warrant officer in the Navy, was contemporaneous with the existence of this and other Lodges in King's ships, was probably initiated in a Lodge associated with the naval service.

(*b*) The name assumed by the Lodge on its removal to London (Somerset House), is identical with the place of residence of Bro. Dunckerley at that time, to whom quarters in "Somerset House" were assigned on the death of his mother.

(*c*) The date of its removal to London (1767) corresponds with the year in which a pension of £100 per annum was settled on Bro. Dunckerley by the King.

The Legend of the Mouse Tower.—Below Bingen the river becomes the true "castellated Rhine." Here begins the narrow gorge of the Rhine, cut through a chain of mountains running nearly at right angles to the stream. It may be that the river burst through a great mountain wall which opposed its progress at Bingen; and it is certain that a wall of rock runs obliquely across at this place, and has been broken through artificially at what is known as the "Bingen Loch," or "Hole of Bingen." The deepest part of this channel lies under the castle of Ehrenfels, built by the archbishops of Maintz early in the thirteenth century. It was stormed in the Thirty Years' War; but its destruction, like so much else in this country, is due to the French in 1689. It rises very picturesquely above the river, while vineyards creep up to it from below, and the folding hills make a fitting background. Archbishop Hatto's name is connected with Ehrenfels, but not more justly than with the quaint Mäusethurm, or Mouse Tower, on its island in the river below. Every one visits the Mäusethurm, and every one knows how the cruel archbishop induced the famishing people of Bingen to enter a great barn:

> "Then, when he saw it could hold no more,
> Bishop Hatto he made fast the door,
> And while for mercy on Christ they call,
> He set fire to the barn, and burnt them all."

So he went back to Ehrenfels, "and sat down to supper merrily." But that night was his last. A vast army of rats issued from the smoking barn. The bishop, in terror, fled to his river tower. But there was no escape for him. The rats swam the river, climbed the walls, and crept by thousands in at the windows and loopholes. Then "all at once to the bishop they go."

> "They have whetted their teeth against the stones,
> And now they pick the bishop's bones;
> They gnawed the flesh from every limb,
> For they were sent to do justice on him."

There are quaint pictures in some old German book which show us the rats scaling the tower, on the top of which appears the archbishop, with cope, mitre, and pastoral staff, whilst a couple of huge rats have made good their lodging on his shoulders. The story is "in print," and if not "in choice Italian," yet in the choicest high German. And yet, as far as Bishop Hatto is concerned, it marks but the irony of fate. He was by no means a hard-hearted prelate: and the Tower, which is much later than his time, was built for collecting tolls from the vessels that passed up and down the Rhine. The same story is told of other bishops and of other rats. It is widely scattered, and occurs in Switzerland, in Sweden, in Poland, and elsewhere. Mr. Baring-Gould, who has collected many of these parallel stories, suggests that the myth "points to sacrifices of chieftains and princes in times of famine"—of course in heathen days—"and that the manner of offering the sacrifice was the exposure of the victim to rats.—*From "Picturesque Europe" for August.*

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(1) Constit. 1784, p 315.

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DISPOSAL OF LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. D. Radclyffe, in his letter in your issue of last week, started a theme which I have been harping on for some time past—the lack of support, *by Lodges*, of our Charities. He puts his ideas in very plain language, but I think he will have to hit home much harder before the members of delinquent Lodges will "reflect," or rouse themselves to remove this blemish on their character.

The principle of applying all Lodge funds to acts of Charity, as he seems to wish, is, in my opinion, not only impossible, but unnecessary, for I need hardly remind him that were such a scheme to be adopted the amount at disposal would be fabulous. If, instead of the few Lodges who now work for our Charities *every Lodge* made it a part of its duty to do so, the amount raised annually would soon swell into such proportions as would amply suffice for every case of real distress which might be brought forward. It is the fact of so many Lodges allowing year after year to pass without devoting any of their funds to the Charities, or in any other way exerting themselves for the benefit thereof, which makes it necessary to exclude so many of the candidates who seek the benefits of our Institutions. Even if a Lodge does get a brother to undertake the duties of Steward it by no means follows that the members will vote such a sum of money as they might reasonably be expected to expend, to head the list, and in many cases there are members in the Lodge who throw cold water on the whole affair, and mourn over every amount put on the list as though it came out of their own pockets. If it should be hinted that part of the Lodge funds be voted, they are foremost in pointing out how the financial position of the Lodge will not allow of it, and generally remember some particular case of distress which they ought to support—*if it could be afforded*—before any other should be considered.

I think Bro. Radclyffe could find many Provinces where—although it be not written, it is generally understood—charity is the surest and quickest way to distinction; and in not a few that Prov. G. Lodge votes a sum to a certain Lodge in order to start the list for an en-uing Festival. Still I agree with Bro. Radclyffe that it should be a stipulation, and not left for brethren to find out by accident.

I have often thought that a very easy method is open to us, which would do away with this half-heartedness on the part of Lodges; that is, for Grand Lodge to demand a copy of each Lodge's balance sheet and publish an analysis thereof every year. No comment would be necessary, for figures speak volumes, and, although comparisons are odious, they not unfrequently lead to reform. If you will allow me, I will supply a few balance sheets which I hope will go far to show what can be done, and what should not be done, with the funds of our Lodges. As some brethren like to do their charity unseen and quietly, I will not give the names of the Lodges I refer to, but should any question arise I am ready with *printed* accounts in each case to verify my statements.

The first I come across—and which I give below—is one in which it is evident charity is "unseen" or "quiet," but I hope the members make up for the deficiency of the Lodge in this respect.

BALANCE SHEET OF LODGE ———. ONE YEAR—1877-8:—

RECEIPTS.

Total Receipts	£201	9	6

EXPENDITURE.

Tavern bills for one emergency and six regular meetings; the summer Festival and Committee on same, and the Audit Committee	£136	12	6
Treasurer, on account of amount due to him, and for certain old debts (£24 0s 10d of which is for Tavern bills)	36	11	5
Grand Lodge certificates and dues	16	15	0
P.M.'s jewel	5	5	0
Tyler	3	7	0
Printing, postages, &c.	2	18	7
	£201	9	6

As may be judged from the above, the Lodge at beginning of the year under consideration had heavy liabilities. What its condition was at the close, I am unable to ascertain, beyond the fact that £2 6s 6d was "due to Treasurer."

Bro. Radclyffe designated such a state of things as the above *un-Masonic;* I feel sure no brother can conscientiously say that his was a wrong opinion. Here is a Lodge spending over £160 of its year's receipts on refreshment, and not a penny given in charity. Although the Members preach that virtue to every candidate they admit, and doubtless would like the outside world to believe they practise what they preach on every occasion. I hope the next balance sheet I may notice will contain some redeeming features.

Yours fraternally,

UNION JACK.

CUSTODY OF LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your leader of the 14th inst., upon the above subject, you raise the question, "Could not the funds of each Lodge be so invested as to bear interest." The question has been anticipated by some six years. In October 1872, I was elected Treasurer to the Doric Lodge (933), when a balance £78 13s 8d was handed to me by the representative of my predecessor, the late Bro. Scurr. The next day I opened a deposit account in the name of the Lodge, and arranged with the manager of the Institution that I only should have the power to draw on said deposit, or subsequent deposits. In the period between October 1872 and July 1878, the Lodge Funds have been benefited to the extent of £33 7s 4d, equal to an annual average of £6 1s 4d! The accounts of the Doric are audited annually in December, and at each audit I produce the deposit account to shew the *bona fides* of the deposits. The balances at each audit were as follow:—1872, £145 8s 10d; 1873, £130 8s 1d; 1874, £143 16s 11d; 1875, £143 3s 0d; 1876, £133 19s 7d; 1877, £151 13s 8d; giving an average annual balance of £141 8s 8d; so that, considering the naturally fluctuating nature of the account, the interest derived is very good. The advantage derived from this investment is always applied to the augmentation of the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge. In the same period of time the Lodge has voted to our three Institutions the sum of £101 10s (which has been liberally supplemented by the brethren of the Lodge,) and to the needy brethren of the Lodge, and widows of deceased brethren, £105 12s, or a total of £207 2s from the funds of the Lodge. Following my example, Bro. John G. Stevens, upon being elected Treasurer of the Yarborough Lodge (554) adopted the same course, with a like beneficial result, the advantage to the latter being greater in proportion, inasmuch as its income is nearly double that of the Doric. What the Treasurers of these two Lodges have done, other Lodge Treasurers can do without the intervention of Grand Lodge to compel them. It is a commonsense course, and I wonder it has not been more generally adopted. In the foregoing remarks the two Lodges named are not cited as examples of good management, for doubtless there are many others quite as well conducted as "554" and "933," but I speak of them particularly, because, being Treasurer of the one and a P.M. of the other, I know something of their affairs.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

THOMAS J. BARNES,

P.M. and Treasurer 933.

26th September 1878.

CHARITY STEWARDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been much interested in the correspondence which has appeared in your columns during the last three or four weeks in reference to Stewards for the Masonic Charities, and whilst I cannot but admire the powerful advocacy of Bro. Binckes (on what I will call the patriotic side of the question) in behalf of these truly valuable Institutions, I think there is much to be said on the subject of the personal expense, necessarily (or unnecessarily) incurred by those brethren who attend as representatives of their respective Lodges at the Annual Festivals.

Take the case of a brother residing two or three hundred miles from London who elects to serve as Steward for his Lodge. At the expenditure of much time and labour he succeeds, I will imagine, in obtaining, by donations from the members of his Lodge, £50 or £60, which sum includes a donation of his own of probably two or three guineas; in addition to this, he pays two guineas as Steward's fee, and his travelling and other expenses bring the amount paid out of his own pocket to something like a £10 note. In return for this (besides the satisfaction to himself of having done a Masonic duty) he receives, as his "reward that sweetens labour" (and expense) the privilege of wearing a badge of his Stewardship. Under these circumstances, is it surprising that a brother living a great distance from town, instead of taking upon himself the post of Steward, would rather remit his five or ten guineas, if he has it to spare, to the Institution itself, and by so doing obtain an equivalent in votes?

As it appears that only about one-eighth of our Lodges are represented at the Annual Festivals of our Charities, the question suggests itself,—whether there is not some special reason why so small a proportion of our brethren exert themselves on these occasions? Doubtless there is some reason, and I cannot but think that this question of pounds shillings and pence (for which there is no equivalent, except a feed—a very good thing in its way) is *one* cause which deters many from serving the office of Steward. If this is the case, should not some further inducement be held out to those who are willing to take this office? On this point I think "ALPHA," in his letter in your last week's impression, has struck the proper keynote, by his suggestion that a vote should be conferred on every Steward who collects a sum of at least twenty-five guineas, leaving out the question of personal donation. A Steward would then, whilst exerting himself for the Institution he was desirous of benefitting, have the satisfaction of knowing that *some* advantage to himself would accrue in so doing; and I am strongly of opinion that a concession of this nature would result in a much larger number of Lodges being represented at the Annual Festivals of our three Institutions, and the funds thereby be considerably augmented.

Yours fraternally,

JOSH. TODD,

P.M. and Treasurer No. 236.

York, 24th September 1878.

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Does not your correspondent "P. T." labour under a slight mistake? He says, at the conclusion of his letter last week, that the system adopted by the Masonic Charities, as to their Festivals, is almost universal in this country. It may be so in certain respects, but, as far as my knowledge goes, it varies in the most important point, viz:—who pays the piper. Certainly I cannot boast a very wide experience, but I think I could find two Charities where the expenses of the Festival are paid out of the funds thereof, to each he can name where the Stewards defray the cost out of their own pockets.

One other point suggests itself; he considers Bro. Binckes' arguments are "well nigh, if not quite unanswerable." Perhaps they are; but I do not think Bro. Binckes himself has arrived at this conclusion, for in his first letter he stated that he writes with a view of doing good to the Institutions, by arguing various matters in connection therewith.

I believe Bro. Binckes is enjoying a little rest with a view of strengthening himself for his winter campaign, and as he has promised us further of his ideas on this subject, I anxiously await his return, when we may expect him to comment on the various questions that his letters have given rise to.

I remain, yours respectfully and fraternally,

ALPHA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Until your paper of last week reached me, I had considered that my letter to you, which was published on 24th ult., must have been very ill considered. Each of your correspondents (with the exception of ALPHA, last week) seem unanimous in abusing me in consequence thereof. I regret if what I wrote was out of place, but can assure you I wrote as I felt. Perhaps, as it turns out, it would have been as well if I had not written the last paragraph of my letter, but as it cannot now be recalled, all I will ask is for my "fault-finders" (as Bro. Norton terms them) to ignore those few lines, and for the future only argue on the other parts of my communication. It is all very well to pooh pooh the whole of my letter, because it finishes up badly, but I consider the objection I therein point out, is the principal one which affects our Charity Stewards, and at present no very conclusive argument has been urged by your correspondents to upset it. As to Bro. Binckes I have all but made up my mind to be revenged on him for his chaff by acting as Steward for his Festival next year, and if I do I will introduce myself to him as—

A STEWARD WHO HAS SERVED ONCE.

SCRUTINEERS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to say I am *not* the "Bro. Stevens" referred to in the letters of your correspondents on the subject of Scrutineers.

Yours fraternally,

JNO. G. STEVENS,

P.M. 554 and 933.

7 Upton-place, Romford-road, near Stratford, Essex,
25th September 1878.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In all public correspondence, especially that of an unpleasant nature, and when persons are indicated by name, the writers cannot be too particular in the designation of the person or persons involved. In a correspondence going on in your journal, between Bros. William Biggs and James Stevens, upon the subject of "Scrutineers," the former speaks of the latter simply as Bro. Stevens. Now, there are several Bro. Stevens in the Craft, and it happens that there are *two* Stevens who take an active part in elections at Freemasons' Hall, both act as "Scrutineers" when not personally interested in the election of a candidate, and both are zealous and useful Masons. Many brethren who do not deeply interest themselves in the affairs of the Order, knowing only one Bro. Stevens who interests himself in election matters, take it for granted that it is the Stevens *they* know who is involved in this unpleasant imputation. That Bro. is John Geeves Stevens, and the mistake has occasioned him much annoyance and pain. Will Bro. William Biggs in his future communications be good enough to correctly designate the brother or brothers against whom he may prefer a charge, and so prevent unnecessary mortification to those who are not in any degree mixed up with the transactions to which he alludes.

Yours fraternally,

JONATHAN TAYLOR, P.M. 933.

170A Fenchurch-street, E.C.
26th September 1878.

BRO. NORTON'S "HINTS TO HIS FAULT-FINDERS."

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As I have the honour to represent at least one of those brethren whom Bro. Jacob Norton has designated as above, and to whom his remarks published last week are personally addressed, I trust you will grant me just a modest space in your valuable columns in order that I may offer a few remarks in reply. I have a great respect for Bro. Norton, whom I had the privilege of meeting on his last visit to the old country. What I say, therefore, will be said in all friendliness of spirit, and whether he betters me in argument, or I better him, will in no wise detract from the regard in which I hold him.

In the first place, Bro. Norton must bear in mind that he who first raises an objection is the faultfinder, not he or they who reply to it. Thus, a certain statement has been accepted for, say, a century-and-a-half, and Bro. Norton comes forward and says, in his usual impetuous manner, "Oh, but that's all bosh." There and then others appear in the field, and either endorse or resent—I do not use the word in any offensive sense—his statement. A. who agrees with him is a faultfinder in the sense that he ranges himself under Bro. Norton's banner, while B. the Brother who differs, is an upholder of the ancient belief or statement, and is only a faultfinder in that he objects to Bro. Norton's. I do not find fault with Bro. Norton for raising these or similar questions—on the contrary, the more they are argued, the greater light will be thrown on them. But when we differ and I argue with him, I necessarily offer one set of reasons—for or against as the case may be—and he another; but unless he claims to be infallible in the position he advances against views which have prevailed for years, he is not justified in describing those who accept these latter as faultfinders. They only find fault with him because he began the fray by finding fault with them. This is a species of attack which is quite unworthy a disputant of Bro. Norton's calibre.

I certainly did not understand that Bro. Norton, in his endeavour to upset the received belief about Bro. Dunckerley's origin, was anxious to clear that Brother's mother from the charge of adultery. I imagined, and I think not without reason, that he was comparing the non-Masonic with the Masonic version of Dunckerley's early life and his connection with Masonry up to a certain date, the conclusion he arrived at being that the latter version was wrong. I met him by quoting a statement, described by those who received it as having been in Dunckerley's own handwriting, which was published in a later volume of the Magazine he quoted from. He admits he had not read it, and he very properly defers dealing with my arguments until he has. Now, Bro. Norton, allow me to ask if it would not have been wiser, had you ascertained whether what you had gleaned about Dunckerley was *all* that was known about him, before you set yourself to the task of finding fault with the Masonic version of that brother, &c.? Who is the faultfinder—you who attack a statement with an incomplete knowledge of the circumstances, or I, who defend the statement out of my—I dare not say complete, but more considerable—knowledge of the same? I do not say that, after all, you may not be right, while it may be proved that I am wrong. Dunckerley died some fifty years before I was born, as the version of his birth was published in the *Freemasons' Magazine* for 1796. I cannot, of course, say if the person who forwarded that version was, or was not, palming off on the Masonic public a fictitious statement of the circumstances. Nor am I in a position to say whether the editor of the journal in question was, or was not, in collusion with the forwarder of the version. All I know is, there is the account, and in my humble opinion, what collateral evidence there is appears to confirm it. But this defence of mine, based as it is on a fuller knowledge of the subject, is not faultfinding.

I shall ask your permission, Sir, to offer further remarks, but for the present, I have said enough to justify my observations, which were purely defensive, while it was Bro. Norton's attack which made them necessary.

I would suggest to Bro. Norton, with whom I know that I am in agreement on many matters, (1) that he must not again make the mistake of taking the field unless he has completed his armaments; (2) that I shall be happy to meet him again in argument when he has succeeded in obtaining the information he ought to have possessed before he made his attack; and (3) that whether he or I prove victorious in this wordy warfare, he has, and will have always, to speak *more Franco*, the assurance of my most distinguished consideration. He may always command my hand in the interchange of good-fellowship, and I wish he were here at this moment to test the sincerity of my statement.

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

18th September 1878.

St. John's Mark Lodge, Time Immemorial.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 25th September, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton. Present—Bros. Thos. Holmes W.M., Jas. Horrocks P.M. as S.W., Henry Greenwood J.W., Thomas Morris P. Prov. G.S.B. Sec., G. P. Brockbank P.M. Past Grand Warden Treas., W. H. Byrom Prov. G.S. as M.O., R. Whittaker P. Prov G.D. of C. S.O., John Harwood P.M. G.S.D. as J.O., Jas. Dooley S.D., John Wolstenholme I.G., Thomas Higson Tyler; Bro. Entwisle P. Prov. G.M. Lancashire. Visitors—Bros. Wall, Wadeson, Alcock Prov. G.S., W. J. Kenyon, John Alcock P. Prov. S.G.D., P.M. Ferguson, Bailey, Job H. Greenhalgh, John Mitchell. Lodge opened at 6 p.m., minutes and confirmed. The ballot was successfully taken for Bros. John Barrett, William Court, Robt. Latham, James Smith, Nathaniel Nicholson, and Henry Stead, all of St. George's Lodge 1723, Bolton, and also Wm. Bottomley of Earl Ellesmere Lodge 678, Farnworth, and they were advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master by Bro. John Harwood, the concluding ceremony being rendered by Bro. Entwisle. Bro. Wadeson was elected a joining member. Future meetings were altered to second Thursdays in March, September, and December. The members elected Bro. Henry Greenwood J.W. as their future Master. On the motion of Bro. Brockbank, seconded by Bro. Entwisle, a grant of £5 was made to the Callender Memorial Fund. Lodge was closed at eight o'clock.

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A MASON'S DUTY.

From THE KEYSTONE.

HOW very few members of the Craft appear to fully understand or can appreciate the meaning of the above heading! Many young men enter, without giving the subject a moment's consideration, or else because their father was a Mason, or more frequently still because some boon companion unfortunately belonged to the Fraternity. Once admitted, he readily obtains a sufficient smattering of the lectures to permit him to take his second and third degrees, and then (without really knowing aught of the Blue Lodge) sends in his application to the Chapter, is accepted, and in due time *manufactured* into a Royal Arch Mason. This, however, is not his goal—his ambition soars far beyond that—he has seen a Knights Templar parade, and his friend, Jack Smith, looks so handsome in his cocked hat, with waving plumes, his baldric, his semi-military coat, his belt, his sword, *et hoc omne genus*. Yes, he has ambition, he has danced through the Symbolic Lodge, been galloped through the sublime mysteries of Capitular Masonry, and has had no time to waste on the simple symbolism of the Cryptic Rite. Oh! dear, no; the night after (possibly the same night) he forwards his petition to the Commandery, and within a month is dubbed a Knight Templar and a Knight of Malta.* What does such a brother know of a Mason's Duty?

Perhaps some may say, "This is an exaggerated way of putting it," but we can assure them it is not. Look at figures and see at what railroad speed the degrees can be obtained—say in the Empire State. Suppose the candidate petitions a Lodge working *every* week, as many do, on 1st May. He is balloted for and accepted on 8th May, and the same evening receives his first degree; on 15th May, he is passed, and on the 22nd of the same month comes out a full fledged Master Mason. On the following day (23rd May) he presents his petition to the Chapter, and two weeks after obtains the Mark Degree (6th June), on 20th June passes the chair, and is received and acknowledged a Most Excellent Master, and on 4th July finds himself a Royal Arch Mason. Next day his application is in the Commandery, and allowing that that body only meets once a month he is, on the 2nd August, admitted to the Asylum and turned out a Knight of the Temple. Thus in less than three months a candidate might in the State of New York obtain all the degrees of the York Rite, and also those of the Commandery. The system of thus rushing candidates through the various bodies is worse than a mistake; it is an injustice to the applicant and an injury to the Craft. Such being the case, we cannot wonder at so many young men neglecting the Lodge and attending the Commandery alone. We have not one word to say against the Templar organization, except that we think it would be far better if there were some general rule, the same as that adopted by the Great Priory of Canada, to the effect that no candidate should be admitted within the portals of the Asylum unless he has been a Master Mason at least one year, and a Royal Arch six months; by such a system the brother as he advanced would learn to appreciate the beauties of the rich symbolism of the Lodge and comprehend the grandeur of the mysteries of the Holy Royal Arch, and *once understanding them* he would perceive that a Mason's Duty is not a thing to be worn one day and cast aside the next, to be paraded before the public on festive occasions and hidden at other times in his most secret closet.

This constant eagerness to obtain degrees has done much to keep in the back ground the real objects of the Craft. We do not wish the reader to understand by that that we are opposed to the higher degrees; on the contrary, we have always held that every Brother has the *right* to take as many degrees and ally himself to as many rites as he pleases, and moreover maintain that no rite has the power to say to its members, you shall not take such and such degrees. What we wish to impress upon the reader is this, that after once admitting a candidate, we should feel it our duty to thoroughly *verse him in one degree before he is allowed to take another*, and we mean by this, not simply teaching him parrot-fashion a few set questions and answers (which probably will be useless to him in another jurisdiction) but instructing him in the objects sought to be impressed upon the mind, in that degree and the duties involved upon him in passing through its mysteries. In no other way can the ordinary brother comprehend "a Mason's Duty." If such a course were generally adopted the unseemly bickerings and disgraceful differences that at times spring up between members of the Craft would certainly be lessened. Then, too, as the Brother advanced he would be able to form a just estimate of the value and merits of every degree, and be in a position to properly appreciate and comprehend the various claims of the different rites.

A Mason's duty extends far beyond the Lodge room, Chapter and Asylum. Of course it is his duty to attend the various bodies to which he belongs as regularly as he can, and he should make every effort to become conversant with the ritual and esoteric portions of the ceremonies; he should also make it a point to study the history and master the jurisprudence of the Order. These certainly are his duties, but there are higher and nobler ones still, and they should be carefully observed. How often do we hear a Brother thoughtlessly invoke the name of The Most High on every trivial occasion, and nail as it were every passing remark with an oath or a curse! The excuse being, "Oh! it is habit." It is a Mason's Duty to warn gently, kindly and fraternally such an one of the awful responsibility he assumes in daring to call upon His Maker to witness every trifling statement he may make. He has been taught in his Lodge room that he is never to mention the name of God "except with that reverence due from the creature to the Creator." Let his Brother warn him in time, and by example and precept persuade him to give up the pernicious habit, a habit degrading to his manhood, wicked in itself, and vulgar in every sense of the word.

Again, we note the demon Liquor leading our members at times to the very brink of destruction; we have seen the noblest and best fall a victim to its snares; we have known great and good men yield and finally sink beneath its alluring influence. Here a brother can step in and aid, and help, and watch over and assist and guide, and perform in truth and earnestness, a Mason's Duty. Of course, Freemasonry does not pretend to be a temperance society, and we trust never will be. The majority of its members are not teetotalers; but when Whisky has seized within its grip a Brother, no effort should be spared to rescue him from his fatal grasp. The task is a difficult one; but it is here that we should strain every nerve and exert every effort to *save*—not only to save him, the unfortunate fallen one, but his wife, his little ones, yes, and his very soul. Drinking is a mania with many, as irresistible as the contagion of fever or the virus of small-pox; yet, by patient care and watchfulness, the attacks may be warded off, lessened or shortened. Every Mason should feel it his duty, nay, his privilege, to strive to save a Brother under these circumstances; and all should remember it is not to be done by Lodge discipline, suspension and expulsion. It can only be accomplished by kindness and brotherly love, commingled with the truest and purest charity. How often would we find, if we carefully followed up the *cause* of such a brother falling, that it was financial difficulty—actual want. It is easy to say, "He could apply to the Lodge for aid." How glibly the affluent member can dilate upon this topic! Few, however, who once have been in good circumstances, will (unless compelled by the most dire circumstances) reveal their wants and sufferings. No, it is the Mason's Duty to quietly discover these things for himself, and then at once assist the family of his Brother with the actual necessities of life, and at once set to work with others to secure employment for him. By so doing, a Brother exemplifies the teachings of the Lodge-room, does credit to the Craft and honour to himself—and yet he has only done his duty.

We might, if space permitted, dilate upon this subject ad infinitum. A Mason's Duty is never fully accomplished until he returns to that Mother Earth from whom he sprang. He will find, which ever way he turns, that there is work before him—Brethren in sickness, widows in distress, orphans in penury. If he is true to his vows he can accomplish much, and win for himself, when summoned before the Supreme Grand Master, a seat near the Grand East in the Grand Lodge above.

ROBERT RAMEY.

ORILLIA, ONTARIO.

* NOTE.—According to the regulations of the Great Priory of Canada, the applicant for the Templar Grade must be a Master Mason of two years' standing, and a Royal Arch Companion for six months.

LOST MY INTEREST.

"I HAVE lost my interest in Masonry," said a brother of the mystic tie to us a short time since, and we at once resolved to investigate the philosophy of his aberrations.

Why is it, we would ask, that so many men take the solemn obligations of the mystic tie, and then pass out from the sacred precincts of the Lodge room as if there were no cable-tow to bind them to the fellowship of the Craft, and no moral influence to hold them to its prestige? That hundreds so act will be admitted in every jurisdiction. They take the degrees, and in most instances at first seem well pleased. The simplicity of the ritualistic lessons impressed them, and the sacredness of the mystic obligations taught them that the institution was one of fraternity and confidence, of equality and equitable benevolence. Their inferences were fair, because they were legitimate, and it is not contrary to the usual convictions that they had such impressions. It is scarcely possible for any one who is of good report and comes well recommended to pass through the ordeal of Masonic adoption without feeling the moral pressure that the Society is one of the highest in fraternal ties and brotherly sympathies. It is this solemn and vivid conviction that leads them to believe that personal infallibility should mark all of their fellowship and dealings, and when they learn that their Masonic brethren are only men of like passions with themselves they are disappointed. It is the weakness of humanity, not of Masonry itself, that causes this destruction of confidence which leads men to say, "I have lost my interest." It is not right to blame an organization of pure principles, of high moral tendencies, with the personal delinquencies of its members, which is so often done. Indeed, it is just here that most of these brethren lose their interest in Masonry. It is here that they see those defects which wean them away from the Lodge room, and from their confidence in Masonic fellowship. They see in more or less of the members, coldness and fraternal indifference, which belong to the outside world, and the result is they retire from the association with mortified feelings of disgust and disappointment. Many of these aberrations no doubt grow out of the spirit and manner of conducting Lodges, for it is not always the case that the best men are placed in the governing offices of a Lodge, and even where this is the case, the thoughtless, not to say illegal action of the Lodge itself often creates confusion among the brethren and drives many from their Masonic devotion for all life.

Some Lodges get up a bad feeling in electing their officers. They show an undue zeal in pushing some men forward, and they fail frequently in treating with generous feelings such as are backward and unassuming. They have the right to expect a Lodge room to be a place of confidential kindredship, of free and social fellowship, but they often find it cold and formal, selfish and exclusive in its operations, and not unfrequently they have seen brethren that were poor, suspended, and even expelled for non-payment of dues; which was a poor compliment to Masonic charity. Failing thus to find their expectations in the Lodge room, where unity, peace and harmony should distinguish every meeting, they drop out and become cold in

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all of their Masonic interests. Out of doors, on the streets, and in the affairs of life, they find that Masonry is nothing to them. They receive no favors from it, but, on the other hand, they are deceived and wronged and treated meanly by some who wear the badge and who profess to be Masons, but who have not even the smell of Masonry about them.

The fact is many men who have passed the ordeal of Masonic gradation have failed to measure up to its requisitions. They are too weak to take the steps, and too ignorant or careless to study the groundwork of its personal and relative obligations. Some men are so filled with selfishness, and so intent on their own interests, that they cannot measure up to anything that is good, or true, or honourable, no matter what society they may join, and therefore there is nothing to be done among Masons as well as among "other sinners."

To those who have lost their interest in the strength of the mystic cable, we might say, courage, brothers! Stand firm. Let your motto be—

"Living friendly, feeling friendly,
Acting fairly to all men;
Seeking to do that to others
They may do to us again.
Hating no man, scorning no man,
Wronging no man by word or deed;
But forbearing, soothing, serving,
Thus to live, and this your creed."

CONSERVATISM OF FREEMASONRY.

From The Masonic Review.

WE live in the most thoroughly iconoclastic age the world ever saw, and the most incontinent and persistent image breakers are the people of this country. The silver and mirk of age afford no protection, and the most sacred things are as rudely handled as the rest. Even "Masonic Landmarks" are called in question, and the tinselry of more idealistic workmen, harmless in itself, is in danger of being substituted, and finally admitted as an essential part.

But Masonry is of necessity conservative. Its Lodges, Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies are all sacred conservatories. It must not thrust itself into the path of progress, it was never intended to be aggressive, but it must preserve the charts of the sea on which the ship is riding—it must keep the compass boxed and in order, and sit as a pilot at the helm, or even courageous and strong thinkers will be like the bold youth that attempted to drive the chariot of Aurora; only ruin and disaster will reward their rash courage.

The attritions of thought and the jousts of the philosophers are not to be condemned, or discouraged, but Masonic Lodges are not to become their arenas. Masonry is not a *discoverer* or an *inventor*, but a *preserver*. We but repeat our history when we say: Theology divides into schools; and sects contend for rituals and forms; reformers rowel the sides of bony hobbies; charity weeps in the closet, while bigotry holds the reins and claims the heritage. Political parties divide the commonwealth; hungry spoilsmen, like cormorants, struggle for office and prey upon the country—ambition, with fiery eyes, mounts the topmost waves, while demagogues step to the front and push statesman aside—patriotism, with blanched face, sits in the shadow of despair, and revolution drives the ploughshare of destruction through the foundations of the State, and it lies like a ruined temple. Men of science extol their themes, and loudly proclaim their discoveries; from the mountebank, with his patent soap and limber-jack, on the street corner, to the profound professor in his chair, and from his rostrum, while they recognize only ignorance or enmity as the animus of all who question their conclusions.

Not from their devotions—not from the noble tasks of government, not from the intense pursuit of knowledge and discovery would we recall them, but from errors and narrowness; we would somewhere find a conservatory for the *real* and *well-defined* in every department; and save for the people and for the coming generations the genuine and the useful, to enrich, elevate, adorn, and happify them for all time and also for eternity.

No one who has examined into the rituals and symbolism of Masonry, can fail to see that certain well-defined ideas or doctrines of religion lie at its very basis, and constitute a large proportion of its substance. Particularly is this true of the first three degrees.

At this time, and in this country, is this conservatism of the utmost—indeed of incalculable value. In our zeal to be liberal we must remember that there are certain things that *do not belong to us*—that it would be a *crime* to give them away. They are rare treasures, entrusted to us by heaven, for Divine purposes, and can not be diverted and squandered without robbing both God and man! Only a savage could trample costly jewels into the street like common stones! Masonry is set for the keeping, not for the "liberally" giving away of these treasures to license or capricious prejudice.

Even within her sacred walls our French neighbours have committed that grand offence the act of reckless suicide; but cosmopolitan Masonry has enough virtue to disown the crime, and the clubs also, which ceased to be Lodges when they committed it? No more mischievous notion has ever entered the Masonic sanctuary than that occasional fungus folly, that the essential and principal part of Masonry is its social—or club-room feature. Should this notion ever prevail, the jurisdiction recognizing it would immediately become "spurious." The single great truth of the Entered Apprentice, which meets him at the threshold and teaches him the Divine existence, and Providence, and his personal dependance and helplessness, is of infinitely more value than all the social features connected with it, and which I would by no means underrate.

But, more particularly let us consider our own—our individual and local Masonic obligations. Our obligations to the over-conservation which is blind and stubborn as Saturn in the fable, who becoming tired of the society of Uranus only, resorted to creating, and made an oyster, and went on making oysters for a thousand years, until, at last, disgusted and dissatisfied, he created Jupiter. His fear became such, that all nature froze, the things that had been made went backward, and to save the world, Jupiter slew his father Saturn. Equally from Jupiter the radical—the reformer, as from Saturn the over-conservative, true conservatism—such conservatism as our rites and symbols teach us, must Masonry be a saviour. Emerson tells us that "Reform in its antagonism inclines to asinine resistance—to kick with hoofs; it runs to egotism and self-conceit, to unnatural refining and elevation, which ends in hypocrisy and sensual reaction." For Emerson, this is unusual candour, but it is so truthful that it is continuously illustrated and confirmed in our sight. From the triple league of Saturn, Night, and Fate, as well as from Jupiter, Phœbus, and Uranus, Masonry must be our true Palladium. By wise men it was so designed, and for this end Providence has wonderfully fostered it.

The Bible is assailed again, with all the virulence of former days; and with the keener satire and harsher denunciations that come from better and more general learning, society is also menaced by a most debasing form of communistic socialism, which would produce every where, as it did in France, less than a century ago, and at the close of the Franco-Prussian war, a reign of terror, under which virtue became a crime, learning and culture a disgrace, property the legitimate prey of thieves and loafers, and piety a sure and unchanging death-warrant.

If the law is gone, there can be no law-breaker. If the standard and touchstone of virtue is thrown aside, wrong is unknown, and *license* and *liberty* are one and the same thing; society is in the presence of most imminent dangers where Divine authority is ignored and religious ideas set aside. It should be known that all forms of civilization owe their origin to religious ideas, and hold their control over the public mind only in proportion to the extent and controlling power of them. Equally must Masonry maintain the truths of science and general culture. Astronomy, Geometry, Architecture, Logic, Rhetoric, and the fine arts have their place, and all their acquisitions only add harmonious members to the family of religious and moral truths which Masonry symbolizes and defends. There can be no disagreement, although there may be difficulty in the efforts of unskilled minds to trace and comprehend the harmony. The truths of both science and religion are to be treasured by us, and neither to be held responsible for the failures of any of the Craft to comprehend or illustrate them.

Thus Masonry will become a strong barrier against superstition, whether amongst Roman Catholics, Protestants, Communists or Scientific Materialists—a vice from which no name or class is entirely exempt. Principles are stronger than societies — stronger than the State. They last while generations, assemblies and senates grow old, moulder and decay. We are only their custodians for a time. If we pollute and defile them, reformers must arise to wash away the stains we have made, and in whose eyes our depraved and dying fame will be only infamy. Let truth become stronger, virtue brighter, goodness more enlarged for our handling, for our custody and commerce with them! Let us not be content to write our momentoes in fading violet, but engrave our stubborn virtues and enlarged experience with mallet and chisel on tressel-boards of adamant, on signet and capstone of marble and brass! It will be more tedious work than to flaunt a banner, beat a drum and raise a dust, the chaff of frivolous minds, but it will become the heritage of immortality, the work of a Divine and eternal philosophy! becoming our professions and our opportunities, and a blessing more enduring than marble and brass, and more valuable than purest gems.

It is well known that nothing adds so much to the appearance as a good hat. Now, hats may look well, but they may be far from a comfort to the wearer. We have lately worn a newly-patented ventilating one, sold by Messrs. Lewis F. Marsh and Co., of Castle-street, Bristol. At this time of the year, when the weather is usually close and oppressive, any system that will give coolness and add comfort to the wearer of a silk hat must be a boon to the public. There are several good ventilated hats in the market. This one, which, we understand, gives great satisfaction, consists of forming slits at the junction of the body and the brim, at the forehead part, and fitting flat tubes to same within the hat, which are carried up to about the level of the top of the leather. The crown being also ventilated, this admits of a current of air passing freely through the interior of the hat. In difference it makes scarcely half a size, the bodies being made slightly full. The lower mouths of the tube are screened by the band, the weavings of the lower part being made open to allow the air to pass to the tubes. The patent was secured by the firm in April last. To those of our readers who like to keep their heads cool we say,—Examine Messrs. Lewis F. Marsh & Co.'s Patent Ventilating Hats.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

ON Sunday H.R.H. the Prince of Wales paid a visit to the Queen at Balmoral, where he remained to luncheon. He afterwards drove to Invercauld House, on a visit to Col. Farquharson, and the party on Monday and Tuesday enjoyed some sport among the deer of the neighbouring forest. In the evening of the latter day His Royal Highness again visited Balmoral Castle, and dined with the Queen. H.R.H. the Princess of Wales left Calais on Tuesday, accompanied by her three daughters, and arrived in London the same evening. The following day the Royal party left for Abergeldie Castle. H.R.H. Prince Frederick William of Prussia arrived, on a visit to Her Majesty the Queen, on Monday, and, together with the Duke of Connaught, has devoted a part of his time to deer-stalking.

On Tuesday particulars were published in London of the failure of the English Mission to Cabul. It appears that our Envoy was stopped at the Khyber Pass, and, notwithstanding his protests, and his having warned the Afghan general in command there that the act would be regarded as the act of Shere Ali himself, he was obliged to return to Jumrood, the mission subsequently withdrawing to Peshawur. A special meeting of the Viceroy's Council was at once summoned. General Roberts, the commandant of the frontier forces, has started for Peshawur with secret orders, and large bodies of troops are concentrating on the frontier. It seems all but certain that an occupation of Afghanistan will ensue, as there is little chance of an apology being sent for the affront thus offered to the English nation.

At the Woolwich inquest on Friday an engineer was examined as to the state of the engines of the Princess Alice at the time of the collision so far as could be judged from their present condition, and some other witnesses having been brought forward, the inquiry was adjourned until Wednesday, when further witnesses were examined on behalf of the London Steamboat Company. Their case being closed, the captain of the Bywell Castle was called, and gave evidence as to the capabilities and course of his vessel. His examination was continued on Thursday, and important evidence given. He stated that his vessel was not driven astern until fifteen minutes after the accident, and that the Princess Alice was cut in two pieces by the collision. After cross-examination of this witness, the Court was adjourned. The expense incurred by the Woolwich parish officials in connection with the work arising from this disaster is reckoned at upwards of £1200, and steps are being taken to obtain repayment of this amount from the county magistrates.

The work of pumping out the water from the Abercarn Colliery was commenced on Friday, but was impeded on Saturday in consequence of the pumps becoming choked with earth. Arrangements were then made to raise the water in tanks by means of the lifting apparatus, and now operations are being successfully carried on. Great distress is being felt in the district, and earnest appeals are being made for relief. On Friday, £1,000 was voted to the fund by the Monmouthshire and South Wales Collieries Association, while in various parts of the country subscription lists are being actively circulated, with, we hope, satisfactory results. Up to the present time £16,000 has been received at the Mansion House on behalf of the sufferers, which sum includes an amount of 50 guineas from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

The up Scotch express of the Midland Railway Company came into collision with a goods train at Holbeck Junction, near Leeds, on Wednesday morning. Great damage was done to the rolling stock, one engine and eight empty trucks being forced off the line, thereby destroying a bridge. One of the trucks fell into the roadway beneath.

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Fortunately no injury occurred to any of the passengers or servants of the company.

At an inquest on the body of a domestic servant who died suddenly in the House of Detention, while under remand on a charge of theft, the jury returned a verdict that death had been accelerated by the insufficiency of the prison diet.

An explosion of blasting powder occurred in the St. Gothard Tunnel, on Wednesday, by which ten workmen were killed and a large number terribly injured.

Mount Vesuvius was in a state of eruption on Saturday night. The crater is reported to be nearly full of lava, and the activity of the eruption continues to increase.

The Austrians, who are beginning to realise the cost of their expedition in Bosnia—over which it is estimated they are spending no less than half a million of florins daily—are expected to issue a new credit of forty millions of florins. On Monday news was sent from Vienna of the capture of Livno, the last remaining stronghold of Western Bosnia, which by this step has at last been completely subjugated by the Austrians. Their troops have also been most successful in other parts, completely routing the insurgents, who were stationed at Senkovics, and occupying various positions in the line of march. The Hungarians are strongly protesting against the occupation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which they consider as fatal for the Hungarian nation. A meeting is to be held on Sunday, when various resolutions will be submitted, condemning the policy of the Government. It is officially stated that the Austrians have now completed the pacification of Herzegovina, and that authorities have been appointed throughout the country. A telegram from Cyprus describes the health of the troops as unsatisfactory. At Dali, out of a force of 2622 men, four hundred are in hospital, or at light duty, or convalescent. A grand military parade took place at Cassel, on Friday, the Emperor William being among those present. At midnight, on Monday, the Emperor of Russia embarked on board the royal yacht "Livadia," and proceeded to Sebastopol, where he reviewed the Russian troops who have returned from Turkey. From the United States no very encouraging news is received with regard to the yellow fever epidemic. The disease continues its ravages unabated in some of the towns, but in others a slight diminution in the number of cases is reported.

A medal has been adjudged to the Religious Tract Society at the Paris Exhibition. The terms of the award have not yet been made public, but it is understood to be for the excellence, cheapness, and beneficial tendency of that Society's publications.

The Provincial Grand Lodge for North and East Yorkshire will be held, under the banner of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 294, at Beverley, on Thursday, the 10th of October.

The installation meeting of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, will take place this day (Friday) at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge; full report in our next.

CITY OF LONDON ORCHESTRAL UNION.

THE First Evening Concert of the season was given in the Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., on Wednesday, 25th September The programme comprised the following pieces for instrumentalists, and the excellent manner in which they were rendered by the band evidenced that a wise selection had been made:—1. Overture—"Zauberflote," Mozart; 2. Ave Maria, for orchestra, Schubert; 3. Liebeslieder—"The Tempest," Taubert; 4. Symphony in C (No 7)—"Adagio—Minuetto—Trio," Haydn; 5. Waltz—"Traume auf dem Ocean," Gungl; 6. Overture—"Nabuco," Verdi; 7. Grand Duo—"Antony and Cleopatra," Riviere; 8. "Ugo, Conte di Parigi," Donizetti; 9. War March of the Priests—"Athalie," Mendelssohn. We hardly know, where everything passed off so much to the satisfaction of the audience, how to particularise any piece specially for praise; still we cannot refrain from noting our unqualified admiration of the way Nos. 2, 4, 6 and 8 were rendered, the Solo for Clarionet—Mr. Hobbs—being especially deserving of notice. Bro. G. T. H. Seldon, who is the conductor, must be congratulated on the ability displayed by the artistes under his control. We thank him—as we believe will all who attended—for introducing us to so talented a vocalist as Miss Helen Heath, who during the evening sang, with great feeling, four songs—viz., "Marion rite," "Jenny of the Mill," "She wore a wreath of roses," and "Once upon a time," the two latter of which she was induced to repeat. Mr. Simmons also sang two buffo songs.

SIR MICHAEL SHAW STEWART AND THE GRAND MASTERSHIP OF SCOTLAND.

We extract the following correspondence from the *Scotsman*:—

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Ardgowan, 19th September 1878.

SIR,—I observe in the *Scotsman* to-day a statement that Mr. Inglis declines to be nominated for the Grand Mastership, "in consequence of the expressed desire of the present Grand Master, Sir M. R. Shaw Stewart, to retain office for another year."

I have not been consulted in any way by Mr. Inglis or his friends, nor have I expressed any desire to be re-elected. I have been made aware lately that there is a very strong wish on the part of a large number of Freemasons, amongst whom are those most influential in the Craft, that I should retain for the present the office of Grand Master, and this for reasons which, I believe, are as well known to Mr. Inglis as they are to me.

You have been authorised to make a statement on a public matter in which my position is incorrectly described, and unwilling as I am to write about myself, I must request you will have the goodness to correct the statement.

I am, &c. M. R. SHAW STEWART.

Torsonce, Stow, 20th September 1878.

SIR,—I observe with regret a letter in your impression of to-day from Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, in which he states that he has not expressed any desire to be re-elected Grand Master, adding, "I have been made aware lately that there is a very strong wish on the part of a large number of Freemasons, amongst whom are those *most influential in the Craft*, that I should retain for the present the office of Grand Master, and this *for reasons which, I believe, are as well known to Mr. Inglis as they are to myself.*"

These reasons Sir Michael does not mention, and *they are unknown to me.* I declined the requisition of nearly 500 members of the Craft from all quarters of Scotland to be put in nomination for the chair solely from a desire to avoid unpleasant and unseemly discussion in Grand Lodge; but if Sir Michael believes that his re-election is desired by "*those most influential in the Craft,*" I am quite willing to abide the result of a scrutiny of our respective requisitions. This public controversy I would have deprecated, but it has been forced upon me.

I am, &c. HENRY INGLIS.

SIR,—Since Sir Michael Shaw Stewart deems it necessary—and, it is to be presumed, proper—to disclaim any desire on his part to continue in the position of Grand Master Mason after next election, there can be no impropriety, Masonic or otherwise, in thus publicly considering the issues raised by his letter in your paper of Friday last. With all deference, it may not be out of place to point out to Sir Michael that the simplest and only real way to give effect to his very creditable avowal would be to decline to stand. That he "expressed" his intention to retire from an office which he has already held for five years (although as a rule its occupants have never held it for more than two, or at most three, years), and did so in a communication published at his own request last month, is an undisputed fact; and had he not done so the candidature of Bro. Henry Inglis would never have been undertaken. No sooner was the requisition to Mr. Inglis circulated, however, than a counter-requisition was started to Sir Michael by a committee who, along with it, issued a circular in which they express a "hope" that he "may be induced to remain in his exalted position," and call a meeting in Glasgow, mainly for the purpose of promoting his re-election. In a second circular, previous to the meeting, this committee say, in regard to Sir Michael—"We are enabled to state that, not from personal motives, but for the good of the cause, he is prepared to hold office for another term." At the meeting it was stated by one of the committee (according to a daily newspaper) that "members of the Order had been erroneously led to believe that the present Grand Master, Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, intended to retire from office," and much more was said to the same purpose. If Sir Michael was aware that that meeting was to be held—and that he was there can be no manner of doubt—why did he not *then* announce that he was not desirous to be re-elected? and, unless he is unknowingly a tool in the hands of an unauthorised committee, or virtually a participator in their proceedings, why has he not repudiated their action and contradicted their statements as above specified?

In his letter, Sir Michael says, that he has "not been consulted in any way by Mr. Inglis or his friends," but it may be asked if Mr. Inglis and his friends would have properly recognised what was due to themselves had they consulted even Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Bart., after the groundless aspersions and base imputations which were unsparingly and most indecently cast upon Brother Inglis at the meeting which was held in Sir Michael's interest, as reported in the public press? It does not appear that Sir Michael has in any way reproved those who at that meeting most unjustly traduced a distinguished brother, of whose good offices he has repeatedly so far availed himself as to depute him to preside upon the Throne of Grand Lodge when he himself could not attend in his place; and it is certain that he has not exhibited the same refined scrupulousness in seizing the first or any opportunity of vindicating the character of that brother when assailed in his absence that he has displayed in shielding himself from being supposed to "desire" an office which he seems resolved to hold, or at least has expressed his "willingness" to accept, if the statement of his committee is to be accepted.

Sir Michael further says, in his letter, that he has "been made aware lately that there is a very strong wish among Freemasons that he should retain for the present the office of Grand Master." Of course,

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considering his many estimable qualities, this is only what might be expected; at the same time it is a question how far this may or may not be owing to the fact that he is already in *possession* of the office, and that it is felt that it would be uncourteous and ungracious, as well as unusual, to indicate even remotely that he should retire from office, especially when it has been ascertained that he is disposed to retain it. This circumstance was no doubt duly appreciated by Brother Inglis in his wise and magnanimous resolution to decline the requisition presented to him by some five hundred members of the Grand Lodge, who pledged themselves to support him, and who would have done so, even had he gone the length of contesting the chair. That equal weight is not attached to this view by at least some of Sir Michael Shaw Stewart's supporters is evident judging by the means which have, in some instances, been used to obtain votes for him—means which it is certain he would be the first to condemn were they known to him, even although his retention of the Masonic throne were dependent upon their adoption and employment on his behalf.

I am, &c. No Faction.

Edinburgh, 21st September 1878.

Sir,—It is much to be regretted that the election of Grand Master should be made the subject of controversy in the newspapers, as it interests only a limited class of the community, and not the public generally. In your paper of Thursday a paragraph appeared to the effect that Mr. Inglis had declined to accede to a requisition, signed by about 500 *members*, to allow himself to be nominated Grand Master, "in consequence of the expressed desire" of Sir Michael Shaw Stewart to retain office for another year. As no one would believe that the *Scotsman* said they were authorized to make a statement which they had no authority for making, your information must necessarily have come either from Mr. Inglis's friends or from himself, and as Sir Michael Shaw Stewart's name was introduced, he was in a manner compelled to contradict the statement made if it were incorrect. He did accordingly deny most emphatically that he had ever expressed any desire on the subject. He has been requested to continue in office, and he puts his services at the disposal of the Grand Lodge *if the members* desire to retain them. This should have ended the controversy, but apparently it has not, as there are two letters in to-day's *Scotsman* on the subject. Now it appears to me that the matter lies in a nutshell, and is scarcely worth writing about. Mr. Inglis says he has about 500 requisitionists asking him to be elected Grand Master. If this be so, *and they all vote for him*, then he has more than an absolute majority, and he would certainly be elected. But he says he has declined to come forward because Sir Michael Shaw Stewart has *expressed a desire to retain office for another year*. Sir Michael says he has done no such thing, and that he has no desire either the one way or the other. Mr. Inglis has therefore called out before he was hurt, but no great harm is done. Let him now go on and try the question in the usual way. We will then see how many of his 500 requisitionists are qualified voters, and will attend and vote. It is quite true that a good many signed the requisition under a total misapprehension, but they afterwards withdrew their signatures, and the requisition at the time your paragraph appeared was melting away like snow off a dyke. If we are to have a contest for the chair, let us have it now, when both sides are prepared, and be done with it. One thing is certain, Mr. Inglis will never be Grand Master Mason of Scotland without it, and if he can really rely on anything approaching to 500 voters he should try it now. It is not worth while noticing your second correspondent's remarks about Mr. Inglis's declinature being a graceful act, as evidently Sir Michael Shaw Stewart does not so regard it. Talking of graceful acts may do very well for the general public, but it won't seriously impress the members of the Grand Lodge. If Mr. Inglis does not now come forward they will put their own interpretation on his reasons, and rely upon it their interpretation will be the correct one.

I am, &c. W. S.

20th September 1878.

Sir—I observe in your issue of to-day a letter from Sir M. R. S. Stewart, Grand Master Mason, and much regret that a brother occupying such a distinguished office should have initiated a correspondence in your columns on Masonic matters, knowing, as he must, that there exist other ways and means whereby he is enabled to make known to the Craft (who alone have an interest) his sentiments on all subjects relating to its affairs. I greatly deprecate his action in thus writing you, and am all the more strongly convinced that a change in the occupancy of the Masonic Throne would be desirable, and when I mention that out of the 750 certificated members of the Grand Lodge nearly 500, from all parts of Scotland, are enthusiastic in their wish to see the Depute Grand Master in that position, it is clear that I am not by any means singular in my desire; while the graceful manner in which Mr Inglis has refrained from acceding to the wishes of his numerous supporters, and thereby to allow "the man in possession" another to his many years in office, has more than ever commended the Depute Grand Master to the fraternal esteem and respect of his "friends."

I am, &c. R. W. Master.

23rd September 1878.

Sir,—"W. S." in his letter of to-day, states, in reference to the requisition to Mr. Inglis, "it is quite true that a good many signed the requisition *under a total misapprehension, but they afterwards withdrew their signatures, and the requisition, at the time your paragraph appeared, was melting away like snow off a dyke.*" As a member of the committee formed to promote Mr. Inglis's election, I have to state that the requisition, signed by about 500 Masons, was sent to him on Saturday the 14th inst., and that he wrote declining it on the 16th inst. At that date only four of the requisitionists had withdrawn. Since then other five have done so—two of them by letters received this morning, a week after they received notice that their requisition was declined.

"W. S." also states that many signed the requisition under "total misapprehension." He does not say what that misapprehension was. But the official circular of Sir Michael Shaw Stewart's party states it to be an "*erroneous impression*" *that he "intended retiring."* If he did not intend to retire from office he surely "*desired*" to remain; and the denial now made of that *desire* is of questionable accuracy.

But we are told that the "most influential in the Craft" wish Sir Michael to retain office. It would appear from the composition of his Edinburgh committee that there existed a great dearth of those "most influential" Masons, for to swell out the Edinburgh committee list names are imported from Glasgow, Dublin, Peterhead, and other places, and the names of others than members of Grand Lodge are added. The list is also conspicuous by the absence of the name of the Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow, and the many other familiar names one is accustomed to find surrounding the Grand Throne. Indeed, I presume that by the "*most influential in the Craft*" is meant the few Conservative Peers and M.P.'s whose Masonic bones it is desired to revitalise on this occasion. None of them have been in Grand Lodge for years. Of the Masters of the twenty-four Masonic Lodges in and around Edinburgh, only six are found supporters of Sir Michael, and of these six, one is his own brother.

The truth is, that in this matter Sir Michael, from a desire to remain in office—no; we are told that that is an incorrect expression, and I won't therefore use it—but, to use the words of his committee, from an *intention not to retire*, has allowed himself to be made the "catspaw" of the Glasgow faction in their desire to prevent the election of Mr. Inglis to an office the duties of which, in the usual absence of Grand Masters, he has most satisfactorily for years generally discharged.

I am, &c. P. G. Master.

CONSECRATIONS.

St. Thomas's Chapter, No. 142.—This Chapter was consecrated on Wednesday night, at the Cannon-street Hotel, by Comps. J. Hervey, H. G. Buss, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, and Jas. Terry. The oration was delivered by Comp. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford. After the consecration of the Chapter Comps. H. C. Levander, G. A. Rooks, and J. W. Lambert were installed as the three Principals, and the other Officers having been appointed, the Chapter was closed, and the members and visitors dined together. Letters of apology for inability to attend were received from Sir Albert Woods (Garter), Professor Erasmus Wilson, Colonel Shadwell Clerke, and Captain N. G. Philips.

Kensington Lodge, No. 1767.—This Lodge was consecrated on 20th inst., at the Courtfield Hotel, Earl's-court, Kensington. The ceremony was performed by the Grand Secretary of England, Bro. John Hervey, who was assisted by Bro. Thomas Fenn Past Grand Deacon, Bro. Beyett Past Grand Superintendent of Works, Berks and Bucks, and the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall M.A. Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Surrey. The oration was delivered by the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall. After the Lodge was consecrated, Bro. George Read, a Past Master of the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, was installed as first Worshipful Master of the Lodge; and the Officers for the year having been appointed and invested, votes of thanks were given to the consecrating Officers, who were also constituted honorary members of the Lodge, and the day's proceedings concluded with an elegant banquet.

DEATH OF PAST GRAND MASTER BRO. A. J. WHEELER.

To us the saddest news of the week from the plague-stricken South, is that which chronicled, on Saturday last, the death of Past Grand Master, Bro. A. J. Wheeler, of Memphis, Tenn., editor of the Masonic *Jewel*. Bro. Wheeler nobly fell at his post, a victim to the yellow fever, while serving as Secretary to the Masonic Board of Relief, and thus doing all in his power to alleviate the distress of his suffering and dying Brethren. He *might* have fled from the scourge, as did thousands of others, but he did *not*, and hence while we mourn his loss, we laud his manhood and his self-sacrifice. He wears now the martyr's crown, and on it there is doubtless inscribed, "Holiness to the Lord." Bro. Wheeler was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in 1874, and at the time of his death was Grand Representative of the Grand Lodges of Indiana and Arkansas near the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and member of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence of his Grand Lodge. It was, however, as editor of the Masonic *Jewel* (now in its eighth year of successful publication) that he was best known to us, and to the Masonic world. All who are familiar with that monthly, have learned to love the true Masonic spirit that always characterized its editor, Bro. Wheeler was the soul of courtesy—a Freemason of learning and culture, of wise judgment and unexcelled common sense, and of pronounced opinions. He had few opponents, and no enemies. We rarely, if ever, differed with him. His wise experience, added to his native ability and continued studies, rendered him a discreet councillor in all of the bodies of Masonry with which he was connected. In common with the entire body of Freemasons in America we mourn his loss. He has monumented himself, however, in the Memphis Masonic *Jewel*, which he conducted with great ability, and long may it continue to illustrate and perpetuate the name of its founder and editor, and the glorious principles of Freemasonry.—*Keystone*, 14th September.

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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 SEPTEMBER.

188—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1454—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

620—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1402—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
1731—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst.
R. A. 206—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

MONDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
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.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
148—Lights, Masonic Hall, Warrington.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York. (Emergency.)
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
M.M. 146—Moore, Athenæum, Lancaster.

TUESDAY, 1st OCTOBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—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, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
173—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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, N.
1448—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1606—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
1860—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

70—St. John, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
105—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
117—Wynstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
130—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
128—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
168—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
228—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
242—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
246—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
291—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
556—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.
817—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
838—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Lanslade, Leighton Buzzard.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1005—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1344—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Hedcar.
1351—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1356—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Elelh, Castle Hotel, Amlwch.
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore, Middlesex.
M. M. 181—Walton, Assembly Rooms, St. Ann-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd OCTOBER.

183—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1284—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1334—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1358—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1543—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney.
1607—Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields.
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

81—Dorie, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
298—Harmony, Masonic Room, Arms-yard, Rochdale.
320—Minerva, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Walton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
448—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
457—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
458—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
591—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
641—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
672—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction.)
675—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
902—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1068—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.
1081—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Grosvenor-street, Derby.
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.
1187—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clarpole-street, Alnwick.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
R. A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
M. M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 3rd OCTOBER.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
720—Panmure Gen. L. of Inst., Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1319—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
1477—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Guildhall, 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.
243—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
268—Naphtalia, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood.
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
297—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.
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
486—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.
1013—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underly, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
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.
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkies Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley.
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.
R. A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-street, Openshaw, near Man.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
M. M. 166—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan.

FRIDAY, 4th OCTOBER.

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. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (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—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1286—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road, N.
1613—Cripplegate, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

44—Friendship, Freemasons's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
998—Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool.
1094—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
1133—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1187—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1293—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1524—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.

SATURDAY, 5th OCTOBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
188—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.
1127—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, at 5 o'clock. (Emergency.)
1372—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-street, W. at 8.

620—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1231—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1459—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At Bro. Maidwell's, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday. Bros. Richards W.M., Biddle S.W., De Soles J.W., Hollands S.D., Fores J.D., Powell I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. R. Maidwell candidate; also the ceremony of the third degree, Bro Ellis candidate. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees, and the first and second sections were worked by Bro. Ellis, assisted by the brethren.

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Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday last. Present—Bros. Wing W.M., Hallam sen. S.W., Byng J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Pearcy S.D., Kidder J.D., Halford I.G., also Bros. Gibbs, Crawley, &c. All preliminaries having been observed, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in a manner which reflected credit upon the Lodge of Instruction in which he had been educated. Bro. Gibbs proved his efficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge being advanced, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Gibbs candidate. The ceremony of raising was next rehearsed, Bro. Fenner acting as candidate. Bro. Hallam sen. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.—At the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday. Present—Bros. Biddle W.M., Maidwell S.W., Daniel J.W., Sayer S.D., Pattison I.G.; Drew, Brown, Hollands Sec. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Hollands answered the questions leading to the third degree, was entrusted, and that ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Biddle vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Brown, who resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Biddle candidate. Bro. Pattison, of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, was elected a member. Bro. Maidwell asked for and obtained the votes for the Girls' School. This brother was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday, when, from his able working, a large attendance of the fraternity is expected. Every opportunity is given to young Masons working for office at this Lodge of Instruction.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 25th inst., at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C. Present—Bros. Bush W.M., D. Posener S.W., Biddle J.W., J. K. Pitt Sec., K. Harris S.D., F. Brown J.D., Metcalf I.G. Past Master Bro. Gottheil; also Bros. Stephens, Geo. Harris, Moss, Fells, Beatyie, Bolman, Walker and Groener. Visitor—Bro. Weige S.W. 860. The first and third ceremonies were ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Weige was elected a member. Bro. D. Posener will preside next week.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—On Saturday the 21st of September, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Present—Bros. T. Goode W.M., Garrod S.W., Byng J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Brasted S.D., Slaiter J.D., J. Millington I.G., R. Pearcy Preceptor. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the W.M. ably performing his task. The sections of the third lecture were worked. Bros. S. W. Gyer 861 and J. Main 813 were elected members. The sum of two guineas was voted to the Princess Alice Relief Fund. Bro. Garrod will preside next Saturday; during the evening the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by the Secretary.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205.—Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, Mile End. The Fifteen Sections were worked on the 22nd inst., by Bro. G. H. Stephens, W.S. 1623, assisted by the following brethren:—Bros. Barnes P.M. 933 and 554 S.W., Ellis 933 J.W., Candick P.M. 1421 I.P.M. First Lecture.—Bros. D. Moss, Stuart, Shepherd, Calver, Taylor, Yetton, Candick. Second Lecture.—Bros. Ellis, Fieldwick, Barnes, Webb, Durell. Third Lecture.—Bros. I. P. Cohen, Slaiter, Job. Lodge was opened in due form at seven o'clock, and the work was conducted in an admirable manner, reflecting great credit upon the brethren for their proficiency. It was proposed by Bro. Candick P.M. Preceptor, and seconded by Bro. Ellis, that a vote of thanks be recorded upon the minutes to the W.M., Bro. Stephens, for the efficient manner in which he had presided; also that he be made an honorary member. Carried unanimously. Bro. Stephens briefly responded; he thanked the brethren who had so ably assisted him; also the Lodge, for this mark of its appreciation. In reply to a vote of thanks to the brethren who had worked, Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M. expressed the pleasure it had given the brethren to assist on that occasion, more especially so in his case; he had taken great interest in Bro. Stephens since he was introduced to Freemasonry. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned until the 29th inst.

St. John's Lodge, No. 221.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 21st instant, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton. Present—Bros. James Richardson W.M., Thomas Whitaker S.W., Henry Stead J.W., Thos. Mitchell P.M. Prov. G. Tyler Sec., G. P. Brockbank P.M. P. Prov. S.G.D. Treas., W. Spendlig J.D., Edwin Melrose Steward, Jabez Boothroyd I.G., James W. Riley as Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Jones, Morris, Entwisle P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works. Visitor—Bros. Duxbury, of Lodge 145. Lodge was opened at 6.30, when the members confirmed the minutes of last meeting. Mr. Walter K. Booth, architect, was balloted for, approved, and initiated by the W.M., the working tools being explained by the J.W. Hearty good wishes having been offered by Bros. Duxbury and Brockbank, Lodge was closed at eight p.m., in harmony.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On 20th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. This being the last gathering of the brethren previous to the Installation Meeting, we were pleased to see the Officers of the Mother Lodge in their respective places. Present—Bros. Walter Goss W.M., May (W.M. elect) S.W., Gomm J.W., Blasby S.D., Franckel J.D., Costelow I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Roe and Littlewood; Visitor—Bro. Bloomfield 1612; and Bros. Tucker, Gunner, Fenner 1227, Le Gaye, Irwin, Squires, Eydmann, Botley, Emerson, Snook, and several others. Lodge was opened and minutes confirmed. Bro. May took the chair, and rehearsed the initiation ceremony, with Bro. Botley as candidate. Bro. Snook answered the questions leading to the second degree, and retired. Bro. Goss advanced the Lodge to the third degree, and rehearsed the ceremony of raising, with Bro. Fenner as candidate. Lodge was closed down, and the brethren were called off. After a short pause labour was resumed. Several brethren took the opportunity of subscribing towards the Preceptor's Testimonial Fund (subscriptions to which will be received by the Secretary). Bro. Tucker, in a very impressive speech, descanted on the subject of relief to indigent itinerant brethren. He argued that the present method of indiscriminate almsgiving was detrimental to the recipients; it encouraged many of that class to practise upon the newly initiated. It also had a tendency to lessen the self-respect of those who were relieved, and made it possible for impostors to prey upon young brethren. Bro. Tucker illustrated his argument by instances within his own experience, and proposed a resolution that applicants be referred to the Treasurer. Bro. Fenner followed; he gave further instances. Bro. Gomm likewise added a few observations. Bro. Gunner, whilst fully concurring in many of the remarks which had fallen from the experienced brethren who had spoken, could not acquiesce in the proposal to limit the privilege of all Masons to exercise that preeminent virtue, Charity; and he thought every brother should be allowed to practise it in such manner as was (to his way of thinking) requisite; the giver, exercising due caution, would have none but himself to blame if his confidence were betrayed. He, therefore, begged to propose a resolution,—that it is inadvisable to draw a hard and fast line, to circumscribe a brother's almsgiving, and that the ancient custom be preserved. Bro. May seconded the proposition, and it was carried unanimously. Bro. Squires was elected a member. The W.M. for 4th October having been appointed at the last meeting, a very instructive evening was brought to a close by the adjournment of the Lodge until 4th October next.

St. John's Lodge, No. 795.—This excellent working Lodge met on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead. Bro. J. R. Foulger P.M. 177 S.W. opened the Lodge, supported by Bros. W. Sharpe J.W. and Treas., H. H. Hodges P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks Sec., W. Blake S.D., Stollard J.D., Pinto Leite I.P.M., and Bros. J. Innes, Clifton, Linton, Williams, Deacon, A. Ludovici, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Williams was passed, in a very impressive manner by the acting W.M. The election for W.M., Treasurer and Tyler then took place, and Bro. J. R. Foulger was unanimously elected W.M., Bro. W. Sharpe re-elected Treas., and Nowell Tyler. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Deacon. Bro. J. R. Foulger presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. H. H. Hodges eloquently returned thanks for the Pro G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers. Bro. Pinto Leite proposed the toast of the W.M. elect, and congratulated the brethren on the excellent selection they had made, to which Bro. Foulger suitably replied. He would do all in his power for the good of the Lodge, not only in its working, but also to promote its future success. Bro. W. Sharpe J.W. and Treas. returned thanks for the Officers. The brethren then returned to town in a saloon carriage, specially provided by Sir Daniel Gooch Prov. G.M., Chairman of the Great Western Railway Company. Altogether a very agreeable day was passed. The installation meeting will take place on the third Wednesday in October.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Powsall-road, Dalston. Bros. M. Christian W.M., Polak S.W., Slaiter J.W., Brasted S.D., Wardell J.D., J. Lorkin I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas.; Bros. Perrin, Finch, Allen, C. Lorkin, Weige, &c. After formal business, Bro. Forss answered the questions; Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Bro. Slaiter gave the traditional history. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the 1st and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree, and Bro. Polak was elected W.M. for ensuing week.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, the 25th inst., at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Fleet-street. Bro. Hallam being W.M., Vizzard S.W., Drury J.W., Thompson S.D., Abell J.D., Brown I.G., Long Preceptor; several other brethren were present. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bro. Knill-Abell offered himself as candidate for the third degree, was examined and entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the W.M. giving the traditional history in a very able manner. The Lodge was then resumed to the second degree, and a portion of that lecture worked by Bros. Tate and Brown. Bro. Vizzard was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, on which occasion the ceremony of initiation will be rehearsed. The Annual Banquet was fixed for the last Wednesday in October, at which Bro. Long the Preceptor will preside. Lodge was then closed.

Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—Held at Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on Friday, 20th September. Bros. Frampton W.M., P.M. Jefferys S.W., Press J.W., Walker P.M. S.D., Thompson J.D., Pare I.G., P.M. Rogers Preceptor, H. B. P. Dunn Secretary. Lodge opened, and minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Campbell candidate. Bro. Cox, candidate for passing, was examined, and that ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was then called off, and on. Bro. Jefferys was elected W.M. for ensuing week. It was proposed, and unanimously carried, that the congratulations of the members of the Lodge be tendered to Bro. P.M. Constable, on his safe return from a foreign country. This was Bro. Constable's first appearance in a Lodge since his return to England.

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Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278.—"There is more than one element required to make a Lodge successful," these were the words addressed to us a few days since by an esteemed friend whose years in Freemasonry count over two score. "You require good Masters, good Officers, and a firm resolve on the part of the members to pull well together." We thought over these words on our recent visit to the Burdett Coutts Lodge, on Thursday, the 19th instant, the occasion its installation meeting. Here, we reasoned, have we had good Masters, we have good Officers, and we know the members "pull well together;" therefore, here we may look for successful results. Well, we came to the conclusion that we need not look in vain; the Lodge may be pronounced a prosperous and successful one. The Lodge was consecrated in 1869, and Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was its first W.M. Since then the members have invariably selected competent brethren to preside over them; have rendered good service to the Masonic Institutions, at the same time have never been unmindful of any special calls that have arisen. The gathering on this occasion was equal to the many pleasant assemblies we have taken part in with the brethren of this Lodge, and will long be remembered by those who had the privilege of being present. The Lodge was opened by Bro. G. Ward Verry, who was supported by his Officers and the following P.M.'s of the Lodge:—Bros. James Terry, H. Lloyd, J. Ashburner, W. Crutch, and Toye. Amongst the Visitors we recognised Bros. K. Knight 184, A. Sheppard 1598, W. H. Allaway 1598, W. C. Claridge 1685, G. T. H. Seddon 174, W. H. Coles, Capt. R.E., P.M. 20, B. W. Sharp 1211, F. Meen 1707, H. Forss 554, M. Christian 860, G. S. Symmons 1457, W. W. Morgan 211, G. Weige S.W. 860, Batchelor, E. J. Moore P.M. 174, David Murray, Celtic 192 S.C., &c. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. George Hodge, a candidate for the third degree, underwent examination as to his proficiency in the former, and, having sustained his claim, was raised to the sublime degree. Bro. Terry, now acting as Director of the Ceremonies, introduced Bro. Charles K. Crouch as the W.M. elect, and Bro. G. Ward Verry proceeded to obligate the candidate for the Master's chair. A Board of Installed Masters was in due course opened, and the ceremony completed in a most satisfactory and impressive manner. After receiving the salutations of the members, Bro. Crouch appointed the following as his Officers:—Lazarus S.W., Defriez P.M. 45 J.W., Terry P.M. Treas., G. W. Verry P.M. Sec., Sturtevant S.D., Prestage J.D., Jones I.G., Chitson D.C., Witherick W.S., J. Berry P.M. A.W.S., W. Gilchrist P.M. Tyler. A sum of £10 10s was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of the Steward who should represent the Lodge at the next Festival. The report of the auditors was then read. It showed that all liabilities had been discharged, and that the Lodge had a balance in hand of £33 9s 3d. The Benevolent Fund, which began the financial year with a debt due to the Treasurer, had "adjusted" itself, and now had a balance in hand of £3 12s. This report was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The name of a gentleman who was an aspirant for Masonic light was handed in, and Lodge was then closed. After a short interval the brethren reassembled, and Bro. Lloyd served the banquet, which was of excellent quality and admirably placed upon the table. The toast list was then proceeded with; the W.M. briefly introduced the Loyal ones, which were honoured, and the brethren sang the National Anthem, and God Bless the Prince of Wales. After the health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy, and the rest of Grand Officers, Bro. Batchelor favoured the brethren with "The Scout;" and then Bro. G. Ward Verry rose to propose the health of the W. Master. Bro. Crouch was one of the initiates of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, and had ever been mindful of its claims. He (Bro. Verry) was pleased to know it had fallen to his lot to instal him into the chair of that Lodge. After a song—"The Lugger"—well rendered by Bro. Making, the W.M. replied. It was a great pleasure to him after having served the various offices in his Lodge to stand there as W.M. The labour of qualifying for office was not so heavy a one as many might imagine. It required but a moderate store of energy and perseverance, and he trusted he might see many of those younger members with whom he had laboured during the past eight years, fill the position he now held. Before resuming his seat he had a pleasing duty to perform; to propose the health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. G. Ward Verry, and present him with the Past Master's jewel which the brethren had voted. He also had, on behalf of some of the members, who were not unmindful of the great energy displayed by Bro. Verry in his capacity of Secretary, to offer for his acceptance a set of diamond studs, which were tendered as a slight recognition of the valuable assistance he had rendered the Lodge. After Bro. Weige had given, with his accustomed vigour, "In cellar cool," Bro. Verry rose. He had to thank them most sincerely for the P.M.'s jewel, also for their supplemental gift. He could hardly say he was entirely taken by surprise. At the same time, he was not prepared for this substantial recognition of his services. He was appointed four years ago. While he was spared he would continue to exert himself for the welfare of the Lodge, which he was proud to see in so flourishing a condition. The W.M. next gave the P.M.'s of the Lodge, and Bro. Prestage sang "You'll remember me." Bro. P.M. Lloyd said it afforded him great gratification to see the bantling he had been so proud of now exhibiting sufficient strength to stand alone. He trusted he might be spared many years to witness its continued prosperity and usefulness. Bro. P.M. Ashburner was an initiate of this Lodge, and would endorse all that had been said. He referred to the absence of Bro. Terry, who had an engagement at Nottingham, and had been compelled to leave. Bro. Ashburner impressed on the young members the desirability of qualifying themselves to fill any office they might be called upon to accept. After Bros. Crutch and Toye had each said a few words, the W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors, and Bro. Sturtevant sang "The Anchor's Weighed." After the Visitors had severally acknowledged the compliment paid them, Bro. Making sang "Will o' the Wisp." The remaining toasts were then duly honoured, and the proceedings were brought to a close by the Tyler. Bro. Seddon rendered goodly assistance during the evening as accompanyist.

Temple Chapter, No. 1094.—The regular bi-monthly Convocation of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 24th instant. Present—Ex Comp. R. Washington M.E.Z., R. C. Yelland H., J. W. Burgess J., Pemberton P.Z. P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer, P. Macmuldrow P.Z. P.G. Scribe E. as S.E., R. R. Martin P.Z. as S.N., J. H. Bradshaw P.S., Burgess A.S., P. Rall Janitor. There was a fair muster of Companions, amongst whom, as visitors, were Ex-Comps. Wylde P.Z. 580, Wells M.E.Z. 1086, Berry 249, Reader, S. M. Davies No. 16 G.R.C., &c. The Chapter was opened at 6.30 p.m., and the minutes of the last regular Convocation were read, and being found correctly recorded, were ratified. The ballot was taken for three candidates; it proved favourable in each case. Bro. John Holmes, Lodge 1325, being in waiting, was duly exalted to the supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch. The magnificent ceremony, so profound, so instructive, and so complete, was given in a most impressive manner by our highly esteemed and venerable Principal. The working of every Officer of this Chapter is exceptionally good, and unitedly they perform the ceremony as near perfection as possible. From time to time we have had great pleasure in recording the working of many Craft Lodges in Liverpool, upwards of twenty of which we have visited. Taken altogether, we can safely say that a more zealous, genial and proper-spirited body of Freemasons do not exist. Much as they have done for every deserving cause, and are still doing, they are capable of doing more. We have also had the pleasure of visiting their Mark Lodge, which is admirably worked, and now we have been enabled to record the doings of the topmost workers in Craft Masonry. We shall have occasion to refer to the progress of the Craft in Liverpool and West Lancashire at some future time. By request of the M.E.Z., a letter was read from Comp. D. A. Davis S.E., which conveyed unwelcome tidings of his severe illness to all present. Although our courteous and respected Comp. resides in Manchester, he has never hitherto been absent from his post, and it was with deep regret the announcement of his illness was received. It was proposed by Ex-Comp. Martin P.Z., and seconded by Ex-Comp. Burgess J., that a letter of condolence be written to their worthy Companion, expressing their sympathy for his suffering, and joy at his partial recovery from the fever which prostrated him for four weeks; hoping that he would be speedily restored to health. The proposition was carried unanimously, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The visiting Companions tendered their hearty good wishes, and the Chapter was closed in due and ancient form. By request of the Excellent Principal, the Comps. adjourned to supper, where each enjoyed the good things so kindly provided. After the removal of the cloth, the M.E.Z. proposed the Queen, which was duly honoured, all joining in the National Anthem. The next toast, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, was warmly received, after which the health of the Grand Superintendent of the Province was given and cordially drank. By request of Ex. Comp Washington, Comp. Davies gave a song. Comp. Bradshaw P.S. proposed the health of the three Principals, which was heartily drank. Comp. Fish obliged with the next song, after which the M.E.Z. rose to respond; he thanked Comp. Bradshaw for so kindly proposing the toast, he was gratified with the manner in which it had been received. It had been his pleasure to do some work, and he hoped those who were eligible would come forward to keep up the activity. Ex Comp. Burgess followed, with a few remarks. The M.E.Z. next proposed the health of the newly exalted Companion; in doing so he said he was always pleased to see worthy candidates come forward to attain the degree in Freemasonry without which no one can be perfect in the noble Craft. He now asked them to drink to the health of their newly Exalted Companion. This was heartily done, and Ex-Comp. Martin gave the next song, after a few words of thanks from Comp. Holmes, Ex. Comp. Martin rose. He was entrusted with the gavel by the Most Excellent to propose a toast which is always received with great cordiality. This Chapter has always felt a pleasure in extending a hearty welcome to visiting Companions, and the more they honour us with their presence the better pleased are we. To-night we are particularly favoured with some distinguished Companions, one of whom has come a great distance to see the working of this Chapter, and to him, as well as to all others, we extend a cordial greeting, and we trust they will come again as speedily as possible. He gave the health of their Visiting Companions. The toast was drank with great cordiality, after which Ex. Comp. Pemberton gave a song. Comps. Wylde, Berry, Reader and Davies then responded. Each and all thanked the members of the Chapter for their truly fraternal hospitality, and heartily gave a well-merited tribute of praise to the working, which it had been a pleasure to witness. A delightfully social evening was then brought to a close, the only drawback being the conspicuous absence of the worthy and versatile Scribe E.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.—At the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday evening, 25th inst. Bros. B. Meyer W.M., R. Olley S.W., G. Ferrar J.W., J. Lorkin S.D., Martin J.D., Williams I.G., W. Fiehlwick Preceptor, E. Dietrich Hon. Sec., and Bros. W. Ferrar, Jones, C. Olley, O. Dietrich, C. Lorkin. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. O. Dietrich candidate. Bro. C. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the sections of the lecture. The Lodge was regularly closed down. Bro. R. Olley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The supper of this Lodge of Instruction will take place on Wednesday, 9th October. Bro. B. Meyer W.M. of the Mother Lodge, will preside.

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William Preston Lodge, No. 766.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 26th inst., at Cannon-street Hotel. Present—Bros. S. D. Ewins W.M., Dr. C. R. Cutmore S.W., E. Kidman J.W., W. Worrell P.M. Sec., Capt. G. J. Kain P.M. Treas., W. Drake S.D., W. J. Roberts J.D., W. J. Collens D.C., G. Newman P.M. Steward, W. F. Smart I.G., W. Grant Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. W. E. Newton I.P.M., W. J. Miller, B. Abbott, J. Pringle. Visitors—Bros. Rev. Dr. Morris, Head Master and Chaplain Royal Masonic Schools, Wood Green, No. 1185, J. Jarmain No. 1541, R. J. Thomas No. 1681. The Lodge having been formally opened, the ballot was taken for Bro. L. W. Hutchinson, and resulted unanimously in his favour. The report of the Committee appointed to revise the bye-laws was brought up, and a discussion ensued. Bro. Dr. C. R. Cutmore was elected as W.M. for the coming year, and Capt. G. J. Kain re-elected Treasurer of the Lodge. Bro. W. Grant was also re-appointed as Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee, showing a favourable balance in the hands of the Treasurer, was submitted, and unanimously adopted. Captain Kain rose, and in eulogistic terms proposed that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. S. D. Ewins, the W.M., for his conduct of the Lodge during the past year, which had, under his management, passed a most successful time. This motion having been seconded, was carried unanimously. The W.M. having suitably acknowledged the compliment thus paid him, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, and there spent a few hours in a most enjoyable manner. The usual toasts were given and responded to.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Thursday, 26th inst. Present—Bros. Moss W.M., Abrahams S.W., Serjeant J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Bolton S.D., Hine I.G.; also Bros. P.M.'s Holtham, Wallington, &c. All formalities having been gone through, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Holtham acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner gave proofs of his proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge being advanced, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Fenner acting as candidate. Both ceremonies were well worked by the W.M., who also worked the first section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge closed down. Bro. Abrahams was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.—The annual supper of the members took place on Monday, at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney. The chair was taken by Bro. Wm. Stephens P.M., and there was a fair attendance of members. The supper was capitally served by host Cracknell, and the evening's proceedings were of a genial and most enjoyable character. This Lodge of Instruction meets every Monday evening, at the above address.

Cranbourne Lodge, No. 1580.—Met on Tuesday, at the Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, under the presidency of Bro. W. Bancor W. Master. Several of the Officers of the Province of Herts were present, and the Lodge was numerously attended. The Lodge working consisted of initiating one gentleman into Masonry, and passing one brother to the second degree, after which Bro. Henry Cox was elected W.M. of the Lodge for the ensuing year. The brethren on this occasion invited ladies to be present at their banquet, and while the Lodge was a work these ladies, under an escort of brethren, visited Hatfield House, the seat of the Marquis of Salisbury, and were shown over the apartments, and had the different objects of interest pointed out to them. They then returned to the Red Lion Hotel, where an elegant banquet was served, and the Masonic toasts were afterwards honoured, without, however, the usual Masonic ceremony. In the course of the evening the Lodge presented to Bro. James Terry, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the Prov. Junior G. Warden of Herts, and the Sec. of the Lodge, a Prov. Junior G. Warden's jewel. The proceedings of the day were brought to a conclusion with a few dances.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—Held at Bro. C. J. G. Wood's, Crown and Woolpack, No. 162 St. John-street-road, on Tuesday, the 24th inst. Present—Bros. Hallam sen. W.M., Fenner S.W., Hirst J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Osborne Sec., Stock S.D., Mountstephen J.D., W. Rowley I.G.; also Bros. Halford, J. Millington, A. Rowley, Carter, Green, Rothschild, Wood, Burtle, T. Goode, &c. All preliminaries having been duly observed. The Worshipful Master vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Stock, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in his usual masterly manner. He was most efficiently supported by his Officers. Bro. Hallam jun. acted as candidate. Bro. Hallam sen. resumed the chair, and worked the second, Bro. Fenner the third, and Bro. Stock the fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Carter, of the Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687, and Rothschild, of Finsbury Park, No. 1288, were elected members of the Lodge. Bro. Fenner was elected to preside at the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned until next Tuesday at eight p.m.

St. George's Lodge, No. 1723.—On Wednesday, 25th September, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton. Present—Bros. Job H. Greenhalgh W.M., Nathaniel Nicholson S.W., Charles Stanley P.M. as J.W., George Ferguson P.M. Treasurer, G. P. Brockbank P.M. P. Prov. S.G.D. as Secretary, W. Court J.D., John Barratt Steward, Robert Latham I.G., J. W. Riley Tyler; P.M. Bro. Thomas Morris; Bros. W. H. Alcock, James Smith. Lodge opened at five o'clock, when the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. Mr. Robert Ramwell, manufacturer, was balloted for as a candidate for initiation, and he was unanimously approved. After routine business Lodge was closed.

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THE APPROACHING ELECTIONS.

ON Saturday next, will be held the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School, and three vacancies will be filled up from an approved list of twenty-nine candidates. The Monday following, namely, the 14th instant, will be held the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School, and eleven vacancies will be filled from an approved list of sixty-seven candidates. Let us, as is our custom on these occasions, furnish a few particulars as to the candidature of the different applicants. And firstly, as to those who are about to compete for the three vacancies in the Girls' School. We have said there are twenty-nine candidates, all but five of whom are applicants for the first time. One of them has made five previous but unsuccessful attempts, to enter the School, and has 508 to the good towards this election. Numbers 2 and 3 have been candidates at three previous elections, and have 723 and 724 votes respectively to the good, this being also the last chance in No. 2's case. Nos. 4 and 5 were candidates at the April election, and then polled 622 and 577 votes respectively. Thus all the old candidates have a fair number of votes standing to their credit,—an advantage of great moment at an election where the proportion of applicants to vacancies is only a little short of ten to one. Of the new candidates No. 16 has this only chance of success. She will be eleven in January next, and ineligible on that account, under Law 52. Five candidates have both parents living—the father of one, however, being insane; three have lost both, while one has a stepmother only, and the other twenty are fatherless. In the case of six of the Girls the father was subscriber or Steward to one or more of the Charities. The father of No. 15, who is still alive, has been a subscribing member to his Lodge for 32¼ years, the father of No. 1 died while the second year of his subscription was still unexpired. These are the maximum and minimum periods respectively of subscription, all the other twenty-seven ranging between them. Eight of the candidates hail from London, twenty-one from the Provinces or Districts abroad. Of these twenty-one, W. Yorkshire sends up no less than three, and Monmouthshire two, while Bristol, Hants and I.of W., Essex, Somerset, Cambridgeshire, Calcutta, Durham, Wilts, Warwickshire, Kent, Gloucestershire, South Wales, West Lancashire, Devonshire, Cheshire, and Yorkshire North and East send up one each. Four of the candidates have each a sister in the Institution already, and one of these a brother in the Boys' School as well, two have each a sister in the School already, and two have each a brother in the Boys' School.

For the Boys' School there are eleven vacancies and sixty-seven approved candidates, or rather more than six of the latter for each one of the former. Of the forty who have stood previously, Nos. 1 and 2 have tried at six previous elections, and if they fail this time they will have their names removed in accordance with the requirements of Law 52. They have 564 and 634 votes respectively to the good. No. 3 has been a candidate five times already, and has 27 votes to his credit. Nos. 4 to 8 both inclusive have tried four times, and this will be the last chance of No. 5. The votes to their respective credits range from 689 in the case of No. 6, to 10 in the case of No. 4. The next four in order have been applicants thrice already, and No. 11 has this single chance of success remaining to him. Their several votes range from 278 recorded for No. 12, to 10 recorded for No. 9. The seven next in order have tried twice before, and No. 18 must win this time or his chance is gone for ever. The votes already cast range from 323 to the credit of No. 16, to 3 for No. 15. The remaining twenty-one of the forty were candidates last April, and in the case of Nos. 24, 32 and 38, this is their only remaining chance. No. 36 has 849 votes to his credit, No. 27 has 783, No. 33 687, No. 28 602 votes, No. 23 330 votes, and No. 32 489 votes, while five had no votes whatever recorded for them. Of the twenty-seven new candidates, No. 50 has this one and only chance of getting in, so that nine of the whole sixty-seven will have their names erased from the list if they are unsuccessful on this occasion. Three of the boys have had each a brother in the School, two have each a brother in it now, two have each a sister in the Girls' School, and one has two sisters there. Nos. 6, 8, 9, 19, 23, 46 and 58 have both parents alive, but in the case of No. 8, he is paralysed; the mother of No. 9 has been deserted by her husband since 1871, and the fathers of Nos. 46 and 58 are both lunatics. Four have lost both parents, fifty-four are fatherless, one is motherless, and of one no particulars are given under this head, though it is shown that the father died in 1869. In seven cases the father was a supporter of, or had filled the office of Steward for, one or other of our Institutions. The maximum and minimum periods for which the fathers had been subscribing members to one or more Lodges are 25 years in the case of No. 51. and a little over one year in the case of No. 14 respectively. Fourteen candidates hail from London, and one owes a divided allegiance between London and Essex, the other fifty-two coming from the Provinces or districts abroad, namely:—seven from E. Lancashire, five from Lincolnshire, three each from Devonshire, Hants and Isle of Wight, N. Wales and Salop, and West Yorkshire, two each from Essex, Bristol, Warwickshire, Suffolk, Durham, and South Wales West Div., and one each from N. and E. Yorkshire, West Indies, Norfolk, Somersetshire, Monmouthshire, Bengal, Cheshire, South Wales East Div., Northamptonshire and Hunts, Worcestershire, Surrey, Dorsetshire, Nova Scotia, Northumberland, Derbyshire, and Singapore. Such are the leading details respecting the number, distribution, and distinguishing characteristics of the candidates for the approaching elections to our Schools, and the one hope we limit ourselves to expressing is, very naturally, that the most deserving ones may win. It is well likewise to add one remark, namely, the two lists together contain the names of *ninety-six* girls and boys, which the authorities of the two Schools between them have approved as cases deserving of the relief they can afford, and only fourteen, or barely one out of every seven, can receive them. This alone shows how necessary it is the Craft should come forward and liberally support these noble Schools. Let our readers bear in mind that close on *six* out of every seven of these ninety-six must either be wholly disappointed of obtaining the benefits of one or other School, or have their claims postponed till next April.

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IT is greatly to be regretted that Masonic differences of any kind should find their way into the columns of a non-Masonic journal, and become the subject of comment or correspondence. The half-dozen letters we published last week from the *Scotsman* will not tend to raise the Craft north of the Tweed in public estimation. Many will quote the well known text to the effect that it is a blessed

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thing when brethren dwell together in unity, and will smile the smile of sarcasm when they read these evidences of what must certainly be described as something else than unity. Even a Mason may be pardoned the exhibition of unusual warmth when stoutly defending some cardinal principle of Freemasonry, when, for instance, he is engaged in upholding the ancient landmarks of the Order, or when he is resenting the unwarranted, because unjust, attacks on them which are occasionally made by the bigot or the scoffer. In such case a defence couched in stronger terms than are ordinarily employed in argument is excusable; nay, we should not think much of him who did not so indulge himself, as the lack of warmth might be considered as betokening a state of indifference to the fair fame of the Craft. But for brethren of position to have been betrayed into a most unseemly squabble over a matter of comparative unimportance is pitiful indeed, and, as we have said, will not tend to enhance the reputation of Freemasons in the opinion of the general public. We claim, and by the outside world are assumed, to be a body of men united together by the most fraternal feelings. One of our watchwords is "Charity," which we use, not simply in the sense of almsgiving, but in that infinitely wider and more extended sense in which it is used by one of the sacred writers of the earliest Christian era; yet a simple statement, which, whether it were right or wrong, was of little moment, has sufficed to set the whole body of Scottish Freemasons by the ears. What makes it worse still is that the Grand Master Mason of Scotland is himself in great measure responsible for this unseemly discussion having taken place. Having seen a statement in the *Scotsman* to the effect that Bro. Inglis of Torsonce, Depute Grand Master, had declined to be put in nomination, on the ground that the present Grand Master, (Sir M. R. Shaw Stewart) had expressed a wish to retain office for another year, thereupon the Grand Master writes to say that he had not been consulted by Bro. Inglis or his friends, and that he had not expressed any desire for re-election. Still he had latterly been made aware of a very strong wish on the part of a large number of Freemasons, including the most influential in the Craft, that he should retain his office for the present, and for reasons which he believed were as well known to Bro. Inglis as to himself. Now, whether the Grand Master had expressed a wish to be re-elected, or whether a large and influential section of the Craft had memorialised him to retain office for the present, was a matter so entirely immaterial to the outside public, that it was matter for surprise Sir M. Shaw Stewart should have for a single moment entertained the idea of writing to non-Masonic journals about it. It is true the statement he was anxious to rectify appeared in the columns of such a journal; but, in our humble opinion, the proper place for the correction of so trivial a misunderstanding was Grand Lodge itself, when a few words of conversation between the Grand Master and the Depute Grand Master would have set the whole thing at rest. Nor was there any reason in pointing out that Bro. Inglis or his friends had not consulted him (the Grand Master), because there was no absolute reason why he or they should have done so. Bro. Inglis had acted with the greatest courtesy towards his chief, declining to be nominated to the Grand Mastership when he heard—erroneously as it turned out, however—that the latter was desirous of retaining office another year. A brief explanatory statement to Bro. Inglis to this effect, that he (Sir M. Stewart) had not expressed any such desire, would have answered every purpose till the next Communication of Grand Lodge, when further personal explanations would have set the whole matter at rest. But the Grand Master having initiated the discussion in the columns of the *Scotsman*, the Depute Grand Master followed the example of his chief, and wrote a letter to the effect that he was not acquainted with the reasons which had induced a section of the Craft to request the Grand Master to retain office for a further term, that he had declined "the requisition of nearly five hundred members of the Craft from all quarters of Scotland to be put in nomination for the chair solely from a desire to avoid unpleasant and unseemly discussion in Grand Lodge;" but that if the Grand Master was under the impression that his re-election was desired by "*those most influential in the Craft*," he (Bro. Inglis), was quite willing to abide the result of a scrutiny of their respective requisitions. The challenge in the last clause we have referred to, is not, we regret to say, in accordance with Bro. Inglis's previous and invariable courtesy. It means simply: Let us try this issue, which of us is the more popular with the Craft, you whose re-election is desired by "*those most influential in the Craft*," or I who have received a requisition signed by nearly 500 members to be nominated for the chair. Moreover, in italicising the words which are in italics, Bro. Inglis would appear to have cast some doubt on Sir M. Shaw Stewart's statement. In short, the Grand Master made a serious mistake when he sent his letter for publication, and the Depute Grand Master assuredly did not mend matters by replying. Had the matter stopped here, much as we might have regretted the unseemliness of the controversy, we should have contented ourselves with feeling, instead of expressing, our regret, but with one exception, the following letters have made matters still worse. Let the reader note carefully their contents, and he cannot do otherwise than arrive at the conclusion that, while the language in which they are couched may be unobjectionable, the tone which characterises all but that signed "R.W. MASTER" is most decidedly to be deprecated. "R.W. MASTER" thinks with us that there existed other ways and means whereby the Grand Master Mason of Scotland might have made known "to the Craft (who alone have an interest) his sentiments on all subjects relating to its affairs." But even he thinks it worth while to express his opinion that "a change in the occupancy of the Masonic throne would be desirable," thus at once constituting himself an opponent of the Grand Master, if not a partisan of the Depute Grand Master. We regret the publication of controversial letters on a purely Masonic subject in a non-Masonic journal; in the first place, because it is uncalled for, the internal administration of the Craft being a matter of no interest to non-Masons: and in the next, because those who take part in the controversy appear to lay aside those sentiments of charity by which Brethren of the Mystic Tie—presumably living together in unity — are supposed to be animated towards one another.

MEETING OF LANCASHIRE FREEMASONS.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Division of Lancashire was held at the Philharmonic Hall on Wednesday. The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Worshipful Master of England, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Western Division of Lancashire (the second most extensive province in the United Kingdom) presided, and he was assisted by a large number of past and present Provincial Grand Lodge Officers. Altogether there were over 1,000 brethren present, each wearing full Masonic dress, with his insignia or jewels of office. Bro. Spence W.M. Lodge 32 officiated as W.M. in opening the Craft Lodge in accordance with the ancient rules and customs; Bros. W. J. Chapman I.P.M. 1,609 as P.M., W. W. Iolton 113 as S.W., Jowett 281 as J.W., and R. H. Evans 292 as J.D. The Prov. Grand Lodge having been announced, a procession was formed, and the Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form. The Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. H. S. Alpass) then read the roll of Lodges in the Province, when the responses showed that the whole of the 79, with the exception of two, were represented. The absent Lodges were the Ellesmere, No 730, Chorley, and the Arthur John Brogden, No. 1,715, Grange-Over-Sands. The Provincial Grand Secretary also read the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge meeting, held at Southport, which were confirmed.

It appeared from the report of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, which was taken as read, that the balances from last year were:—Charity Fund, £308 11s 6d; Prov. Grand Lodge Fund, £369 2s 11d; Fund of Benevolence, £1,637 3s 9d—total, £2,314 18s 2d. The income during the year with these balances amounted to the following sums:—Charity Fund, £472 5s 9d; Prov. Grand Lodge Fund, £719 0s 2d; Fund of Benevolence, £1,962 19s 10d—total £3,154 5s 9d. The disbursements included votes of £200 for the Indian Famine Fund, £100 to the Royal Masonic Educational Benevolent Institution, and £105 to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. The report also showed that up to the last report the sum of £1,829 5s had been paid to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. There had been £1,000 invested in a bond in the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board; £773 8s 1d in the Savings' Bank; and £757 10s 5d in the National Bank of Liverpool. The balances at the end of the financial year were:—Charity Fund, £472 5s 9d; Prov. Grand Lodge Fund, £719 0s 2d; Fund of Benevolence, £1,962 19s 10d—total, £3,154 5s 9d.

On the motion of Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, Bro. J. T. Callow P.M. 673 and 1505—a most assiduous Mason—was unanimously appointed to the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer. Bro. Callow returned thanks. The P.G.M. then proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. J. A. Baldwin (Baltoo-in-Furness) P.G.O.W., H. R. Robertson (Liverpool) P.G.J.W., Rev. J. Rees Jenkins 216 P.G. Chaplain, Ralph Robinson 1502 P.G. Reg., F. W. Sergeant 203 P.G.S.D., W. Archer 1086 P.G.J.D., J. E. Jackson 667 P.G.S. of W., J. Wells 580 P.G.D.C., J. Wainwright 613 P.G.A.D.C., E. C. Cooper

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484 P.G.S.B., J. Skeaf 216 P.G.O. (reappointed), E. Simpson 281 P.G.P.; J. Bell 1609, Capt. J. Newman 786, R. H. Evans 1393, H. Williams 1252, J. Hayes 249, and Finnie P.G. Stewards.

The Provincial Grand Lodge proceeded to take into consideration a number of applications for relief from the relations of deceased members of the Order of Free and Accepted Masons, the sum of £60 being voted to meet them.

The P.G. Secretary (Bro. Alpass) then said: In making the customary annual report of the Province it affords me much pleasure to state that Masonry continues to make very satisfactory progress, both as regards the number of Lodges and subscribing members. Since our last meeting, Warrants of Constitution have been granted for the Wilbraham Lodge, No. 1713, Walton; the Urmston Lodge, No. 1730, Urmston; the Kirkdale Lodge, No. 1756, Kirkdale; and the Ashton Lodge, No. 1140, has been removed from Cheadle, in the Province of Cheshire, to Withington, near Manchester, in this Province. It is gratifying to report that the Lodges generally are in good working order, and, with one exception, brotherly love and harmony prevail amongst them. At the last election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the widow of a brother, a Past Provincial Grand Officer, was elected to the benefits of the Fund. There are three children of widows of Freemasons whose mothers are desirous of obtaining their admission into the Masonic Schools in London; but it will be very difficult to ensure their election, in consequence of the few votes held in the Province for these Charities. Brethren should recollect that where a widow is left with a large family dependent upon her, something more than paying for the education of her children should be done for her. She should at least be relieved of the clothing, maintenance, and education of one child, by its being elected into the Schools above referred to. According to the last report of the boys' school, which has reached me, only twenty-seven Lodges in this Province possess votes for the School. And I am reminded by the consideration of this fact that it has become an annual custom with some of the Liverpool Lodges to expend so large a portion of their funds on a pic-nic that they are unable to support the Charities with the liberality we have a right to expect from them, and which, from the great number of their subscribing members, they ought to be able to evince. All the Lodges in the Province have sent in their annual returns and paid the fees due from them. During the past year fifteen dispensations have been issued. At the commencement of this year the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Westminster-road, Liverpool, was completed. The Prince of Wales and the Watson Lodges meet there; and the Kirkdale Lodge, when consecrated, will be held there. The erection of this convenient building is due to the zeal of the brethren of the North-end of this town, and will add to the prosperity of the Lodges meeting there, and the comfort and convenience of their members; and it has pleased the R.W.P.G.M. to acknowledge the service thus rendered to the Order by appointing Bro. W. Archer, who has been one of the most active in the cause, P.G.J.D. for the ensuing year.

The Provincial Grand Master said he hoped in another year to see a marked improvement in the direction of larger amounts voted for the Masonic Charities, and also that less money was spent in pic-nics by several Lodges. (Applause). He considered it to be a disgrace to the Province—the second largest in the Kingdom—that they should be so poorly represented on the list of the London charities; and he hoped these few words would be taken to heart by the brethren, and that there would be a marked improvement. He hoped that each individual brother would do something on his own behalf, as far as he could, to further these excellent institutions. In conclusion, he intimated that in future he intended to carry out the plan adopted in several other Provinces—namely, that when a brother served the office of two stewardships in connection with the London Charities, he should be entitled to wear a charity jewel. (Applause).

Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.D.C., moved, and Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., seconded, that the sum of 100 guineas be voted from the Charity Fund to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in the name of the R.W.P.G.M. A similar sum was voted to the West Lancashire Masonic Institution.—On the motion of Bro. Wylie, seconded by Bro. C. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., it was also resolved that the sum of £25 be voted from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund to promote the election of the daughter of the late Bro. Mott on the foundation of the Girl's Institution. On the motion of Bro. J. R. Jenkins, P.G.C., seconded by Bro. J. T. Callow, P.G. Treas., a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Major Turner for his services as P.G. Treas. Bro. R. Wylie, Secretary to the Hamer Benevolent Fund, reported that one case had been relieved, and he appealed for increased support in the future. The officers and committee having been re-appointed, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.

The Annual Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was afterwards held. Lord Skelmersdale presided. The business before the meeting was the consideration of the general committee and the transaction of the general business of the Institution. Brother Richard Brown, P.M. 211, submitted the twenty-eighth annual report, of which the following is an extract:—No better estimate of the progress of Masonic charity in the province of West Lancashire can be found than in the printed records of this Institution during the past quarter of a century. These records are ample and lasting evidence of the deep interest the brethren take in the welfare of this important Institution; and it must be a source of the greatest encouragement to all concerned that their generous efforts are, through the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, attended with such continued and increasing success. A glance at the honorary treasurer's accounts will show that this prosperity is not alone satisfactory as regards the funds of the institution, but it will be seen that the usefulness of the charity has also been extended. During the year eighty-eight children have enjoyed the lasting and valuable benefits of a good education, the sum paid for this purpose being £380 17s 3d. Notwithstanding this exceptionally large payment, the invested capital has been increased, the total amount being the handsome sum of £13,886 12s 7d, the interest arising from this sum being applicable to the increasing requirements of the Institution. This satisfactory financial position, and the fact in the extended working of the Institution some changes seem desirable, has induced the court of Governors to appoint a sub-committee to consider such changes in the bye-laws and regulations as will tend to enlarge the sphere of usefulness of the charity. A report of the proceeding of this committee will be brought before a special court for consideration and approval at an early date. As the objects of this sub-committee are to widen the field of operation, the continued exertions and help of the brethren are desirable. The interest felt in this noble charity in the past—the fact that it has proved in every way more successful than the most sanguine expectations of its generous promoters and supporters could have hoped for, give cheering hope for a continuance of that zeal and earnestness which has characterised the efforts of all.

Sixteen children were afterwards elected on the foundation of the Institution grants, and grants were made to three children for their advancement in life, and a vote was taken for the education of eighty-one children for the ensuing year. There are now 115 children receiving the benefits of education at this establishment. Bro. G. Broadbridge was appointed joint Secretary with Bro. Brown. The other Officers having been appointed, the proceedings were closed with the usual ceremony.

The banquet was held in the evening at Eberle's Restaurant, Eberle-street; there were about 300 brethren present. Lord Skelmersdale presided; he was supported by P.G.L. officers and the leading representatives of the Lodges throughout the Province. The banquet was served in good style. After proposing the toast of "The Queen," Lord Skelmersdale gave the health of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the other Members of the Royal Family." His lordship said it was the intention and aim of the Prince of Wales to carry out the main objects and principles of Freemasonry, and his recent enthusiastic reception in Grand Lodge was an evidence of the appreciation in which he was held by the brethren. Speaking of his Royal Highness's efforts in connection with the Paris Exhibition, his lordship said he might safely say that if it had not been for the great zeal and energy shown by the Prince the exposition would not have had half the success which it had enjoyed. His lordship, in conclusion, spoke of the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold as being both enthusiastic and devoted Masons. The P.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, next gave "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., and the other Officers of the Grand Lodge," and in doing so spoke in high terms of the position which the G.L. had taken up with respect to the Grand Orient of France. The toast was acknowledged by Bro. Beresford, Past G.S.D. Bro. Alpass next proposed "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, M.W.D.G.M. and R.W.P.G.M. West Lancashire," which was received with applause, continued for a considerable time. Bro. Alpass spoke of the great amount of time and attention which his lordship devoted to his Masonic duties; there were many good and faithful P.G.M.'s throughout the country, but none who took so much interest in a Province as his lordship. Lord Skelmersdale, in acknowledging the toast, referred to the pleasure which it had given him to be present that day. Although Masonry took up a large amount of his time, he looked upon the day spent in connection with that Prov. G. Lodge as one of the most pleasant of the year. His Lordship again expressed a hope that at the end of the year there would be a great improvement in the Province as to the support of the London Charities. Bro. Dr. Smith, P.P.G.R., gave "The Right Hon. Colonel Frederick Stanley, W.D.P.G.M., and the P.G. Wardens," which was responded to by Bro. Baldwin P.G.S.W. Lord Skelmersdale stated that Bro. Colonel Stanton would have been present that day but for the fact that he had received an urgent summons to London to attend certain imperial business, with the importance of which every one was conversant. The P.G.M., in giving "The Provincial Grand Masters of the Adjoining Provinces," coupled the toast with the name of Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain of England, and Deputy Grand Master of Suffolk, of whom he spoke in the highest terms, as a man, Mason, and minister. Bro. Martyn, in response, thanked the brethren for the hearty reception which as a stranger they had given him that day, and he felt bound to say, as an old Mason, that he had never witnessed so enormous a gathering of Masons as the present. It had been to him a special source of pleasure to see the working of the Lodge, and he would carry with him into his distant Province pleasant recollections of his visit to West Lancashire. Bro. Spence, W.M. 32, gave "The P.G. Officers, Past and Present," which was responded to by Bro. R. Robinson, P.G. Reg. The P.G. Sec. proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province," and spoke in high terms of the excellent working which prevailed in every section of this Masonic division. Bro. Spence, W.M. 32, and Bro. Goodacre, W.M. 1730 (Urmston), responded to the toast, the latter stating that as the result of the remarks made by Lord Skelmersdale that day, he had pleasure in stating that his Lodge had determined to vote the sum of 50 guineas to one of the London Charities. Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D. gave "The Charities of the Province," which was responded to by Bro. R. Brown, the honorary Secretary of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. Bro. Robertson, P.G.J.W., gave "The Ladies," which was responded to by Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C. A capital musical programme was supplied by Bros. Child, Muir, J. Hird, and T. J. Hughes, Messrs. Kirkburn, Austin, Kitwood, Robinson, Shimmin, and Lewis. Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., most efficiently presided at the piano.

The enemies of Freemasonry usually owe their enmity to ignorance of its principles, or chagrin at having been denied entrance into the Fraternity. Almost invariably, honest enquiries are happily disappointed and much instructed, on finding that the fundamental principles of morality and religion are so clearly and strongly enforced by Freemasonry.

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THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

By Bro. R. F. Gould.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I feel some delicacy in writing respecting this valuable series of papers now current in the Freemason's Chronicle, as it may be thought I am intruding myself on the notice of your readers, in connection with a subject which Bro. Gould is treating specifically, and which, until he has completed his task, he has a right to consider his own. However, my present contribution lies outside the pale of his inquiries, and I hope, therefore, he will pardon the intrusion.

After giving Pine's List for 1740 and the additions thereto in 1744-5, Bro. Gould states that only thirty-eight of the 196 Lodges contained therein are now on the roll of our Grand Lodge. The majority of the remaining 158 Lodges have ceased to be, but some few still exist in foreign countries under the jurisdiction of what are now independent Grand Lodges. Thus:—

No. 110 of Pine (1740)—No. 126 of Pine (1734)—is St. John's, Boston, Massachusetts, the premier Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of that State. This is the Lodge founded by Henry Price, by virtue of the patent, as G. M. of North America, granted him by Lord Montagu on 30th April 1733. At least, 1733 is the date assigned by our Massachusetts brethren to No. 1 St. John's Lodge, Boston, on the roll of their Grand Lodge. Or, it may be identical with the Grand Lodge itself.

No. 192 Pine (1744-5) "Union of Angels, Francford in Germany, June 17, 1742," is the same with "Lodge zur Einigkeit"—Lodge of Union—Frankfort-on-the-Maine, "1 Mar. 1742" in Van Dalen's *Kalender für Freimaurer* for 1870.

No. 196 Pine (1744-5) "St. George, Emperor's Court at Hamburgh, Sept. 25, 1743," will be found in Van Dalen's Kalendar bearing same name and date. It is the second senior Lodge, in respect of age, holding under the Grand Lodge of Hamburgh—the oldest Grand Lodge in Germany.

The Lodge No. 108 of Pine (1740)—No. 124 of Pine, 1734—held in the city of "Hamburgh, Lower Saxony," and constituted 1733, is no doubt the one of which we read in Preston, that Lord Strathmore granted a deputation to eleven German Masons to open a Lodge in that city. Findel says we possess no further information respecting this, and that it was "not till 1737 that a Lodge without a name first came into active operation" in Hamburgh. In 1741 it assumed the name of "Absalom," and in Van Dalen's Kalendar will be found one bearing the same name, with 6th December 1737 as its date of constitution. On turning to Cole's List for 1763, I find a Lodge without a name meeting in "Decker Street, Hamburgh," but constituted "Oct. 23 1740." This is probably the Provincial Grand Lodge for which, according to Preston, Lord Kintore, G. M. of England 1740-1, granted a deputation. The proceedings of the P. G. Lodge of Hamburgh were opened in 1741, and it was then that the Lodge without a name, of which there is no record in Pine's and Cole's Lists referred to, assumed the title it still enjoys of "Absalom."

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

To the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Some time since you entrusted me with the duty of reviewing Bro. Hughan's Reprint of Pine's List of Lodges for 1734, and in the fulfilment of that task I found it necessary to question the accuracy of his judgment in stating that our present Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, should be traced to No. 128 of Pine's List, described as meeting at the "Duke of Marlborough, Petticoate Lane, White Chapell," on the "Third Fryday," the date of its constitution being "Novem. ye 5th, 1734." I suggested that present No. 45 was traceable rather to Pine's No. 110, described at the "Ship Coffee House, Near the Hermitage Bridge," on the "1st and 3rd Tuesday," the date of constitution being "2nd Feb., 1732-3." Bro. Hughan maintained his point, and argued that if it were No. 110, "then it ceased to exist, by the list of 1776, long before the 'Union of 1813.'" He further urged that for many years it had been the only Lodge in connection with 1734, and even in 1776 the only *London* Lodge of 1734, and he added that, "in the Constitutions of 1738 occurs a London Lodge of 5th November 1734." I still held to my opinion, however, that it was No. 110 of Pine's List for 1734, the reason I gave for doing so—see Freemason's Chronicle for 20th January 1877—being that the late Dr. Oliver, in his *Revelations of a Square*, was very minute in his details respecting the Strong Man Lodge, and traced it numerically through a series of lists. I also pointed out that already there was much confusion as to the date of Constitution, the text of, and the note appended to, the passage in Oliver giving no less than three dates, namely, in the note "2nd February 1734," and the text "2nd February 1733," or "17th February 1734;" so that Bro. Hughan's "No. 128," constituted "5th November 1734," only complicated matters still further. In his reply to my argument, Bro. Hughan said (see Freemason's Chronicle, 27th January 1877), "'Strong Man' Lodge is still an open question, and there I leave it *pro tem.*" I felt at the time that it was somewhat of a bold venture to adhere to my views in opposition to Bro. Hughan, and was not a little gratified that he so far recognised my prudence in doing so as to consent to the subject remaining an open question. It is all the more gratifying to me to learn, from Bro. Gould's papers, that his opinion, on certain matters in connection with these old Lists, is in my favour—to this extent, at least: "No. 110" of Pine 1734 is described similarly in Pine for 1736 (see Freemason's Chronicle, 27th July 1878); and last week I find that this No. 110 became in Pine 1740 No. 98, which agrees with Oliver's note already referred to, except that "2 February 1732-3" has become "Feb. 2 1734," which also accords with Oliver's statement. Bro. Gould remarks on this change of date, *to* "1734 *from* 1733," that, "The present positions of the last-mentioned Lodges, Nos. 98 and 99, afford a good illustration of the inconveniences that have ensued; No. 98, the senior of the two, being placed after the fair date of its Warrant as No. 45 (Strong Man), and No. 99, the junior, being placed higher than its proper seniority, as No. 35 (Medina)," which had been altered *to* "1732 *from* 1733." In Cole's List of Lodges for 1763, contributed to the *Masonic Magazine* for December 1877, the day of Constitution is altered to "Feb. 17," but the description of the Lodge, which by the closing up of numbers had become "No. 68,"—this also agrees with Oliver—identifies it as being one and the same with No. 98 of 1740. Cole's description locates it at the "Sampson and Lion, E. Smithfield, *late the Ship at ye Hermitage*—the italics are mine. This No. 68, according to Oliver, became No. 57 in 1770, No. 44 in 1781, and No. 41 in 1792, as which it remained up to the Union, after which, according to Hughan, it became No. 61, then 1832 No. 53, and in 1863 No. 45, as now. Thus Bro. Gould's account, supplemented by Cole's account of 1763, apparently justifies my views.

One other point is worth noting. Bro. Hughan, in his reprint of Pine 1734, says of the present "Medina" Lodge, No. 35, Cowes, that "it was warranted in 1731, but the foregoing list" (Pine 1734) "contains no such reference, so that it is likely the Lodge has been removed since its constitution." Bro. Gould bears out this suggestion by Bro. Hughan. "Present No. 35 (Medina)," says the former, "was a London Lodge up to 1761, but, in 1762, was removed, or its warrant, transferred to West Cowes, Isle of Wight." It is the No. 111 of Pine 1734 and 1736, described as meeting at the "Theatre Tavern, Goodman's Fields," and constituted 17th February 1723." In 1740 it became No. 99, meeting at the "Fleece, Goodman's Fields," but date of constitution was described as "Feb. 17, 1732." In Cole's List for 1763 we have it as "No. 57," meeting at "West Cowes, Isle of Wight," and dated "Feb. 17, 1732." Thus the trace which Bro. Hughan was unable to find is supplied by Bro. Gould, and "Present No. 35" is, apparently, the "No. 111, Theatre Tavern, Goodman's Fields, 2nd and 4th Monday, 17 Feb., 1732-3," of Pine 1734, only it has since been promoted to "1731" according to Grand Lodge Calendar.

When I discussed this question before, I suggested that some member of the Strong Man might throw light on the subject. Surely there must be among them one sufficiently interested in the festivities of their Lodge to say something on this matter! And it would cost so little trouble!! So with the brethren of the Medina, they might help Bros. Hughan and Gould at the expenditure of a very little time and trouble! But wisdom cries aloud in the streets—or at least in the columns of the Freemason's Chronicle, and the Craft heed her not.

Fraternally yours,

Your Reviewer of Hughan's Reprint of Pine's List of Lodges 1734.

THE GOOSE AND GRIDIRON.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother, — In my communication, "Masonic Mysteries," printed 31st August, pp 150-1, I called attention to two rival geese and gridirons, and made a hap-hazard guess, that the smaller goose was somehow connected with the idea of music; and it seems that, for once at least, I was literally "*sound on the goose*," as the following extract from Brewer's "Dictionary of Phrase and Fable" will show.

"*Goose and Gridiron.*—A public house sign, properly a music house, like Evans'. When it ceased to be a music house, some facetious landlord, to turn its former use into contempt, chose for his sign a 'Goose striking the bars of a gridiron with its foot,' and wrote below, 'The Swan and Harp."—"*The Tatler*, with notes, Vol. iv. p 206."

I failed to find in the *Tatler* any reference to the goose, &c. Mr. Brewer must, therefore, have found the above notice in the *notes* appended to some edition of the *Tatler*. The above, if true, settles the question, that the Goose and Gridiron engraved on Pine's Lodge list in 1725, answering the above description, is *the Goose of* 1717. But whether the said public house was known as the "Goose and Gridiron" before 24th June 1717? Whether the Goose on the top of the chimney pot, was the sign of the old music house? Whether the last described Goose was hung up as a sign after 1725? or whether it was the work of a Masonic wag to pass it off as a joke upon some Masonic editor, remains yet to be discovered.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

Jacob Norton.

Boston, U.S., 20th Sept. 1878.

CHARITY STEWARDS.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Alpha's letter, which appeared last week, is a fair specimen of hypercriticism. The question, as originally

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propounded, related to the expediency or non-expediency of having a banquet at the Annual Festivals in aid of our several Masonic Charities. I said that we Masons, in electing to have a banquet, merely followed a system which is almost universal in this country. I believe this is correct, and ALPHA admits "it may be so in certain respects." I further pointed out, that, as regards our Charities, the aggregate of the sums subscribed in each case, found its way into the coffers of the Institution—a not unnatural inference from which is, that while the system may be almost universal, the manner in which it is practised is not necessarily so. But even supposing that our Charities bore the cost of the banquet, &c., it would still be a most profitable outlay. Non-stewards and ladies, having no claim whatever to dine at the expense of the Charity, would still have to pay for their tickets, so that the amount of the expense borne by the Institution would form a very small proportion of the amount subscribed. Let us take Bro. Binckes's last Festival, which yielded in round figures some £10,400. The £400 would certainly have more than covered the cost of the Stewards' dinners and what I will describe as the official outlay, in the shape of badges, advertising, music, &c., or somewhere about four per cent. on the net produce.

As to Bro. Binckes's arguments being, as I suggested, "well nigh, if not quite unanswerable," that is merely the expression of my individual opinion, which must be taken for what it is worth and nothing more. ALPHA's suggestion, however, that Bro. Binckes does not himself appear to think so, and the reason for this suggestion, namely, that Bro. Binckes is writing "with a view of doing good to the Institutions," are, with all due deference to ALPHA, about as milk-and-watery a suggestion and reason as it is possible for any correspondent to propound. I presume Bro. Binckes has faith in the arguments he has the courage to express, and I dare say, with my knowledge of "OUR HERCULES'S" powers as a dialectician, he is quite prepared to maintain them against all comers. At the same time his native modesty would forbid his suggesting their unanswerableness, while it is open to me and others, who read his letters, to conceive they are unanswerable or nearly so. It is most unlikely that Bro. Binckes or any one else who may write "with a view of doing good to our Institutions," would advance any arguments in the virtue of which he had not entire faith. I think no one can have read his letters on "(a) the necessity for Anniversary Festival dinners," and "(b) the expenditure of both time and money by those who undertake the duties of Stewards," without arriving at the conclusion that he believes fully in the virtue of the present system, and I should imagine he is prepared to uphold his reasons for so thinking. He cannot say my opinions are "well nigh, if not quite unanswerable," but in communicating them to you, Sir, with a view to insertion in your valuable journal, he does, in fact, challenge the opinion of the Masonic public as to their merits. Lord Skelmersdale at the Mark Benevolent Fund dinner put it, as we are told, suggestively—but without condemning the present system—"Could we not raise the necessary funds for our Institutions without incurring the expense of a dinner?" Bro. Binckes had risen, and in reply, said, "I think not, my lord, with my sixteen or seventeen years' experience as Secretary of one of them, and there are many reasons for my so thinking." Those reasons are, in my humble judgement, such as I have described them. Let ALPHA, instead of criticising poor unfortunate me, for venturing to have an opinion, and others answer them if they can, and suggest a better plan for raising the needful. I will wager Bro. Binckes will be the first to accept any system which it can be shown will surpass the present one in accumulating funds for our Institutions. He has to bear the brunt of the labour entailed by the present system, not the least considerable or responsible portion of which is the ordering all the necessary arrangements for the dinner. I dare say he will be only too glad to find this labour reduced.

Fraternally and faithfully yours,

"P. T."

DISPOSAL OF LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am much obliged to you for having given space to my letter last week, and in accordance with my proposal therein, I send you a second balance sheet, which I am pleased to say is of a much more *Masonic* character.

I may add that this has not been selected with a view of showing extremes, but is the second one which I came across. This Lodge was not established until two years after that which I noticed last week. The difference in the mode of managing these two Lodges must be considerable if we may judge from the state of the funds.

BALANCE SHEET OF LODGE ———. ONE YEAR—1877-8:—

RECEIPTS.

Balances (including £150 invested)	£336	3	2
Interest on invested funds	6	9	9
Other receipts	259	11	0
	£602	3	11

EXPENDITURE.

Tavern bill's for Lodge meetings; the summer Festival and Committee on same	£238	19	6
Grand Lodge certificates and dues	25	6	0
Grant to Masonic charity	20	0	0
P.M.'s jewel	7	7	0
Tyler	2	10	0
Printing, postages, &c.	6	7	1
Balances (including £244 12s 6d invested)	301	14	4
	£602	3	11

It will thus be seen that the members of this Lodge are able to considerably augment their funds by investing the unemployed portion of their capital. The amount likely to be added, in the way of interest, during the current year being over ten guineas.

The experience gained in the case of this and the two Lodges referred to by Bro. Barnes, in his letter last week, shew that you, in your article, under-estimated the amount which can be earned by putting money out at interest. You therein state that three per cent. can be realised. These examples shew that, as far as large balances are concerned, 4 and even 4½ per cent. is attainable.

Yours fraternally,

UNION JACK.

DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT SHIPLEY.

ADDRESS BY EARL CARNARVON, PRO GRAND MASTER OF ENGLAND.

ON Tuesday afternoon, an interesting ceremony in connection with the Airedale Lodge of Freemasons, took place at their new Masonic Hall, viz., the dedication of the Lodge Room to the purposes of Freemasonry. The brethren of the Lodge assembled in good force but owing to the limited accommodation of the building (although sufficiently large for the purposes of their own meetings), they were unable to make the occasion so general as it otherwise would have been. Their invitations included the acting members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, and they had succeeded in securing the honour of the company of the Most Worshipful Brother the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master.

The Lodge having been opened by the W.M. and Officers of the Airedale Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge entered, and was presided over by the Right Worshipful Bro. Lieut. Colonel Sir H. Edwards, Bart., Prov. G.M., assisted by the Worshipful Bro. T. W. Tew D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire. After the customary salutations of these two dignitaries, a procession was formed, and escorted the M.W. Pro Grand Master Earl Carnarvon into the Lodge.

Sir Henry Edwards, Prov. Grand Master, replying to his salute, said he begged to return his hearty thanks to the assembly for their very cordial reception of him. We are gathered here to-day, he said, to perform an important ceremony. It is to dedicate this new Masonic Hall to the purposes of Freemasonry for ever; and to encourage and exhort the brethren in this town and Province to learn and practise more and more the beautiful principles of our ancient Fraternity. We are honoured to-day by the presence of the Pro Grand Master of England, the Earl of Carnarvon. This compliment to West Yorkshire is warmly felt and appreciated by the whole Craft in this Province, over which I have the honour to preside. I need not dilate on the admirable way in which the Pro Grand Master performs his Masonic responsibilities, or the immense interest he takes in the affairs of Grand Lodge. He always does everything he undertakes for the benefit of the Craft in the same admirable manner, and, I repeat, we owe him a debt of gratitude for being amongst us to-day. The address of the Pro Grand Master to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on his installation as Grand Master, on the 28th April 1875, which I had the honour to listen to, will be long remembered. We welcome the Pro Grand Master to West Yorkshire, a Province of sixty-five Lodges and 3000 Loyal Masonic subjects, who read with the deepest interest of his dignified conduct whilst occupying the throne of Freemasonry in Grand Lodge. (Applause.) After referring to the promptness with which the Province of West Yorkshire is worked, Sir Henry said,—It is a well-known circumstance that wherever you find prosperous Lodges, they are certain to be most loyal and punctual observers of the regulations and landmarks of Grand Lodge and the bye-laws of the Craft. (Hear, hear.) Again thanking the Pro Grand Master for his presence amongst them, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master called upon the brethren to salute his lordship with the honour due to his exalted rank; a call most heartily responded to.

The Secretary, Bro. Riley P.M. then read an address of welcome to Earl Carnarvon, which he afterwards presented to his lordship.

The Right Hon. Earl Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, in responding, said, Right Worshipful Sir, and Brethren,—It did not need so hearty a demonstration of feeling to assure him of meeting in Yorkshire, and, indeed, in every part where Freemasonry prevails, a truly fraternal and sympathetic welcome. He rejoiced greatly to have the opportunity of coming amongst them that day. He rejoiced to hear from their R.W. Prov. Grand Master of the progress of Freemasonry in West Yorkshire. He rejoiced to take part in meeting the W.M. and brethren of the Airedale Lodge, a Lodge old in Masonic history, well known in the Craft, and holding an honourable position in this Province, in their new home; and he cordially tendered them his hearty good wishes. It would be the beginning of a fresh chapter in the history of the Lodge, and he hoped it would also be the beginning of fresh honours for Masonic success. (Applause). It had been truly said in that address which had been read over to him (Earl Carnarvon) that Masonry had a world-wide name and character. He would only add a few words to that assertion, that when we reflect on the truthfulness of that fact, it is more patent to us that we each have a great duty to perform. Our aim, by our own conduct, whether we act in the Lodge, or in the Province, or in our individual capacity outside the Lodge, should be to uphold and maintain the fair fame of the name and character of Freemasonry; that we may not only hand it down to the next generation unsullied, but send it on with additional lustre. (Applause.) All who study Freemasonry know the high standpoint its principles profess; and all who come to its ranks ought to live to those principles. (Hear, hear.) Every Lodge, he said, ought to possess a home of its own nothing so much as a migratory residence tended to damage the

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prestige of a Lodge. A settled home was a source of continually gathering new history, and he hoped the new home of the Airedale Lodge would be the means of additional attractions to its members. (Loud applause.)

The ceremony of dedication was then proceeded with, according to ancient Masonic style, by the W.D.Prov. Grand Master Bro. Tew in an able manner, after which the Pro Grand Master declared the Lodge duly and properly dedicated to God and His glory, and to Masonry.

After the business of the Lodge had been brought to a close, a sumptuous luncheon, under the superintendence of Bro. R. Brewer, of the Belle Vue Hotel, Bradford, was served in the banqueting-room, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured.

In response to the toast of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, which was most enthusiastically received with loud and continuous cheering,

His Lordship said it was no common feeling of satisfaction to find himself there to-day; it was also a satisfaction to meet with so hearty a welcome. He thanked the Airedale Lodge for their invitation, and also the representatives of other Lodges who had joined in his reception. His knowledge of Yorkshire was small, yet it was such as to teach him that there were no plainer, franker speaking people than the Yorkshire people, and none who could give so hearty a welcome. (Applause.) The county possessed some of the best temporal gifts which God could send. (Hear, hear.) He could not lay claim to an extended age in Masonry, yet he had taken considerable interest in its welfare. He could truly say he had never known the Craft so prosperous. They were wealthy, powerful, and free from strife; and that was a condition that all who were in authority ought to be proud of. Yet here he would give one word of counsel. Our strength lies not in the numbers, or the wealth of the Craft, but in maintaining intact, collectively and individually, the great principles of our Order, in being steadfast to its great and good landmarks. His time with them was now short, but he trusted at no distant day to renew his acquaintance—(loud cheers)—and speaking, not as a half stranger, but as an old friend. One reason for his leaving them so hurriedly was that he was going to pay a visit to an old and dear friend of his, their tried and honoured late Prov. Grand Master—Lord Ripon. (Cheers.) It would be some satisfaction to him to know that though his Masonic brethren disagreed with the action he took in seceding from them, he had not forfeited their esteem. (Loud cheers.)

His Lordship then briefly proposed Success to the New Hall, which was duly received.

MISS FLORENCE SMART'S EVENING CONCERT.

On Tuesday, the 1st instant, at the Athenæum, Camden-road, Miss Florence Smart gave her first Evening Concert, in the presence of a numerous and fashionable audience. The first item in the programme had to be postponed for the arrival of Mr. Pettit, and the Concert opened, somewhat late, with the duet "I would that my love," by Mendelssohn, executed by Miss Mary Davies and Miss Emily Dones. Mr. Coates followed, with Arthur Sullivan's "Stars in the Summer Night," which he was called upon to repeat, and subsequently followed with song by the same author, "The distant shore." The excellent manner in which this gentleman rendered his songs, caused us to regret extremely that he was not permitted to complete the programme, with "Oft in the Stilly Night." Madame Antoinette Sterling is so well known, and likewise appreciated, that we need merely mention her singing of "Thou art weary" and "Caller Herrin,"—with encores, "The better Land" and "The Old Sailor's Wife;" and say these songs were charmingly rendered, as may well be imagined. Mr. Victor Buziau's solo on the violin, "Cavatina" by J. Raff, was listened to with breathless attention, and was, of the instrumental portion, the *pièce de resistance* of the evening. Miss Mary Davies followed, with Eaton Farring's song, "When the Gorse is in blossom," which was encored, and when we say this lady is a rising artiste we mean no idle compliment. Miss Emily Dones gave "The Green Trees Whispered," by Balfe, and Hullah's "Storm," both of which we have heard this lady execute more effectively on other occasions; however, we must not omit to state that she was suffering from hoarseness. The second part opened with Beethoven's Trio in G, for pianoforte, violin, and violoncello, by Miss Smart, Mr. Victor Buziau, and Mr. Walter Pettit. This was a severe test on the powers of the executants, and the time it occupied, 25 minutes, proved too great a strain on the attention of the audience. If we may be permitted to be facetious, we would suggest that the first of Madame Stirling's songs, "Thou art weary," might have been appropriately sung at the close of the Trio, such lengthy *morceaux*, however skilfully executed, are too much for most audiences, and the words might have been truthfully addressed to not a few of the listeners. Mr. Walter Pettit played with much skill a Solo for violoncello, "Caprice Hongrois," by Emile Dunkler, but in truth it must be told that the audience, though so appreciative of the songs, had no special liking for instrumental music after Mr. Buziau's performance; a buzz of relief could be heard throughout the room at the conclusion of the piece. Miss Florence Smart presided at the piano with great ability, and the Solo "La Regalta," by Liszt, was thoroughly appreciated. Altogether the Concert was a success, and we wish the promoter may secure pupils and increased prosperity: we know her to be a talented lady, and thoroughly deserving of public support.

We understand that this Concert is to be repeated on the 5th Nov., at the Athenæum, Camden-road, and we hope the lady's friends may not on this occasion engage themselves for domestic pyrotechnic displays.

THE MASONIC FUNERAL SERVICE.

From the "Voice of Masonry."

THE ceremonies performed by Master Masons when they commit the body of a deceased brother to the grave do not constitute a religious service, in the proper meaning of the term. When, therefore, a church, as is sometimes the case, opposes the performance of these services by a Masonic Lodge, on the ground that it is an interference with a sacred function that should be administered only by a priest or a clergyman, it commits a very serious error, which could be easily corrected by a knowledge of the true character of the Masonic rite.

The whole system of Freemasonry being founded on the science of symbolism, every rite and ceremony that it practises is of a symbolic character. The funeral service which it performs over its deceased members is, therefore, a symbolic service. It has nothing to do with a religious rite. It does not offer itself as a substitute for the Church Service. It does not propose to substitute its own rites as a necessary supplement to any form of "Christian burial." What the Church does is altogether of a religious character. The death and burial of a Christian affords to his surviving brethren an opportunity of enforcing, by this instance of mortality, the religious lessons that refer to the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, and serves as the occasion for reminding the irreligious and the unconverted of the necessity of coming into that sacred communion where, alone, it is taught that the grave is robbed of its victory and the sting is taken from death.

Now, to none of this does the Masonic funeral ceremony over a deceased Mason make any pretence. It is not the most superstitious and ignorant, alone, who are impressed with the opinion that funeral rites are necessary, if not to the future welfare of the dead at least, to the consolation of the living. Christianity, of course, does not maintain the old pagan belief that the unburned dead hover for a hundred years on the banks of the Styx, before they are permitted to enter the boat of Charon and be transported to the Elysian fields. And yet there is no one, even in this enlightened day, who does not look with repugnance on the thought that the loved one should be consigned in almost the contempt of silence to the last resting place of all. "Christian burial" is, therefore, something that almost every Christian looks to as a fitting termination of life. "To be buried out of Christian burial," as Goodman Delver has it—that is, to be consigned to the grave without the sanction of the Church's forms and ceremonies—has been considered as being, in a way, dishonouring and ignominious.

Then, as the greater portion of the Masonic Fraternity is composed of Christians, imbued with Christian views, and affected by Christian prejudices, it is preposterous to suppose that any such Mason would desire, by the rites of his Order, to supplant or supersede the burial services of the Church. And no clergyman nor professor of the Christian faith would ever entertain such a supposition if he knew what was the real meaning of the Masonic service.

Speculative Masonry is, I have already said, a symbolic institution, and its whole system is founded on the science of symbolism. It is the only secret institution of the present day that pretends to such a character. All its initiations are symbolic; all its rights and ceremonies are symbolic; everything that it does inside or outside of the Lodge is symbolic. If it dedicates a hall, or lays the corner-stone of some public edifice, or celebrates, in procession, the festival of a patron saint, the clothing of the members, the implements, and decorations and banners which are borne, are all grounded on the symbolic idea and have a symbolic meaning. And when it joins in consigning a brother to his narrow home, and gives to his mortal remains a last farewell, of all the acts of symbolism which are peculiar to the Institution this burial service is not the least symbolic. And how do we sustain this proposition, which to what Masons call the profane world must be very novel?

Prominent among the symbols of Masonry, perhaps we should rightly say most prominent, is the symbolic death of the Third degree. To every Mason, however imperfectly instructed he may be on other points, the symbolism of the Third degree is very familiar. He knows that it teaches the resurrection of the dead, one of the two dogmas which constitute the orthodox Masonic creed, the other being the existence of a personal God. As we stand around the remains of our brother as they are about to be consigned to the dust, we only consummate this symbolism of death which was begun in the Lodge when he was initiated into the sublime mysteries of a Master Mason.

"Every Master Mason," says Hutchinson, "represents a man saved from the grave of iniquity and raised to the faith of salvation."

Around every Master Mason other brethren have gathered at one time to witness with solemn awe the simulated death and resurrection, which, by this affecting symbol, inspired them with the conviction of a future life. And when this symbolic death and resurrection, so mystically represented in the Lodge, are to be replaced by the real death and resurrection to a higher life, Masons again assemble around the spot where lies the senseless body of their beloved one, and prepare to perfect the symbolic idea which had been first presented in the Third degree. The Masonic funeral service is, then, not a religious, but a strictly symbolic rite. And thus received we are enabled to understand many things connected with its administration, which would be otherwise inexplicable.

In the first place, none but Master Masons have a right to Masonic burial. "Fellow Crafts or Apprentices," says Preston, to whom we are indebted for the first formula of the service, "are not entitled to funeral obsequies." Why is this a regulation? Simply because to the Apprentice, or to the Fellow Craft, there is, in his initiation, no symbolism of death which is awaiting for its perfection the time and place of the real death and the real grave. To those who have received only the initiation of the First and Second degrees, the symbolism of the mystical death, which is implicitly preserved in the ceremony of burying a Master Mason, would be wholly unintelligible. As the ceremony is a symbolic one we must obey, in its administra

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tion, the laws of symbolism. No Mason, no matter how many degrees he may have received, no matter how high he may have climbed on the Masonic ladder, can be Masonically buried, except as a Master Mason. In some jurisdictions (I know of one at least) Grand Chapters have adopted a funeral service for Royal Arch Masons, and the Knights Templars have, not very long ago, taken the same step. But the funeral service of the Templars (and what is said of them might just as well be said of the Royal Arch Masons) is either religious or symbolical, or it is neither. It cannot be a religious service, because modern Templarism does not profess to be a religion, and although teaching Christian doctrines, it does not claim to be a Christian sect. And even the old Templars who sprang out of the Crusades, although they called their institution a religious Order, never thought, as Knights, of performing any religious rites, but left the discharge of all such duties to their Chaplains who were regularly ordained to the work by ecclesiastical authority.

The Mediæval Guilds paid much attention to the funerals of their members. All the expenses were paid by the company, and the members walked to the church in solemn procession. But the services were always performed by a "mortuary priest" who was engaged for that purpose by the Guild. Neither is the Templar funeral service a symbolical service, for there is, in no part of the Templar system of initiation a rite or ceremony which develops the symbolism of death as in the Master's degree. If it be, then, neither religious nor symbolic, the funeral service of a Templar, however beautiful may be the language in which it is framed, must be unmeaning and useless, for it is not sustained by religious authority nor recommended by Masonic symbolism.

The same thing may be said of the Chapter funeral services, in those jurisdictions where such a service exists. There is, in none of the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry, any symbolism of death upon which a Masonic symbolic funeral service could be based.

At the hour of death, however high he may have reached in his Masonic researches, the Mason comes back, instinctively, to that solemn degree in which alone he has learned the great lessons of life and death.

And as we stand around the grave of our brother, all of us, from the highest dignitaries in Commandery or Chapter, to the humblest Mason who is recorded on our roll, are Master Masons carrying out, in open day and in the face of the world, the symbolism which we were taught in our nocturnal assemblies in the recesses of our Lodges.

It was a beautiful and an expressive thought of the Greeks when they made the same word signify "to die," and "to be initiated." With them death was the initiation into life eternal. Every Mason knows how, in like manner, death and initiation are closely related in the Master's degree. Hence, of all the degrees in Masonry, the Third, alone, is appropriately supplied with a funeral service. The simulated death is succeeded by the actual one, and thus the lesson of life and *immortality* is perfected. The real grave is but a supplement of the figurative one, and the symbolization of death and the resurrection are continued from the Lodge to the cemetery.

If it is unmeaning for Royal Arch Masons, or Templar Masons, to have a funeral service, because it is not religious and cannot be symbolical, since there is no symbolism of death in the Capitular or Chivalric degrees on which to rationally found such a service, how much more unmeaning must funeral ceremonies be in a secret society where there is no symbolism of any kind. Such societies, however they may obtain our approval for their charitable deeds as benevolent associations, while paying by the attendance of their members all honor to the memory of a deceased associate, should certainly be satisfied with the services of the Church. Having had no symbolic service when he was admitted into their society, he can have none when he leaves it. But if these societies claim that their service is not symbolical but religious, then they come into collision with the Church, because they thus imply that the Church service is incomplete and requires another to make it perfect. But this is a question between the Church and these societies into which we have no wish and no right to enter. To borrow a slang phrase, the only excuse for using it being its exceeding appropriateness, "it is not our funeral."

Having thus shown that the Masonic funeral service is altogether symbolical and belongs exclusively to Master Masons and to the Master's degree, the other regulations on this subject claim our attention.

Preston, to whom we are indebted for the law of Masonic burials, lays down the regulation that except in the case of foreigners and sojourners, "no Mason can be interred with the formalities of the Order, unless it be at his own special request communicated to the Master of the lodge of which he died a member." *(Preston, Illust. Oliver ed, p 89.)*

This provision is in accordance with the general spirit of the Institution. Freemasonry is a voluntary, not a compulsory Order. When a candidate is admitted to receive its mysteries, he must, previous to his initiation, declare that he has come "of his own free will and accord." If, after having advanced one step in his novitiate, he should declare his unwillingness to go further, no Lodge or member would seek by promises or threats to induce him to proceed. Every symbol must be communicated to willing recipients only.

Now, as the funeral service at the grave of a deceased brother is but a continuation and necessary sequence of the funeral service in the Lodge, and as this former part of the symbolism was imparted only at the request of the candidate, it follows as a rule of consistency that the latter part of the same symbolism should also be illustrated only at his request. One portion of the symbolism cannot be of a voluntary character and the other portion compulsory. It is to be presumed that if a Mason wishes the service to be performed he will say so before he dies. If he does not express the wish, it is equally to be presumed that he declines the symbolism. And as the Lodge could bestow nothing upon him while he lived, without his consent, neither can it bestow anything upon him after his death, which before dying, he had explicitly or implicitly declined to receive. This is the reason of the law that a Master Mason cannot be buried Masonically unless it be at his request. The law, in more recent times, has been stretched, in a spirit of liberality, so as to recognise the request of his immediate relatives as if it were his own, because they are naturally supposed to represent what were his sentiments.

The next regulation of Masonic burials is, that no Mason can be buried, "foreigners and sojourners excepted," unless he has been a man of good character and exemplary conduct. Preston, it is true, does not enunciate this law in express words. But it is implied from the fact that he is required to have been at the time of his death a member of a Lodge. The request for his burial must have been, says Preston, "communicated to the Master of the Lodge of which *he* died a member."

Now, as it is a well settled maxim of law that everything that is done by competent authority is presumed to be rightly done, and as the Lodge had neither suspended nor expelled the deceased, since at the time of his death he was a member, it follows that he could have done nothing that would have rendered him liable to suspension or expulsion. Therefore, being a member "in good standing" at the time of his death, it is to be taken for granted that his life had been a virtuous one. Now, why is it that none but good Masons can be buried with the formalities of the Order? It is because the symbolic death of the Third degree was that of a virtuous man. And at the time when that symbolism of death is imparted to the aspirant he is told to "be true and faithful, and imitate the example of that celebrated artist whom he has once represented." Throughout the remainder of his life the unswerving integrity of that "celebrated artist" is ever an example to him. His death and resurrection are a hope and a consolation. When we stand around the grave of our brother, we are reminded of that death and burial which had been symbolized to us, as of one who had sacrificed his life to preserve his integrity. Recalling all the details of the legend of the Third degree, it is evident that to appropriate the funeral services founded on that legend to an unworthy man and Mason would be to debase and to misapply its symbolism. Hence, none but Master Masons "in good standing" in their Lodge, that is, of irreproachable conduct, are entitled to Masonic burial.

From what has been here said the following principles may be assumed as the results of the enquiry:

1. The Masonic funeral service, is not a religious service. Therefore it does not come into collision with the service of the Church, being intended neither as an addition to or a substitute for it.

2. It is a symbolic service carrying out, at the grave, the symbolic idea which had previously been taught in the Lodge.

3. Its symbolism is founded on the symbolism of death and burial as presented in the Master's degree. Therefore any service performed by Masons of a higher degree or by any non-religious society must be unmeaning and inexpressive, because there is no such symbolism from which the service can derive any application or significance.

4. Being a part of the symbolism of the Third degree it can be performed over Master Masons only.

5. For the same reason and because Masonry is a voluntary institution, which requires the "free will and accord" of every one who would share its mysteries, the service can be performed only on the request of the deceased brother expressed before his death, or what is supposed to be the same thing, on the request of his immediate relatives.

6. As the symbolism in a Masonic funeral refers to the death and burial of one who was distinguished in the annals of Masonry for his virtues, the service can only be performed over one who is his representative, that is, a worthy Master Mason "in good standing." Otherwise the symbolism would be inconsistent and contradictory in its interpretation.

7. Lastly, as none but worthy Masons can, for the reason above stated, be interred with this funeral service, and as the only evidence of such worth recognized by Masonic law is "good standing," unaffiliated Masons, not being in "good standing," are not entitled to Masonic burial. An unaffiliated Mason may, perchance, be a good man, but he cannot be esteemed a good Mason.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A meeting of the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on Tuesday afternoon—the Grand Master Mason, Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, in the chair—when nominations were made of the brethren to be recommended by the committee for election by Grand Lodge at its meeting in November as the office-bearers for next year. The following were, we understand, unanimously agreed upon:—Sir Michael Shaw Stewart again to be the Grand Master; the Earl of Mar and Kellie to be Depute Grand Master, in room of Bro. Henry Inglis of Torsonce; Colonel Campbell of Blythswood again to be Substitute Grand Master; Lord Inverurie, presently Junior Grand Warden, to be Senior Grand Warden, in place of Bro. Barrow; Bro. R. F. Shaw Stewart, Senior Grand Deacon, to be Junior Grand Warden; the Rev. Dr. G. S. Burns, Glasgow, to be joint Grand Chaplain, in room of Bro. the Rev. Dr. Gray; the Earl of Haddington to be Senior Grand Deacon; Bro. J. Caldwell, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire, to be Junior Grand Warden, in place of Sir George Douglas Clerk; Bro. Francis L. Law to be Grand Jeweller, in room of Bro. Alexander Hay; and the other office-bearers of Grand Lodge to be re-elected.—*Edinburgh Courant.*

NOTICE.—BACK NUMBERS.

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PATRONS:

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c. M.W.G.M., President.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

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, 12th day of October 1878, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution, to consider notices of motion as follow, and to elect Three Girls into the School by ballot from a list of Twenty-nine approved Candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock (or after the usual business is over), and close at Three o'clock precisely.

By Bro. Colonel Creaton, Treasurer and Trustee.

"That a Sub-Committee, consisting of Five Members of the General Committee, be appointed to take into consideration the desirability of revising the Laws, and report thereon to the Quarterly Court in January next."

Also

"That Four Girls be elected at the October Quarterly Court, instead of Three, thereby filling up a vacancy caused by death."

Also, upon the recommendation of the House Committee,

"That the amount paid as an Honorarium to the Chaplain be increased from £20 to £25 per annum; also, that to the Parochial Charities from £5 to £10 per annum.

By Bro. Henry Browse, P.G.D., Vice-Pres.

"That the premiums on the Secretary's guarantee be paid by the Institution."

By Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Vice Pres.

Upon recommendation of the House Committee,

"An exceptional case having arisen by the untimely death of Bro. Charles Jardine (a member of the Audit Committee of this Institution), through the late fatal collision on the Thames, whereby a widow and nine children are left unprovided for.

It is resolved

"That the laws regulating the admission of candidates to this Institution be suspended for the purpose of admitting Cecily Sara Jardine, aged 8 years, one of the said orphans from that catastrophe, without election."

Also

"That the Sub Committee for the consideration of the revision of the Bye Laws be increased to at least nine members."

Upon the recommendation of the General Committee

"A Gratuity of £20 to G. S. Peachey, for attention and assistance, as extra services during the late Secretary's illness."

By Bro. H. Hacker.

That the name of Edith Brown, No. 21 on the list of candidates for election, be struck out as ineligible.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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THE LAST CHANCE.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

SEVENTH APPLICATION, OCTOBER 1878.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers are earnestly solicited on behalf of

ARTHUR H. DAY, Aged Ten Years,

SON of the late Bro. JOHN DAY, of Tendring, in the County of Essex, Farmer and Brewer. The Deceased was for eight years, and up to a short time of his death, a Subscribing Member of the Lodge of Hope, No. 433, Brightlingsea. During the last years of his life he became much reduced in circumstances, in consequence of a long affliction—Paralysis. At his decease, which took place on the 30th of December 1871, barely sufficient funds were realised to pay his debts, and the Widow was consequently obliged to give up the business, and is mainly dependent on her friends for support. She has two children (out of a family of five) entirely dependent. The Applicant is a quick, promising Boy, greatly needing your sympathy.

The Case is strongly recommended by the following Brethren:—R. W. Bros. W. W. B. BEACH M.P. P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; * Sir. J. H. JOHNSON, Shakespeare Lodge, No. 99, the Priory, St. Osyth, Essex; * E. JOHNSON, V.P. Farringdon House, Exeter; C. H. WATERS P.M. Grand Stewards Lodge, Buckingham Palace Road, London; BLYTH, New Concord Lodge No. 813, 63 Red Lion Street, Holborn; S. HARMAN, Headings House, Palmers Green, Southgate; E. W. DAVIS P.M. 95 and 172 P.Z. 554, 318 High Holborn W.C.; *R. T. TYRRS Marylebone Lodge 1,305, 21 Wellington Road, St. John's Wood; *G. GARD FYE P.P.G.S. of W. Essex, P.M. Angel Lodge No. 51, Bank Buildings, Colchester; FRED A. COLE P.P.G. Registrar P.M. Angel Lodge No. 51, St. Botolph's, Colchester; W. GRIGGS P.M. Lodge of Hope No. 433, Brightlingsea; W. BEALE P.M. Lodge of Hope No. 433, Brightlingsea; W. BALLS Lodge of Hope No. 433, Tendring, Colchester; *J. E. WISEMAN P.P.G.A.D.C. P.M. and Secretary No. 433, Brightlingsea; THOS. J. RALLING I.P.M. Angel Lodge No. 51, P.G. Sec. Essex, *Essex Standard Office* Colchester.

*Proxies will be thankfully received by the Brethren opposite whose names a * is placed, or they may be sent to Mrs. DAY, Great Clacton Green, Colchester.*



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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

ON Sunday, Her Majesty the Queen paid a visit to the Princess of Wales at Abergeldie Castle, and has, together with the Princess, paid visits to the Hon. Lady Biddulph since the death of her husband. H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Princesses Louise, Victoria and Maud, reached Abergeldie Castle on Thursday, and on Friday and Monday visited Her Majesty the Queen at Balmoral. H.R.H. Prince Frederick William of Prussia left Balmoral on Friday.

By the death of General Sir Thomas M. Biddulph, K.C.B., Keeper of the Privy Purse, Her Majesty has lost a most faithful servant. The deceased, who had suffered from a severe attack of bronchitis and inflammation of the lungs, expired on Saturday at Abergeldie.

Mr. Justice Keogh, one of the Irish judges, died on Tuesday, at Bingen, aged fifty-nine years. The deceased acted as Attorney General for Ireland during the time of Lord Aberdeen's Government.

On Saturday Mr. George Burt and Mr. Thomas Bevan were, with customary ceremony, installed as Sheriffs for London and Middlesex for the coming year. Later in the day, the various City Companies and others entitled assembled for the purpose of electing the Lord Mayor, the choice resulting in favour of Alderman Sir Charles Whetham.

On Friday the pilot in charge of the Bywell Castle at the time of the collision on the Thames was further examined, and at the conclusion of his examination expressed his great regret at the accident and his sympathy with the sufferers. The first mate was the next person brought forward, and other evidence having been given, the Court adjourned until Tuesday, on which day further witnesses appeared. The Coroner stated, that in consequence of strong representations having been made to him as to the unseaworthiness of the Princess Alice, he had determined to apply for the nomination of an expert to examine her timbers. On Thursday, which was the next day devoted to the inquiry, the Coroner stated that he had appointed four persons to examine the wreck, and would question them on oath as to the condition thereof, at the proper time. The witnesses on that day included the mate, an engineer, and a seaman on board the Bywell Castle. Several statements having been made as to the condition of the water of the Thames at the point where the collision occurred, in consequence of the sewer outfall there

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the Metropolitan Board of Works have referred the matter to the Works and General Purposes Committee, and discussions have occurred in various other assemblies on the same subject. The fund at the Mansion House raised in aid of the sufferers, now amounts to £33,000. Of this sum about £10,000 has been distributed by the committee among various applicants.

Pumping operations are still in progress at the Abercarn Colliery. Until the water is cleared from the mine it is of course impossible for any survey thereof to take place. The relatives of those in the pit are naturally anxious that the work should proceed as speedily as possible, especially as fears are entertained that many of the bodies will be buried in the falls which will certainly occur from the force of the explosion and the action taken since. Great distress prevails in the district in consequence of the calamity, the whole of the men lately engaged at the colliery being out of employment by reason of the stoppage of the works.

The inquest on the late fatal fire at Birmingham has resulted in the verdict "That the fire was designedly caused, but by whom there was no evidence to show." The jury added to their finding a severe censure upon the local police, together with a strong condemnation of the defective arrangements of the Fire Brigade.

The state of affairs on the north-west frontier of our Indian empire is causing considerable anxiety both in that country and here. The Indian Government, who wish to give the Ameer of Afghanistan every opportunity of making amends for the insult offered to our Envoy, are making active preparations for a campaign, but it is expected that very little can be done until the spring, beyond subduing those of the hill tribes who are opposed to us, and enlisting the support of the others. The popular belief in India is, that the Ameer will take no notice of our preparations, although the Government seem to think that the display will bring him to terms without fighting. General Crawford Chamberlain, brother of Sir Neville, will, it is stated, be entrusted with the chief command. Various rumours come from St. Petersburgh on the question, among others is one that in case of any attack by England, Russia could hardly leave the Ameer undefended, and in that case Afghanistan would play a part similar to that of Servia during the late campaign. Among a certain class there, it is thought an Anglo-Russian war in Asia is unavoidable. On the Continent, the course of events is anxiously watched, the general opinion being that war must ensue.

A ministerial crisis has occurred in Hungary in consequence of some difference of opinion as to the means of defraying the cost of the Bosnian occupation, and, as a consequence, Herr Szell, the Minister of Finance, tendered his resignation. This was followed, on Monday, by the whole of his colleagues taking a similar step. The Emperor has accepted that of the former, but will take time to consider those of the latter. It is stated that the next vote of credit on this account will be for eight and a half millions sterling. Numerous bodies of the insurgents are crossing the frontier into Servia, it being estimated that upwards of ten thousand have either taken that step or are on their way. The principal inhabitants of Zwornik having met the Austrian troops, and made the submission of that town, some thousands of Turkish soldiers, with two pachas, also crossed into Servia, where they were at once disarmed. The Austrians having thought the fortress of Klobuk might be used as a basis of future risings, have completely destroyed it, and have disarmed the Mahometan inhabitants thereof. Generally, throughout Bosnia, the insurgents as well as the Turkish troops seem to have abandoned all idea of further resistance, they not thinking it likely any additional assistance will be accorded them by the Porte. The total losses of the Austrians in killed an wounded, and those who have died from sickness during the campaign, is stated at 4000 men. The effective strength of the French army for next year is fixed at nearly 500,000 men; the expense of maintaining it being estimated at twenty-two millions sterling. Great anxiety is felt at the Vatican in consequence of its being expected that the negotiations with Germany will be broken off. In consequence of the recent reduction of pay, and the partiality with which rewards are bestowed, a mutiny occurred in Japan during the latter part of last month; 300 men belonging to the Imperial Guard and the Artillery rebelled, and killed three of their officers. The disturbance was quickly put down. From Morocco a severe famine is reported, and deaths from starvation are of daily occurrence. The yellow fever epidemic still rages in the Southern States of America, and in some of the country districts and suburbs of large towns the death rate is increasing.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Northumberland, will take place on Tuesday next, at the Corn Exchange, Alnwick. The Right. Hon. Earl Percy, Prov. G. Master, will preside, and on this occasion, the Prov. G. Master invites the brethren to dine with him, with the permission of His Grace the Duke of Northumberland, at Alnwick Castle. Prov. G. Lodge will be opened at two o'clock precisely. Ample arrangements have been made for a large attendance of the brethren of the Province, and it is expected that the gathering will be one of the most important ever held in the district in connection with Freemasonry.

The season is at hand when people who are given to floriculture will be thinking of laying in their stock of hyacinths, tulips, and other bulbous plants. Consequently, the florists generally are busy issuing their autumn catalogues with a view to attracting intending purchasers. We have received copy of Messrs. Dick Radclyffe & Co.'s Catalogue, and having carefully noted its contents we are satisfied that those of our readers who may favour this well-known firm with their custom will obtain what they require at moderate charges and of excellent quality. The collections of bulbs, either for the open ground or for indoor decoration in pots and glasses are remarkably cheap, considering the number and variety of the sorts included. Two guineas for a collection comprising 300 crocus, 100 snowdrops, 75 Duc Van Thol tulips (various), 50 narcissus, two dozen hyacinths, besides daffodils, iris, jonquils, lilies, ranunculus, scillas, &c., &c., is by no means excessive, or if the collection is too numerous, one-half of it may be had for one guinea, in either case carriage to any railway station in England and Wales, and packing being covered by the charge. Smaller collections, carriage not paid, may be had for either open ground or indoors for half a guinea. The lists of different roots separately is very numerous and contains all the best known varieties, ranged under their different colours. The prices range from twelve to eighteen shillings per dozen, and from forty-eight to one hundred and thirty-six shillings if bought in collections, or from 2s to 6d per bulb for the different varieties. The same may be said of the tulips and other roots, which are marked at so much per root, per dozen, or per hundred, according to circumstances. These occupy the larger half of the Catalogue, the rest containing fruit trees, roses, miscellaneous, roots, gardening necessaries, manures, &c., &c., the quality in all cases being guaranteed. We have also been favoured with copy of Catalogue of hyacinths, &c., &c., issued by the well known firm of W. Cutbush & Son, of the Highgate Nurseries, and Barnet, Herts. Here too, after careful examination of its contents we can, with confidence, recommend to our readers who have not made up their minds whom to carry their custom to, to visit the Nurseries of this firm. They will find a large and varied assortment of every description of bulb, and may indulge their taste for expensive varieties or for those of a more modest price. Here, too, the prices per root, per dozen, and per hundred are given, or may be, in the last case, obtained on application.

At this busy season of the Masonic year, when Lodges are speculating as to where they shall hold their installation meetings, so as to find the requisite accommodation for large parties, we direct attention to Bro. Smith's advertisement, which appears in another column. Bro. Smith is favourably known to many of our readers, and his ability as a caterer has been acknowledged again and again.

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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, 5th OCTOBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
194—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.
1425—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, at 3 o'clock. (Emergency.)
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-street, W., at 8.

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1223—Amherst Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

MONDAY, 7th OCTOBER.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6 30. (Instruct.)
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, Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.) Supper.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1635—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road.
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

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.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
393—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
661—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1050—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1054—Bostham, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1096—Lord Warden, Royal Hotel, Deal, at 7. (Instruction.) Annual Supper.
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1446—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1473—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
R. A. 263—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
M. M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 8th OCTOBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Lendenhall-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.)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-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, Powzall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
903—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1256—Southern Star, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-street, E.C.
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Covent Garden Hotel, Henrietta-street.
1656—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
93—Royal, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.
184—United Chatham of benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon.
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
802—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.
903—Gosport, Indin Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1272—Stanley, Talbot, Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction.)
1547—Leake, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey.
1564—Ocsaeden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1585—Royal Navy, College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
R. A. 425—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.

WEDNESDAY, 9th OCTOBER.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen's-street, W.C.
27—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
117—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jerusalem, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crondale-rd., Camden-town at 8 (In
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Wesley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Northern Star, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
[illegible]—Whittington, near Mill, Upper Street, Islington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, Half Moon Arms Hotel, Wood-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, Ten Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1260—Harvey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. John's Wood.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.) Annual Supper.
1558—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
281—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
795—St. John, Bay Mead Hotel, Maidenhead.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1241—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1394—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1474—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, at 7. (Instruction.)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannoc, Staffs.
1582—Llandiloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llandiloes, North Wales.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.

THURSDAY, 10th OCTOBER.

5—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
720—Panmure Gen. L. of Inst., Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington.
1523—St. Mary Magdalen, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1556—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street-hill, Exeter.
208—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
240—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, Dual.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1093—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1125—St. Pete., Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under Lyne.
1294—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thame.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1467—Bagshaw, Bald Faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

FRIDAY, 11th OCTOBER.

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. (Inst.)
804—Hanaleigh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1005—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 150 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1202—Harvey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1320—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, Gunnersbury-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
K. T.—Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
901—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
987—Unned, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Instruction.)
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1269—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
1539—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.

SATURDAY, 12th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12. (Election, &c.)
[illegible]—City, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1602—Lewis, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1911—Mitre, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

815—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
891—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
913—Camperdown, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.—ZITELLA, given by Mr. SEYMOUR SMITH.—PEKIN and A VISIT TO JAPAN.—THE FAR-E EXHIBITION, illustrated.—SCIENTIFIC VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT, with Philosophical and Optical Experiments.—THE MICROPHONE, TELEPHONE AND PHONOGRAPH, &c.—CYCLOPS, the history and characteristics.—Admission, 1s; Open 12 till 5 and 7 till 10, Carriages at 5 and 10.

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CONSECRATION OF THE MID SURREY CHAPTER, No. 1044.

SOME members of the Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044, seeing the need of forming a Chapter in connection therewith, determined to petition Grand Chapter for that purpose. The necessary preliminaries having been duly observed, a Warrant was granted to form the Mid Surrey Chapter, the promoters preferring this designation to that of the name of the Mother Lodge. On 27th September, in accordance with ancient rites and ceremonies, the Chapter was Consecrated by Comp. H. E. Frances P.P.D.C. for the Grand Chapter of Surrey. The Chapter was opened by him, he having for H. Comp. J.M. Klenck Z. 1339, and for J. E. Cronch H. 857. The Comps. were admitted in proper order, and marshalled by Comp. Stevens, who efficiently acted as Director of Ceremonies. There were present Comps. C. W. Gray M.E.Z. designate, H. R. Jones H. designate, and G. Pythyan J. designate, J. R. Jones acting S.E. Also Comps. Bridges P.G.S.B. Grand Chapter of Middlesex, F. Keily, J. F. Storr, Godfrey, W. J. Huntley, with several others. Comp. Frances addressed them on the nature of the meeting. The petition and warrant having been read, and the members of the new Chapter duly presented, Comp. Frances gave an oration on the principles of Royal Arch Masonry, a composition from his own pen, which met with marked attention and approval. The fine anthems, which are indispensable to this important ceremony, were exquisitely rendered by Comp. Lawler, assisted by Comps. Baxter, Carter, and Jekyll, and gave great delight. The entire ceremony was most impressively given by Comp. Frances, who afterwards duly installed Comps. Gray, Jones and Pythyan into their respective chairs. On the readmission of the Comps., after the installation, it was unanimously agreed that Comp. Frances be made an honorary member, and that votes of thanks be inscribed to Comps. Klenck and Cronch for their valuable assistance. Several propositions for exaltation and joining were then made, and the Comps. adjourned to the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, to partake of banquet, where the Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured, the evening's pleasure being much enhanced by the musical performance of Comp. Lawler and his party.

A new Lodge of Freemasons, styled the Pimlico Lodge, No. 1772, was consecrated on Thursday, at the Morpeth Arms, Millbank, by Bro. John Boyd, Past Grand Pursuivant, who was assisted by Bros. J. A. Rucker, Peter de Lande Long, H. G. Buss, and several other Grand Officers. Bro. John Palmer, a Past Master of the Egyptian and Kilburn Lodges, was installed as the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge.—*Standard.*

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday 30th ult. Present—Bros. Hallam sen. W.M., Pearcy S.W., Kidder J.W., W. Rowley S.D., W. Cook J.D., Jeapes I.G., Stock acting Preceptor; also Bros. Halford, Weeden, Guyer, Hyland, Isaac, &c. All preliminaries being observed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Weeden acting as candidate. Bro. Hyland proving his efficiency, was entrusted. Lodge advanced, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Pearcy worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. On Lodge being resumed, Bros. Guyer of the Finsbury Lodge, No. 861, and Jeapes of United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, No. 184, Province of Kent, were elected members. Bro. Pearcy was elected to preside at the next meeting; after which Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—The Annual Banquet of the brethren of this Lodge of Instruction was held at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, on Tuesday, 1st October. Bro. S. Powneeby S.W. 55 presided. After an excellent repast, served by Bro. Bond, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Among those present were Bros. Bingemann, J. H. Dodson, T. B. Dodson, Abell, Cooper, Dickins, Linscott, Soper, Sanders, Cornu, Bramham, Tate, Brown, Jackson, Todd, Scott, &c.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—On Saturday, at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, Islington, N. Bros. C. K. Killick W.M., R. H. Halford S.W., Byrg J.W., R. Read I.G. After the Lodge had been formally opened, the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, after which Bro. Byrg worked the ceremony of initiation, and several sections of the first lecture. Bro. Brasted was appointed W.M. for next meeting.

Philanthropic Lodge, No. 304.—A meeting was held on 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds. Present—Bros. T. C. Taylor W.M., T. L. Oates P.M. S.W., T. W. Gaines J.W., W. F. Tomlinson Sec., T. W. Bailey S.D., George Hill as J.D., James Yates I.G., Robt. Oates Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Crain, Bedford, and about a dozen other brethren. Visitors—Bros. the W.M. of Goderich Lodge, No. 1311, Winn P.M., Beck Lodge of Fidelity No. 289. Business comprised the raising of Bro. T. P. Humble; the passing of Dr. Geo. S. Taylor; and the initiation of Mr. Thomas Myers, of Leeds.

Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693.—This Lodge, which was consecrated in August 1877, has now completed its first year's existence, and the results achieved by the brethren may be considered highly satisfactory. The founders have been careful in their selection of brethren who have joined the Lodge, and the character of those who have been proposed as candidates for initiation has been well looked into. The Lodge moreover has fairly exerted itself on behalf of the Charities. The brethren met for the installation gathering on Tuesday last, the 1st October, at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, when, at 4 o'clock, the Lodge was opened by Bro. Charles Kingston Killick, supported by his Officers, a good attendance of members, and the following amongst other Visitors:—H. R. Hallam J.W. 1349, Wm. Webb A.D.C. 1590, H. Hallam 218, J. T. Rowe W.M. 198, A. Raynor 1201, H. Cox W.M. elect 1580, W. B. Kidder P.M. 12, R. H. Halford W.M. 228, W. Cook 1590, R. Pearcy J.W. 228, W. H. Main P.M. 813, John A. Powell J.W. 186, H. Hollis P.M. 167, C. H. Drury 85, S. E. Moss P.M. 185, W. Rowley 917, J. Stock W.M. elect 1178, W. W. Morgan 211, C. Reepe 228. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the Auditors' report was received and adopted. Bro. Charles Hall was then raised to the sublime degree, the W.M. conducting the ceremony most effectively. The W.M. elect, Bro. A. H. Trewinnard, was then introduced, duly obligated, and installed as second W.M. of the Kingsland Lodge, the retiring Master undertaking the duties, and executing his work most ably. The appointment of Officers resulted as follows:—Bros. Isaac S.W., Hawkins J.W., Crosbie Treas., C. K. Killick P.M. Sec., A. W. Fenner S.D., Henry Hall J.D., Bartle I.G., N. L. Western D.C., J. Thompson A.D.C., Opperman W.S., Steedman P.M. Tyler. During the proceedings Bro. J. L. Mather acted as Director of Ceremonies, while Bros. Edgar Bowyer and H. Cox filled respectively the chairs of Senior and Junior Warden. After Bro. Killick had made a statement as to the result of his Stewardship at the last Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and the transaction of routine business, Lodge was closed. Banquet was served by Bro. Fysh, who was ably assisted by Bro. Allardyce, and on the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proceeded with the toasts. That of Her Majesty and the Craft having been loyally responded to, the W.M. gave the health of the Grand Master, and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was sung. Bro. Killick felt it a great pleasure that it devolved on him to propose the health of the W.M. The present W.M. had ably filled, during the past year, the office of Senior Warden, and he felt assured the brethren had selected a competent Master. After a song, Bro. Trewinnard replied. He had always made this particular branch of Freemasonry his most especial study, and he was much pleased to stand before them in his present position. He trusted the affairs of the Lodge would prosper under his rule, and that the members would never regret having placed him in the chair. The next toast on the list was the health of the Installing, and First Master of the Kingsland Lodge, who had that night given them an admirable taste of his quality. The W.M. would now call upon them to drink Bro. Killick's health; before doing so, however, he would place on his breast the jewel that had been voted at the last meeting of the Lodge, and in doing so, he would express a hope that their esteemed I.P.M. might live long to wear it among them. Bro. Hallam jun. here sang "Meet me once again." Bro. Killick thanked the members for the spontaneous generosity they had exhibited in responding to his toast, so kindly proposed by the W.M. It was to him a gratifying recollection, that of having had the pleasure of introducing their present W.M. into Freemasonry. He was especially thankful that he had that day been privileged to instal him into the chair. For the handsome jewel they had presented him with, he was much indebted to them, and he trusted he might wear it for many, many years to come, and also that he might continue to see their kind faces around him. The next toast was Prosperity to the Masonic Institutions, coupled with the name of Bro. Terry, who, in a most exhaustive speech, acknowledged the compliment, and recounted what was being done by the three great Institutions supported by the Craft. The remaining toasts were taken in due course, and some able replies were made. The W.M., in response to an appeal from Bro. Terry, expressed his readiness to serve as Steward at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution. Some capital songs were given during the evening, Bros. Hallam, Oppenheim, Killick and others favouring the company, while Bros. Isaac and Hawkins gave excellent recitations.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1529.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. R. Olley W.M., G. Ferrar S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., E. Dietrich Secretary and Treasurer, McMillan S.D., Williams J.D., C. Olley I.G., W. Fieldwick Preceptor; also Bros. B. Meyer W.M. of the Mother Lodge, W. Ferrar, H. Meyer J.W. 1524, Batchelor, O. Dietrich, &c. Business—After the regular routine of opening, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. B. Meyer being candidate. Bro. J. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the first four sections of the lecture. Bro. G. Ferrar was appointed W.M. for Wednesday, 16th inst. The supper of this Lodge of Instruction will take place on Wednesday evening next.

Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 2nd October, at the Abercorn Hotel, Stanmore. Present—Bros. G. Tilcombe W.M., J. Ebbs S.W., W. S. Marshall J.W., C. Veal P.M. Sec., W. A. Rogers Treasurer, R. Roy S.D., C. Long J.D., Heisdon P.M. D.C., J. Middleton Tyler. Past Masters, Bros. Heisdon and J. W. Garrod. Visitors—Bros. F. Honeywell P.M. 889, J. Welford J.W. 733, H. Hall 34. Lodge opened at 4 p.m.; minutes of last meeting were confirmed. Bro. R. B. Paton was examined and passed. Bros. Tyrrell and Schmidt were then examined and duly raised; the ceremonies were ably performed by the W.M. Lodge closed in peace and harmony at 6 p.m.

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Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780.—The installation meetings of this Lodge are invariably well attended; when we say this, we do not wish our readers to assume that our remark is to apply to the installation meetings alone; indeed, we scarcely know any Lodge where better attendances are to be found. Since the improvements made at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, and the erection of the commodious banqueting hall by Bro. Stanbury, every facility for comfort, and for the enjoyment of the good things of this life is at the command of the Lodges and Chapters who make this establishment their head quarters. The present W.M., Bro. Charles Frederick May, is the son of the late Samuel May, a brother for whom the most universal respect was ever entertained, both by those who knew him in his Masonic capacity, and by those whose business relations brought him more immediately into association. Ten years back Bro. Samuel May filled the chair of the Royal Alfred Lodge, and up till the time of his death, which occurred in 1876, was ever watchful for the interests and welfare of the members. We believe it was during the Mastership of Bro. William Hilton that Bro. Charles May was invested with his first collar, that of Inner Guard, and as the Masters of this Lodge believe in the wholesome rule of aspirants rising steadily, step by step, and are opposed to the system—adopted, we regret to say, in too many Lodges—of "pitchforking" their members into office, we find that Bro. C. May has gradually risen, till on our entering the Lodge on Friday last we found him in the chair of Senior Warden. Bro. W. Goss, who is the soul of punctuality, opened the Lodge at the hour appointed, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The report of the Auditors was then read, and adopted. It shewed there was a balance due to the Lodge of over £61. The candidate for raising—Bro. John Edward Sharp—who was present, was examined, and duly advanced to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. There were six candidates on the paper for the second degree—Bros. Alfred T. Secker, John Snook, Edwin Evdmann, John Henry Jarvis, Richard Wood, and Robert Gifford; and each took his second step in Freemasonry. The next business was the election of a Treasurer to the Lodge. This office had become vacant in consequence of the unpleasant disclosures which have occurred since the last meeting of the members. The choice of the brethren fell upon Bro. Walter Goss, and this announcement was greeted with applause by all assembled. Bro. Goss, who throughout his year of office has carried out most carefully every duty, now took his place as Installing Master, and Bro. May was formally obligated, and the ceremony completed in its entirety. The Officers were then appointed and invested:—Bros. W. Gomm S.W., R. Blasby J.W., Walter Goss I.P.M. Treasurer, William Hilton P.M. Secretary, Costelow S.D., Frnnckel J.D., Gunner I.G., Tarling W.S., Gilbert Tyler. After the discussion of several matters in reference to the future conduct of the Lodge, and the usual routine business, Lodge was closed. We must not omit to mention here, however, that Bro. Past Master Gardiner, during the proceedings, intimated his intention to act as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and that the Lodge voted him the sum of £10 10s to place his list; this amount was most liberally supplemented by the members, and later on in the evening, when Brother Gardiner handed over his list for our inspection, we were pleased to note it totalled up to £49 7s 6d. As Bro. Gardiner is one who does not let the grass grow under his feet, we expect this amount will be considerably augmented ere the Festival is held. After a short interval the brethren were summoned to the banqueting hall, where a most *recherché* repast was awaiting them. This was partaken of with extreme satisfaction, and on the removal of the cloth Bro. May proceeded with the toasts. The brethren having most loyally responded to the health of Her Majesty, that of H.R.H. the Grand Master was given. It is well known he takes a great interest in all Masonic matters, and by the way he exerts himself to further the best interest of Freemasonry he has won the respect of every member of the Craft. With the next toast—the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers—was associated the name of Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, who replied. He would at once acknowledge his obligations to the W.M. for the kind way in which he had proposed, and to the brethren for the way in which they had received the toast. Both the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy were ever mindful of the heavy responsibilities of their position. This was evidenced most especially by the way the Pro Grand Master had conducted the recent proceedings in Grand Lodge. Lord Skelmersdale was perhaps better known in his own Province, that of West Lancashire; but all might be assured no Deputy Grand Master had ever been more popular. He was always ready to expend his time, and bring his great experience to bear. And now a few words for himself. Personally he felt a great pleasure in being present; for fourteen or fifteen years he had had the honour of being Secretary of this Lodge, and it was gratifying to him to see so many old faces around him. So long as the Lodge had officers who were as capable of doing their duty as those he saw at their posts that evening every prosperity must attend them. Bro. Walter Goss now rose to propose the health of the W.M., which duty he performed in most felicitous terms. Bro. May on rising was most heartily greeted; he thanked Bro. Goss for the kind way in which he had introduced the toast; and for the hearty way in which he had made reference to his father. If at the end of the twelvemonths he should stand there and be considered worthy of their regard, he should feel amply repaid for any trouble he might have to undergo. The next toast was that of the Past Masters, to whom was due so much of the success which had attended the working of the Lodge in the past, and to their continued exertions would be due any future prosperity that might ensue. Their Immediate Past Master, Bro. Goss, had that evening most successfully completed his labours by the way in which he had performed the ceremony of Installation, and in his new post of Treasurer he (the W.M.) trusted he might for many, many years, attend their gatherings, and give the Lodge the benefit of his experience. After an amusing song from Bro. Gunner, Bro. Goss acknowledged the compliment. He would strive to make his future services of value to the Lodge, and felt it a great compliment they had paid him in electing him Treasurer. The handsome jewel they had presented him with should ever be prized by him, and he trusted his children might look upon it with gratification for many years. Bro. Hilton remarked that he had had the pleasure of initiating the W.M. some seven years back, and he was much gratified at finding him that day in his exalted position. Bro. Beasley and others having offered a few words, the W.M. called on the members to drink the health of the Visitors. The list was a long one, and comprised, amongst others, the following:—Bros. Thos. J. Barnes P.M. 554, John Soper 55, H. C. Soper P.M. 704, J. Tickle P.M. 1196, R. Clarke P.M. 1158, John Bingemann P.M. 55, T. J. Maidwell W.M. 27, C. D. Hume W.M. 742, Seymour Lucas, G. Phillips, O. Sarvent 22, W. C. A. Bradle 87, H. Craven 834, J. W. Sanders 1293, George Penn W.M. 1642, George Jonoffe, Euphrates, W. W. Morgan 211. Bro. May expressed the gratification it afforded the members of the Royal Alfred to meet and entertain brethren of other Lodges, and felt pleased to hear that they were enjoying themselves. To Bro. Barnes was entrusted the duty of replying, but several other brethren spoke a few words, all in eulogy of the day's proceedings. The remaining toasts were speedily disposed of, and the brethren separated. The following is a list of the P.M.'s of the Lodge who were present:—Bros. J. Chambers Roe, T. Brown, A. H. Longhurst, A. Beasley, H. Patten, G. A. Littlewood, G. F. Fry.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Polak W.M., Brasted S.W., Wardell J.W., Weige S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Dignam I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Christian, Bolton, Collins, &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Collins as candidate. Bro. Dallas worked the 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Bolton of Lodge 1056 was elected a member. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for his able working in the chair, this being the first time. Bro. Brasted will preside at the next meeting.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—At the weekly meeting of this Lodge, held Wednesday, 2nd October, at Bro. Hyde's, Poppins-court, Fleet-street. Bro. Vizzard W.M., Brown S.W., Hallam jun. J.W., Thompson S.D., Kidder J.D., Hallam sen. I.G., Long Preceptor, and many others. The Lodge was opened and minutes confirmed. Bro. Welsford having offered himself as a candidate, the ceremony of initiation was ably performed by the W.M. The lecture was taken up at the end of the ceremony, and continued to the end of the sixth section. Bro. Jeapes was elected a member, and Bro. Brown W.M. for the ensuing week, when the ceremony of passing will be rehearsed. A vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M., this being the first time he had occupied the chair in any Lodge.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056.—On Friday, 27th September, at Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street. Present—Bros. Cowan W.M., Creak S.W., Stanway J.W., Snelling Sec., Abell S.D., Gush J.D., Squirrell I.G., Christopher Tyler; P.M. and Preceptor Bro. J. R. Stacey. The Lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to work the ceremony of installation; appointing and investing his Officers, and giving the usual addresses to the W.M. elect, Wardens, and Brethren, the whole of the ceremony being given in a clear and impressive manner, and greatly to the satisfaction of the brethren present. A vote of thanks was afterwards passed, thanking Bro. Cowan, who was subsequently made an honorary member of the Lodge, in recognition of his services.

Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178.—The installation meeting took place on Thursday evening, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. The Lodge was opened at four o'clock by Bro. Frederick Garbett, who was supported by his Officers and the following P.M.'s of the Lodge:—J. A. Smith, W. T. Lover, J. H. Harmsworth, John Dixon, G. J. Grace, F. Garbett, Ebsworth, and Deacon. The visitors comprised Bros. W. Cook P.G.S. Herts, W. T. Buck 1196, W. Morris 554, H. L. Holloway 1622, E. Box Royal Oak, T. J. Hyland J.D. 1744, Geo. Page 879, D. Sinclair, T. Vincent 1076, John Stroud 1227, R. H. Halford W.M. 228, G. S. Elliott 1623, J. Hamson 73, John A. Powell J.W. 186, D. D. Mercer 1329, R. Pearcy J.W. 228, E. Brain W.M. 1571, W. W. Morgan 211, G. B. Yarman 73, and W. D. Bayley Junior Warden 185. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the candidate for the third degree, Bro. J. W. Walker, passed his examination, and the ceremony was worked most satisfactorily by the W.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. Joseph Snook, was then introduced, and duly obligated, Bro. Garbett efficiently discharging the duties of Installing Master. On compliance of the request that those brethren who were not entitled to wear the levels should retire, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and the ceremony completed. The brethren were then admitted, and saluted the new W.M., who appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. Simpson S.W., Bell J.W., Ebsworth P.M. Treas., Challoner Sec., Quincey S.D., G. H. Forder J.D., Bridges I.G., Smith P.M. D. of C., Gibbs A.D.C., Lovel P.M. W.S., W. Y. Laing Tyler. The ballot was then brought into requisition for some candidates for our mysteries. Mr. Joseph J. Lambourne successfully underwent the ordeal, and he, being present, was introduced and initiated into the privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The new W.M. has been a most painstaking and constant attendant at the several metropolitan Lodges of Instruction, and the advantage he has derived from his visits was now apparent by the excellent way in which he performed the ceremony. A notice of motion on the paper, it was arranged should stand over till next meeting, but the proposition in reference to the late Secretary

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Bro. F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M. 73, that—"in consideration of the services rendered by him to the Lodge, as Secretary for the past eleven years, he be elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge"—was brought forward, seconded, and received unanimous confirmation. After the customary greetings from the Visitors, Lodge was closed. Banquet was then served in capital style by Bro. Spencer, and on the completion of the repast, which was thoroughly appreciated by the assembled guests, the W.M. proceeded with the toast list. The three first were received with every demonstration of loyalty; the eulogistic remarks of the W.M. in connection with our Masonic Rulers being cordially endorsed by the members. On proposing the health of the Initiate, Bro. Stock said the brethren of the Lodge of Perfect Ashlar were always pleased to receive into their ranks gentlemen who came with good recommendations. He had pleasure in proposing the health of their new member, Bro. Lambourne. This brother in reply said, He was not a good hand at making a speech, but felt a great honour had been conferred upon him, that of his being admitted into the ranks of Freemasonry. He felt greatly indebted to his friend, P.M. Lover, who had kindly introduced him to their Society. He trusted he might become an ornament to the Craft. Bro. Garbett felt a great pleasure in proposing the next toast, the health of the Worshipful Master. They had been fellow initiates, and it had afforded him infinite pleasure to instal him into the chair. He had been a most earnest worker, and he (Bro. Garbett) regretted he had not been able to perfect himself so admirably as Bro. Stock had done in the ritual of the Craft. After a capital song by Bro. Royal, Bro. Stock rose to reply. He assured the brethren that as long as it lay in his power he would exert himself for the welfare of the Lodge, and he sincerely trusted they might never regret the choice they had made in appointing him. He thanked them heartily for the way they had received the toast. The health of the Installing Master was the next offered. The W.M. undertook this pleasant duty with intense satisfaction, as he and Bro. Garbett were old friends. He would place on their brother I.P.M.'s breast the jewel which had been presented by the Lodge. After a song—"On Balaclava's Heights"—from Bro. Killick, Bro. Garbett rose. It afforded him great pleasure to respond to the toast. He was grateful to the members for the kind assistance they had rendered him during the year. To the P.M.'s he was specially indebted; they had never failed in helping him when their aid was required. He trusted he might long be associated with them, and that he might see the Perfect Ashlar continue its career of prosperity. The W.M. then gave the health of the Visitors. He named them seriatim, and expressed the satisfaction the members felt in having so many distinguished Masons present. The reply for the Visitors was entrusted to Bro. C. K. Killick P.M. 1693, and Bros. Halford, Trewinnard, and Morgan added a few observations. Then the W.M. most earnestly besought the sympathies of the brethren on behalf of the Masonic Charities, and called on Bro. James Terry to address them. After a recitation by Bro. Morgan, Bro. Terry gave an exhaustive account of what was being done by the three great central Charities, and strenuously urged on the brethren the need of increased exertion. The elections for the Boys' and Girls' School would shortly be held, and many of the most deserving cases would necessarily have to be rejected, through inadequate means at the disposal of the governing bodies. He thanked the members for the support they had always rendered to the Charities, and hoped that prosperity and happiness might attend all their future undertakings. The health of the P.M.'s was ably replied to by Bro. Ebsworth, and the several Officers each gave expression to their sentiments. The W.M. then summoned the Tyler, who concluded the evening's proceedings. The brethren were agreeably entertained during the evening by some capital songs; in addition to those already enumerated, we must not omit to mention the efforts of P.M.'s Smith and Deacon, who exerted themselves most successfully. Before closing our report, we—on behalf of several of the visitors—tender our thanks to the energetic D. of C., Bro. P.M. Lover, who was most assiduous in his exertions to minister to the comfort of the guests.

Finsbury Park Master Masons Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, Friday, 27th September. Bros. Walker P.M. W.M., Press S.W., Frampton J.W., Dunn S.D., Cox J.D., Part I.G., H. B. D. Dunn Sec., Rogers P.M. Preceptor, Pigot and Hawkins. After preliminaries the 1st and 2nd ceremonies were rehearsed, Bro. Hawkins candidate. Bro. Press was elected W.M. for ensuing week.

Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1288.—Held at Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, Wednesday, 25th ult. Bros. Thompson W.M., Thos. Goode S.W., Dunn J.W., Press S D., A. Goode J.D., Tremere I.G., P.M. Eldridge acting Preceptor, H. B. D. Dunn Secretary. Lodge opened and minutes were read and confirmed, and initiation ceremony rehearsed, Bro. Samuel Goode candidate. Bro. Walker candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. Lodge opened up, and that ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. P.M. Wright 1298 worked the first and second sections of the first lecture. Bro. Thos. Goode was elected W.M. for ensuing week. Bro. Rev. T. R. Smithson, of Marine Lodge, Mauritius was elected a member. Lodge closed in ancient form.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction, No. 1306.—Held at Bro. Mortlock's, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping, will resume its weekly meetings on Monday next, 7th October. A plain supper will be provided at eight o'clock precisely.

St. Eleth Lodge, No. 1488.—The regular monthly meeting of this prosperous and well worked Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Castle Hotel, Amlwch, when the following brethren were present:—Bros. H. Lloyd W.M., B. Roose I.P.M., J. Treweek S.W., C. S. Dyer J.W., T. Pritchard Sec., Rev. J. Smith Chaplain, Owen Rowland S.D., J. Hughes as I.G., O. Roberts Tyler. The Lodge was opened at 3.30 p.m., when the minutes of the previous meeting were read, found correctly recorded and ratified. This being the meeting for election of Worshipful Master, the ballot was taken, and resulted in the unanimous appointment of Bro. Treweek to that exalted post. The election of Treasurer followed, and then the appointment of Tyler. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed in harmony, at an early hour, as a number of the brethren of the Lodge live a considerable distance from the town.

Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717, at Tunis in North Africa.—An emergent meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Tunis, at 8 p.m. on Monday, 23rd September. The European date corresponds with the eve of the 27th day of the Ramadan fast, and is always the occasion of festivities and rejoicing throughout the Moorish city, which is brilliantly illuminated during the whole night. The W.M. Bro. A. M. Broadley, Barrister-at-Law, presided, assisted by the following Officers:—W. Bros. Dr. Magnaini 32° P.M., J. H. Stevens S.W., Pentecost J.W., Soniller Interpreter and Secretary, Blanch Treasurer, Lumbroso S.D., Finzi J.D., V. C Clement D of C., Dr. Cassanello and Bourepaux Stewards, and Bro. P.M. Paleologo I.G. More than thirty other members and visitors were present. On an alarm being given the General Mahammed el Arbi ben Si Reschid was introduced and initiated by the W.M., in the Italian language, into the secrets and mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry. The candidate, who was deeply impressed by the ceremony, is a cousin of the present occupant of the throne of Tunis, and a nephew of the much lamented sovereign H. H. Si Ahmed Bey. He is a gentleman of considerable acquirements and enlightened opinions, speaking fluently both the Italian and French languages. General Si Mahammed is the forty-fourth candidate initiated in this Lodge since its consecration twelve months since. The W.M. announced that the installation meeting would take place on the 5th October. The Lodge was closed at 9.30 p.m. There was no banquet, as by the Bye-laws of this Lodge no part of its funds can be appropriated to refreshment, and the entertainments are restricted to the Installation Festival and that of St. John the Baptist.

Marquess of Granby Lodge, No. 124.—A meeting was held on 1st October, at the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, Durham. Present—Bros. Samuel Penny W.M., Samuel Holdsworth S.W., Thos. Bell J.W., William Coxon Secretary, Charles Dawson S.D., Samuel Bousfield J.D., John Carr and William Robertson Stewards, Andrew Carr I.G., John Carter Tyler. Past Masters Bros. John Sewell, George Johnston, Henry Lawrence; and thirty-five of the brethren. Visitors—Bros. Sanderson, W. Gray, E. Dodds, of the Norman Lodge, No. 1334, Geo. Holdsworth, St. Marnock Lodge, No. 109. Business—The minutes of the last General Lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. George W. Richardson, as a joining member from the Perseverance Lodge, Hebburn-on-Tyne, and he was duly approved of. The Lodge was advanced to the third degree, when Bro. William Crawford was duly raised to the Master Masons degree by Bros. Henry Lawrence P.M. and Samuel Penny W.M. The W.M. stated that the next Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at Durham, on the 22nd day of October, at two o'clock in the afternoon, under the banners of the Marquess of Granby and Norman Lodges. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687.—The installation meeting was held on Wednesday, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields. Present—Bros. Louis Beck W.M., Frank Kirk S.W., John Hancock J.W., W. C. Parsons P.M. Sec., B. H. Swallow P.M. Treas., J. B. Docker S.D., J. Crossland J.D., H. E. Forscutt D.C., E. Duret Steward, J. H. Outhwaite I.G., Potter P.M. Tyler. Among the visitors were Col. Francis Burdett Prov. G.M. Middlesex, Henry Cawty P.P.G.W. Hants and Isle of Wight, James Terry Secretary R.M.B.I., F. R. W. Hedges Secretary R.M.I.G., T. E. Gibbs 34, R. Farquharson 99, C. Wentworth 101, W. H. Dean W.M. 417, Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer Dorset, A. Barfield Past Master 511, J. Tee 511, H. Massey P.M. 619, W. Heather 858, F. H. Cozens 907, J. Randall 913, A. F. Rowley P.M. 917, C. Goodyear 1029, J. E. Danks 1101, R. Prickett 1101, R. C. Mount W.M. 1328, George Wood 1328, R. Cond, 1328, R. F. Giles 1328, John Quincey 1349, Warner Sleigh 1381, F. Trotman 1381, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, E. Crickmay 1426, A. M. Thomas P.M. 1446, H. Gloster 1531, T. Grammant 1559, J. Inge 1563, A. B. Weston 1585, S. Rowley 1602, H. Honeyball 1681, W. White, W. E. Duncan, &c. The usual preliminaries having been observed, the Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bros. Lloyd and White examined as to their proficiency. The Lodge having been opened up, these two brethren were raised to the degree of M.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. Frank Kirk, was now introduced by Bro. P.M. Swallow for the purpose of being installed into the chair of the Lodge. With the usual form this ceremony was completed, and the newly elected W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Bros. Hancock S.W., Docker J.W., Louis Beck P.M. Treas., Parsons Sec., Crossland S.D., Outhwaite J.D., Forscutt I.G., Duret and Jones Directors of Ceremonies, Swallow and Livermore Stewards, P.M. Holden Chaplain, Berrow Organist, Potter Tyler. One proposition for joining, and two for initiation were handed in. The balance sheet was read and unanimously adopted, and £10 10s voted to the funds of the Boys' School, to be placed on the list of the Worshipful Master, who will act as Steward at the next Festival of that Institution. After this Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where the W.M. presided in a genial manner. After grace the health of Her Majesty the Queen was given, and the National Anthem sung. The W.M. next gave that of the M.W. Grand Master the Duke of Rothesay. The members of the Rothesay Lodge, which was named

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after his Royal Highness, could but accord the heartiest welcome to this toast. The W.M. considered it was due to the patronage of His Royal Highness that Freemasonry was just now in so prosperous a state. The toast was enthusiastically honoured, and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" sung. The next toast on the list—the Grand Officers—was given by the W.M. They were that night honoured in having two representatives of Grand Lodge among them. He regretted that the Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex had been obliged to leave them so early in the evening, but was sure they had, in Bro. Bose, as able a representative of Grand Lodge as could be found. That Brother, on rising to respond, stated that he was quite unprepared, as he had throughout the evening looked upon it as certain that Bro. Burdett would reply to the toast. The way in which the toast is everywhere received can but be gratifying to the Grand Officers, especially to those noblemen who head the present list. Personally, he thanked the members for the way in which he had been received, and congratulated them on the successful termination of their first year's labours. He thought it very gratifying to see the first Master retiring with such honour. Bro. Beck rose, it being the first time that a Past Master of the Rothesay Lodge had been entrusted with the gavel, he thought it desirable to briefly explain to the new members the special duty entailed thereby. Every one present must be gratified at receiving so distinguished a brother to preside over them. He hoped they would unite in heartily drinking to his good health, and the prosperity of the Lodge under his guidance. The toast having been honoured, the W.M. in reply tendered his sincere thanks for the honour conferred on him in placing him in the position of W.M. It would be his endeavour to make his year as successful as possible. He considered he had a very arduous task before him, having to follow so energetic and painstaking a brother as their late Master, Bro. Beck. To excel him would be impossible, but he would endeavour to merit the approval of the members of his Lodge. His next duty was to propose an eminently Masonic toast. Hospitality, he considered, was one of the most important characteristics of Freemasonry, and to practise it was the most pleasing office of any Master. He felt sure he was expressing the sentiments of every member of his Lodge when he said that they were heartily pleased to have so many Visitors; they were one and all welcome. He hoped their present visit had been a pleasant one, and that they would take an opportunity of again witnessing the work of the Rothesay Lodge. With the toast he coupled the names of Bros. Thomas and Mount. The first of these brethren after having tendered the thanks of himself and fellow visitors, said: He did not know whether the fact of a man becoming a Freemason worked a complete change in his nature, but he felt sure that in some respects it did, and that in a most marked way. He was never received at any gathering with such genuine good feeling and hospitality as at a Masonic Lodge. There a man met with thorough cordiality, and was truly received on one of the five points of fellowship, there, there was no half-hearted reception accorded, no just touching the tips of your fingers and saying a mere how-do-you-do; it was real genuine welcome, and such as could but make any one completely at home and ready to appreciate the pleasures of a meeting. He believed it was by such interchange of visits that Freemasonry maintained its exalted position. Such evenings as the present were like bright spots in our course, and induced one to look forward to them with great pleasure. He concluded by tendering the congratulations of the visitors on the successful condition of the Lodge, and its great prosperity during the first year of its existence. Bro. Mount assured the members that no one could have more at heart the welfare of the Lodge than himself. As Master of the Granite Lodge, he felt especially pleased in having an opportunity of responding, for it was that Lodge which had recommended the petition of the Rothesay. He had long know their present Master in connection with Freemasonry, having had the pleasure of escorting him round the Lodge at the time of his initiation. He could also boast another Masonic connection, having been initiated into the Craft by the father of their W.M. The W.M. now rose to propose what he considered was the toast of the evening—that of Past Master Bro. Louis Beck. All present knew something of the way in which that brother could carry out the work of a Lodge, but only those who, like himself, had been connected with him as Officers, knew how he had laboured throughout the year in their Lodge, and before that, had exerted himself in connection with its formation. But fifteen months ago the Rothesay Lodge existed but in the imagination of Bro. Beck, and now they could look round and see the Lodge in thorough working order, with a goodly array of members, and no small amount of credit attached to it by brethren and neighbouring Lodges; in fact they were, thanks to Bro. Beck's management, in a state of great prosperity. He had been entrusted by the members of the Lodge with the task of placing on the breast of Bro. Beck a P.M.'s jewel, he considered it thoroughly deserved, and hoped Bro. Beck would accept it as a slight reward for his labours. The founders had, some time back decided to present Bro. Beck with a bust of himself, and he (the W.M.) was pleased that he was now able to present that also. Bro. Beck found himself incapable of expressing his feelings of gratification. He took a great pride in forming the Lodge, and from the first had worked to make it a success. If he might judge from the eulogistic remarks of the W.M. he had succeeded. No one could be more gratified at the result than himself. He considered throughout he had but done his duty, and was therefore truly pleased at the hearty reception given to the toast. Although he was no longer Master of the Lodge he should take a continued interest in its welfare, not only as a P.M., but also from the fact of his being the Father of the Lodge. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next proposed. As Bro. Beck had already had an opportunity of responding, the W.M. would confine his remarks to their Secretary, whom he considered was the most perfect representative of the class to be found in England. Bro. Parsons in reply thanked the Master for his good opinion. Although he felt that the remarks were too eulogistic, he was gratified that his labours met with approval. He was always desirous to do his duty to the best of his ability. He trusted that the future might not entirely upset the encomiums passed on him. There was a matter he would like to say a few words about; one he considered it the duty of every Secretary to refer to. Having enjoyed themselves during the evening, they ought to remember those of their brethren who, from one cause or another, were in distressed circumstances, and also the orphans of others who had claims on their benevolence. They should bear in mind that such brethren joined the ranks of Freemasonry when in good positions and with no prospect before them of misfortune, therefore it behoved them to reflect, for it was impossible to say who might be the next to meet with misfortune, either from illness or other causes. He thought it would be much better for the Lodges to forego one night's banquet and devote the sum to one or other of the Charities. This had been done with the greatest success by The Great City Lodge, who were able to send £50 as the surplus of a bread and cheese supper. He did not wish the brethren to do anything contrary to their desires, but he felt sure that after such an evening, showing such a truly Masonic result, the brethren would go away highly satisfied with themselves. Bro. Beck here stated that he had forgotten one matter which he wished to mention. For some years past he had been in the habit of giving a ball, the proceeds of which had on each occasion more than provided for the expenses. He now proposed to continue these gatherings as the Rothesay Lodge Benevolent Fund Ball, and hoped that much larger profits than he had received would accrue. He felt that success was certain if the officers would undertake the duty of Stewards, and the members generally exert themselves in the cause. The next toast was that of the Masonic Charities, to which Bros. Hedges and Terry replied. The latter brother referred to the remarks of the Secretary, he felt certain that if the Lodges had no banquets, the Craft would have no Charities. The members of Lodges where banquets are unknown are generally as cold-hearted as the Lodge itself. He referred to one Lodge which started as a non-dining Lodge. For many years it "lived" and that was all—as to charity it was unknown there. One night the Master elect stated it was his intention to have a banquet, after his installation, and on that occasion introduced the toast of the Charities, announcing it was his intention to act as Steward for one of them, and sending the list round for the names of supporters. When it came back there was between £70 and £80 recorded thereon, and this, in the opinion of Bro. Terry, was mainly attributed to the fact of a banquet having brought the members into jovial intercourse. The present S.W. of the Rothesay had already given his name as Steward for the Benevolent Institution for 1880, and Bro. Terry hoped that the charitable spirit already evinced by the Lodge would continue. The Officers of the Lodge were next toasted, and each replied in brief speeches. The Tyler being now summoned, gave the finishing touch to a most successful gathering. During the banquet, the band of the London Scottish Rifles performed a choice selection of music, and between the toasts several of the members of the Lodge displayed their vocal and instrumental abilities, greatly adding to the enjoyment of the evening.

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FREEMASONRY IN PENNSYLVANIA

WE acknowledge with fraternal thanks the receipt of copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania during the year 1877. On the whole they may be described as presenting a healthy organisation in the highest degree creditable to the Grand Master and the other leading spirits of this ancient Masonic body. Extracts are furnished from the minutes of Proceedings of the Quarterly Communications held on the 6th June, 5th September, and 5th December respectively, as well as of the Annual Grand Communication on the 27th December. At the first Quarterly Communication referred to, a portrait of the late Bro. John Chambers, D.D., who at the time of his death was the Senior Grand Chaplain of Grand Lodge, an office he had filled for close on a quarter of a century, was presented by his executor, at the express desire of the Rev. Brother's widow, and its receipt most warmly acknowledged by the Grand Master. At the same gathering a series of resolutions condoling with the Grand Lodge of Missouri on the death of Bro. Frank Gourley was passed and ordered to be presented to that body, as well as to the relatives of the deceased brother. At the September Communication, the Grand Secretary's annual report was presented and showed the number of Lodges on the roll on the 27th December of the previous year to have been 375, six having been constituted in 1876. The number of members in the jurisdiction was 37,811, the number of admissions initiations, &c., &c., in the course of the year having been 1,788, the number of resignations, suspensions or expulsions and deaths being 2,213. At this Communication it was resolved to open Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Scotland. At the December meeting the election of officers took place, when Bro. J. Madison Porter was elected Grand Master, Bro. Robert Clark declining to be re-elected, Bro. Michael Nisbet being the Deputy Grand Master. Bros. S. B. Dick and Conrad B. Day, Grand Senior and Grand Junior Wardens respectively, and Bros. Thos. R. Patton and John Thomson, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. The Committee on Finance presented their report for the year ended 15th November, showing that the Receipts, including Balance brought forward, amounted to 141,859 dollars 65 cents, and the Expenses to 137,977 dollars 42 cents, leaving a balance in hand amounting to 3,882 dollars 23 cents. The estimated revenue and expenditure for 1878 are set down as 147,995 dollars 63 cents, and 147,259 dollars respectively, leaving a small balance in hand of over 736 dollars. The Balance Sheet of Grand Lodge for the past year shows a total for both sides of the account of over 2,211,449 dollars, the principal items on the Dr. side being—Sinking Fund—over 24,068 dollars; Stephen Girard Charity Fund, over 51,012 dollars; G. Lodge Charity Fund, over 68,226 dollars, and Real Estate close on 1,919,127 dollars. On the Creditor side the chief items are Grand Lodge of Penna. over 762,450 dollars, and the Masonic Temple Redemption Loan 1,320,500 dollars. Other Reports of a like character were also presented. At the Annual Communication on the 27th December, the Report of the Board of Almoners showed that 234 applicants, of whom 197 hailed from Pennsylvania, had been relieved to the extent of 2720½ dollars, while the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund had relieved 245 brethren, of whom 212 hailed from Pennsylvania itself. The portrait of the late Bro. S. H. Perkins, a Past Grand Master, was presented by Mr. E. D. Marchant, the artist who painted it, and accepted, a resolution of thanks for the gift being unanimously passed by Grand Lodge. Grand Master Clark then delivered his valedictory address, in which he reviewed the events of the year, noting in particular the visitations he had made, the Lodges which he had constituted during his administration—these were ten in number—and whatever else of interest had taken place—such as the appointment of Bro. Aurelio Almeida as representative at the Grand Lodge of Cuba, Bro. W. Officer as representative at the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Bro. Cadwalader Evans as that at the Grand Lodge of New York. The new Grand Master, J. Madison Porter, and his principal Officers having been duly installed, the former delivered an address, at the close of which he mentioned that the late Past Master Stephen Taylor, then but recently deceased, had presented a sum of 10,000 dollars to Grand Lodge on certain conditions, and when those had been fulfilled, the income arising therefrom would be at once available for charitable purposes. The appointment of the other Officers was then proceeded with, and a resolution of thanks to the retiring Grand Master having been unanimously agreed to, Grand Lodge was closed. The rest of the proceedings include the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Two matters we have reserved till the last, as it appears to us that they deserve more than passing comment. In the Report presented by the Committee on Appeals at the December Quarterly Communication will be found a resolution to the effect that the W. Master of one of the Lodges, and the Lodge in question had erred in taking a ballot for an applicant for initiation or membership before the written favourable report of the Committee of Inquiry had been actually presented by the Lodge. This bears on the question of that caution in the admission of candidates, to which we have so frequently made reference, and on which so many of our most distinguished members have of late laid so much stress. It proves that in the Masonic jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, the preliminary inquiries which are, or should be made, in the case of all applicants for initiation or membership, are something more than a mere farce or formality, which may or may not be observed, just as it suits a Lodge, and we commend it to the notice of any of our readers who may incline to laxity in respect of this pre-requisite condition on behalf of candidates. Let them bear in mind what has been said again and again, that a Lodge cannot be too particular whom it receives into its fold. One indifferent member may destroy its harmony, and even imperil the fortune of the lodge itself. The other matter is not one on which we feel we can justly offer our Pennsylvanian brethren any degree or kind of congratulation. It will be found in the report by the library committee, and refers to the reception accorded by the Lodges and members of the jurisdiction to the first part of the original minutes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on which we commented some time since. We cannot, however, do better than quote the very words of the Report itself, which are as follow :—"We regret to say that in publishing this first part, we too hopefully relied on being sustained by the membership of this Grand Lodge. Out of nearly 4,400 members of the Grand Lodge, only 122 were subscribers. With nearly 40,000 Masons in Pennsylvania, we have only 85 who have responded. Of over 375 Lodges, only 18 have given us their support. It is disheartening to your Committee to do this labour without the least show of encouragement from those who should be interested in the early history of Masonry in this jurisdiction. The Committee have endeavoured in every way to make the Library of the Grand Lodge self-supporting,

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THE regular meeting of Eaton Lodge, No. 533, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., was an unusually brilliant event. The brethren of this Lodge have recently acquired, by purchase, a very spacious building in the town, which was formerly the property of the Calvinistic body, and comprises a chapel, and school-room, with offices attached. Under the good management of a few of the brethren, many alterations and embellishments have been accomplished, and the handsome and complete furniture belonging to the Lodge became the Temple admirably. We cannot but congratulate the brethren of No. 533 on acquiring such valuable, commodious, and spacious buildings, and trust Eaton Lodge may increase, in number, in peace, and prosperity. This being the meeting for the installation of the W.M. Elect, the brethren were punctual in attendance, and the Lodge was opened at 2 p.m. in due and ancient form, with solemn prayer, by the following Officers:—Bros. G. S. Furnivall W.M., Astley Terry P.P.G.S.B. 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Jackson P.G. Treas., S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c. The preliminary business having been disposed of, the Lodge was worked up to the third, when it was announced that the R. W. Prov. G. Master, Lord De Tabley, desired to be admitted. The W.M. commanded a deputation to wait upon the R.W. brother, and conduct him into the body of the Lodge, in accordance with the privilege due to his exalted position. This duty was performed, and, preceded by Bro. Terry P.P.G.S.B., and attended by the P.G. Officers past and present, his lordship entered the Lodge, where he was received with the customary honours. The W.M. then signified his readiness to proceed with the important event of the day, whereupon the W.M. elect, Bro. J. E. Reade, was introduced for installation. Bro. Furnivall gave the usual impressive charge, and the Secretary was instructed to put the customary questions, which were answered satisfactorily, after which Bro. Reade was duly obligated, installed, and proclaimed the Worshipful Master of No. 533 for the ensuing year, and received the salutations of the brethren. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Terry. The W.M. proceeded to invest his officers, and with the assistance of Bros. Cokayne and Beales, soon accomplished this duty. Bros. G. S. Furnivall I.P.M., J. Whitehurst P.M. S.W., T. A. Daniel J.W., Dr. Beales P.M. P.P.J.G.W. reappointed Treas., W. Blackshaw P.M. P.P.G.S. of W. Sec., S. Cotterill S.D., J. T. Garside J.D., S. Blackshaw P.M. D.C., Lorenz, B.A., P.P.G.C. Chap., G. Barlow P.M. P.P.G.O. Organist, Wingate I.G., S. Latham Tyler. The R. Wor. Provincial Grand Master rose to address the Lodge. He expressed the great pleasure he felt in being present. He could not allow the Lodge to be closed without congratulating the brethren on the successful issue of their labours in purchasing and furnishing this fine Temple. He held an opinion, drawn from a knowledge of what outsiders thought of the Craft, that the sooner the Lodges were withdrawn from tavern influences the better, and he hailed the opening of this beautiful Temple, in which he understood the Eaton Lodge had that day assembled for the first time, as a good omen of what Masonry in general would do throughout the Province. He highly commended the example which the brethren of No. 533 had thus set to other Lodges in Cheshire. He was pleased with the handsome manner in which the Lodge was furnished, and expressed great satisfaction with the working of the Lodge, and the evidence of the care taken by each Officer to acquire a complete knowledge of his duty. In conclusion, he expressed every wish for their happiness and prosperity, and thanked them for the cordial manner which always characterised his reception in Eaton Lodge. (Applause.) Bro. Cokayne announced that the Charity Box contained four guineas. Bro. Beales proposed, and the I.P.M. seconded a motion, that a sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,—carried. The W.M. said it gave him great pleasure, entering on his duties as Master of the Lodge, to devote ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, for the benefit of the Lodge. It was proposed by Bro. Wilson, and seconded by Bro. Gosling, that a vote of condolence be sent from the Lodge to Bro. G. W. Hall, on the death of his eldest son,—carried unanimously. The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the R.W. Prov. G. Master for the honour of his presence that day. It was seconded by the I.P.M. and carried nem con; the same to be entered on the minutes. It was proposed by Bro. Gosling and seconded by Bro. Wilson, that a vote of thanks be tendered the W.M. for his generous presentation to the Girls' School. This also to be entered on the minutes,—carried. These expressions of appreciation were duly and suitably acknowledged by the R.W. Brother and the W.M., after which the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer at 4.30 p.m. The W.M. invited the guests to banquet. The spacious and well-ventilated room was amply filled with brethren from distant parts of Cheshire and the adjoining Provinces. The chair was taken by Bro. Reade, who was supported on the right by Lord de Tabley. The catering was attended to by Mr. M. Harper, of the Swan Hotel, Congleton, and the menu was of the most *récherché* character. The repast was capitally put on the table, indeed, too much praise cannot be given for the general attention each and all received. During dinner some good selections of music were played by a string band engaged for the occasion. On the removal of the cloth, and grace said, the W.M. rose to propose, in a few well chosen words, the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," which was duly honoured, the brethren singing the National Anthem. On rising to propose the second toast, the W.M. said he desired to lose no time, as there were a number of brethren who had long distances to go to reach their homes. He would, therefore, in giving this toast, which every English Freemason honoured, merely say that the G.M. had shown himself a true Mason. He was pleased to learn that he was about to receive additional honours, shown him by the Paris brethren. One and all, as true Masons and Englishmen, let us drink to "The health of the Most Worshipful the G.M. of England." The toast was received with great heartiness, the brethren singing "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The Worshipful Brother, in proposing toast No. 3 on the list, said, all know how thoroughly and efficiently our Pro Grand Master does his duty; in the Deputy G. Master we have the Mason, the man, and the brother. In order to curtail time I will with this toast unite the 4th on the list, which I need not tell you, is that of the R.W. the Prov. G. Master of Cheshire. With reference to our Prov. G. Master, Lord De Tabley, he has shown his Province, and the Craft, what a deep interest he takes in everything that tends to the advancement of Freemasonry generally. This Lodge in particular is greatly indebted to his Lordship. It is needless for me to extol the many excellent virtues of our Prov. G. Master in his presence, as you are all thoroughly acquainted with those good and virtuous traits which have endeared his Lordship so indissolubly to every Mason in this Province. I could not do better than direct the attention of the brethren here to-night, especially the younger members in the Craft, to the untiring zeal which our Prov. G. Master takes in our Order; it is a sufficient incentive to every backward brother to feel that there must be a great amount of good in Freemasonry when we have such good and noble brethren in our Order. I now ask you to drink this toast most cordially. We need scarcely add it was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and grand honours. His Lordship, in response, said: The kindness of my reception whenever I come among the brethren of Eaton Lodge is so great that I cannot express to you how deeply touched I am by such marks of esteem. As I told you in the Lodge-room, I am very pleased to be with you to-day, under such favourable auspices. It has become incumbent on me to answer to the toast of G.L. Officers; I do so with pleasure, as I have received great favours from the Officers of the Grand Lodge. I never appreciated an honour more than I did the act of that excellent Grand Master the Earl of Zetland, when he appointed me Prov. G. Master of this Province. On my early appointment to this important position, I visited the Eaton Lodge, we then had a happy day. We are now celebrating a most auspicious event; an event which will redound to your welfare and credit, as you have dedicated to yourselves a local habitation and a name. I hope you will ever prosper, and I hope the example shown by you will be followed by other Lodges in my Province. After alluding to the excellent working of the Officers in the installation ceremony, his Lordship continued his remarks by saying:—Let us, brethren, look with earnestness to the duty before us, sink all differences, that harmony may prevail. Let peace and love reign among us, and bear goodwill and love towards all men. I am entrusted with the gavel for a moment, and you anticipate the toast I am about to propose, it is the health of the W. Master. He has a name well known and appreciated in this town, and under his benign rule your Lodge will prosper. I am sure you will have a happy year. The R.W. Brother then led the brethren to the toast with Masonic honours. The W.M. rose to respond: R.W. Sir and Brethren, I thank you most heartily for the

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kind manner my health has been proposed, and the brethren for the cordial way in which they have received it. I feel deeply grateful, my Lord, for the kindness you have shown me and this Lodge. It shall be my endeavour to maintain the integrity of the Lodge intact, and to promote peace and harmony in all our working. Nothing will give me greater pleasure than to promote the happiness of the members, and I will do all in my power for their welfare. By request of the W.M., Bro. Wilson proposed the health of the Deputy Prov. G.M. of Cheshire, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge Past and Present. He would be as brief as possible, consistent with the importance of the toast. He had great pleasure, as an old Mason, to bear testimony that the Hon. Deputy Grand Master was a worthy and trusty Mason; a brother whom they all greatly esteemed; he did his duty thoroughly. He had great pleasure in proposing the toast with every cordiality. The toast was most heartily received, and replied to by Bro. Terry and others, who gave assurance that the Prov. Grand Officers would do their duty, and endeavour to follow the example of their noble leader. Bro. Beales proposed the health of the Visitors; he regretted he could not really term the many visiting brethren here to-day their guests, as, for the first time in his memory, each had to pay for his ticket. The reason, however, was obvious. This worthy brother expressed his pleasure at seeing so many visitors, without whom their Lodge would be weak in appearance that day, and he united with the toast the name of Bro. Spencer. Any other brethren who would favour them with a few remarks they would be pleased to hear. Bro. Spencer thanked the proposer of the toast, and the brethren, on behalf of the visitors, and extended a kind invitation to any present to visit his Lodge; he knew he could ensure them a hearty reception. Bro. Salmon congratulated the brethren on the success of the day; he hoped Chester would soon have a Lodge room fit to receive the distinguished brethren of Prov. G.L., and in keeping with the City and Province of Cheshire. Bro. Jackson offered a few words, and was followed by others, all tending to express the same purport. Bro. Terry proposed the Masonic Charities; they were the perfection of our Order. They flourish as they never did before; he hoped they would flourish still more; they conferred an immense amount of good. He coupled with the toast the name of the Prov. G. Treasurer, Bro. Jackson, who said he had been greatly pleased with the donations made that day to the Girls' and Boys' Schools, and hoped the Province would reward those brethren who worked for the Charities. The W.M. here announced that their Prov. Grand Master was about to retire, but before doing so his Lordship again expressed his great pleasure in being present, and thanked the brethren for their fraternal greeting. When His Lordship left, the brethren gave him three hearty cheers. Probably no P.G.M. is more beloved, truly and deservedly so, than Lord De Tabley. He is an example to Prov. Grand Masters generally; he has the reward of being loved sincerely by every brother Mason in Cheshire. Bro. Daniel proposed the health of the I.P.M. and P.M.'s, which was duly acknowledged by Bro. Furnivall. The W.M. called on Bro Cokayne to propose the Wardens and Officers of the Lodge, which was suitably acknowledged. The health of the Treasurer, next proposed, was received, and warmly responded to, and then the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close. The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by some good songs from Bros. Blackshaw, Brown, Maydew, and Wilson. We are indebted to the kindness of Bro. Secretary for his courtesy. Bro. Sheldon also deserves our thanks.

INAUGURATION OF THE INDEPENDENT LODGE, No. 236, G.L. IRELAND.

(From the "Sentinel of Mauritius.")

On Friday, the 30th August, took place, at the local de la "Loge la Paix," the inauguration of this new Lodge, established under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. At 7.30 o'clock p.m. the Lodge was opened in form by W. Bro. George Lewison P.M., and one of the founders of the British Lodge No. 736, and P.M. and one of the founders of the Lodge Friendship, and Installing Master on this occasion. The visitors were then introduced, amongst whom we remarked W. Bro. J. Emile Daruty 33°, and P.M. of the Lodge l'Amitié No. 245, and also Representative of the Supreme Council of France; W. Bro. J. Rochière 30°, and Vénérable de la Loge l'Amitié No. 245, accompanied by Bros. Graves, Panniset and Bouis of the same Lodge. W. Bro. T. H. Thompson P.M. of the Saint Louis Lodge of Mark Master Masons; and Bros. Capt. J. T. Russell, R.N., Captains Crocker and Krokstedt, ships Canada and Glenroy, Dr. Gandberg, W. C. Argent, J. Cornell, C. Lawrence, H. R. Bell, S. M. George, J. T. Barnes, and several others, whose names escape our memory.

The Acting Secretary, Bro. G. J. May, having read the warrant of the new Lodge, the ceremony of Dedication then began.

W. Bros. Daruty and Rochière then introduced Bro. A. G. Rickwood W.M. Elect, to the Installing Master, who carried out the ceremony of Installation in accordance with the laws of the Irish constitution.

W. Bro. A. G. Rickwood, having been placed in the chair, then installed the officers of the Independent Lodge, in their several capacities.

W. Bro. Rickwood next read the circular received from the G.L. of Ireland in reference to the Grand Orient of France having altered the first article of its constitution, on which he made the following observations. The circular I have just read explains, I hope, fully why you do not see here this evening the brethren of our Sister Lodges of the Island, although there are Lodges constituted under G.L. of England and Scotland, yet most of the members of these are affiliated to the Triple Esperance and La Paix Lodges who are constituted under the G.O. of France. We all know very well that Masons are brethren by a double tie, among us no invidious distinction exists; merit is always respected, and honour rendered to whom honour is due; nevertheless, the course is laid down for us, and we must observe it.

W. Bro. Rickwood then read the following address, viz.:—Brethren, there has been from time immemorial a laudable and useful custom among Masons to deliver on special occasions, addresses, orations as they are called, on some pressing subject of Masonic interest, or some prevailing truth of Masonic teaching. It is then with great pleasure that I shall venture to express something more than a hope that the Lodge now to be numbered among those of this Island will not occupy the least honourable place on the Masonic roll of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. To this end it is necessary that three things above all should be kept in view; first, the convenience, comeliness, and decency of our place of meeting; secondly, the maintenance of a truly regular and Masonic equality in all our proceedings while assembled in Lodge; and above all, the perfect interpretation of our lives and conversation with the true principles of Masonry, so as to produce not only a speculative and barren admiration of virtue, but likewise an active practical illustration of the beneficial effects of that noble and exalted system of morality of which we are the representatives. Our place of meeting, brethren, should be carefully and diligently selected, replete with those conveniences which our ancient ritual requires for its due and impressive performance. The three great lights should be the charter of our dependence on the aid of the G.A.O.T.U., the three lesser lights should embody the principle of our self-government. Let us then, brethren, by a discreet, honourable and virtuous career, study to evince our attachment to the landmarks of the Order, and thereby command the confidence of the world in their beneficial tendency and effect. Let us cultivate the social virtues, zealously regard the qualities of prudence, temperance and charity; in a word, let us show to the world that, though not exempt from human frailty, in becoming Masons we become better men. Thus, brethren, by faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity to all mankind, may we ascend by the ladder of honourable exertion to that Lodge which is the residence of the spirits of just men made perfect, and governed by the Grand Master of the Universe, whose Tyler is death, and whose portal the grave. He then addressed W. Bro. Daruty 33°, in the following terms, viz.: I am proud of the honour you and the brethren of your Lodge (constituted as you are under the Supreme Grand Council of France) have evinced towards us this evening; we have not only to thank you for your attendance and offices, but for the kind and brotherly recommendation attached by you to our application to obtain the warrant by which we are empowered to hold our meeting this evening; the interest you have taken in, and the admiration you have shown towards the prosperity of our Lodge, prompts me to ask the unanimous and cordial vote of thanks of the brethren on your behalf, and we trust we shall on many occasions have the pleasure of cultivating social virtues for our benefit.

W. Bro. Daruty answered in most flattering terms, and assured the brethren of the Independent Lodge that their brethren of the Lodge l'Amitié were unanimous in wishing prosperity to the Independent Lodge.

W. Bro. Rickwood, addressing the visitors, said: Brother Visitors, I find here, among you, many distinguished Masons, I am sure you will excuse me if I cannot individually speak of you. I shall satisfy myself by saying, so far as my experience extends, the greatest of all brotherhoods is that of Freemasonry, and that quality I recognize by your presence here this evening. The members of the Independent Lodge will long remember the honour you have done them by your attendance, and they trust, by being enabled steadily to persevere in the course laid down for them, we shall, on many occasions, have the pleasure of seeing you again. And now, my brethren, I thank you on my own part as well as that of the members for your kind attention. After a reply from Wor. Bro. T. H. Thompson P.M. Wor. Brother Rickwood moved the following resolution relative to W. Bro E. P. Albert, Past Grand Pursuivant of the G.L. of England:—With a view of conveying to our Worshipful Brother E. P. Albert, Past Grand Pursuivant of the G.L. of England, a permanent record of the estimation in which he is held by the members of this Lodge, for the valuable and laudable services rendered by him, I propose we unanimously vote our cordial thanks for the same, and farther, that he be pleased to accept the honorary membership of the Lodge, and be its representative in all Masonic matters which may have to be submitted to Grand Lodge. I regret to find that our Bro. P.M. de Lisse has not been able to attend our meeting. I desire to express my sincere and grateful thanks to him for having, on many occasions, assisted me by his advice, and for his good feeling towards the success of our Lodge. And also to Bro. May, our Secretary.

W. Bro. Rickwood then addressed W. Bro. George Lewison P.M., as follows: It is with much pleasure I take the present opportunity of thanking you for your kind offices this evening, and indeed for the interest you have taken in helping the formation of this new Lodge; it is to our worthy brother's having the interest of the Craft at heart that we have met here this evening, where, it is to be hoped, we shall on many more successive occasions again meet, and derive from him the pleasure of his experience, being, as he is, one of the oldest and most respectable Freemasons in this island. I therefore trust, my brethren, you will agree with me in allowing to be recorded on the Minutes of this Lodge our unanimous and cordial vote of thanks to our Bro. P.M. Lewison. The pedestal presented by him, and which now stands in the centre of this Lodge, is an everlasting testimony of our worthy brother, which not only evinces his attachment to the Order, but to the brethren of this Lodge in particular.

W. Bro. Lewison P.M. replied, thanking the W.M. for the very kind eulogium he had passed upon him.

The W.M. then terminated his address by complimenting Bro. G. J. May, Secretary, to whom he said, I must indeed take this opportunity of stating that you have most actively assisted me in carrying out the operations and directions issued to you, and for which I desire to record my best thanks.

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CHARITY STEWARDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A somewhat unexpectedly protracted holiday having come to an end, on my return to duty I at once proceed to the consideration of the third section of the above subject, viz.:

c. "The inadequate return for such expenditure."

Here again I take my text from the letter of "A STEWARD WHO HAS SERVED ONCE," in your issue of 24th August. The writer states, "I simply do not think I ought again to incur so much expense in doing so little good," which, plainly interpreted, means, "I grudge neither the time nor the money I have expended, but I do lament over the insufficient results." Very creditable to the heart, but scarcely so to the head. In no pursuit in life can any one guarantee that success shall always reward labour. That the incentive to labour is success, no one will question; equally certainly it may be stated that no one will maintain that the want of success attending a given effort shall be held as a justification for ceasing from further effort. What we find in our heart as our duty to do, let us do, discharging such duty to the best of our ability, in the earnest hope that its "fulfilment may procure all the satisfaction we desire." Disappointment, however, should not be the parent of discouragement, but should rather stimulate to renewed exertion. "Paul may plant, Apollos may water," but it remains with higher influences to "give the increase."

A zealous, conscientious member of a Lodge, recognising the multitudinous claims on the resources of the Masonic Institutions, and impressed with a deep feeling of regret at the neglect and apathy evinced by the majority of his brethren, determines to do all that in him lies to give life to the dry bones with which his Lodge is strewed, and to rouse the animated frames to vigorous effort. He offers his services as Steward, is accepted, and proceeds forthwith in his self-allotted task. He "receives from the office of the Institution a package of circulars—posts them to the members of the Lodge—gets no replies—has special circulars printed"—and though possessing a constituency of 83 persons, two only manifest their sympathy and appreciation, by donations of 5 guineas each—a few others contribute 5 guineas amongst them—which, with 5 guineas from the Lodge funds, and his own donation of 10 guineas, constitute a total of 30 guineas as the outcome of lengthened and anxious work.

This, given in his own words by "A STEWARD WHO HAS SERVED ONCE," is, I regret to say, the experience of numberless Stewards. But do not let them on this account "throw up the sponge," and retire from the arena as defeated in the struggle. Rather let them derive consolation from the fact that the united results of 50 such "disappointments" mean 1500 guineas! No blame attaches to them, but a sense of shame ought to hang heavily on that large majority who, seeing in their path an object worthy of their aid, close their eyes wilfully, or, like the Levite in the parable, "pass by on the other side."

This it is that renders *absolutely necessary*, what I am free to admit is in itself undesirable, the constant, uninterrmittent, urgent appeals, addressed to the careless and the indifferent, by the official representatives of our Institutions, and by other good fellow-workers who have their interest at heart. "The dripping of water wears away a stone," and it is only by the persistent "dripping," to which some object, that impression can be made on the stony and the cold.

Do not let any Steward imagine for a moment that his services are appreciated only in proportion to the result attending them. To "A STEWARD WHO HAS SERVED ONCE," I would say, do not be disheartened; try again—remember that everything must have a beginning. Soil that has been neglected and allowed to remain fallow for years cannot be expected to produce a remunerative crop on the first attempt at culture, but with continued attention and treatment it will be found to amply repay the pain and labour bestowed upon it. Seventeen years ago the vineyard in which for that period it has been my lot to toil was in an exceedingly unpromising condition. I, and I hope I may say others, are perfectly satisfied with it now. I have no wish to indulge in egotism, but I feel that I may state that earnestness and perseverance not only subdued difficulties, but begat sympathy which speedily developed into practical support.

More need hardly be added, I trust, to encourage the weak-hearted, or to influence the wavereres; still less to induce those who have once placed their hands on the plough not to turn back. There is enormous work yet to be done, and I have every hope that *doers* will be found who, through good report and ill report, will trustfully and hopefully tread the path of duty, undeterred by coldness, ridicule or neglect, even though their reward assume no higher proportions than the gratifying testimony of their own consciences.

I cannot omit a few words in reference to the letters of your correspondents "ALPHA" and "P. T." I am considerably pleased by the perusal of any communications on the very important subject on which we are expressing our views and opinions, but I wish to avoid controversy. Where so many are interested and concerned it is more than idle to look for unanimity. My object has been, and is, to treat the questions connected with "Charity Stewards" in a fairly exhaustive manner, from *my point of view*, which regards the present system as the best, as one productive of the greatest benefit to our Institutions, and which, while profiting by the arduous services of Stewards, secures to those brethren privileges and distinctions. These may, or may not, be prudently extended, and details may possibly be capable of improvement. My observations are here, of course, limited in this application to the "Anniversary Festivals," and in no way have a bearing on any scheme for a further and fuller support of our Institutions, on which I may trouble you hereafter.

"ALPHA" charges me with being sharp on your correspondent "A STEWARD WHO HAS SERVED ONCE." To any such intention I utterly demur; and in this particular, and in others, "ALPHA" appears to me to justify the description of "hypercriticism" attached to his letter by "P. T.," whose tone is, in my humble judgment, preferable to that of "ALPHA." I do not say this because "P. T." writes somewhat approvingly of my poor efforts, and I may be but a poor judge in my own case, as is the wont of most men.

Your number of 31st ult. I regret to say I have not by me at this present writing, and therefore am unable to refer to the letter of "INVICTA," which, however, shall have from me the attention it doubtless deserves.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

London, 7th October 1878.

DISPOSAL OF LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the third balance sheet I have the pleasure of forwarding you there is one matter I should like to direct attention to. The first item of expenditure I summarise as "Refreshment and Rent." The latter of these items represents £24 3s of the whole, and therefore leaves £227 4s 7d as the actual amount spent on refreshment. Now, in my opinion, these two items should be reckoned together in order to put this balance sheet on a similar footing to those already published, for it is very certain that in both those cases payment had to be made for accommodation, although it may not appear as a special item in the balance sheet; it can hardly be expected that the various hotels, at which the bulk of the Lodges meet, provide rooms for the gatherings without charge; but it is evident they must so regulate their prices for wines, suppers, &c., as to leave a margin sufficient to cover rent, gas, &c. In the case of this Lodge, the meetings of which are held at one of the Masonic Halls, where the members have a wine cellar of their own, it may be assumed that the amount thus saved is considered an equivalent for the charge for use of apartments. For this reason I think I am justified in combining the two amounts.

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BALANCE SHEET OF LODGE ———. ONE YEAR—1877-8:—

RECEIPTS.

Balance forward			£85 6 6
Receipts for the year:—			
Subscriptions and Visitors	194 10 6		
Initiation Fees ...	99 15 0		
		294 5 6	
		£379 12 0	

EXPENDITURE.

Refreshment and Rent	£251 7 7
Grand Lodge certificates and dues	62 11 6
P.M.'s jewel	10 10 0
Tyler	4 0 0
Printing, postages, &c.	15 8 3
Balance in hand	35 14 8
	£379 12 0

To the above balance sheet is added a report by the auditors, who therein direct attention to the omission of any grant to the Masonic Charities appearing in the accounts, and they state that a sum had been voted by the Lodge, but the minute referring thereto not having been confirmed, it was considered undesirable it should appear in the balance sheet. I think it would be rather difficult to find the "balance" if anything like a fair sum in proportion to the receipts had been voted, but I suppose the members considered they did their duty by giving about ten guineas. Even if they only gave that amount, the result of the year's work shows very badly. For a Lodge to start with a balance of £85 and leave off with £25 is, in my opinion, simply disgraceful, unless some calamity can be adduced as the cause; but in this case the fault is nothing more nor less than wasteful extravagance. The members spent £250, that is, £50 above their surplus receipts, on refreshment, and yet they hope to rank as a *Masonic* Lodge. This statement certainly does not do much to remove the charge made by Bro. Dick Radclyffe against our Lodges, and the further I look into the matter, the more I am convinced that his remarks were far too mild. The facts, as far as I have gone, lead me to believe that Freemasonry in many cases means but extravagant expenditure of money on eating and drinking. All I can hope is, that some brother will come forward and put a different complexion on this subject, as I really dread to think what the total spent by English Lodges on refreshment will come to, if instances cannot be found directly opposite to those I have particulars of, as regards the proportion of refreshment expenses.

Yours fraternally,

UNION JACK.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—"UNION JACK'S" last statement of account is a decided improvement on the previous one, but there is a wide

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disproportion, nevertheless—so, at least, it appears to me—between the sum devoted to Tavern Bills, &c., and that voted to Masonic Charity. I imagine I am tolerably safe in assuming that the "Other Receipts" - £259 11s—consist of little else than subscriptions and initiation and joining fees—or, in other words, that they compose the bulk of the regular income of the Lodge. Close on £240 of this is spent in dinners, &c., and other £25 and upwards are required for Grand Lodge certificates and dues, these two items thus exceeding the regular income of the Lodge. I am not anxious there should be no more cakes and ale, and I willingly acknowledge that this Lodge has acted prudently. It has £300, of which the greater part is invested, to the good, yet its Charity Grant stands to its Tavern Expenditure in the proportion of, in round figures, about 8 to 92. Again, it is very honourable in a Lodge to recognize the services of its Master, but seven guineas is a fairly long price to pay for a jewel when only £20 is voted to a Charity, the two sums being as nearly as possible in a ratio of three to eight. However, it is easier to play the part of critic than to exhibit oneself as a model of discretion, so I will wind up by pointing out that if all our Lodges—excluding those abroad—only did what the one cited by "UNION JACK" last week has done in the year mentioned, their contributions to Masonic Charity would represent a round sum of £25,000. As much more in the shape of personal contributions from brethren would place our three Institutions on a substantial footing, and enable them to better meet the claims on their resources.

Fraternally yours,

OLD FILE.

CUSTODY OF LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Barnes alludes to me, as the Treasurer of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, in his letter to you of the 26th ult. on the above subject. I beg to say that in January 1868 (the year of my Mastership) a sum of £50, balance of Lodge funds for the year 1867, was invested, and that since January 1874 (the time I was appointed Treasurer of the Lodge) a sum of £163 10s has been paid to the three Masonic Institutions, and to needy brethren and widows of deceased brethren £131 1s, or a total from the Lodge funds of £294 11s in less than five years.

According to Bro. Barnes's statement the Doric has paid since October 1872:—

To the Institutions	£101	10 0
To Brethren and widows of deceased brethren	105	12 0
Total	207	2 0

So that the payments from the funds of these two Lodges during the last six years have been as follows:—

To Institutions:—			
Yarborough Lodge	£168	10 0	
Doric	101	10 0	
		£265	0 0
To needy brethren, &c.:—			
Yarborough Lodge	£131	1 0	
Doric	105	12 0	
		£236	13 0
		£501	13 0

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

JOHN G. STEVENS,

P.M. and Treasurer 554.

LODGE FUNDS AND THE GREAT CITY LODGE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The subject of Lodge Funds and their appropriation having received a good deal of attention in the columns of your estimable journal, allow me to remind your readers that to-day will be held the Installation Meeting of one of our Metropolitan Lodges which, though quite a youthful daughter of our Grand Lodge, has yet made itself conspicuous in the English Craft. The number of its members is considerable, it has persevered in its labours till now there are few Lodges where it will be found the work is better done, and, above all things, it has given the light of its countenance to the frequent exercise of that virtue on which Masons pride themselves with so much or so little reason according to the circumstances and conduct of individuals and Lodges. The Lodge I refer to is The Great City Lodge, and this meeting being the great one of the year, I do not see what greater *éclat* can be given to the occasion than for the Lodge to vote a liberal portion of its surplus funds to one of our Charitable Institutions. I am assuming the Lodge has a surplus of receipts over expenditure, which, perhaps, I ought not to have done; but somehow it has struck me that it could not possibly be otherwise, and that there must be sufficient to enable the Lodge to repeat at this meeting one of the many doughty deeds of charity by which its past brief career has been distinguished. But there is also a further reason for this suggestion of mine, which does not appear on the surface. I have said The Great City Lodge has already achieved a fame beyond its years, and the influence its example must exercise on other Lodges is commensurate. By signalising its installation in the manner I have pointed out it will afford the best possible proof which a Lodge can give that its heart is deeply set on the promotion and support of our Charitable Institutions, and that in the midst of feasting and plenty it still has an eye and an ear for those to whom the bounty of Providence has been less abundantly dispensed. The champagne, and the hock, and the sherry will sparkle the more brightly when the way to enjoy it has been paved with a Vice-Presidency to one of our Institutions. It will also teach those Lodges which do not include a grant for Charity among the items of their expenditure—the tavern bills absorbing all their assets—that these Masons have some other end in view than to gorge six or seven times in the year.

Trusting the brethren of the Great City Lodge will take my hint or suggestion in good part, I subscribe myself,

Most faithfully and fraternally yours,

PETER.

OLD LODGES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The following extract from my Notes on the Old Lodges, now respectively Nos. 45 (Strong Man) and 35 (Medina), may possibly interest your able reviewer.

Description:—Cole's Lists 1752-53-54 and 55.

No. 98. Samson and Lion, East Smithfield. Feb. 2, 1734.
Late ye Ship at ye Hermitage.

No. 99. City of Norwich, Winford St. Feb. 17, 1732.
Near Brick Lane, Spittlefields.

Description:—Cole's Lists 1756-57 and 58.

No. 57. City of Norwich, Winford St. Feb. 17, 1732.
Near Brick Lane, Spittlefields.

No. 68. Sampson and Lion, East Smithfield. Feb. 17, 1734.
Late ye Ship at ye Hermitage.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

THE "FOUR OLD LODGES."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We had intended keeping the few words of ours as to Bro. Gould's "*Four Old Lodges*" until the series was complete, but in response to his fraternal queries and friendly notice of our previous articles on the subject, and also of our correspondence with him, we have decided to at once state, as briefly as possible, a few thoughts on this important subject. First of all let us say, that until recently but little has been known as to the old Lodges, and that little—unless in a few most honourable instances, we have had to acquire and discover after patient toil, for years. Now, however, we have access to several engraved Lists of Lodges from 1723, in and out, to 1778, and Bro. Albert Pike, of U.S.A., has issued a reproduction of Pine's List of 1725, the writer having followed, in the *Freemason*, with one of 17.9, and in the *Masonic Magazine* of others bearing the years 1733 (Rawlinson), 1734 (Pine's), 1763 (Cole's), &c., &c. We did the best with the material formerly at our disposal, but had we left our analyses until now, it is likely we should have been preserved from several errors, through the mistakes and erroneous statements of our first authorities. However, we have been always ready to admit that the best we could do was much of a tentative character, and mainly as the herald of better and more correct data on which to found positive conclusions. We trust we have not dogmatised, and have always been ready to welcome earnest students as accessions to the small band of zealous labourers in Masonic Archæology. Not one anywhere has done equal to Bro. Gould in the department he has so completely made his own, and in which he has so effectually cleared up doubtful points from an examination and reproduction of the several valuable Lists to which he has had access in the Grand Secretary's Office, &c. We are in hopes that the series of interesting articles when complete, will be printed in a book form, so that they may attain the full publicity and consideration they so amply deserve. Few seem to care to criticise them, and few indeed can thoroughly do so for several reasons; first, because they are well nigh perfect, and next because those who have the materials and knowledge at hand to do so, see so few blemishes that it would be a pity to touch any portion which is merely stated as a matter of opinion; the collected facts, reproductions of Lists, and the easy, happy arrangement of the whole, being so thoroughly useful and satisfactory. *Not having any side to keep up*, and being anxious only for the truth, we are quite content to have any of our old statements set aside that have been proved of late to be erroneous. We have been accumulating a quantity of facts as to these old Lodges, and not having the time to arrange them for the Press, we have been pleased to aid our Brother Gould, by any information at our command, whenever possible, for he has deserved no less from us, and more we could not do, and certainly we are now relieved from the duty of attending to this special subject through his able articles.

The able reviewer of our reprint of "Pine's List, 1725," may rest assured that the changes of dates, years, &c., will go far to explain many peculiarities as to certain old Lodges, and that if we could only have been sure that 1734 was the wrong year for the constitution of the "*Strong Man*" Lodge,* there would have been no difficulty in connecting it with an old Lodge of 1732-3. The worst is, that frequently in these Lists the days, months, and years do not agree with those on the original warrants. We think it well nigh certain that the surmise of the "*Reviewer*" has turned out be exact as to *fact* with respect to the "Strong Man" Lodge, and we much wonder—with him—that so few Lodges do aught to elucidate their own histories,

* Calendar of Grand Lodge has 1734.

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or care for that of others. We have already expressed our approval of your Reviewer's intelligent criticism.

We have carefully considered Bro. Gould's views as to the original No. 3, and its continuance through its acceptance of a "New Constitution," being in fact the present "*Forti ude and Old Cumberland*," No. 12. Of course all we can both say resolves itself into a matter of opinion, ours being, that by the acceptance of a "New Constitution" they lost their previous position and privileges, in opposition to Bro. Gould's belief, and as a matter of fact we know the members have never since regained them, *nor apparently wished so to do for many years past!* The privileges the old No. 3 had were simply to meet without a warrant, to be one of the four original Lodges preceding all others, and such like. By accepting a warrant they forfeited the one, and by being placed as No. 10, as in Constitutions of 1738, they lost the other, and so the Lodge has continued until now. We are quite ready to admit that Bro. Gould has identified No. 12 as the lineal descendant of original No. 3, so that, under another name, the members of to-day may fairly claim that their predecessors took part in the formation of the Premier Grand Lodge of the World, and the credit of this discovery is entirely due to our Brother Gould, to whom also we beg to express our appreciation of the handsome manner in which he has always credited to "Cæsar the *things which are* Cæsars," so unlike many writers, who take all from others and keep the credit to themselves.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

We have been asked to say a few words in behalf of the boy Richard Howell Nicholls, aged nine years, who is a candidate for the second time for admission into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Our duty on these occasions is to maintain the strictest neutrality, but this does not prevent us from saying that it is a most deserving, as it undoubtedly is a most distressing case, as will be gathered from the statement hereinafter quoted from the circular letter issued with a view to secure, if possible, his election. Those brethren, therefore, whose votes are not already promised, will be doing the boy and his widowed mother a substantial service by supporting his candidature. The following are the circumstances as described in the circular referred to:—

Richard Howell Nicholls, aged nine years, whose father was a hay and straw merchant, at Grays, Essex, and died on the 25th May 1877, after a few days' illness of inflammation of the lungs, leaving a widow and six children under ten years of age totally unprovided for. He was initiated in 1866, in the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87; was one of the founders of St. John's Lodge, Grays, No. 1343, in the year 1870; was W.M. of the same Lodge in 1874, and by his uniform courtesy and kindness endeared himself to all the brethren.

Obituary

BRO. E. G. HOLBROOK.

We deeply regret to have to announce the death, at the early age of 34, of Bro. Edward George Holbrook, one of the proprietors of the *Portsmouth Times*. The deceased gentleman, who resided at Regent Lodge, North End, was a short time since seized with an attack of typhoid fever. He was attended by Dr. Knott, and until Saturday last progressed favourably towards recovery; but on that day a relapse occurred, from which he never recovered, but gradually sank and expired at half-past five on Tuesday evening. For some considerable period Bro. Holbrook had taken an active part in public life, having represented the Ward of St. John in the Town Council for nearly five years. He was also a member of the Watch Committee. His attendance at the meetings of the Council was very regular, and, although his voice was but very seldom heard, when he did speak he was generally listened to with respectful attention. The deceased was for several years a member of the Masonic body, and was systematically most active in promoting the interests of Masonic Charities. He was a Past Master of the "Lodge of Harmony," Fareham, and had held the position of Grand Registrar of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. In private life his genial qualities obtained for him a very wide circle of friends, who now deeply deplore his premature death. He has left a widow and three children.—*Portsmouth Evening News.*

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. SHEPPARD, P.M. 27.

We regret to have to record that Brother Sheppard succumbed to the serious injuries received in a recent accident, the particulars of which most of our readers are acquainted with. He was buried on Monday last, at Abney Park Cemetery. The funeral *cortège* was met at the gates of the Cemetery by several Freemasons, as well as by numerous officials of the New River Company; Bro. Sheppard had been the City inspector. Amongst those present were Bros. T. J. Maidwell the W.M., H. G. Buss A.G.S. the Treas., the Secretary, and several Past Masters of the Egyptian Lodge; the W.M., S.W., and several members of the New Concord Lodge.

LODGE OF THE FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES, No. 979.

THE regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Royal Hotel, Crewe. Present—Bros. E. H. Girdlestone W.M., H. Douglas S.W., George Young J.W., John Badger Treas., Thos. Bolshaw Sec., W. Pointon S.D., W. Wood J.D., Edward Herd Organist, A. McCrindle I.G., F. G. Warburton Steward, Thos. Miller Tyler; Past Masters J. Samuel, T. E. Gibson, George Watson, Wm. Wright, J. Blackhurst, Wm. Eardly; and Bros. C. Daggett, T. Howell, Wm. Dunn, C. Welch, D. Sutcliffe, J. G. Cowen, R. Whittle, G. Thomson, T. J. Thompson, John Knott, J. Holt, J. A. Atkinson, T. Leech, J. F. Fear, W. Thomas, A. H. Hawthorn, J. Davies, T. H. Tudley, Geo. Bottomley, E. Newton, W. Webber, W. Lumb, H. Platt, &c., &c.; among the visitors we had the pleasure of recognising James Salmon, W.M. 1674, P.M. 425, &c., &c., P.P.S.G.D., Wm. J. Pearson P.M. 451, P.P.S.G.D., J. W. Thomas P.M. 637, &c., &c., P.P.G.S.B. Staffordshire, W. C. Lisle P.M. 293, P.G.S.D., W. Sandford, C. A. Cordingley 293, S. M. Davies, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c., &c. The Lodge was opened promptly at 3 p.m., and the usual routine business having been disposed of, was advanced to the second, and afterwards to the third degree, for the purpose of raising a member. The W.M. Elect, Bro. Douglas S.W., was then introduced to the Installing Master, Bro. Samuel, by Bro. Watson P.M., and in due course installed in the chair of the Lodge in a manner which reflected credit on Bro. Samuel. Bro. Douglas next invested the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. E. H. Girdlestone I.P.M., George Young S.W., T. Bolshaw J.W., J. Badger (re-appointed) Treasurer, J. Samuel P.M. Sec., W. Pointon S.D., W. Wood J.D., E. Herd Organist, Rev. Bro. Pepper Chaplain, A. McCrindle I.G., T. Miller Tyler. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, where an excellent menu was provided, the caterer being our worthy brother the host of the Royal Hotel. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M., after very neat preface, gave the several Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were most heartily responded to. The W.M., on rising to propose the health of R.W. Prov. G. Master Lord De Tabley, and the P.G. Officers past and present said they all knew how well their worthy Prov. G. Master administered the affairs of the Province, and any remarks from him on the subject would be superfluous. He contented himself therefore with coupling the name of Bro. Lisle with the toast, and asked all present to honour it appropriately. This having been done, Bro. Lisle rose and returned thanks, remarking they were well aware how his Lordship's heart was in the Order, and had his smile for every brother. With him at its head the Craft had greatly increased in this Province. He believed very few would have done so much as he had done, and he trusted that in years to come good and worthy men would spring up equal to him. He hoped that the Province would ever continue as at present, in love, peace, and charity. The worthy and indefatigable Brother Dir. of Cer., by consent of the W.M. then assumed the gavel, for the purpose of proposing the toast of the evening, namely, the health of the Worshipful Master, and in doing so said: It is with great pleasure I rise to propose this toast. The worthy brother who has this day been placed in the responsible position of Master of this Lodge has justly earned the distinction conferred upon him, and is one who can justly estimate the importance of the great trust reposed in him as a ruler and a governor in the Craft. This Lodge has, this day, as heretofore, rewarded zeal, application, and merit, and while we adhere to this excellent custom, the Lodge will never lose any of its reputation for discipline and correct working. We have the true Masonic virtues in our Lodge. We sink all points of difference, and endeavour to make each other as happy as possible. I feel no greater pleasure than being among my brethren in Lodge. I am sure during the coming year every brother will render the W.M. every aid, and he who fails in that is not true to his Lodge. Let us hope that the end of the year will be as prosperous as the beginning. I now ask you to drink most heartily to the "Health and prosperity of the W.M." The toast was drunk in a bumper, with all the honours. Bro. Kendrick having favoured the brethren with a song, the W.M. rose to respond. He said, Brethren, I will not detain you long, but it would not become me if I failed to express my sincere appreciation of the kindness that has actuated the worthy brother in proposing my health, and you for endorsing in so hearty a manner the sentiments he has expressed towards me. With the exception of the distinction of P.G. office, there is no greater honour than to rule a Lodge. With the true spirit of Masonry among us, and that carried out to perfection, prosperous as our Lodge has always been, it cannot fail to continue so. My entire sympathy and support shall be extended to the Lodge, and in my endeavours to do my utmost for its welfare I feel I shall receive the hearty co-operation of my Officers and of the Lodge. I have entered on the office with a full sense of its responsibilities, and my great care shall be to vacate this chair without in the least tarnishing the honour or welfare of the Lodge. While I am on my legs, I have great pleasure in proposing the health of the Installing Master. It is but right to say since I have known Bro. Samuel in this Lodge that he has done his duty in every respect. In asking him to perform the difficult ceremony which he has accomplished in such a masterly manner to-day, I felt he would be equal to the occasion, and you must have appreciated the able manner in which he rendered it. I now ask you to drink his health. Bro. Young having volunteered a song, Bro. Samuel said he rose with much difference to reply to the toast so kindly put from the chair, and so warmly received. He had taken an active part in the working of the Lodge. He had that evening received an additional impetus, if it were needed, to make fresh efforts, and felt the honour conferred upon him in receiving Prov. Honours. He appreciated Masonry for its real worth. He endeavoured to guard his younger brethren against errors and laxity of discipline. There were too many indifferent Masons. Its mission was

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to dispense wisdom, light, and happiness, and we could not but pity those who tried to injure them. As Freemasons, we were the guardians of, not innovators upon, our Order. It was our bounden duty to protect our principles. By command of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Watson Past Master proposed the toasts of the Visitors; extending to all a truly fraternal welcome, and uniting with the toast the name of Bro. Salmon, to whom he and the Lodge were greatly indebted, and to Bro. Thomas P.P.G.S.B. Staffordshire. He was glad to see all the visiting brethren, who had favoured them with their presence that day. Bro. Salmon, in responding, said, It was a true saying that time and tide would wait for no man, and he might add that trains would not wait for him. He then drew the attention of the brethren to a few matters, and assured them with every fraternal feeling, he would be pleased at any time to do all he could for the Lodge, and felt delighted with the day so profitably spent. Bro. Thomas, in responding, said it was his first visit to the Lodge and to Cheshire, and it was probably in consequence of its good repute that he was present. They had been well blessed with P.G. Officers, and therefore prosperous and happy. In his Province they had not had things as smoothly, but latterly they had made great progress under the able leadership of the late lamented P.G.M. Lord Shrewsbury, though now he regretted to say they were again under the care of Grand Lodge. Years ago we received a very valuable acquisition to our Province in the personal aid and influence of Bro. Hall, who came from Seacombe. It was through him the Earl of Shrewsbury took so deep an interest in the Order. Through this brother's exertions they had given £2,400 to the Charities. They tried to emulate the leading Provinces, which set an example not only to the Provinces that are backward, but also to London. He looked forward with hope to a closer union between Cheshire and Staffordshire. The brethren of the latter were desirous to help all they could in the good work before them, and in return they liked to be assisted. Let them then join hand in hand, and they could not but succeed. He concluded by saying he was greatly pleased in being there on this occasion. Bro. Eardley proposed the Charities, in a very able manner, and said that as Bro. Blackhurst had represented them before, he hoped he would do so again, and he would couple the name of Bro. Blackhurst with the toast. Bro. Blackhurst P.M. said he had the honour to represent this Province at the Boys' School, and Bro. Salmon, a very energetic and well versed Charity Steward, had only beaten him by a few pounds. He then adverted to Bro. Samuel's remarks on Ancient Masonry, and referred the brethren to the state of the Charities in the time of the Duke of Athol as Grand Master and their flourishing state to-day. He hoped to be able to represent them at the next Festival of the Girls' School, and after that at the Aged Freemasons and Widows. The W.M. next proposed the I.P.M. and Past Masters of the Lodge; he did so to keep up a good custom, and to show he appreciated the valuable aid rendered by the Past Masters. The toast was drunk with every respect. Bro. Girdlestone I.P.M., in reply, said it would not become him at that late hour to make a speech. He thanked the brethren for their mark of respect to him, and for the support given him during his year of office. He felt he had merited their esteem. He valued the Past Master's jewel presented him in that sense. He promised to take the same interest in the future as he had in the past, and render all the aid he could for the furtherance of the welfare of the Lodge. In conclusion, he paid a high tribute of praise to Masonic literature, and hoped the brethren would read the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE as a source of information on the leading Masonic matters of the day, and felt greatly pleased to see a representative with them that night, and added,—Let us read and learn. The W.M. next proposed the Officers of the Lodge. He felt sure no better Officers could have been appointed in any Lodge in the Province. He was convinced all would do their duty faithfully. He coupled with the toast the name of the Senior Warden, who replied for the honour conferred, and hoped all would attend to their duties, and that the benches would be well filled with members to encourage them. Bro. D. of C. gave the last toast, which brought a pleasant and edifying evening to a close. We wish to thank Bro. Samuel for his kindness to us, and many of the brethren who expressed their well wishes for the welfare of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and in return reciprocate most cordially our best wishes for their future happiness in their Lodge and homes.

Hervey Lodge, No. 1260.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Bro. J. H. Southwood opened the Lodge, supported by the following Officers:—Goodacre S.W., Foot as J.W., Charles Atkins P.M. Sec., Jabez Hogg P.M. Treas., Latrelle as Deacon, Dean Org. The minutes having been confirmed, Bros. Kirby and Hart were prepared and regularly passed to the second degree. That ceremony completed, Bros. Fildew and Calenshead were duly raised to the third degree. The W.M. having resumed the Lodge to the first degree, brought forward a motion which stood in his name as to the revision of the bye-laws, and a committee was appointed to draw up a new set, to be brought before the Lodge at its next meeting. Bro. Hogg P.M. and Treas. proposed that the thanks of the members be given to the W.M. and Secretary for their labours in connection with the Summer Festival, he felt that all the members who took part in that day's enjoyment would agree with him that the whole of the proceedings passed off in a most satisfactory way, and he felt that this success was due to the exertions of the two brethren named. The proposition was duly seconded, and unanimously agreed to. Both the W.M and Sec. responded, thanking the members for this mark of appreciation of their labour. Four propositions for initiation having been handed in, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to supper. After grace the usual toasts were given. Bro. Hogg, in replying to that of the Grand Officers said, that having had to thank the Hervey Lodge for their kind sentiments so often, he hardly knew in what new terms to reply. He was gratified at the hearty reception accorded to the toast, and especially so as his name was connected with it. He had always striven, and should continue to strive, to assist the Hervey Lodge to the best of his ability. In his position of custodian of their funds, he assured them he should ever take as much care of their money as he did of his own. He wished the Lodge every prosperity, and hoped he should long have an opportunity of attending its meetings, which he considered the most enjoyable he ever participated in. The health of the Visitors was next given, the W.M. assuring them they would always find a hearty welcome at the Hervey Lodge. Each of the guests replied, congratulating the Master on the prosperous condition of his Lodge, and thanking him for the hospitality accorded them. Bro. Hogg now assumed the gavel, and gave the health of the W.M. In doing so he again referred to the pleasant day's outing the W.M. had provided for the members, and hoped it would be a feature never omitted in future years. Their W.M. was so well known to every member that he felt no remarks of his were necessary in eulogy of his good qualities. He would, therefore, at once call on them to drink the toast. This having been most heartily done, the W.M. rose. Having thanked the members, he proceeded to give his ideas as to the best means to be adopted with the view of reorganising their Benevolent Fund, and hoped that as many brethren as could make it convenient would attend their next meeting, when the matter would be discussed. He then proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. He considered them very important Officers. On the faithful discharge of their duties very much of the success of the Lodge depended. He felt that the Hervey had, in Bros. Hogg and Atkins, two brethren who would carry out the duties of their offices with the utmost satisfaction to all concerned. These two brethren having replied, the W.M. gave the toast of the Officers of the Lodge, and it having been duly honoured and acknowledged, the Tyler was called, and the proceedings were brought to a close.

The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.—An emergency meeting was held on Saturday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Present—Bros. Richard Stanway W.M., Freeman S.W., Blackie J.W., Edward Moody P.M. Sec., Headon P.M. Treas., Catchpole S.D., Hamer J.D., Kibble D.C., Taylor I.G.; P.M. Bro. James Stevens. Bro. Keene was raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., the Officers rendering him goodly service. It was agreed that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. Stanway at the installation meeting, which will take place this day (Saturday).

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

EBORACUM CONCLAVE, No. 137.

THE regular meeting of this Conclave was held on Thursday afternoon, 3rd inst., at York. Present—Bros. T. Cooper M.P.S., T. B. Whytehead P.S. as V.E., Wm. Valentine Prelate, J. S. Cumberland first Gen., G. Balmford as second Gen., A. T. B. Turner Recorder, G. Simpson Treas., M. Millington Prefect, T. Humphries first Aide, J. Ward, H. Jackson Sentinel, &c. Bros. W. P. Husband and R. Walker of the Eboracum Lodge having been duly elected, were installed Knights of the Order, and the name of a candidate was proposed and seconded. The Conclave was then closed in due form.

ORDER OF ST. LAURENCE THE MARTYR.

A MEETING of the Ebor Lodge was held at York, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. Present—Bros. T. B. Whytehead R.W.M., J. S. Cumberland S.W., G. Simpson J.W., M. Millington, T. Cooper, A. T. B. Turner, T. Humphries, &c. Bros. Captain Murphy, W. P. Husband, and J. Ward were elected and installed members of the Order. The R.W.M. gave the lecture, and the Lodge was closed.

The consecration of the "Lodge of Progress," No. 1768, will take place at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday next, the 17th inst., at 6 o'clock. Bro. W. A. Dawson will be installed First Worshipful Master, and Bros. F. R. and A. C. Spaull are the Senior and Junior Wardens designate. All the petitioning brethren are working members in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and the ritual of that Lodge will be strictly adopted by the "Progress." Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, will perform the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation.

The ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed by Bro. Geo. King P.M., Preceptor, at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, on Tuesday evening, 15th October, at eight o'clock, at Bro. J. Wright's, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea. The attendance of brethren is earnestly requested. It is also proposed to commence a Ballot Association the same evening.

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.—ZITELLA, given by Mr. SAUMOUR SMITH.—PEKIN and A VISIT TO ICHANG.—THE PARIS EXHIBITION, illustrated.—SCIENTIFIC VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT, with Philosophical and Optical Experiments.—THE MICROPHONE, TELEPHONE AND PHONOGRAPH, &c.—CYPRUS, its history and characteristics.—Admission, 1s; Open 12 till 5 and 7 till 10, Carriages at 5 and 10.

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Patron—Her Majesty, THE QUEEN.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c. M.W.G.M., President.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Monday, 14th day of October 1878, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To elect, if approved, on the recommendation of the General Committee, 13 boys instead of 11 boys as stated on the voting papers, from an approved list of 67 candidates, reduced to 65 by the withdrawal of Harry Newboult, No. 3, and of Henry Webb, No. 43, disqualified by age.

To consider the following notices of motion: That 13 boys be elected by this Court, instead of 11, in accordance with the above recommendation.

By Bro. R. B. Webster, Life Gov.: That the laws regulating the admission of candidates to this Institution be suspended, for the purpose of admitting, *without election*, Arthur George Jardine, age 10 years and 5 months, a son of the late Bro. Charles Jardine (Steward for the Anniversary Festival in July last), who lost his life in the recent fatal collision on the Thames, leaving a widow and nine children without provision.

By Bro. Col. Creaton, Vice-Patron and Trustee, That a sub-committee of five members of the general committee be appointed to take into consideration the advisability of a revision of the laws: that such committee be empowered to confer with a similarly appointed committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and to report thereon to the Quarterly Court in January next.

To elect a Trustee of the General Fund in the room of Bro. John Symonds, Vice Patron, resigned.

The Ballot for the election of boys will commence at One o'clock (or so soon as the general business shall have terminated), and will be closed at Three o'clock.

The chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

FREDERICK BINCKES, V.P., P.G. Std., Secretary.

October 5th 1878.

THE LAST CHANCE.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

SEVENTH APPLICATION, OCTOBER 1878.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers are earnestly solicited on behalf of

ARTHUR H. DAY, Aged Ten Years,

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen and Princess Beatrice attended Divine Service on Sunday in Crathie Church, Balmoral. Prince Leopold left London on Friday, and has proceeded to Germany. The Chancellor of the Exchequer is the Minister in attendance upon the Queen.

The Order of the Bath has been conferred upon Mr. F. O. Adams, Secretary of the Embassy in Paris, and upon the Hon. H. C. Vivian, British Agent and Consul-General in Egypt.

The deaths have been recorded this week of Lord Chelmsford, aged 84, Sir F. Grant, President of the Royal Academy, aged 75, and of Mr. Whalley, M.P. for Peterborough, aged 65.

The coroner's inquest in connection with the loss of the Princess Alice steamer has been continued, and conflicting evidence has been given respecting the sobriety of some of the crew of the Bywell Castle on the occasion of the collision. The total number of bodies that have been recovered is 590, but some 50 persons are still reported to be missing. The Mansion House Relief Fund has been closed, the committee being of opinion that the amount already subscribed (upwards of £35,000) will be sufficient to meet all requirements.

A violent gale raged on Wednesday night in the English Channel, and it was feared that some accident had occurred to the Eddystone Lighthouse, as no light was visible from Plymouth; but this morning's telegrams state that the edifice is standing, but communication is prevented by the state of the weather.

Public interest, has during the past week been chiefly directed towards India. The intentions and movements of the Indian Government are not quite clearly known. It appears that some forward military movement has been made, although the reported capture of the Khyber Pass has not yet been confirmed. The Russian papers, while disclaiming for their Government all responsibility for Shere Ali's hostile attitude towards the British Government, exult in the embarrassment thus created, and declare that, should Afghanistan be annexed to British India, compensation would be sought for by Russia in Kashgar and on the Chinese frontier. Minatory indications of Russian progress in other directions are also given. In Europe the settlement of the Eastern Question does not proceed in the peaceful manner that was expected. The Austrian troops have virtually obtained possession of Bosnia and Herzegovina, although there are still considerable bodies of insurgent forces in the field. The Russian troops, upon the ground that outrages had been committed upon the Christian population, have re-occupied Tchukmudje and Tchataldja, in close proximity to Constantinople. The Porte has declined to conclude a Convention with Austria, upon the ground of excesses committed by the Austrian troops in the enforcement of the occupation, but at the same time professes a desire to maintain cordial relations with the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The Russian Commissioner in Roumelia, having declared that

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his Government will administer that province in accordance with the Treaty of San Stefano, and not with the Treaty of Berlin, the other Commissions have sought instructions from their Governments. In France there has been a period of comparative tranquillity, but M. Gambetta has made several addresses in the Eastern Departments proclaiming the permanence of the Republic. The Italian Government has raised objections to the British and French administration of the Egyptian finances, but explanations have been given that the arrangements made have merely a domestic character. The resignations of the Hungarian Ministry have been accepted by the Emperor. A popular vote in Geneva has rejected several constitutional changes proposed by the Radical party. From the Cape Colony we learn that military affairs are proceeding satisfactorily, and that the native insurrection is generally suppressed, but in the Transvaal fighting was still going on. The Cape Parliament has been dissolved. It is reported from New Zealand that five Wesleyan Missionaries have been murdered and eaten by the cannibal natives.

A Grand Masonic Fête will take place on Thursday, the 24th October 1878, at Paris, in the Great Hall of the Trocadero, under the presidency of Mons. Cremieux, Senator, and formerly Minister, at which some of the principal people in the capital will be present. This Fête is offered to all Foreign Freemasons by the members of the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for France and her Dependencies. Tickets of admission may be obtained *gratis*, on proof of Masonic title, at the Secretariat of the Scottish Rite, No. 46 Rue de la Victoire, Paris.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. J. G. Chancellor (in the chair), George J. Row, Donald M. Dewar, S. Rawson, A. H. Tattershall, H. Browse, James Winter, H. Massey, Richard Morris, Hyde Pullen, R. B. Webster, S. Rosenthal, G. J. Palmer, W. F. C. Moutrie, Alexander Wallace, and W. Paas. A son (ten years old) of the late Bro Charles Jardine, who was lost in the Princess Alice, having presented himself to the Committee and passed the required examination, Bro. Binckes (Secretary) said that a motion would be made at the Quarterly Court of the Institution on Monday, the 14th inst., to suspend the Laws regulating the admission of candidates, so as to admit this boy without election. The Girls' School would do the same thing with regard to one of Bro. Jardine's daughters. Bro. Jardine had been a Life Governor and a Steward of each of the Masonic Institutions. It was resolved to recommend the Quarterly Court to elect thirteen instead of eleven boys out of a list of sixty-five candidates. Bro. R. B. Webster gave the notice for the suspension of the laws of the Institution to meet the case of Bro. Jardine's boy, and Col. Creaton's notice of motion for the appointment of a sub-committee of five to revise the laws of the Institution was also given. Bro Binckes said the other business of the Quarterly Court would be to elect a trustee of the general fund in place of Bro. John Symonds, who had resigned. Two candidates were placed on the list for the April election.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. The brethren present were Lieut.-Col. Creaton (in the chair), Griffiths Smith, J. M. Case, S. Rawson, J. A. Farnfield, L. Stean, C. A. Cottebrune, Henry Smith, J. G. Stevens, C. J. Perceval, R. H. Giraud, R. W. Stewart, H. J. Strong, and James Terry (Secretary). The Secretary reported the deaths of four of the annuitants; also that the sum of £70 voted by G.L. for coals for the inmates of the Institution at Croydon during the winter had been received. The finance report for the quarter last past showed a balance of £188 14s 2d to the credit of the general fund; £1,110 14s 10d to the female fund; and £44 19s 3d to the sustentation fund; or a total balance in favour of the Institution of £1,344 8s 3d. The report of Bro. Robert Griggs, the architect of the Gardener's Cottage recently built at the Institution, stated that the building was nearly completed. A letter was read from a female annuitant at Plymouth, thanking the Committee for her annuity, but stating that a relative of hers having died, she had come into some property, and she did not feel justified in continuing to receive the annuity from the Institution. Bro. Terry was directed to write to her, congratulating her on her good fortune, and thanking her for giving up her annuity. Some petitions having been passed, the Committee accepted a tender to build a greenhouse at the Institution for £140. On the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart seconded by Bro. J. A. Farnfield, the salary of Miss Norris, the matron at the Institution, was increased from £30 to £50 a year after which the Committee adjourned.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF JAPAN.

THE regular Summer Communication of this District Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Yokohama, on 24th June. Present—Bros. Charles H. Dallas D.G.M., William Bourne P.D.D.G.M. as D.D.G.M., Drummond Hay D.G.R. as D.S.G.W., A. Langfeldt P.D.B. of G.P. as D.G.W., E. J. Geoghegan D.G. Treas., Wm. H. Stone D.G. Sec., E. B. Jones D.G.D. of C., W. E. Clarke D.G.S.B., W. A. Crane P.D.G.W. D.G. Org., J. J. Esslie Acting D.G. Org., H. Moss as D.G. Purs., M. Kirkwood, C. D. Moss and T. R. H. McClatchie D.G. Stewards, and several members and visitors.

The members and visitors having taken their seats, the District Grand Officers entered in procession, and the D.G. Lodge was opened in due form.

The D.G. Sec. proposed that as the minutes of the last regular Winter Communication had been printed, and were in the hands of the members, they be taken as read. This was seconded and carried unanimously.

Letters from several member regretting their absence were read, and the D.G. Sec. presented the abstract of returns received from the Lodges in the district for the four quarters ending 31st March 1878, and proceeded to read the report of the District Board of General Purposes as follows:—

Masonic Hall, Yokohama, 10th June 1878.

The President of the District Board of General Purposes has the honour to submit the following report to the District Grand Lodge:—

The Board has examined and audited the accounts of the District Grand Treasurer, which are attached to this report. It will be seen that the receipts of the D.G.L. have amounted to dols. 260·65, and the disbursements to dols. 131·96, showing an excess of income over current expenses of dols. 128·69. This sum has been applied to the discharge of outstanding liabilities, which amounted last year to dols. 173·78; the indebtedness to the subordinate Lodges, which was incurred to pay for the regalia, has been extinguished, and the only liability now remaining is the cash balance of dols. 45·09 due to the District Grand Treasurer. The fees of honour and the quarterly dues, which are payable next month, will discharge this advance and put a balance in the Treasurer's hands. In the accounts, dols. 62·00 of this surplus income has been written off as depreciation on the regalia, and dols. 66·69 has been added to the capital account, which now stands at dols. 554·91.

On comparing these accounts with those of last year, we find that, by greater economy in printing and advertising, a reduction of nearly dols. 60·00 has been affected in general expenditure; on the other hand the chief sources of income also show a reduction—the fees of honour of dols. 29·00 and the quarterly dues of dols. 23·00—while there is a slight increase in the initiation and joining fees.

No business of importance has come before the Board since the Winter Communication of the D.G.L.

The President of the Board will move that this report be received, adopted and entered on the minutes.

A. LANGFELDT,
President of District Board of General Purposes.

W. H. STONE,
D.G. Secretary.

On the motion of the President of the D.B. of G.P., seconded by the District Grand Secretary, the report was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The D.G. Master stated that he had to submit to the D.G.L. a resolution that did not appear on the agenda paper. Nearly all present would remember Bro. Frank Pittman, who four years ago, when this D.G.L. was first established, undertook and most zealously discharged the duties of D.G. Sec. His sudden death, while in the prime of life and in full health and strength, had been a shock to the many, who had lost in him not only a valued brother in the Craft, but also a personal friend. Bro. Pittman left a widow and several children to mourn his loss, and the D.G.M. felt sure that it would be a satisfaction to them to know that here in this distant land were friends who shared their sorrow and sympathised in their bereavement. The resolution he would move was as follows:—

"That the District Grand Lodge of Japan has learned with the deepest regret the sad tidings that our esteemed Brother Frank Pittman, our first District Grand Secretary, was among those who perished in the foundering of H.M.S. Eurydice, and desires to express to his sorrowing widow and children the heartfelt sympathies of the Freemasons of this District."

The resolution was seconded by the Acting D.D.G.M., and on being put to the D.G.L. was carried unanimously.

The D.G. Sec. read a circular letter addressed by the Grand Secretary to the D.G.L., enclosing the report from the G.L. of England, issued in consequence of the Grand Orient of France having suppressed from its constitution the clause affirming a belief in God. The D.G. Sec. then read this Report, and the District Grand Master delivered an address on the circumstances which had called it forth.*

Other matters of local interest having been disposed of, D.G. Lodge was closed in due form.

* This address we hope to reproduce in a future number.—ED. F.C.

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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, 12th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12. (Election, &c.)
186—Perry, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
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.

615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
1613—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.

MONDAY, 14th OCTOBER.

Quarterly Meeting, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12. (Election, &c.)
45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
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.
1196—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1628—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.

75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
161—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
202—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
292—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 22 Hore-street, Liverpool.
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby.
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
589—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
665—Montagus, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
885—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Hindpoint-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1093—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate.
1448—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1582—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.

TUESDAY, 15th OCTOBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
58—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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1120—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1146—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1171—Islington, Three Blacks, 23 Great James-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1173—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1367—Metropolitan, 198 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1402—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)

1117—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, Pangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading.
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
969—Rose, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1008—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1012—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1069—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sevenoaks.
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—Rosslyn, 146 Berry-street, Rootle, at 6.0. (Instruction.)
1554—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
R. A. 829—Highgate, Bull Inn, Dartford.
R. A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 16th OCTOBER.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
180—Lebanon, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Joppa, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
278—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden town, at (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Wimbley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Shirland Navy, Sower Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Upper Holloway, Fort-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1148—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1178—Trinity, The Three Blacks, Great James-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1216—Burdett Coutts, Assembly and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1284—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1367—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1538—Duke of Connaught, Prince Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1569—Duke of Connaught, Assembly Hall, Ebury-square, Pimlico.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-square, Pimlico.
1706—Belgrave, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Jerusalem, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

30—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich.
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
537—Zetland, 55 Argyle-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.)
613—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction.)
681—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
874—Holmesdale, Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.
899—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
909—Sun and Hector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1040—Syke, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks.
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1166—Walton, Holmesdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1181—De Grey and Ripon, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, near Man.
1184—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1311—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.)
1441—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Bornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.

THURSDAY, 17th OCTOBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
16—Kent, Checquers, 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.)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
445—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
720—Panmure Gen. L. of Inst., Antelope Tavern, Loram-road, Brixton, at 8.
733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, N.W.
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In.)
1765—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. (Conversation at 6.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

43—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury Lane.
86—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
288—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn.
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge.
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
661—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1011—Richmond Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1298—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool.
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town.
1402—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.
1512—Hemming, Lion Hotel, Hampton. (Installation.)
R. A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.

FRIDAY, 18th OCTOBER.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
23—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
907—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Hanelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
862—Burgoyne, Red Cup, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Islamic, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 186 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Lunch Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1283—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1288—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1462—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Guilford-rd. N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M. 04—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horse Hotel, Tipton.
416—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
441—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
788—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Instruction.)
963—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme.
1196—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 821—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 857—Sanctuary of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
R. C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

SATURDAY, 19th OCTOBER.

186—Perry, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1364—Carlo of Zetland, Old Town Hall Masonic Hall, Hackney.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—On Thursday, 3rd October, at the Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square. Present—Bros. Koehler P.M. W.M., Asst. P.M. S.W., Jones P.M. J.W., R. T. Cook Sec., W. Stephens Treas., Harvey S.D., Farwin J.D., Long P.M. Preceptor, Pulle I.G., Kew P.M., Sills, Martin, &c. Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes were read

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and confirmed. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. Patey, Harvey, Cook, Jones, Ash, Koester, Farwig. Second Lecture—Bros. Patey, Kew, Koester, Long Farwig. Third Lecture—Bros. Cook, Kew, Long. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. On the proposition of Bro. Ash, seconded by Bro. Long, a vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had presided over the Lodge. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Albion Lodge, No. 9.—This Lodge held its first meeting this season on Tuesday, the 1st of October, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields. Present—Bros. W. T. Scott I.P.M. in the chair of W.M., L. W. Harvey S.W., W. Willy P.M. J.W., James Abbott Sec., T. Moring Treas., J. Fortes S.D., S. Coste P.M. D.C., S. U. Thompson I.G., James Rawles Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Palmer, Valentine, Friend. Business—Bros. Lionel Druiff was passed; communication from Grand Lodge read. The Lodge having lost, by death, two brethren, Charles Lee P.M. and John Pengelly Endeau, Bro. L. Vallentine expressed himself most feelingly on the occasion. It was proposed and carried unanimously that letters of condolence be forwarded to the families of the late members. Bro. W. T. Scott I.P.M. performed the duties of the chair most admirably, and the working of the Officers of the Lodge generally, was commendable.

Egyptian Lodge, No. 27.—A meeting was held on the 3rd at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Present—Bros. T. Maidwell W.M., Richards S.W., Lamble P.M. J.W., Poole Sec., Coulson S.D., Kemp J.D., C. Grammer D.C., March Steward, Cuthbertson I.G. After the formal opening of the Lodge, one brother was raised. Lodge was then closed down, and some propositions for initiation were handed in. The brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a pleasant evening was spent.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday evening. Present—Bros. Biddle W.M., Da Silva S.W., Foras J.W., Grammer S.D., Powell J.D., Maidwell I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec, Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed, Bro. Hollands candidate. The first, second, and third sections were worked by Bro. Webb, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Biddle vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Richards S.W. 27, who rehearsed the ceremony of the first degree, Bro. Hollands as candidate.

Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37.—A meeting was held on 7th October, at six p.m., at Freemasons' Hall, Bolton. Present—Bros. James Brown W.M., Samuel Crowther S.W., Johnson Mills J.W., J. D. Porteous P.M. Sec., W. Slater P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Treas., Edward Garstang S.D., John Booth J.D., James Robinson I.G., J. Roiley Tyler. Past Masters Bros. James Newton, James Walker, G. P. Brockbank P.P.G.J.W.; Visitors—Bros. T. N. Marwood P.M. 312 and Thos. Westherley Norman 1334, Durham. Report read by the Secretary of a meeting of Masters and Wardens of Bolton Lodges, at which Bro. Thomas Morris, 21 Oxford-street, was appointed District Almoner, in room of Bro. Chambers deceased. The Secretary was instructed to issue a Lodge Circular, requesting members' subscriptions for the Callendar Memorial Fund. Hearty good wishes were expressed on behalf of Lodges 284 and 312. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room.

Angel Lodge, No. 51.—The first meeting of this Lodge since the recess was held on Tuesday last, at the Lodge Rooms, Cup Hotel, Colchester. Present—Bros. E. Heusemeyer W.M., Isaac Harris S.W., John J. C. Turner J.W., Thomas J. Ralling P.M. Sec., Alfred Cobb P.M. Treas., Geo. Mercier S.D., H. H. Costobadie J.D., Charles Osmond Organist, W. Sowman and J. W. Smith Stewards, James F. Ralling I.G., S. Munson Tyler; Past Masters Bros. John Copping, Charles Cobb, F. A. Cole, A. R. Clench, and E. Frayling; Bros. J. Farman, C. S. Coe, A. W. Ralling, W. Richey P.M. 711, B. Barber, R. Gregson, &c. In consequence of the lamented death of the R.W. the P.G.M. of the Province of Essex, the brethren appeared in full Craft mourning. After the confirmation of the minutes, a ballot was taken for the admission of three joining members. A brother, initiated at the last regular Lodge, was then passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and the efficient manner in which the W.M. performed this, his first ceremony since his installation, elicited the warmest commendations from the brethren. The W.M. then, in feeling terms, alluded to the decease of the R.W. the P.G.M., and moved the following resolution:—"That the members of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester, have heard with deep regret of the death of the Right Worship ul the Provincial Grand Master of Essex, Bro. Robert John Bagshaw, and desire to take this, the first opportunity, to express to Mrs. Bagshaw their sincere condolence in her bereavement. They feel that the Craft in Essex have lost a P.G.M. who took the warmest interest in the welfare of the various Lodges; and, when his health permitted, his frequent visits were always a source of pleasure and profit." This resolution having been seconded by W. Bro. John Copping, the oldest P.M. present, was carried unanimously, and the Secretary was directed to forward a copy to Mrs. Bagshaw. A discussion took place as to the propriety of introducing a clause into the bye-laws, admitting "honorary members" at a reduced subscription, and W. Bro. A. R. Clench gave notice that at the next meeting he should move a resolution on the subject. At the close of the Lodge business the brethren adjourned to the festive board.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—Tuesday, October 8th, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Present—Bros. Bramham W.M., Abell S.W., Soper J.W., Dickins Sec., Baker S.D., Cooper J.D., Tranter I.G., Bingemann P.M. Preceptor; Bros. Dodson, Watt, Mirey, Scott, Hallam, Gilrath, and others. The Lodge opened in due form. The minutes of preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. T. B. Dodson being candidate. The 1st section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Abell, 2nd by Bro. Dickins, 3rd by Bro. Hallam, 4th by Bro. Dickins. Bro. Abell was elected to preside at next meeting.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 8th inst. Present—Bros. Bone W.M., Daniel S.W., Moss J.W., Biddle S.D., Roberts J.D., Maidwell I.G., Brown, Hollands and West. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bro. Brown candidate. Bro. Daniel was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. A committee was elected, consisting of Bros. Bond, Moss, Brown W.M. of the Prosperity Lodge, and Hollands, to arrange for the annual supper, which will take place on the fourth Tuesday in October. The worthy host, Bro. Maidwell, has just enlarged his premises, to meet the growing demand of his patrons. Tickets can be had of Bro. Brown W.M. of the Prosperity, Bro. Daniel P.M., and Bro. Maidwell.

Sun, Square and Compasses Lodge, No. 119.—A meeting was held on Monday evening, 7th October, at Freemasons' Hall, College-street, Whitehaven. Present—Bros. Edward Tyson W.M., Jno. Bow P.M. P.P.G.S.D. as S.W., John Rothery J.W., J. Pritson I.P.M. P.P.G.P. as Sec., W. B. Gibson P.M. P.G.S. Treas., W. F. Hunter J.D., J. Casson and M. Golightly Stewards, Wm. Bewlay I.G., George Fitzgerald Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Henry Cook P.G.S.W., Wm. White P.P.G.S.D., Edward Fearon P.P.G.S.B. Visitors—Bro. Coruthwaite 872; and about thirty members of the Lodge. There being no business before the Lodge on this the first gathering after the recess, the meeting resolved itself into an instruction class. Bro. E. Tyson W.M. gave the charge in the first degree. Bro. W. B. Gibson P.M. explained the tracing board, and worked the first section. Two gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when an hour was very agreeably spent.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—On Saturday, 5th October, at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Bros. Brasted W.M., Hallam sen. S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., John Gibbs S.D., Elias Parr J.D., J. Millington I.G., R. Pearcy Preceptor. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. T. Goode candidate. The sections of the first lecture were worked. Bro. J. W. Berrie P.M. 1293 was elected a member, and Bro. Hallam sen. appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Shakespeare Lodge, No. 284.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 8th October, at the Masonic Rooms, Warwick. Present—Bros. Brabazon Campbell, M.A., W.M., George Wilson, M.D., S.W., J. W. Thornfield, M.D., J.W., Cooke P. Prov. S.G.W. Sec., J. W. Margett P.P.G.P. Treas., Rev. A. M. Russell P.P.G. Chaplain S.D., Kay J.D., Colonel Machen Dep. Prov. G.M. D.C., Rev. P. Sidney Harris P.P. Grand Chaplain Steward, Sidney Vinning Organist, Geo. Bond I.G., Purser Tyler; P.M.'s J. Haynes and Moore. The business comprised the initiation of Mr. Elwin Grandy Wrigley, of Leamington, the raising of Bros. Oswald Edward Part and Henry Weyman Bleakinsop.

La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.—A meeting was held on 2nd October, at the Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W. Present—Bros. G. A. Caudy W.M., R. T. Cook S.W., T. W. Cooper J.W., J. Hurdell Sec., C. J. W. Davis Treas., Pratt S.D., E. Child J.D., L. G. Langdon I.G.; Past Master F. G. Baker, and 17 other brethren. The second and third sections of the first lecture were worked; after which Bro. Dairy was examined, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. R. T. Cook was elected W.M. for ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked here on 22nd October.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—Met at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 4th Oct. It has rarely fallen to the lot of brethren to be present at a meeting where the true tenets of Masonry were more spontaneously evinced. The Officers were Bros. Gunner W.M., Tucker S.W., Blasby J.W., Gumm S.D., Beckett J.D., May I.G.; and there were also present Bros. Goss, Roe (Preceptor), Kyezor, Talbot, Pearson, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Goss I.P.M. 780 volunteering as candidate. It was evident that Bro. Gunner was suffering from an affection of the throat (which we are sorry to learn is of a chronic character, owing to an accident or brother met with on the Isis some years since), whereupon Bro. May (W.M. 780) kindly occupied the chair for the remainder of the evening. Lodge was advanced to the 3rd degree, and resumed to the 1st, when the call to refreshment was given. Lodge was resumed to the 3rd degree, and duly closed down. Bro. Tucker was unanimously elected W.M. for 11th inst. He in replying for the compliment which had been paid him, expressed his gratification at his study of Masonic lore was appreciated by the brethren. He begged to state that the acme of his Masonic ambition was so to perfect himself as to give pleasure to the brethren upon such occasions as the present, when they might see fit to elect him to conduct our proceedings. He also gave notice of a motion with regard to the family of a late brother who was one of the victims by the recent catastrophe upon the river. Lodge was then closed, with due observance of ancient custom, and adjourned till 11th inst. at half-past seven.

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Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 4th instant, at St. George's Hall, Deal. Present—Bros. E. Kirby W.M., J. Laggett S.W., H. R. Botting J.W., T. J. Ueber P.M. P.G.R. Sec., J. Carpenter S.D., W. Carterfield J.D., F. R. England Steward, S. Willey I.G., S. Holgate Tyler, Past Master Bro. T. Ayling P.G.D.C.; Bros. W. Dunn, H. Roberts, H. McDermott, H Robinson, G. Rivers. Visitors—Bro. T. Bent 784, Wellington Lodge. Lodge opened, and minutes were confirmed. Bro. Rivers, a candidate to be raised, was examined, and answered most satisfactorily; he was entrusted and retired. Lodge opened in the third degree, and Bro. Rivers was raised by the W.M. in a most impressive manner, he giving the ancient charge and lecture. The Officers performed their several duties in faultless style; in short, they are deserving of all praise for making themselves so thoroughly efficient. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till Friday, the 18th instant. The brethren afterwards spent a most pleasant hour together.

Lord Warden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1096.—The first annual supper took place on Monday last, when twenty-one of the brethren sat down. A much larger number was expected, but several at the last minute were detained. Bro. T. Ayling P.M. Preceptor presided, assisted by Bro. J. Laggett S.W. and Secretary. After the repast the Preceptor gave the Queen and the Craft. He need not remind his hearers of the great loyalty which they were at all times ready to show to Her Most Gracious Majesty. God Save the Queen was then sung by the company. The W.M. next gave H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. He need hardly remind them how fortunate we were in having such a noble Grand Master. After "God Bless the Prince of Wales," The Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy G.M., and the rest of Grand Officers Past and Present were duly honoured. It was most gratifying to the G.M. and to the brethren generally to have two such noblemen to assist in ruling our Order. Bro. Botting now proposed the health of Lord Holmesdale P.G.M. of Kent. He was satisfied that every Mason in the Province was gratified with their P.G.M.'s genial manner, and the impartial way in which he ruled so large a Province. Bro. Kirby next gave the V.W. the Deputy P.G.M. Bro. Eastes and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers Past and Present. He was satisfied Bro. Eastes was the right man in the right place. Lord Holmesdale was indeed fortunate in having such a hard-working and efficient brother to assist him in his arduous duties. All might rest assured that those brethren who aspired to Provincial honours could safely leave their claims in the hands of Bro. Eastes. Bro. T. Ayling could bear out all they had just heard, as he had had the good fortune to meet the Deputy P.G.M. on many occasions, and a more worthy brother it was impossible to know. Bro. Kirby, in a very forcible speech, proposed Prosperity to the Masonic Charities. He reminded them that there was a most distressing case, that of the girl Brazier. This would be her first and only chance. Saturday was close upon them, when all their energies would be required if they wished to succeed. The late Bro. Brazier was a most energetic and hard-working Mason, particularly in the cause of the Charities, when he was suddenly struck down. Bro. Ayling most ably responded. He set forth the great work the Charitable Institutions were doing, and how much they needed all the support that could be given them. He also referred to the struggle that was so close at hand; he believed that about 3,000 votes would be required to ensure success. Bro. King next gave Prosperity to the Lord Warden Lodge of Instruction. He need not remind them how essential it was to have a good Lodge of Instruction; he could bear testimony to the work they had already done. Bro. Laggett ably responded; they had upwards of thirty members; he had been well supported in every way. Bro. Botting next gave the Visitors; it was most pleasing to the members of the Lord Warden Lodge to meet visiting brethren; they were always ready to give them a cordial reception. Bro. Terry W.M. 1206, Cinque Ports Lodge, expressed how pleased the Visitors were with the heartiness that had been shewn them. The proceeds of the charity box amounted to £1 3s 6d, and it was decided to send £1 1s to the Institution for Girls, so as to obtain two votes for use on Saturday next. Bros. Ayling, Botting, Bridges, Haslip, Carpenter and Pritchard kindly entertained the brethren. Altogether a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

Urban Lodge of Instruction, No. 1196.—A meeting was held on Wednesday evening, at the Three Bucks Tavern, Gresham-street, City. Bros. Hunter W.M., E. L. Shelton S.W., C. A. Doggett J.W., J. B. D. Wall Sec., T. G. Willett Treas., G. Wale S.D., J. F. Hepburn I.G.; Past Masters Bros. J. L. Mather Preceptor, and J. Tickle; also Bros. Sparrow, Batty, Cave, Armstrong, Davies, Mellison, Hodge. Business—The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Batty candidate; also that of passing, Bro. Cave here acting as candidate. The ceremony of installation will be worked on the second Wednesday in November, by Bro. J. Tickle P.M. 1196, 1702.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227. — Held at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Thursday 3rd October. Bros. Abrahams W.M., Richmond S.W., Bolton J.W., Townsend Sec., Hamblin S.D., Hine J.D., Cheeke I.G.; Bros. Crouch, Pearcy, Andrews, Bosworth, Smith. Lodge opened; minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Abrahams vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Bosworth, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Andrews candidate. Bro. Abrahams resumed the chair, and worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Richmond will preside at the next meeting.

Finsbury Park Master Masons Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—Held at the Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on Friday, the 4th inst. Bros. Press W.M., Frampton S.W., Dunn J.W., Bayley S.D., Walker J.D., Oldis I.G., H. B. D. Dunn Secretary, L. R. Rogers P.M. Preceptor. Lodge opened; minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Hawkins, candidate for passing, was examined, and the ceremony rehearsed. Lodge resumed to first degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with the same candidate. Lodge called off. On resuming Bro. R. C. Frampton was elected W.M. for ensuing week. Officers appointed in rotation. Lodge closed. Present—P.M.'s Bros. Pigot, Jefferys; also Bros. Edmunds, Hawkins and Owen.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—At Finsbury Park Tavern, on the 2nd inst. Bros. T. Goode W.M., Dunn S.W., Press J.W., Eldridge P.M. Preceptor, Yeomans S.D., Edmunds J.D., Campbell I.G., H. B. D. Dunn Secretary. After preliminaries, the first and second ceremonies were rehearsed, Bros. Edmunds and Hawkins candidates. Bro. G. W. Saul worked 1st and 2nd sections of first Lecture. Bro. Dunn was elected W.M. for ensuing week, Officers appointed in rotation. Bro. Edwin Grout, of New Finsbury Park Lodge 1695, was elected a member. Upon motion by Bro. P.M. J. Walker, of Lodge 27, £2 2s was voted from Lodge funds to the "Abercarne Colliery Explosion Fund." Lodge closed in ancient form.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction No. 1507.—The usual weekly meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Metropolitan Club, King's Cross, on Tuesday the 8th inst., at 7 o'clock. Present.—Bros. Edmonds W.M., Pierdon S.W., Kidder jun. J.W., Putland S.D., Smith J.D., Johnson I.G., Adams Preceptor, Gilbert, Andrews Dimsdale, Carter, Cox, &c. Lodge opened in due form with prayer, minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Andrews was duly initiated and afterwards passed and raised in the several degrees in a most impressive manner by Bro. Edmonds the W.M. Bro. Andrews was unanimously elected a member. The W.M. for the ensuing week was duly appointed. No other business offering, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Tuesday next, the 15th inst. at 7 o'clock. The ceremony of Installation will be worked at the next meeting by Bro. R. T. Kingham W.M. of the Mother Lodge.

City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563. — This Lodge met on Thursday, 26th ult., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W. Present, Bros. E. White W.M., B. Phillips S.W., B. Turner J.W., J. E. Shand S.D., J. Hutchinson J.D., J. Waugh I.G., E. J. Scott P.M. Sec., Rev. P. M. Holden I.P.M.; Bros. Swallow, Ward, Woodward, Docker, Gardner, Hammond, Hancock, &c. One candidate was initiated; two brethren were passed; and five were raised. Bro. Phillips S.W. was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. Swallow P.M. Treas.; Bro. Potter was re-elected Tyler. Lodge closed until 28th Nov., when installation will take place. The brethren afterwards dined at Bro. Nicols', where the usual toasts were honoured, and a very enjoyable evening passed.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The meeting for audit of the accounts of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 30th ult., when about twenty members were present, and the W.M. Bro. T. B. Whytehead announced a balance on the right side, after the discharge of all liabilities. After the close of the Lodge, the party met at an excellent supper, and a harmonious evening was passed.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1613.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 26th ult., at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing. Present—Bros. Le Grys W.M., W. Seward jun. S.W., E. C. Porter J.W., Henry E. Tucker Treas., Coop S.D., A. Jones J.D., Wright Steward, J. Johnson I.G.; Past Master Bro. Kingston (Whitington) and W.M. elect of 1612; also Bros. Delevante, E. T. Brown, Wells, Day, E. Gasson, H. Stephens, &c. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed and signed. Ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Wells candidate. Lodge opened to second, when Bro. Tucker, at the request of the W.M., delivered the lecture on the Tracing Board of that degree. Lodge was then called off for refreshment. On returning to labour the Lodge was opened to third degree, when the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Tucker, who worked the ceremony of raising, Bro. E. T. Brown being candidate. Bro. Le Grys re-occupied, and closed the Lodge down to the first degree. Bro. Seward was unanimously elected W.M. for the 17th instant. The W.M. of 1612 will occupy the chair on Thursday, 10th instant, with the Officers of the Mother Lodge in their places. On the motion of Bro. Tucker, seconded by Bro. Porter, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Le Grys for the able manner in which he had filled the chair for the first time.

Tredegar Lodge, No. 1625.—A meeting, which ought to have been the installation one, of this flourishing Lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, on Monday evening. The hitch has arisen in this way: At the previous meeting of the Lodge in September, Bro. G. Hollingdon S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Since then it has been ascertained that according to the Constitutions he was ineligible, he being W.M. of another Lodge. In these facts becoming known, he made application to Grand Lodge for a dispensation, but it was not granted. The Lodge, therefore, at its next meeting will proceed to the election of a W.M. for the ensuing year. The Lodge, on this occasion, was opened by Bro. Geo. Laggett W.M., all the Officers being present, and the following visitors:—T. S. Ward 1, J. F. Port, C. Blanc 174, A. Farmer 1421, C. J. Harrison 206, C. F. Butler 811, and J. Gunn 1365. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, with the exception of that part relating to the election of the W.M.,

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Secretary, Bro. G. W. Verry, read the Auditors' Report, by which it appeared there was a balance of £28 odd in the hands of the Treasurer. This admirable state of the finances of the Lodge was favourably commented on by the W.M. and several of the brethren present. The initiation of Mr. Joshua Randell was then proceeded with (he having previously been balloted for), the beautiful ceremony being most impressively performed by the W.M., who also explained the working tools. After fraternal greetings from the Visitors, and some routine business, the Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourning to supper.

Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627.—A meeting was held on Friday, 4th October, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Present—Bros. Charles E. Soppet W.M., W. E. Gordon Leith S.W., B. F. Cramer J.W., D. M. Dewar Sec., Hyde Pullen Treas., J. B. Stevens as S.D., G. F. Robinson J.D., Jos. Steele D.C., George Matthews I.G., R. Potter Tyler, and Bros. Percy Leith, Tustin, Delacoste, and others. Visitor Bro. James Hoddinott No. 181. After preliminaries, the W.M. passed Bro. Delacoste, and initiated Mr. J. B. Ball. The members elected Bro. W. E. Gordon Leith as W.M., and Bro. Hyde Pullen as Treasurer for ensuing year. A P.M.'s jewel was voted to Bro. Charles E. Soppet. There were four propositions for election and initiation at next meeting, on 1st November, when the new W.M. will be installed.

Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662.—The second Installation meeting of this Lodge was held at "The Chequers," Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Saturday, the 5th inst. The Lodge was called for 4 o'clock, and shortly after that time was opened by Bros. W. T. Christian W.M., W. Groom S.W., T. Franklin as J.W., J. Pinder as P.M., J. H. Cambridge J.D., A. Oldroyd I.G., also Bros. J. M. Hunt, A. Delvalle, Carter, Clarke, Field, Upward Org., W. G. Hallows, F. Hallows Sec., Barnard, Harris, Rubery, Stockwell, Moffatt, Mumford, and Marsh for Gilchrist (Tyler). The minutes of last meeting, and emergency, were read; also audit report, unanimously accepted. The W.M. Bro. Christian then in his usual impressive manner initiated Mr. John Henry Wildash into the Order. Bro. Jas. Pinder then occupied the chair, and Bro. Wm. Groome the W.M. elect was presented and installed into the chair of K.S., according to ancient rite; he invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. T. Franklin S.W., F. Hallows J.W., W. T. Christian Treas., J. Pinder Sec., T. Upward S.D., J. H. Cambridge J.D., J. M. Hunt I.G., C. B. Carter D.C., G. Clark W.S. The three addresses were then delivered by Bro. Pinder. The W.M., in the name of the Lodge, presented to Bro. W. T. Christian I.P.M. a handsome testimonial, engrossed on vellum, in recognition of his most valuable services as a founder and first W.M. of this Lodge. A letter was read from Bro. J. Hervey G. Sec., expressing his regret that ill-health would prevent his attendance. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a repast provided by the host, Bro. W. G. Hallows, in his usual admirable manner. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. To that of the Grand Officers, Bros. Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B., H. G. Buss Asst. Grand Sec., and W. T. Howe G. Purs., replied:—the former congratulating the Lodge on its great success, both Masonically and financially, and expressing his extreme pleasure that he, as one of the founders, had to a certain extent contributed to that success. To the toast of the Visitors (of whom there were upwards of 25 present), Bros. T. Cunningham P.M. 754 (High Cross, Tottenham), J. S. Badkin P.M. 1365 (Clapton), responded. During the evening the W.M. presented handsome Past Masters jewels, bearing the arms of the Earl of Beaconsfield, to Bros. W. T. Christian I.P.M., and James Pinder. Amongst the Visitors, besides those previously mentioned, were:—Bros. S. Wharman P.M. 15, 534 and 1494, W. Stephens P.M. 1489, W. C. Claridge W.M. 1685, F. Rothschild J.W. 1288, W. Grist I.G. 1489, Tollis 1185, Lake 1471, Bayley 861, Wigglesworth 15, Carter 1705, Allison 1602, Blunt 1489, Glover 1489, Johns 996, Shepherd 27, Shephard 861, Gilham 192, Borer 192, W. G. Moore P.M., W. B. Brand 30, Westfield 1382.

The Crusaders Lodge, No. 1677.—The Anniversary Fes- of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-square, Clerkenwell. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Jarvis Maples, who was well supported by the Officers and members of his Lodge, while amongst the Visitors were the following brethren:—Bros. Dr. Barringer P.P.G.S.W. Herts, S. E. Hayes 795, T. H. Simmonds J.W. 1107, P. Woodman 228, R. H. Marsh P.M. 1196, A. H. Hickman J.D. 228, John Tovell 1489, W. Stead W.M. 813, G. H. Patmore Senior Deacon 228, J. G. Fisher Junior Warden 1624, E. Bowyer Past Master 1580 P.G.D. Herts, G. W. Gilham Senior Deacon 1632, J. E. Carpenter P.M. 1196, Mullord S.D. 1288, T. B. Humphrey 1509, Sigismund Lehmeyer Urban, C. J. Pingston 205, A. W. Fenner S.D. 1227, W. W. Morgan 211. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the auditors was received. It showed that the progress made during the year had been most encouraging, and the members could look forward to a very early day when all liabilities incurred in the formation of the Lodge, for furniture, &c., would be discharged. A Benevolent Fund had already been started, and has to its credit a balance of over £12. The report was unanimously adopted. Bro. W. J. Hunter W.M. elect was then introduced, and duly took his obligation. The installation was performed most admirably by the outgoing Master—Bro. Jarvis Maples. After the readmission of the brethren, the appointment of Officers took place. Bros. Simmonds S.W., T. Goode J.W., J. Maples P.M. Treas., J. G. Defries Sec., F. Rothschild S.D., Millward J.D., G. Calderwood I.G., S. Rushton Org., J. S. Knight W.S., J. Pigott P.M. D.C., J. Verry Tyler. Previous to the installation ceremony the ballot box was brought into request; there were three candidates for joining: Bros. Wm. Stedman Gedge, United Strength Lodge 228, Wm. Browne Kidder, P.M. Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge 12, Thomas John Hyland, Jordan Lodge 201. The result in each case was satisfactory, and Bros. Gedge and Hyland took their seats as members of the Lodge—the third on the list, Bro. Kidder, not being able to attend. The agenda paper contained the names of three gentlemen as candidates for initiation, and in each case the ballot was favourable. All were present—Messrs. William Farr, John Carnaby and William Mackie; each was separately introduced, and received the benefits of Masonic Light, the new W.M. exhibiting in a most satisfactory way his capabilities for the exalted position in which the members of the Lodge had placed him. The Secretary was then called on to perform his routine duties, which, on this occasion, commenced with the reading of the circular from Grand Lodge in reference to the action of the Grand Orient of France with regard to the elimination from the ritual of a belief in the G.A.O.T.U. Communications having been read, the Lodge was closed, and shortly afterwards the banquet was served. We may add here, that the efforts of Bro. Gay seemed to be greatly appreciated by the guests. The W.M. then introduced the toast of Her Most Gracious Majesty, which was honoured by the brethren, who afterwards joined in the National Anthem. The second toast, the W.M. remarked, might be dismissed as briefly as the former one. The Prince of Wales was always studious for the interests of Freemasonry, and it was with great pleasure he offered the toast for their acceptance. The third toast—The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present—was always cordially received, and he (the W.M.) believed it was deservedly so. Without more preface he would offer it for their acceptance. Bro. Millward, who throughout the evening was in capital voice, here sang "Meet me once again." The health of the Initiates was now given by the W.M. At the consecration of their Lodge, Bros. Terry, Marsh, and other distinguished Masons, had most strenuously urged upon them the need of exercising caution in their selection of candidates. This, he felt, they had always done. The gentlemen who had joined their ranks that night were well recommended, and would (the W.M. was assured) become a credit to the Order; he hoped they might each eventually occupy the chair of the Lodge. Bro. Hickman here favoured the company with one of his popular ditties, and the initiates briefly acknowledged the compliment that had been paid them. After a song—"The Arab Steed"—by Bro. Mullord, the I.P.M. rose. Most of the brethren present were young members of the Craft, but he thought all would know what duty he had to perform: it was to ask them to drink the health of their Worshipful Master. Bro. Marsh, in his well known excellent style, here gave an amusing reading—a parody on the "Burial of Sir John Moore." Bro. Hunter then rose. He thanked the brethren for the way in which the toast had been received. No effort should be wanting on his part, and if, twelve months hence, he should still be thought deserving of their good opinion, he should feel amply repaid. The next toast was the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Hunter spoke of the qualities displayed by Bro. Maples during the year he had so successfully brought to a close. He had infinite pleasure in presenting him, on behalf of the Lodge, with the jewel the members had voted him at their last meeting. Bro. Maples remarked that too much credit had been laid at his door; it was true he had left no stone unturned. It was a precept he had always recognised, that what was worth doing at all, was worth doing well. He was much gratified at the reception they had given him, and he thanked them for the elegant jewel they had presented him with. To the toast of the Visitors, Bros. Dr. Barringer, G. H. Marsh and Carpenter replied. The remaining toasts were then duly honoured, and the summons given for the Tyler brought a successful evening's proceedings to a close. The guests were entertained during the evening with several capital selections, Bros. Rushton, Lehmeyer, and several others ably distinguishing themselves. Bro. Millward's song, "Come into the garden, Maud," was exquisitely rendered.

All Saints' Lodge, No. 1716.—The installation meeting of this Lodge (being the first since its consecration last year) was held at the Town Hall, Poplar, on Friday evening, 4th October. After the routine business had been transacted, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. John Dennis S.W. was presented by Bro. W. J. Fenner Treasurer to the W.M., Bro. W. H. Farnfield, for installation. The ceremony was most ably worked by the W.M., and in a faultless manner, until the time for the delivery of the addresses, when Bro. Hubbuck P.G.S. and P.M. 58 kindly gave that to the W.M., and Bro. Jas. Terry, P.G.J.W. Herts, those to the Wardens and Brethren. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. J. K. Coleman S.W., Leonard Potts J.W., J. S. Turner S.D., W. C. Young J.D., T. Bates I.G., W. J. Fenner P.M. Treasurer, E. L. Bracebridge P.M. Secretary, J. House D.C., J. Grout Organist, and Harrison Tyler. During the proceedings the Lodge room was well filled with brethren, many P.M.'s honouring the gathering with their presence. Among them we noticed Bros. G. Payne P.G.S., C. J. Salmon P.M. 173, H. J. Lewis P.M. 907, and J. A. Farnfield P.M. 256. The Lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to another part of the hall, where a banquet was tastefully laid out, the viands being supplied by Bro. Grist, of Hackney, the enjoyment of all being greatly enhanced by the singing of Bros. Carter, Symons, and Theodore Distin, under the direction of Bro. J. Grout Org. 1716. After the Loyal and usual Masonic toasts had been severally proposed and responded to, the I.P.M., in proposing the toast of the evening, said he was pleased to see Bro. Dennis in the position of W.M. of that Lodge. They all knew what sort of a worker Bro. Dennis was in the Craft, and therefore knew how the work would be sure to be done during his year of office, which he (the speaker) hoped would be a prosperous one, and that when Bro. Dennis became I.P.M. he would be able to look back on as successful a term of office as that concluded by himself. The toast was received with enthusiasm. Bro. Dennis said he was much obliged to the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast. He was proud

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to occupy the position he held in the Lodge, and he would endeavour, by gentlemanly bearing and courtesy, not unmixed with firmness, to merit the esteem of the brethren; he hoped, with Bro. Farnfield, that his year of office would be a successful one. The toast of the Visitors followed, and was responded to by the several brethren, each of whom expressed the pleasure he had derived in witnessing the working of the Lodge, and in the reception they had met with, both in the Lodge and at the banquet table. The W.M. rose and said it afforded him great pleasure to propose the next toast, viz., the health of Bro. W. H. Farnfield—the founder and first W.M. of the Lodge—on his becoming I.P.M. They had been associated together in Masonry a great many years, and he was glad to have the opportunity on such an occasion to congratulate him on the success that had been attained in raising the Lodge to its prosperous condition at the end of this, its first year. By the unanimous vote of the brethren it had been resolved to present Bro. Farnfield with a P.M.'s jewel, with a suitable inscription. It was then his duty to carry out the wishes of the brethren and make the presentation—(Here, amidst loud applause, he affixed a magnificent jewel on the breast of Bro. Farnfield). He hoped Bro. Farnfield would receive the jewel as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren, and as an acknowledgment of the services he had rendered to the Lodge. That, however, was not all, for the brethren, desirous of acknowledging more fully the regard they have for him, had raised a fund by individual subscriptions for the purpose of presenting him with a further mark of their esteem. A gold Albert, with locket attached thereto, had been purchased, and he had the great pleasure of presenting Bro. Farnfield with this also. He hoped that whilst the jewel would remind him in Lodge of the grateful feelings of the brethren, by wearing the chain he would be reminded day by day of the feelings which had prompted the second presentation. He had much pleasure in again proposing the health of Bro. W. H. Farnfield I.P.M., the toast was drunk with Masonic honours. Bro. Farnfield, who appeared much moved, said he did not know how to sufficiently express his thanks for the kindness he had received at their hands. He was very much surprised to have been made the recipient of such valuable tokens of their regard. Although he knew he was to be presented with a jewel, it having been inscribed on the minutes of the Lodge, it was a matter of surprise to find it was so magnificent and valuable a one. With regard to the Albert and locket, that was indeed a thorough surprise to him, for he had not the least intimation that such a presentation was to have been made until it was done. As well as he could, he desired to thank the brethren most heartily for their many expressions of esteem, and he hoped he should be able to work long with them for the good of Freemasonry in general and the All Saints Lodge in particular. The toast of the Officers followed, and it having been well received and responded to, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.—The first meeting of the season was held on Tuesday, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Present—Bros. Alfred Green W.M., Alfred Withers S.W., William Radcliffe J.W., C. Greenwood P.G. Sec. Surrey Treasurer, W. W. Morgan Acting Sec., Dr. Waters S.D., Usher Bach J.D., W. E. Young I.G., Longstaff Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Parsons, Lavers, T. H. Lavers, Wilden, &c. After the Lodge had been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Henry Martin; it resulted in favour of that gentleman, and he was introduced and the ceremony carefully performed by the W.M. A letter was read from Bro. D. Dryedale, P.M and Secretary, stating his wish to resign his membership of the Lodge. This resignation was accepted with great regret by the members, and on the motion of Bro. T. H. Lavers P.M., duly seconded, it was unanimously agreed that honorary membership should be conferred on our esteemed brother, as a slight recognition of his long services as Secretary of the Lodge. After routine business, Lodge was closed. A pleasant hour was afterwards spent by the brethren in social converse.

York Lodge, No. 236.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, the 7th inst. Bro. the Rev. William Valentine W.M. presiding, supported by his Wardens and Officers, amongst the members present being Bros. Thos. Cooper P.M., J. Todd P.M., G. Balmford P.M., Major Barstow P.M., T. B. Whytehead W.M. 1611, &c. The business consisted of an initiation, and after the close of the Lodge the brethren met at refreshment and spent a social evening.

St. Patrick's Lodge 295 (I.C).—This Military Lodge of the 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards, at present stationed at York, celebrated its annual banquet at the Masonic Hall, York. The W.M. Major Shaw-Hellier presided, supported by Bros. Capt. Hanly S.W., Capt. Murphy J.W., Capt. Tynte S.D., and the rest of the Officers and brethren. The S.W. was nominated for the office of W.M. next year. Amongst the invited guests present were Bros. T. Cooper P.M. 236 and P.M. 1611, J. Todd P.M. and Treas. 236, T. B. Whytehead W.M. 1611, G. Balmford P.M. 236, W. D. Lemmon P.M. 570, 5th Dragoon Guards Lodge, together with most of the Officers of the York Lodge 236 and Ebor cum Lodge 1611. In proposing the health of the W.M., the S.W. referred to the great obligation the brethren were under to Major Shaw-Hellier, to whose exertions it was mainly owing that they had regained possession of their ancient warrant, for so many years dormant, as well as many valuable portions of the old Lodge furniture.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Powell-road, Dalston. Bros. Braxted W.M., Weige S.W., Wardell J.W., J. Lorkin S.D., Dignam J.D., Christian I.G. Bros. McClean, C. Lorkin, Allen, McMillan, Forss, &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. McMillan answered the necessary questions; Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was opened in the third degree; Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first section of that lecture assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the third section of the first lecture. Bro. Weige was elected W.M. for next week.

Capper Lodge, No. 1096.—The electing meeting was held on the 9th instant, at the Marine Hotel, Tidal Basin, Victoria Docks, E Lodge was opened at six p.m. Bros. J. White W.M., John Dorton I.P.M., F. Brien S.W., P. McCarthy J.W., Holliday P.M., Knox P.M., Brayshaw P.M. Treasurer, Taplay S.D., Job J.D., W. Dorton I.G., Nevins W.S., J. Mitchell Secretary, and numerous brethren. The candidates for passing and raising not being present, a ballot was taken for the W.M. for ensuing year, which proved unanimous in favour of Bro. F. Brien S.W., who returned thanks for the honour the Lodge had conferred upon him, and promised to do all he could to promote the welfare of the brethren during his year of office. Bro. Brayshaw was re-elected Treasurer, and he thanked the brethren. Bros. Thompson, Miles and Mason were elected Auditors, and the Tyler was also re-elected. A £10 10s jewel was voted to the W.M. The report of the Benevolent Fund was read and adopted; it showed a balance of £68, after a display of that chief characteristic of the Craft—Charity. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was solemnly closed with prayer, and adjourned until the second Wednesday in November. The brethren then repaired to refreshment, after which the usual Loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured. In response to Bro. Dorton, who proposed the health of the W.M., Bro. White briefly replied. He expressed the gratitude and pleasure he felt at the honour the Lodge had conferred upon him, and thanked the brethren for the support he had received during his year of office. The toast of the Visitors having been heartily received, Bro. P.M. White 907 thanked the brethren for the reception the visitors had received, congratulating the Lodge upon the happy and harmonious working he had witnessed that evening. Bro. J. Dorkin, in reply to the toast of the P.M.'s, expressed the pleasure he had derived in supporting the W.M., Bro. White, and paid a just tribute to the W.M. for the excellent manner in which he had conducted the Lodge. The toast of the W.M. elect having been received with great cordiality, he thanked the Lodge for electing him, and promised to employ his best efforts to promote the prosperity of the members. The W.M. next gave the toast of the Masonic Press; he was happy to say they were honoured by the attendance of two members, Bros. Jolly and Stephens, and he trusted they would give the Lodge the benefit of their good offices upon future occasions. Bro. Jolly, in reply, expressed the pleasure he always had in visiting the Capper Lodge. Bro. Stephens briefly thanked the W.M. for the hearty welcome he had received, and expressed the pleasure he felt in visiting the Capper Lodge, and witnessing the harmonious working. The brethren might feel proud of their W.M., who evidently possessed that qualification for the chair—viz., the ability to maintain a harmonious feeling; such unanimity as he had witnessed that night was seldom equalled. After a number of songs, capitally rendered by Bros. Skelton, Sherwin Organist, Stephens, and Hilliard, the brethren separated, having spent a most enjoyable and profitable evening. Visitors—Bros. E. Balls 77, G. H. Stephens 1623, T. A. White 907, C. Jolly 913, Smith 1100, &c.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction, No. 1306.—As we announced last week would be the case, this Lodge of Instruction, which is held at Bro. Mortlock's, Gun Hotel, Wapping, resumed its weekly meetings after the holidays on Monday evening. Bro. T. J. Barnes presided as W.M., Bros. Veal and Stephens being the Senior and Junior Wardens respectively, Bro. Mortlock Preceptor, and Bro. Brame Secretary. There were likewise present Bros. Wilson, Blaw, Ralph, Greeley, Wood, Colman, Thompson, Banks, Martin, Henly, and W. W. Morgan. The Lodge was opened, the minutes read and confirmed, and then the business, which was of a purely formal character, being at an end, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a pleasant little supper, provided in his usual excellent and liberal style by host Bro. Mortlock. Bro. Barnes occupied the chair, and the brethren having done ample justice to the viands, the cloth was removed, and toasts, interspersed with some genial songs, became the order of the evening. The brethren dispersed at a seasonable hour, and we congratulate the Lodge on its having inaugurated a new season in so agreeable a manner.

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THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

THE General Assembly of this Grand Orient for the year 1878 was held during the week ended the 14th September. Bro. De Saint Jean, President of the Council, occupied the chair on the opening day—Monday, the 9th September—with Bros. Bruand and Antide Martin acting as Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Bro. J. Jean as Orator, Bro. Poulle as Secretary, Bro. Neumark as Expert, and Bros. Foussier and Coulon as Masters of Ceremonies. Nearly two hundred representatives of Lodges were present, and the Assembly at once proceeded, according to custom, to organise itself in nine bureaux. At the afternoon sitting the same day, Bro. de Saint Jean was chosen President during the whole session, and on Tuesday the Wardens and other Officers who would take part in the direction of business were appointed. This over, the Assembly at once proceeded to the discussion of the motion relative to the modification of Article 41 of the Constitutions, and in the result it was resolved that the article should stand as follows:—"The Grand Orient will not constitute Lodges in those foreign countries, where there exists already a Masonic Power which is regular and in fraternal relations with it. It will recognise no Lodge constituted in France or the French possessions by a foreign Masonic Power. Bro. E. Rousselle then asked a question relative to the project for revising the Ritual in accordance with the change made in the Constitutions of the Grand Orient last year. Thereupon Bro. Bussière proposed that the Council of the Order should terminate its labours before the end of the year. President de Saint Jean suggested that the assembly should proceed to the Order of the day pure and simple. Bro. Bussière then modified his resolution. A long wrangle ensued, various propositions being submitted, and in the end Bro. De Saint Jean's simple order of the day was lost, and another carried over its head. This led to a scene. Bro. President, having donned his insignia, declared with strong emotion his intention of resigning his position as president and member of the Council. Very many of those present begged him not to do so, but he persisted and retired. Bro. Rondeau, the Senior Grand Warden, then took on himself the Presidency of the meeting, and on the proposition of Bro. Caubet it was resolved to send a deputation to Bro. De Saint Jean inviting him to resume his functions, after which the sitting closed. On Wednesday Bro. Rondeau announced amid the warmest manifestations of enthusiasm that Bro. De Saint Jean had consented to retire his resignation, shortly after which that distinguished brother was introduced and resumed his presidency. Medals of Honour were then awarded to Lodge *Les Disciples d'Hiram*, Orient de la Pointe à Pitre, and six brethren, while three received the distinction of Honourable Mention. On Thursday the Assembly proceeded to elect twelve members in lieu of as many retiring by rotation from the Council, the following being the successful candidates, namely, Bros. Poulle, Bruand, De Hérédia. Lagache, Wyrouboff, Doué, Roche, André-Rousselle, Thulié, Du Hamel, Brémond, and Andrieux. On Friday a proposition to reduce the price of Warrants from 150 francs to 50 francs was withdrawn, and at the meeting of the Council, the same Officers as last year were elected. Bro. J. Jean, as Orator, delivered the customary address, and on Saturday the banquet was held, Bro. De Saint Jean presiding, the number of guests being 350, among whom were many distinguished foreign brethren who had the day previous been introduced, amid hearty welcome, into the Grand Orient.

It remains to be seen whether the Grand Orient will take any steps to establish Lodges in foreign countries where there is a regular Masonic Power which is not in friendly relations with it. This, indeed, is the question which immediately concerns us in England, and we trust sincerely that Grand Orient will not take such steps, as otherwise further difficulties may arise.

GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

THE Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall, at noon on Saturday last, and when the ordinary business was disposed of the Court adjourned, pending the election of four girls from an approved list of twenty-nine candidates, of whom five only had presented themselves for admission on any previous occasion. In the case of one of these (No. 2), it was her last chance, and the same must be said of one of the twenty-four new candidates, namely, No. 16. However, happily for these, it will be found that they have obtained places among the successful, so that in this one particular respect not one of the candidates can be said to have been absolutely disappointed, though, of course, hopes of their ultimate success will still prevail among the friends and supporters of the unsuccessful. We noted a fortnight since that eight of the twenty-nine candidates hailed from London. Of these only one has gained a place—No. 3 on the list—with 2724 marks. Of the twenty-one Provincial candidates three got in, obtaining the first, second, and fourth places respectively. No. 1, from Kent, polled 4741 votes, No. 2, hailing from Bristol, obtained 2817 votes, and No. 4, from Hants and the Isle of Wight, scored 1,104. Two other candidates, No. 24 (Cheshire), and No. 22 (London), stood next in order, with 1,086 votes and 1,018 respectively, and then the numbers grew less and less, No. 11 having no votes whatever recorded for her. It remains to be added that the attempt to introduce a daughter of the late Bro. Chas. Jardine, who was drowned in the Princess Alice, was a failure, Bro. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, having ruled that it was not competent for the Quarterly Court to suspend the Rules of the Institution as proposed. Subjoined is a complete list of the Candidates, with the votes appended:—

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on list	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
16	*Brasier, M. B.	—	4741	4741
2	Cooper, M. S.	723	2094	2817
15	*Stone, Ethel	—	2794	2794
3	Hill, E. M.	742	362	1104

UNSUCCESSFUL.

24	*Harbord E. A.	—	1086	1086
22	*Palmer F. E. M.	—	1018	1018
27	*Jones, F. M.	—	884	884
19	*Busher, E. M.	—	865	865
4	Garnet, E. M.	622	214	836
18	*Mott, M. E.	—	745	745
17	*Veal, T. A.	—	686	686
7	*Mitton, B. A.	—	685	685
5	Sampson, M. J.	577	36	613
1	Jay, Gertrude A.	508	67	575
13	*Clark, B. M.	—	532	532
26	*Laybourne, R. E. A.	—	346	346
9	*Peele, K. A.	—	344	344

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No. on list	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
29	*Williams, E. E.	—	305	305
20	*Deeley, A. A.	—	300	300
8	*Keighly, H. G.	—	248	248
28	*Hart, Eva C. H.	—	198	198
10	*Hebblethwaite, K.	—	163	163
14	*Allison, E. P. W.	—	158	158
25	*Priestley, J. S. H.	—	141	141
28	*Williams, E. C.	—	83	83
12	*Cook, A. M.	—	43	43
21	*Brown, Edith	—	28	28
6	*Parker, E. M.	—	22	22
11	*Senior, Ellen	—	—	—

* Indicates first application

BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

THE half-yearly election to fill the vacancies that have occurred in this Institution since April last, took place at the Quarterly General Court, held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday. The number to be elected was originally eleven, but had since been increased to thirteen. A. W. Gardiner who, as will be seen, heads the list with 2,373 votes, of which 489 were carried forward from April last, is one of two candidates hailing from Durham, and had he not succeeded on this occasion would have been ineligible for admission at the next ballot. Miles Coverdale, who is said to be descended from the distinguished Biblical scholar of the same name, stands second with 2,119 votes, 687 of which were cast for him in April. Coverdale is one of the two Essex candidates. A. E. Reece, of London, who comes third, polled 1,813 votes, of which 602 stood to his credit from April. W. E. Furze, one of the three Devon candidates, had already made six previous attempts to get in. He had 634 votes to his credit when the poll opened, and this was fortunately increased to 1,777 votes—we say fortunately, as this was his last chance. Fifth in order is A. T. White from West Yorkshire, with 1,745 votes, all polled on this occasion. Of the seven East Lancashire candidates, W. R. Roberts stood sixth with 1,667, and then came a second West Yorkshire candidate with 1,652 votes. No. 8, A. H. Day, who had tried at six previous elections and had this one remaining chance left him, hails from Essex, and increased his score from 504 to 1,610 votes. E. A. Browning, of Monmouthshire, and a candidate last April, raised his total to 1,533 votes. T. E. Evans, of Warwickshire, a candidate for the first time, was tenth with 1,531 votes. H. A. Simmonds, of London, who scored 783 votes last April, increased his total to 1,476, and secured the eleventh place, while A. L. E. Rossiter, of Cheshire, and A. C. Balcombe, of the Western Division of South Wales, were twelfth and thirteenth, with 1,375 and 1,370 votes respectively. Rossiter had to his credit 849 votes from April; in the case of Balcombe this was his first, and, had he failed, would likewise have been his last attempt. F. C. Watkins (last chance), a Londoner, heads the list of the unsuccessful with 1272, followed by James Ward from N. Wales and Salop, fifteenth in order, with 1,221 votes, A. J. Chandler (Norfolk), sixteenth, with 1,153 votes; C. W. Green of London (last chance), seventeenth, with 1,064 votes, and R. H. Nicholls (London and Essex), eighteenth, with 1,013 votes. After this the votes go on diminishing more and more rapidly, as we get lower on the list, till in due time we reach No. 41, with under a hundred votes, then No. 54, with under ten votes, and No. 65, with no votes whatever. Of these, No. 46 with 23 votes, No. 55 with 7 votes, and No. 38 with 3 votes, will have their names removed from the list, as it was their last chance. No. 45 had been withdrawn before the ballot was opened, and No. 43, though a candidate for the first time, turned out to be disqualified by age. Of the nine candidates who had this chance only of success, four are among the successful, and five among the unsuccessful, so there are already forty-seven candidates, with more or fewer votes to their credit respectively, who are eligible for election in April next. Of the fourteen London candidates, two only were successful; of the fifty-two Provincial, eleven—a result which proves decidedly the superior organisation of the latter. As regards the proposition to admit a son of the late Bro. Charles Jardine without the formality of a ballot, it will be seen elsewhere that the Mansion House Relief Fund intend purchasing an admission for him, as well as one for a sister of his into the Girls' School. We subjoin the full result of the poll:—

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on list	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
32	Gardner, Alfred Welsh	489	1884	2373
33	Coverdale, Miles	687	1432	2119
28	Reece, Albert Edward	602	1211	1813
2	Furze, William Ernest	634	1143	1777
61	*White, Arthur Thomas	—	1745	1745
41	*Roberts, Walter Robert	—	1667	1667
46	*Keighley, James	—	1652	1652
1	Day, Arthur Harris	564	1046	1610
23	Browning, Ernest Albert	530	1003	1533
48	*Hall, Thomas Evans	—	1531	1531
27	Simmonds, Hebron Albert	783	693	1476
36	Rossiter, Arthur Lewis E.	849	526	1375
50	*Balcombe, Arthur Charles	—	1370	1370

UNSUCCESSFUL.

18	Watkins, Frederick Charles	209	1063	1272
17	Ward, James	133	1088	1221
16	Chandler, Arthur John	323	830	1153
5	Green, Charles William	386	678	1064
21	Nicholls, Richard Howell	216	797	1013
6	Wilkinson, Percy Charles	689	230	919
29	Keighley, George Norman C.	72	662	734
13	Parker, George Shadwell	125	583	708
56	*Allison, Tom	—	706	706
60	*Green, James Baker	—	554	554
7	Wait, Emanuel	447	30	477
12	Barclay, Henry G. Hackett	278	188	466
19	Spalding, Edmund Purcell	229	208	437
54	*Thorn, William Richard	—	418	418
10	Allin, Charles James Fox	347	28	375
62	*Warner, Richard John	—	347	347
57	*Norrish, Herbert	—	340	340
51	*Brooks, George Bertie	—	290	290
55	*Beckett, Ernest George	—	272	272
47	*Southam, George William	—	254	254
53	*Hounslow, Herbert Rich	—	231	231
8	Ridpeth, Lovell Hope	169	147	316
49	*Gauntlett, George Frederick	—	212	212
30	Laslett, Alfred John	136	75	211
26	Scott, John Sheppard	49	154	203
52	*Grave, Richard Arthur	—	195	195
20	Gibbs, John	—	117	117
45	*Bazley, William Henry	—	94	94
44	*Tracy, William	—	93	93
35	Marshall, Phillipson	28	22	50
66	*Wilton, Ernst Colville C.	—	34	34
3	Newbolt, Harry (*withdrawn*)	27	—	—
11	Minshall, Sam Bradford	11	12	23
37	Jones, Ernest Handel	9	14	23
63	*Thomas, John M. Alexander	—	19	19
14	Bell, James Herbert	11	4	15
25	Clark, Thomas John	14	—	14
31	Gay, George John	9	5	14
4	Cole, Alfred Thomas	—	10	10
9	Frost, Christian Frederic	10	—	10
40	Bartley, William James	—	8	8
24	Pike, John Henry	4	3	7
58	*King, Henry Hugh	—	7	7
67	*Fellows, Herbert M.	—	7	7
43	*Webb, Henry (*disqualified by age*)	—	6	6
59	*Henderson, John	—	4	4
15	Giles, Frank Arthur	3	—	3
38	Cowling, John Edward	3	—	3
64	*Landless, John Greenwood	—	3	3
39	Read, John	—	2	2
65	*Crane, Harry Samuel J.	—	2	2
22	Black, William	—	—	—
34	Winter, Richard Thomas	—	—	—
42	*Bowman, George Frederick	—	—	—

* Indicates first application.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham will be holden in the Masonic Hall, Durham, on Tuesday, 22nd October, at 2 p.m., by command of Bro. John Fawcett, J.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. Banquet at 4.30 p.m. in the Town Hall. The Fund Committee will meet in the Masonic Hall at 12 o'clock.

The Rev. H. B. Tristram, Canon of Durham, Prov. G.M.M.M. has issued instructions for the annual meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Northumberland and Durham to be held in the Masonic Hall, Park-road, Sunderland, on Wednesday, 30th October, under the banner of the Union Lodge, No. 124, at 2.30 p.m. Banquet, at the conclusion of the Lodge, at the Queen's Hotel.

The Annual Meeting of Royal Arch Chapter de Burghi, No. 424, will be held on Thursday, 24th October in the temporary hall of the Lodge of Industry, No. 48, at 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead, at 3 p.m., for the installation of Principals and investiture of Officers, after which the Companions will dine together at the Grey Horse Tavern.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Northumberland was held on the 8th inst. at Alnwick. The Lodge met in the Corn Exchange, under the banner of the Alnwick Lodge 1167, there being present the greatest number of brethren that have ever assembled at any meeting held in the Province. To convey the brethren, a special train was run from Newcastle, and the total number present was about 700. The proceedings throughout were most successful, and the event for many years to come will be looked back upon by those present with feelings of unalloyed pleasure. The R.W. Prov. G.M. the Earl Percy, M.P., occupied the chair of K.S., and there were present the following officers:—Bros. L. M. Cockcroft D.P.G.M., E. H. Holmes P.G.S.W., W. J. Ward P.G.J.W., Rev. W. L. J. Cooley, P.G. Chap., Thos. Anderson P.G. Treas., B. J. Thompson P.G. Sec., N. Mein P.G.S.D., C. Hopper P.G.J.D., J. C. Mowbray P.G.S. of W., E. D. Davis P.G.D. of C., Richard Evson P.G. Assist. D. of C., A. Guthrie P.G.S.B., C. H. Shepherd P.G. Organist, Thos. Halliday P.G.P., Charles Anderson P.G. Assist. P., Joshua Curry P.G. Tyler. The R.W.P.G.M. was supported on the dais by a large number of Past Provincial Grand Officers. The Lodge was opened in due form, and after transacting other business, the R.W.P.G.M. invested his Officers for the year as follow:—Bros. Adam Robertson 1167 P.G.S.W., John Ridsdale 406 P.G.J.W., Robinson 409 P.G. Chap., Thomas Anderson W.M. 1712 P.G. Treas., George Cockburn P.M. 24 P.G. Reg., B. J. Thompson P.G. Sec., John Bolam W.M. 24 P.G.S.D., John Harcuss W.M. 431 P.G.J.D., George Forbes 393 P.G.S. of W., E. D. Davis P.G.D. of C., George Dean W.M. 541 P.G. Assist D. of C., J. G. Youll W.M. 685 P.G.S.B., B. P. Ord W.M. 1427 P.G. Organist, R. J. Armstrong W.M. 406 P.G. Purs., John Taylor W.M. 1676 P.G. Assist. Purs., Joshua Curry Tyler. After the closing of the Lodge at the Corn Exchange, the brethren wended their way to the magnificent seat of the Percy family—Alnwick Castle. The normal quietude of the old town for the while was disturbed, and the sight of so many strangers appeared to take the inhabitants by surprise. Arrived at the courtyard, where a glimpse was obtained of the splendid proportions of the historic keep, the Visitors were at once struck by the perfection of the arrangements which had been made for their reception by the noble Earl, whose munificent hospitality will be regarded in the future as one of the greatest events connected with Freemasonry in this part of the country. There was no confusion in the seating of such a large company, for each of the Lodges was guided by numbers and letters directing them to the tables allotted to them. The banquet was held in the Guest Hall of Alnwick Castle, which for the occasion had to be enlarged, by the erection of a handsome marquee. The hall, which is one of the largest of the kind in the kingdom, had been splendidly fitted up for the banquet. The Chairman, the Right Hon. the Earl Percy, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M., and the leading Officers of the various Lodges, sat at a raised table facing the guests. Three very large tables ran the length of the room, whilst four were erected in the marquee, which was arranged in such a manner that all had an excellent view of the proceedings, and were well able to hear the various speeches. Covers were laid for over seven hundred. The admirable manner in which the viands were brought to the tables reflected the highest credit on Mr. Thorpe, the *chef de cuisine* of Alnwick Castle, and his able staff of assistants. The arrangements in the hall were under the personal supervision of Mr. Pantling, the house steward, and gave the greatest satisfaction to all concerned. The floral decorations and the dessert were arranged by Mr. Ingram of Alnwick Castle Gardens. After the arrival of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, who was accompanied in procession by the Provincial Grand Officers, grace was sung by the boys of the Duke's Schools, forming the choir of St. Paul's Charity, Alnwick, under the conductorship of Mr. C. G. Moore, the Organist of the Church, and this was repeated after dinner. Before dinner the Duchess of Northumberland appeared in the gallery of the Guest Hall, which was elaborately decorated with shrubs and plants. The presence of the Duchess was observed by Bro. E. D. Davis, the able Director of Ceremonies, and in response to his call, rounds of enthusiastic cheering, which the Duchess gracefully acknowledged, were given in her honour. The banquet was one of a most sumptuous description, and the system observed by the staff of waiters connected with the Castle, augmented by a staff of waiters from London, was admirable. After dinner, Earl Percy occupied the chair, and proposed Her Majesty the Queen, which was loyally responded to. He next proposed His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M. of England, followed by the M.W. Prov. G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W.D.G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge. The V.W.D.P.G.M. Bro. L. M. Cockcroft gave The R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Northumberland, the Hon. Earl Percy, M.P., which was received with enthusiasm. The R.W. Prov. G.M. ably responded. Bro. G. Selby Thompson proposed The V.W.D. Prov. Grand Master L. M. Cockcroft, Esq., and the R.W. Prov. G.M. gave The Officers, past and present, of the Prov. Grand Lodge, to which the Prov. G.S.W. Bro. Adam Robertson replied. Bro. B. J. Thompson Prov. Grand Sec. proposed the W.M. and Members of the Alnwick Lodge No. 1167, to which the W.M. Bro. Geo. Simpson responded. Bro. E. D. Davis proposed The Masonic Charities, and the Rev. W. L. J. Cooley P.P.G.C., in the absence of Bro. Hubert Laws, responded. Bro. W. H. Holmes P.P.S.G.W., next proposed The health of the Duke and Duchess of Northumberland and the Countess Percy, a toast which was acknowledged with rounds of cheering, repeated again and again. Earl Percy briefly replied on behalf of the Duchess of Northumberland and Lady Percy, and with regard to the Duke said that, although not a Mason, he was willing at all times to lend his means and influence to every good work, as also were the Duchess and Lady Percy. The company then separated, after having enjoyed a princely repast, the whole proceedings having been of the most harmonious description. With reference to the gathering, which will doubtless be ever memorable in the annals of Masonry in the North of England, we may state that there are now 18 Lodges in the Province, and the total number of contributing members is 1555. The oldest Lodge is No. 24, Newcastle, and the youngest is also a Newcastle Lodge, St. John's 1712. Up to between 11 or 12 years ago, Freemasonry was at a very low ebb in the old town of Alnwick. There was at that time no Lodge, but some two or three brethren took the matter in hand, and chiefly with the assistance of the Morpeth Lodges, a sufficient number of Masons were made to form a Lodge. The Alnwick Lodge was consecrated in 1867, the meeting place then being the Freemasons' Tavern, Market place, and the first W.M. being Bro. Thos. Braithwaite, then of Morpeth, but now of Alnwick. Very great interest was taken in the affairs pertaining to the Craft by the members of the young Lodge, and the numbers have gone on increasing, until now the number of contributing members is 95, whilst the brethren now possess a comfortable Lodge room in Clayport Street. The present W.M. is Bro. Geo. Simpson.

The present R.W.P.G.M. of Northumberland, Bro. the Earl Percy, M.P., was initiated at Oxford, and was installed in his present office in September 1869. The ceremony of installing his Lordship took place at the Assembly Rooms, Newcastle, the installing master being the oldest Provincial Grand Master in England,—Bro. John Fawcett, R.W.P.G.M. of Durham. There were present on the occasion an unusually large number of brethren, and the attendance at the annual banquet was, with the exception of yesterday, the largest which has ever been known in the province.—*Newcastle Daily Journal.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE Freemasons of North and East Yorkshire held their annual Grand Lodge on Thursday, at Beverley. The gathering took place at Richmond last year, and now Beverley has been honoured. The event proved a red letter day in the history of the town, which is in every way appropriate for the assembling of an historical fraternity. Although the business of the Grand Lodge did not commence until two o'clock in the afternoon, all the early trains brought up Masonic visitors, who occupied themselves for a few hours by inspecting the Minster and St. Mary's Church, as well as other objects of antiquarian interest. The Minster was the chief attraction, more especially as Bro. Stephenson, of the Beverley Lodge, well known for his antiquarian researches, had acceded to a request to give a verbal description of the leading features of the building. Increased interest was given to the morning's proceedings by a recital on the organ, given by Bro. Camidge, Organist of the Minster. The organ is a grand old instrument, by the famous builder Snetzler, and it was heard to great advantage on the occasion, the organist having made a delightful selection of music, which was highly appreciated by all who were fortunate enough to be present. All the selections were of a contemplative character. Handel's overture to "Samson" being the first number. The next was one of Batiste's quiet Andantes, the one in E minor. This was played in fine taste, showing a judicious blending of the stops. No. 3 was Mendelssohn's "Cornelius' March," a fine sparkling theme, bringing out the more prominent stops of the instrument. The next number was an Andante movement by Smart, whose name is a sufficient guarantee for graceful melody and pure harmony. The organist led up to this movement by a pretty extemporaneous passage or two. The two next selections were specially interesting. The first comprised the movements moderato and allegro from Corelli, adapted no doubt from the instrumental writings of this famous composer, who died in 1713. The other number was Schumann's "Ich Grolle Nicht." A selection from Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" was the next number on the programme, but at the last moment the organist changed it for Haydn's representation of "Chaos." The concluding piece was Bach's Prelude and Fugue in D, and with this the visit of the Freemasons to the Minster terminated, and the fraternity wended their way to the Assembly Rooms to hold their Grand Lodge. The entire suite of rooms was engaged. The principal rooms were decorated with flowers, plants, and Masonic flags and emblems. Every Lodge in the province was well represented. Prior to opening the Grand Lodge the Board of Benevolence held a long sitting, and considered several applications for assistance, from widows of Freemasons and necessitous brethren. Several grants were passed and the claims of candidates—boys and girls—for admission to the Schools were carefully investigated, and resolutions to support the most deserving passed. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, the Provincial Grand Master, presided over the Grand Lodge, and was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. Pearson Bell, M.D., J.P.; Bros. Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett, Major Woodall, &c. The following brethren were installed Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Sir Charles Legard, Bart., W.M. Denison 1248, S.G. Warden; Charles Norman P.M. Lennox 123 J.G.W., Rev. L. Heath, M.A., Kingston 1010 P.G. Chaplain, R. W. Hollon P.M. York 236 and Eboracum 1611 P.G. Treasurer, J. Todd P.M. York 236 P.G. Reg. M.C., Peck P.M. Sykes 1040 P.G. Sec., J. H. Emes P.M. Minerva 250 S.G.D., J. T. Atkinson W.M. St. Jermain's 566 J.G.D., A. W. Ansell P.M. Humber 57 P.S. Sup. Wks., T. B. Whytehead W.M. Eboracum 1611 P.G.D.C., B. L. Wells P.M. Alexandra 1511 P.G. Sword Bearer, J. Camidge Constitutional 294 P.G. Organist, J. Ward York 236 P.G. Pursuivant, T. Crier Humber 57 P.G. Tyler. A committee was appointed for the purpose of increasing the support given to the several Masonic Charities in the Province, and it was announced by the Grand Master that the Provincial Lodge next year would be held in York, on the invitation of the Eboracum Lodge No. 1611. About 120 brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, who in the course of the proceedings thanked the officers and brethren of the Constitutional Lodge, Beverley, for the handsome hospitality with which the Grand Lodge had been received.

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DISPOSAL OF LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In answer to the query of your correspondent OLD FILE, the amount appearing as "Other Receipts" in Balance Sheet No. 2 is made up of Subscriptions £168, Initiation fees £52 10s, and Visiting fees £39 1s.

I am pleased to see, from the letters you publish, that the officials of the Yarborough and Doric Lodges take so much pride in shewing the results achieved by their Lodges. I wish others would follow their example, it would be a grand incentive to the members to exert themselves so as to get a respectable statement to put forward. At the same time I should like them to shew what proportion of their receipts they can afford to devote to charity. It would serve as a basis on which to suggest a fixed minimum.

No. 4.

BALANCE SHEET OF CHAPTER ———, ONE YEAR—1877:—

RECEIPTS.

Balance forward			£3 14 3
Receipts for the year:—			
Subscriptions and Visitors	75 10 6		
Exaltation Fees ...	28 7 0		
		103 17 6	
		£107 11 9	

EXPENDITURE.

Refreshment	£52 9 9
Grand Chapter certificates and dues	9 15 0
P.Z's jewel	5 5 0
Janitor	1 10 0
Printing, postages, &c.	4 7 6
Balance in hand	34 4 6
	£107 11 9

The above statement, although satisfactory on the whole, lacks the one important item without which no Masonic balance sheet is perfect. I, of course, allude to a Charity Grant.

I hope the members of this Chapter may have as large a surplus to report this year, but I trust they will not again forget those who, "from unavoidable calamity and misfortune, are reduced to the lowest ebb of poverty and distress." With such a balance brought forward, and anything of a prosperous year, they could, without risk, devote ten guineas from their funds to each of our Charities. Were they to do this, I feel certain that Companions would be found among them willing to undertake the duties of Stewards, and from what I personally know of the Chapter, I feel convinced the result of the united efforts of three Stewards would be such a sum as would put their name among those at the head of the Charity lists of 1879. I almost feel inclined to ask you to publish the name of this Chapter at the head of the statement, but in the hope that there are many where somewhat similar results can be shewn, I leave it blank, thinking that by so doing, others than the members concerned will find it of interest.

I have to thank you, Bro. Editor, for forwarding the two letters which were sent to your office addressed to me, they each contained a balance sheet, both of which I will ask you to publish in due course.

Yours fraternally,

UNION JACK.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The third balance sheet presented by "UNION JACK" is more unsatisfactory than either of those which preceded it. The year's income amounts to £294 5s 6d, the year's expenditure, which includes no grant whatever for charitable purposes, to £313 17s 4d, so that the Lodge which commenced the year with the respectable balance in hand of £85 6s 6d, closed it with one of £35 14s 8d, thus showing the very substantial diminution of, in round figures, £50. *Five-sixths* of the whole income were spent in feeding and rent. Ten Guineas were voted for a P.M.'s jewel, and Printing, Postage, &c., cost the very considerable sum of £15 8s 3d. If we put the three balance sheets together, then, omitting, at the outset, the balances whether on the right or the wrong side of the account, we shall find the following results.

	1st Lodge. £ s d	2nd Lodge. £ s d	3rd Lodge. £ s d	Total. £ s d
(a) RECEIPTS.	201 9 6	266 0 9	294 5 6	=761 15 9
(b) EXPENDITURE:—				
Refreshment, &c.	160 13 4	238 19 6	251 7 7	=651 0 5
Grand Lodge -	16 15 0	25 6 0	62 11 6	=104 12 6
P.M.'s Jewel -	5 5 0	7 7 0	10 10 0	= 23 2 0
Tyler - -	3 7 0	2 10 0	4 0 0	= 9 17 0
Printing, &c. -	2 18 7	6 7 1	15 8 3	= 24 13 11
Not Specified -	12 10 7	——	——	= 12 10 7
Charity - -	——	20 0 0	——	= 20 0 0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE - - -				£845 16 5
EXCESS of Outgoings over Incomings -				£84 0 8

It will be noted that out of this total of £845 16s 5d only £20, granted by 2nd Lodge, was expended in Charity, being less by £3 2s than was voted for P.M.'s jewels, and by £4 13s 10d than was expended for Printing, &c.

(c) Now for BALANCES at beginning and end of year.

	£ s d
Beginning: 2nd Lodge £336 3s 2d. 3rd Lodge £85 6s 6d =	421 9 8
Less due to Treasurer of 1st Lodge - -	36 11 5
	£384 18 3
End: 2nd Lodge £301 14s 4d, 3rd Lodge £35 14s 8d =	337 9 0
Less due to Treasurer of 1st Lodge - -	2 5 6
	£335 3 6
Difference—TO THE BAD—between opening and closing Balances - - - - - - - - -	49 14 9

It will be noted under this head that the "EXCESS" above shown namely £84 0s 8d is accounted for thus:—

Diminution of Balance in hand 2nd Lodge - - -	34 8 10
" " " 3rd " - - -	49 11 10
	£84 0 8
To which must be added "Due Treasurer," 1st Lodge -	2 5 6
	£86 6 2
Again, if we add to "Difference—TO THE BAD,—above shown - - - - - - - - -	49 14 9
The old Debts and moneys due Treasurer 1st Lodge, viz.	36 11 5
We have the EXCESS stated in another form - - -	£86 6 2

It must be remembered that had the 1st Lodge commenced the year without liabilities it would have closed it with £36 11s 5d amount paid off, less £2 5s 6d still due Treasurer, or the fair balance in hand of £34 5s 11d, which is the exact difference between EXCESS of Expenditure over Receipts (£84 0s 8d), and the Difference "TO THE BAD" between opening and closing balances (£49 14s 9d).

But what a miserable revelation these statements afford of the true inner life of some of our Masonic Lodges! Are we not the veriest of humbugs, the most superlative of hypocrites, when we talk of our charitable doings; and here are three Lodges—I should much like to believe they are exceptional cases—which out of a year's receipts, amounting in the aggregate to £761 15s 9d, spend £651 0s 5d in feasting, and £20 in charity? Freemasonry has been described as a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols. A *very peculiar* system indeed, with humbug for its veil of allegory, and the knife and fork and tankard as the most remarkable among its symbols. £650 spent in eating and drinking, and £20 voted for charity! The contrast is superb, but not one of which the Lodges in question have the slightest reason to be proud. And this leads me to submit a further observation, namely, that nine-tenths of those who banquet thus gorgeously belong to the class of folk who in their families live in honest, homely fashion, and the expenditure of a guinea or five-and-twenty shillings on a single dinner—one-half of which is showy vases and plated candelabra, and the other half a sorry attempt to rival a fashionable dinner—is not in keeping with their usual style of living. Here and there we find a member who can appreciate a really good glass of wine, but the majority are hardly able to distinguish between gooseberry and champagne. They speak affectionately and at the time with many a knowing wink of their love of Margaux, yet, if tried, they could not tell it from Medoc, even to save their souls. Honestly, they would prefer dining *en famille* off a prime haunch or saddle of mutton, or a sirloin of beef with et ceteras, and wash it down with a tankard of sound English ale; but they are afraid if they were to suggest the idea they might lose caste with their fellows. So with many a sigh for what is not in the *menu*, and many a wry face over the kickshaws they know nothing about, they partake of one after the other, "*Soupe à la polonaise*," "*Filets de requin à la chinoise*," "*Cotelettes de veau, sauce Brobdingnag*," "*boeuf à la redingote*," and so on. Well nigh every guest knows the whole thing is but affectation and humbug, yet each pays his guinea or more for the privilege of playing the hypocrite on stated occasions. And then the statement of account is overhauled with the result as seen in the above cases—£650 in feeding, and £20 in charity! Heigho! this is, indeed, Freemasonry—a peculiar system of morality—with a vengeance!

I rejoice to say I am very partial to good living. I should be a fool if I were not. I hold that the good things of this life which a benign Providence has bestowed upon us should be enjoyed, and enjoyed freely—though not to excess—as well as thankfully. But too many of our Lodge banquets are mere glitter, make believe, and pretence; with plenty of bright light, and sham flowers and silver plate, &c., but nothing that is really sound and good; with plenty of enforced gaiety, but no true enjoyment. But I fear that I have trespassed at too considerable length on your valuable space. I will conclude, therefore, with the remark, that if we exercised more common sense, and exhibited more courage; if we declined to be led by the nose into expense which cannot be justified; if we thought more about our principles, and less about our bellies, our "peculiar system of morality" would be all the better; and what is more to the point still, some of our poor and distressed brethren might be all the better, too, if we showed a little more self-denial.

Ever yours fraternally,

OLD FILE.

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OLD LODGES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to thank Bro. Gould for the notes he so kindly furnished in your issue of last week. The confusion of dates in the case of our senior Lodges is greatly to be regretted, but as the errors once made have been perpetuated, there is no help for it but to accept the present numbering, though there is no valid reason why the dates of Constitution, where they are proved to be wrong, should not be set right again. Now, Pine's List for 1734—recently reprinted by Hughan—was the first that was published after present Medina, No. 35, and Strong Man, No. 45, had been constituted, and it is reasonable to suppose that the dates would be correctly given when only a brief interval of time had elapsed between the date of the List's publication and those of the Lodges being constituted. Well, this Pine's List, 1734, gives the dates of constitution as follow:—No. 110 now Strong Man, No. 45—2nd Feb. 1732-3; No. 111 now Medina, No. 35—17 Feb. 1732-3. The same dates are also given in Pine's List 1736. According to Dr. Oliver, the former was warranted, in the 1738 List, on 2 February 1732 which would fall within the year 1732-3; but in the 1740 List, Pine gives the date 2nd Feb. 1734, which falls within the year 1733-4, thus degrading the Lodge one year in respect of date, the while he allowed it to retain its numerical precedence as No. 98—which by the closing up of the Lodges it had become from No. 110—over No. 99—formerly No. 111—constituted "17 Feb. 1732," which, by thus dating it, he advanced a year. The conclusion I am disposed to draw from this retention of No. 98 in this list in its pride of place (though with date of constitution degraded to 2 Feb. 1734) over two 1732 Lodges and eleven 1733 Lodges is that 1734 is a clerical error for 1732, which was intended to have been written, the "3" of "1732-3" having been dropped. Subsequently when the Lodges were closed up in 1756, the error committed by Pine and continued by Cole misled Grand Lodge, which, without stopping to examine the facts, transferred one Lodge to its supposed proper year, so that No. 98 was degraded and became No. 68 at the bottom of the 1734 Lodges, while No. 99 figured as No. 57 in its old place among the 1732 Lodges. How in the former case the original "Feb. 2," became "Feb. 17" I will not attempt to explain. Then, as Feb. 17 1732 falls within 1731-2, a subsequent compiler of Grand Lodge List, in his desire to be more than usually accurate, perhaps described the date of constitution as "Feb. 17 1731-2" and then a further change resulted in the "2" being dropped. In some such way as this I imagine a Lodge constituted 17 Feb. 1733 is now dated as a 1731 Lodge—the process being simple enough:—17 Feb. 1733 is the same as 17 Feb. 1732-3. The "3" was dropped for the sake of brevity, and it became 17 Feb. 1732 only. Then for greater accuracy this was converted into 17 Feb. 1731-2, and then for brevity again this was reduced to 17 Feb. 1731.

I think there can be no doubt whatever that present No. 45 is older than present No. 35, and all the intermediate Lodges formerly under the banner of Grand Lodge "Moderns." I fancy, too, there is just a *little* reason in the explanation I have offered for its degradation from 1732-3 to 1734.

Yours fraternally,

YOUR REVIEWER OF HUGHAN'S REPRINT OF PINE'S LIST OF LODGES 1734.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As a member of Strong Man Lodge, allow me to offer such scanty information as is at my command now, concerning the past history of No. 45. In the minutes of a regular Lodge meeting held on the 8th March 1833, it was resolved "that it is highly proper to celebrate in a marked and distinguished manner the Centenary of the Strong Man Lodge, at one of its meetings during the ensuing year, 1834, the Warrant bearing date February 1734." This was followed by the striking off and presentation to each subscribing member of a commemoration, or centenary jewel, one of which can be seen at Bro. Kenning's. Allow me also to add that the Lodge figures as 61 on 1st November 1832, and as 53, late 61, on 6th December. Next week I hope to be able to give a few more particulars, and if you will allow me space, I will endeavour to supply a copy of the warrant.

Yours fraternally,

H. J. DEAN.

2 Blomfield-street, E.C., 17th October 1878.

THE "FOUR OLD LODGES."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I hardly think it becoming, even in so able and enthusiastic a Masonic writer as Bro. Hughan, to adopt the regal or editorial "We" in expressing his individual opinions on the subject of the "Four Old Lodges," or, indeed, on any subject. Nor is it wise, unless he wishes to lay himself open to the charge of arrogance; as Masons, who are also men of the world, must smile at the exhibition of such petty vanity. Bro. Gould and Your Reviewer must be more than human, if they relish this kind of patronage. The value of their labours will be all the same, neither more nor less to the extent even of one jot or tittle, whether Bro. Hughan condescendingly pats them on the back or not. It is a pity one so enlightened as he should assume such airs towards writers who evidently know what they are about, and one of whom, by the laborious patience and ability with which he has gone on investigating a subject of deep interest to the Masonic public, is deserving of a better fate than to be patronised even by Bro. Hughan. If that estimable brother is anxious to be thought even wiser than we know he is, I would respectfully suggest to him to be a little less vain of his powers, and not assume, as the style of his letter would lead people to believe he does, that he is the only competent authority on Masonic history. I know, directly, or indirectly, all three—Bros. Hughan and Gould and Your Reviewer, and except in the one particular, that the first, I believe, entered the field of Masonic literature before the other two, I have as great confidence in the opinions of the two last as Bro. Hughan's. This makes the assumption of any superiority on his part the more to be regretted. I confess that, when I began the letter, I thought I should find at foot of it the names of half-a-dozen brethren, or, at least, of Bros. Hughan and Woodford, who had constituted themselves a kind of irresponsible tribunal for the purpose of passing judgment on Bro. Gould's researches, having overlooked the fact that at all events some among your numerous readers are competent to form an opinion for themselves. Let Bro. Hughan take warning from a far greater writer than he can ever hope to be—the late Charles Dickens, whose marvellous abilities were only equalled by his inordinate vanity. Even he was the subject of frequent ridicule.

I am, Dear Sir,

Your faithful friend and Brother,

London, 15th October 1878. SCRUTATOR.

MASONIC QUERY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A large number of W.M.'s aprons will shortly be wanted, all over the country: and I wish to know how much longer that badge is to be rendered ludicrous and unbecoming by the *Tau* being placed upside down, like *Levels*, merely because of the printer's blunder in the Constitutions, where "Perpendiculars upon Horizontals" appears, instead of "Horizontals upon Perpendiculars," as it obviously should be.

Too many members of the Fraternity, I am afraid, neither know nor care anything about the signification of the "Symbols" by which the beautiful system of Masonry is illustrated; and wear them only as children wear mock jewellery and watches on their gala clothes. But the most ignorant and careless S.W. who was ever promoted to W.M. can see the absurdity of stamping him in the *higher degree* with the emblem of the *lower*; and, instead of giving him his rightful "implement of power" to indicate his rank and position in the Lodge, sending him back for a level to the chair from which he had just emerged. I never see the W.M.'s badge as it is now made without being reminded of the famous picture of the "Rationalistic Chicken," with a piece of eggshell sticking to its tail, and wondering when the owner will awake to the consciousness of the foolish figure that he presents in consequence.

The manufacturers of course are not to blame. They merely go by the book. But surely there is in Grand Lodge some brother intelligent and influential enough to take up the question of revision, and insist on this and other errors being rectified without delay.

Yours fraternally,

5th October 1878. O. V. N.

A SENSIBLE PROTEST.

To the Editor of the Standard.

SIR,—Having noticed in your edition of Monday last, a paragraph to the effect that it is intended at the approaching meetings of the Governors of the Masonic Boys' and Girls' Schools to move for the admission of a son and daughter of the late Bro. Jardine, who lost his life through the recent collision on the Thames between the Bywell Castle and Princess Alice, I must ask you to allow me to express my disapproval of such a proceeding, and submit that it is establishing a most unwise precedent, and calculated to give great dissatisfaction to hundreds of governors and subscribers who will not have an opportunity of being present when the motions are made. So far as the widow and orphans are concerned, I am confident there is not a member of the Fraternity who feels greater sympathy for them than myself, and I should be glad to hear of Mrs. Jardine succeeding in getting some of her children into the Schools, after the ordinary course for election has been pursued, but not in the manner proposed, as I am fully in accord with the view so clearly put before the public in the letter of "H. G. S." under the heading "Blindfold Benevolence," in your edition of the 4th instant, which was so ably supplemented by a leading article of same date.

Many cases of the greatest distress have been known to me, and the widows have been unable, after repeated applications, to obtain admission for their children to these Schools, and in some of these cases the brethren have met their death by drowning or accident, leaving large families totally unprovided for; but because it did not take place under circumstances similar to Bro. Jardine's, no "special," heed is taken, and these poor widows did not, as of course Mrs. Jardine and children will, receive substantial relief from a Mansion House Fund.

I will not trouble you further than to express a hope that the members who will assemble in Great Queen-street, at the Courts about to be held, will pause, before adopting a course not contemplated in the rules of these institutions, nor warranted by extreme distress.

I am, Sir, yours obediently,

10th October. JUSTICE.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases and casualties incidental to youth may be safely treated by the use of these excellent medicaments according to the printed directions folded round each pot and box. Nor in this ointment alone applicable to external ailments; conjointly with the Pills it exercises the most salutary influence in cleansing inflammations situated in the interior of the body; which rubbed upon the back and chest it gives the most sensible relief in asthma, bronchitis, pleurisy, and threatening consumption. Holloway's remedies are especially serviceable in liver and stomach complaints. For the cure of bad legs, all sorts of wounds, sores, and likewise scrofula, and scorbutic affections this Ointment produces a cooling and soothing feeling most acceptable to the sufferer.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS.

The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 12th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. The Lodge was formally opened by the W.M. Bro. R. Stanway, supported by Bros. J. Freeman and G. W. Blackie Senior and Junior Wardens respectively; Bros. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, N. B. Headon P.M. Treas., E. Moody P.M. Sec., J. Seex P.M., J. Stevens P.M., J. H. Townend P.M., W. H. Catchpole S.D., T. Hamer J.D., W. F. Kibble D. of C., G. Jenkins Org., C. Taylor I.G., W. H. Hook Steward. The emergency meeting of the previous Saturday having disposed of the business that would otherwise have been brought forward, the way was left clear for the installation to be proceeded with. Accordingly, the minutes having been confirmed, Bro. J. Freeman was duly presented, and obligated. The Lodge was advanced, and he was placed in the chair of K.S. in regular form. The Officers for the year were appointed as follow:—Bros. G. W. Blackie S.W., W. H. Catchpole J.W., Rev. R. J. Simpson Chap., N. B. Headon Treas., E. Moody Sec., T. Hamer S.D., C. Taylor J.D., W. Kibble I.G., W. H. Hook D. of C., R. Hooker and F. T. C. Keeble Stewards, G. Jenkins Organist, Steedman P.M. Tyler. The Auditors' report was then presented. From it we learn that the Lodge has the following balances:—General Fund, £52 16s 6d; Benevolent Fund, £109 15s 6d; Samaritan Fund, £23 3s; and Reserve Fund, £14 4s. Bro. J. Stevens proposed that the balance sheet be received and entered on the minutes, this was seconded, and, on being put to the Lodge, was carried unanimously. A proposition for initiation was handed in, and the visiting brethren having tendered their good wishes, the W.M. closed the Lodge. The brethren then adjourned to banquet in the great hall of the Hotel and commenced a very pleasant evening, under the presidency of the newly installed Master. After grace, the W.M. gave the health of the Queen. As Masons, he said, we should especially honour this toast. The brethren having given it a hearty reception, the W.M. gave that of the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which was also received in a hearty manner. In giving the next on the list, the Pro G.M., the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, the W.M. expressed his pleasure at having two Past Grand Officers among them. He considered these two brethren were worthy members of a most influential body. They had each worked in their time for the good of the Craft, and he doubted not would never flag in so continuing to work. He would ask the brethren to evince their good opinion of Grand Lodge by giving a hearty reception to the toast. Bro. Simpson, in reply, considered, with reference to the heads of Grand Lodge, that their praises were so often sung it was hardly necessary for him to refer to them. Suffice it to say, that whatever they have in hand they carry out in a most straightforward manner. As for himself, he had to thank the W.M. for having reinvested him as Chaplain of the Lodge. He heard, not many years ago, that Masonry had been the turning point of a brother's life, and that turning point arose from the perfect way in which the ceremony was performed. Were he free to give that brother's name, it would reveal one of the most prominent Masons of the day. Our rev. brother further referred to various matters in connection with Freemasonry, more especially regarding the firm stand it had maintained. Bro. Fenn also responded; he said that while Freemasonry supported the throne and religion as it did, it could not fail to prosper. Bro. Stanway next assumed the gavel. In proposing the health of the newly installed Master, he did so with especial gratification, as that brother had taken a part in introducing him (Bro. Stanway) into Freemasonry. He was pleased he had that night had the pleasure of returning that kindness by installing Bro. Freeman into the chair. He hoped their W.M. would remember this ceremony with the same gratification as he did that of initiation. The W.M., in feeling terms, returned thanks for the way in which his health had been proposed. He felt that the members would excuse his shortcomings when they considered the responsibility entailed by his being appointed to rule so large a Lodge as The Great City. He hoped for the support of the members and officers in the carrying out of his duties. He next gave the health of the Immediate Past Master, and the other P.M.'s of the Lodge. Before giving the toast he had a pleasing duty to perform, viz.—to present to Bro. Stanway a P.M.'s jewel, which he hoped that brother would long be in a position to wear among them. Bro. Stanway, in responding, said he would not detain them long in detailing what should be done in and out of Freemasonry. He had to thank the members for the kind support he had received during his year of office. To the Officers he was especially indebted. To them, and indeed to members generally, he owed his most sincere thanks. He considered he could, at the end of this, his year of office, say, it was well finished. He accepted the jewel as a memento of what would never be effaced from his memory. Bro. Stevens followed. He referred the company back to the time of their inauguration, five years since, and felt sure the members would agree with him that so far The Great City Lodge had carried out its programme. He spoke at some length of the letter which appeared in our last issue, under the signature "Peter," and explained the matters therein referred to. Bro. Freeman next gave the toast of the Visitors. The Great City were always pleased to see among them a goodly array of Visitors, and hoped their gatherings would always be graced by some. The W.M. here announced that the Charity box had returned to him with £4 2s as the result of its journey round the table. Bro. Edmonston, in responding for the Visitors, considered it a great compliment being selected from so many to respond to the toast. It gave him great pleasure to be present at their meeting. He considered a compliment had been paid the Royal Leopold Lodge, of which he had the pleasure of being Senior Warden, in mentioning the members thereof specially in the toast. Bro. Bakers also replied. He was extremely gratified at what he had seen during the evening. Bro. Preston followed; he tendered his meed of praise. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. He felt that they had brethren filling these offices who were far in advance of those occupying similar positions in other Lodges. Bro. Headon, the Treasurer, was gratified that his office entailed so little talking. He was pleased if he had filled the office of Treasurer of the Lodge to the satisfaction of the members. He then referred to the letter on which Bro. Stevens had commented. He thought that the balance sheet of the Lodge would satisfy all the requirements of our correspondent. He hoped the Master would before long express it as his intention to represent, on behalf of the Lodge, one of the Charities. Should he do so, he (Bro. Headon) would guarantee that the Lodge would not be backward in supporting him; in fact, he would now offer to propose that such a sum be voted as would be a credit to the Lodge. He felt sure the members would handsomely support the Master. Bro. Moody also spoke at some length on what he considered the intrusion of our correspondent. He felt that The Great City Lodge did not want any suggestions as to what they should do. He thought their work in the cause of Charity, which, in the columns of the journal he was now alluding to, had lately been held up as an example, would amply answer any remarks of such correspondents as "Peter." We regret that Bro. Moody's "annual lecture" was here brought to an abrupt termination, on "a question of order," as we think that The Great City Lodge has, during its short existence, had suggestions made, as well as faults pointed out, at these installation meetings by their worthy Secretary. However, he promised an exhaustive "sermon" at the next gathering, when he specially invited the members to attend. The W.M. next gave the toast of the Officers, to which the S.W. responded. It was then proposed that the thanks of the meeting be given to Bro. Bertram, for the satisfactory way in which he had carried out the musical arrangements of the evening. Nor would it be just to omit mention of Bro. Harper's solo on the trumpet. As our readers are aware, Bro. Harper is the trumpeter *par excellence* of the day. Whether he is one and the same with the celebrated trumpeter of the Comic Latin Grammar, "Trumpeter unus erat, qui coatum scarlet habebat," we are not prepared to say; but as to the unapproachable merits of his performance there can be no question. Among the Visitors were Bros. T. Fenn P.G.D., W. H. Perryman P.M. 3, J. Walker P.M. 27, S. W. Sutton P.M. 73, E. W. Davis P.M. 95, 172, R. Jackson P.M. 104, G. Pritchard P.M. 117, A. D. Kerrell 145, L. Binet 179, G. Kenning P.M. 192, J. R. Green 228, E. Mackney P.M. 299 P.P.G.O. Kent, G. W. Churchley W.M. 615, M. J. O'Connor 636, T. Binsted 657, C. P. McKay W.M. 720, G. Light 959, G. Alcock 1149, G. W. Saul S.W. 1201, C. Fountain S.W. 1216, T. Harper J.D. 1216, F. Le Rossignol 1216, O. Latreille 1260, E. Lane 1275, J. W. Sanders 1293, W. Manger 1314, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, P. Thomas 1396, A. Vernon 1441, W. D. Partridge 1445, Joseph Lake 1471, J. J. Reading 1475, T. Eastgate 1563, J. W. Medwin 1613, T. Edmonston W.M. 1658, W. Richardson 1658, P. Dakers Treas. 1669, A. Bradley J.W. 1669, T. Preston Sec. 1669, E. Banp, &c.

West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612.—The duty of writing notices of meetings is, as regards its monotony, one not well calculated to excite a very considerable amount of enthusiasm, but there are cases in which the recording one or other of our Lodge meetings is attended with a great deal of pleasure. This is essentially the case with young and vigorous Lodges, whose history is of yesterday, but whose members have shown from the very outset that they are animated by the true Masonic spirit, and that they are in fact what our American cousins are, we believe, in the habit of describing as "real grit." This is particularly the case with the West Middlesex Lodge, which, throughout the brief period of its existence, has proved itself to be an eminently good working Lodge, full of spirit and energy, and fully actuated by the most generous of Masonic principles. We do not say this in any spirit of flattery, but because we know it has been and is the case. The Officers do their duty admirably, and the members second their efforts to promote the success of the Lodge most laudably. More than this it would be impossible to say, so, without further preface, we announce that on Saturday last the members met at the Ealing Institute, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. A. Beasley, supported by Bros. Kasner and Barr, who filled the chairs of Senior and Junior Wardens, Bro. J. Chambers Roe P.M. Secretary, Bro. T. Kingston the W.M. elect, a strong muster of the members, and the following Visitors:—Bros. W. Goss I.P.M. 780, T. Cull J.W. 1416, John Johnson 475, W. W. Truman I.G. 1566, A. Kent 1425, S. T. Kingston 1269, John March 27, W. S. Cantrell jun. P.G.D. Berks and Bucks, R. E. Hannis 771, W. T. Wrighton 23, W. Heath 1681, W. W. Morgan 211, J. Collinson 862, W. J. Murlis P.M. 1489 and 1642, T. J. Robinson 1589, M. Rickwood J.W. 192, B. E. Blasby J.W. 780, George Wells 780, G. F. Hearne 733, S. J. Dowsing 167, &c. The Lodge was opened at two o'clock, when the minutes were read and confirmed. The Report of the Audit Committee was next received, and unanimously adopted. The ceremonial portion of the day's proceedings then commenced. Brother E. T. B. Allen was examined as to his proficiency in the second, he aspiring to be raised to the sublime degree. The knowledge he displayed warranted his claim for advancement, and the Worshipful Master worked the ceremony with the impressiveness we are so accustomed to from him. Bro. W. J. Bloomfield, a candidate for passing, was next introduced; he complied with the requisite formalities, and Bro. Beasley instructed him in his second step in Freemasonry. A notice of motion—That the Initiation Fee be raised to ten guineas, and the Joining Fee to six guineas—was then considered: the result, however, was a foregone conclusion, as it had been arranged by the Founders this increase should be made so soon as the muster roll of members had reached a certain number, which number had already been exceeded. We need, therefore, only state that the motion was carried. We now come to what, unquestionably, was the event of the day,—the installation of the W.M.

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for ensuing year. The choice of the brethren, at the last meeting, had fallen on Bro. Thomas Kingston, P.M. of the Whittington Lodge, and he was now introduced by Bro. J. Chambers Roe, who most efficiently acted as Director of Ceremonies. The chairs of Senior and Junior Warden were severally filled by Bros. Weaver Past Master, and Cantrell W.M. of High Wycombe Lodge. After Bro. Kingston had been duly obligated, Bro. Beasley, who acted as Installing Master, requested the members who had not yet passed the chair to withdraw, and a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Thomas Kingston was inducted into the chair as Master of the West Middlesex Lodge. The brethren were then re-admitted, and saluted their new Master, who appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. H. L. P. Kasner S.W., A. J. Burr J.W., H. Tucker Treas., J. C. Roe P.M. Secretary, Delevante Org., Green S.D., Dyer J.D., Seward jun. D.C., Fisher W.S., Bourne I.G., Harrison Tyler. A chaste and elegant Past Master's jewel was then presented to the outgoing Master by Bro. Kingston, who expressed, on behalf of the members, their appreciation of the great services Bro. Beasley had rendered during the two years he had occupied the chair. The handsome gift was suitably acknowledged by the recipient. The name of a brother was then handed in as wishing to join the Lodge; also that of a gentleman as candidate for initiation. Bro. Weaver P.M., an honorary member of the Lodge, then rose, and briefly addressed the members. He expressed his sense of approval as to the way in which the heavy business of the day had been conducted by Bro. Beasley. He regretted he had not been so frequent a visitor to the Lodge as he could have desired, but he assured the members, though he had not been at their meetings, he had been eminently gratified by the reports he had read of their progress. The worthy Sec. then read a letter he had received from Bro. John Hervey, Grand Sec., expressing his regret that the state of his health at present precluded his accepting the kind invitation of Bro. Beasley; at the same time assuring that esteemed Brother that on one of their "quiet" nights he should have great pleasure in paying the Lodge a visit. The writer also stated how gratified he was to know the Lodge had attained so high a position. Bro. Roe brought several other letters before the Lodge, which was then closed. The banquet was served at the Feathers Hotel, and was placed on the table in capital style by host Bro. Stephens. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Kingston gave the Loyal toasts, which were fully honoured. Bro. Beasley, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, referred to Bro. Kingston's many qualities. He called on all present to drink the toast with all heartiness; and wish him every prosperity during his year of office, for a better-hearted man, or a truer Mason, he never was acquainted with. The toast was most rapturously received, and the W.M. announced that before he ventured to reply, Miss Delevante had kindly consented to favour them with a song. Bro. Delevante then introduced his daughter, who rendered with exquisite taste two of her favourite songs. Bro. Kingston then rose. He was much gratified with the kind way in which the toast had been given and received. Three years ago he was installed W.M. of his Mother Lodge; it was a great honour that had been conferred on him by the members of the West Middlesex, and he trusted he might be considered worthy of their confidence. He could assure them he had the welfare of the Lodge at heart, and would ever exert himself to further its best interests. Before sitting down he would offer a toast for their acceptance, which he knew they would receive with the greatest cordiality; it was the health of their first Master, the Installing Officer of the day. Any eulogy he could attempt would be superfluous; Bro. Beasley's actions spoke for him. He would therefore, without further preface, offer the toast for their acceptance. After the brethren had given most happy expression to their sentiments, Bro. Beasley rose. He would lose no time in returning his sincere thanks for the way in which the toast had been received. He appreciated their kindness, he trusted, in a way which it deserved. He only hoped they had not set too high a value on his services. He was the first P.M. of the Lodge; true he had served two years as their Master, and he hoped his services had been of benefit to the Lodge. Being now the P.M., he aspired to be looked up to as something more,—as the Father of the Lodge; and he hoped he might for many, many years be looked up to in that connection. Bro. Beasley concluded by thanking one and all for the kind way they had supported him. The next toast was the health of the Visitors, and Bros. Call, Cantrell, and Morgan replied. Bro. Bloomfield replied to the toast of the New Members, and then came the "Officers," for which Bros. Kasner and Burr replied. "The Treasurer and Secretary" produced able responses from Bros. Tucker and Chambers Roe, and after one or two other toasts, the Tyler was summoned. Some capital songs were given during the evening, while Bro. Jones gave a reading from Knowles's *William Tell*.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.—The brethren of this Lodge assembled on Wednesday, for the purpose of installing a Master for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as might offer. Lodge was opened at 3.30 at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street at which establishment the regular meetings are held. Bro. R. T Kingham, the W.M., opened the Lodge, being supported by a goodly array of brethren and visitors. After the formal business of the day had been disposed of, the Lodge was opened to the third degree, and Bro. C. W. Blake and F. J. Perks were raised. Lodge was then resumed to the second, and Bro. W. F. Bates was passed. Bro. John Douglass was now presented and duly obligated. Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of installation proceeded with, Bro Kingham acting as Installing Master. Bro. John Douglass having been formally inducted into the chair of K.S., proceeded to appoint the following brethren as his Officers for the year:—Bros. C. J Scales S.W., W. Side J.W., J. Wilding P.M. Treasurer, W. M. Stile Secretary, H. Lovegrove Assistant Secretary and W.S., G. Coll. J.D., H. Stiles I.G., J. Clark Director of Ceremonies, Daly Tyler. The addresses having been given by the Installing Master, five gentlemen, viz.:—Messrs. Alfred Mellon, L. Hollingsworth, David Morgan, G. F. Hall, and Jas. Markie were introduced for the benefit of initiation. The ceremony was duly proceeded with, and each admitted to Masonic light. Votes of thanks were passed to the Installing Master for the able way in which he had conducted the ceremony, and to Bro. Clemow for his efforts to make the Lodge as comfortable as was possible in the present state of his premises. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Mellon's Hotel, in Covent Garden, where a first rate banquet was served, the only hitch being that the waiters had more work than they could comfortably manage in consequence of the attendance being more numerous than was expected. At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, coupling the name of Bro. T. Adams P.G.P. with that of the Grand Officers. Bro. Adams replied in his usual genial manner. Bro. Kingham, on rising to give the health of the W.M., was assured that he would receive the support of the members. Bro. Douglass had been intimately connected with the Lodge during the whole time of its existence; he was in fact one of the founders. He had worked through the several offices, and had now attained the summit of a Mason's ambition. Bro. Kingham felt sure that the position was well deserved, and that in carrying out the duties thereof, Bro. Douglass would have the support and co-operation of the whole of the members. He would conclude by wishing Bro. Douglass every prosperity, both for himself and for his Lodge. Bro. Douglass, on rising to reply, was received most heartily. He was exceedingly obliged to the members for their expressions of kindness. It would be an incentive to him to perform the duties, which he hoped to carry out in such a way as to merit the commendation of his fellow workers in the Metropolitan Lodge. The next toast was that of the I.P.M. It was a pleasing duty that the new W.M. had to perform in decorating his predecessor with a jewel, which had been voted in recognition of his services to the Lodge. He hoped he would receive it and wear it as a memento of a most successful term for many years to come. Bro. Kingham, in reply, referred to the occasion of his first responding as W.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge. He then stated that that was the happiest moment of his life, but now he could look back and say that he had spent other such pleasant moments while ruling the Lodge, and the whole was crowned by the act of kindness which he had just received at the hands of Bro. Douglass, in the name of the Lodge. He need hardly say that he should wear the jewel with the greatest pleasure. The toast of the P.M.'s was next given, with this the W.M. coupled the names of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. Willing, the Treasurer, was very brief in his reply. He, with the other founders wished to make the Lodge one of the successes of Freemasonry; he hoped that, so far, they had succeeded. Bro. Michael was gratified at the kind way in which the mention of his name was always received in the Lodge. Bro. Stiles followed, thanking the members for their support. To the toast of the Visitors, Bro. Crouch, W.M. of the Burdett Coutts, and Dottridge, W.M. of the Old Concord, responded. The W.M. next gave the Masonic Charities, he felt that few words of his were needed, as they had with them that evening Bros. Hedges and Terry, both of whom were ever ready and willing to urge the claims of our Charities. Bro. Hedges was the first to reply. He had great pleasure in stating that the W.M. had just sent him word that he would undertake to act as Steward at the coming Festival of the Girls' School. Bro. Hedges hoped that the members would support their W.M. in such a way as to put the Metropolitan Lodge as near the post of honour in the subscription list as its past doings warranted him in hoping. Bro. Terry followed. He was very pleased to hear from Bro. Hedges that the W.M. had undertaken a Stewardship for the Girls' School. He wished him every success. On no less than three occasions had the Metropolitan Lodge provided a Steward for the Charities, and so long as they carried out the first principle of Freemasonry in such a way as they had in the past, he was convinced they would prosper. The toast of the Officers followed, and to this each responded The Tyler was now summoned, and the proceedings terminated. Among the Visitors were Bros. J. Terry P.M. 228 Prov. G.J.W. Herts R.M.B.I., F. R. W. Hedges R.M.I.G., E. E. Barratt Kidder 12, T. Vernon 25, W. S. Cooke 25, George Lee 40 (Canada), J. C. Dwarber P.M. 55, E. R. Freebody 87, C. Stevens P.M. 101, J. Yeomans W.M. 167, J. G. Humphrys 167, T. Crabtree 274, C. W. Hudson 315, H. Massey P.M. 619, E. Ayres 742, E. J. Massie 993, F. West 1076, G. Hall 1076, A. Rayner 1201, A. Allworth P.M. 1261, M. Mildred 1326, A. Start 1328, C. G. Hill P.M. 1366, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, J. L. Bligh 1414, S. Soues P.M. 1425, L. Jacobs 1589, R. Kauffmann 1732, C. B. Putland 1732, F. W. Sillis 1744, W. H. Ball, &c.

THE THEATRES, &c.

THEATRE ROYAL, COVENT GARDEN.—PROMENADE CONCERT at 8.

HER MAJESTY'S.—This Evening, and Thursday, FIDELIO. On Monday, RIGOLETTO. On Tuesday FAUST. On Wednesday and Saturday, CARMEN. On Friday, IL DON GIOVANNI. At 7 30 each evening.

THEATRE ROYAL DRURY LANE.—At 7, ANGELA. At 8, A WINTER'S TALE, and LORD DUNDREARY.

GLOBE.—At 7.15, DELICATE GROUND. At 8.5, LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE.

DUKES.—THE OCTOROON, &c.

HAYMARKET.—At 8, THE RIVALS.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7, FARCE. At 7.45, UNCLE TOM'S CABIN.

STRAND.—At 7, OUR CLUB. At 9.15, NEMESIS.

GAIETY.—At 7.10, JEAMES. At 9.30, LITTLE DOCTOR FAUST.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, A WHIRLIGIG. At 8.0, OUR BOYS, and A FEARFUL FOG.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 8.0, DIPLOMACY.

ADELPHI.—At 7.0, FARCE. At 7.45, PROOF, &c.

OLYMPIC.—At 7, THE RENDEZVOUS. At 7.30, THE TWO ORPHANS.

ALHAMBRA.—At 8.10 GENEVIEVE DE BRABANT, &c.

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Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

AT a Quarterly General Court of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, 12th October 1878.

COLONEL JOHN CREATON, Treasurer and Trustee, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by ballot, of four girls into the Institution, from a list of 29 approved Candidates, when the following were declared duly elected—

No. on list		Votes polled	No. on poll
16	Brasier, Meta Bell	4741	1
2	Cooper, Marion Selina	2817	2
15	Stone, Ethel	2794	3
3	Hill, Evalina Mary	1104	4

The votes recorded for unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to their credit at the next election, if eligible.

Lists showing the votes polled for successful and unsuccessful candidates may be obtained at the Office.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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Patron—Her Majesty THE QUEEN.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c. M.W.G.M., President.

AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, 14th day of October 1878,

COL. WM. THO. JOHN CREATON, Vice-Patron and Trustee, in the Chair.

After the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution, a Ballot took place for the Election of Thirteen Boys, from an approved list of sixty-seven candidates, reduced to sixty-five by the withdrawal of Nos. 3 and 43, when the following were declared successful:—

1. Gardner, A. W.	2373	8. Day, Arthur Harris ...	1610
2. Coverdale, Miles	2119	9. Browning, A. E.	1533
3. Reece, Albert E.	1813	10. Hall Thos. E.	1531
4. Furze, Wm. Ernest... ...	1777	11. Simmonds, H. A.	1476
5. White, A. T.	1745	12. Rossiter, A. L. E.	1375
6. Roberts, W. R.	1667	13. Balcombe, A. C.	1370
7. Keighley, James	1653		

List of the Candidates, successful and unsuccessful, with the number of Votes polled for each, may be had on application to the Office.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Prince and Princess of Wales, with their children, arrived in London from Abergeldie early on Sunday morning. Their Royal Highnesses left for Paris on Wednesday evening, arriving there on Thursday morning. On Wednesday the Princess Louise opened a new building in connection with the Warehousemen and Clerks' Schools near Croydon.

In consequence of the unsettled state of affairs in India, the foreign leave of officers in the army and navy has been suspended. Nine batteries of Royal Artillery, with reinforcements for regiments already on service in India, left Portsmouth for Bombay on board the Serapis on Tuesday.

The Middlesex magistrates have refused, by a considerable majority, to renew the licence for dancing and music to the Argyll Rooms, a well known place of resort near the Haymarket.

A panic among the crowded audience of a music-hall in Liverpool occurred on Friday, in consequence of a cry of "Fire!" In the pressure to escape from the building thirty-seven persons were killed, and many others were severely injured.

The Board of Trade inquiry into the collision on the Thames between the steamers Princess Alice and Bywell Castle was opened on Monday, and has been continued daily.

The Judges of the Royal Court of Jersey have decided that marriage with a deceased wife's sister is lawful in that island, Lord Lyndhurst's Act prohibitory of such unions not having been registered in the Royal Court.

The Irish Sunday Closing Act came into operation on Sunday last, and was everywhere well observed.

Michael Heraghty, one of the men accused of the murder of the Earl of Leitrim, died on Saturday, in Lifford Gaol, from typhus fever.

William Stafford, a clerk in the Liverpool branch of the Bank of England, who absconded with £15,000 in notes, was captured at Jersey on board a yacht, which he had hired with a view of reaching Spain. Nearly £7,000 was found in his possession, and he states that he has been defrauded of the remainder.

It is announced from India that the Native Envoy despatched to Cabul by the Viceroy has been permitted to leave that city, bearing a reply from the Ameer. The nature of the reply is, of course, as yet unknown; but, as there is little hope of its proving to be of a satisfactory character, military preparations have been continued without intermission. Very considerable forces have been drawn from the central districts, and preparations have been made for an advance across the frontier. In the meantime negotiations are being carried on with the border tribes, who appear to be not entirely opposed to British interests. The Indian difficulty has not been without influence upon affairs in Europe. The Russian Government has sent a circular to the other Powers declaring a desire to conclude a definite Treaty of Peace with Turkey, and justifying the continued occupation of certain districts by the alleged impotence of the Porte to prevent ill-treatment of the Christian population. The Turkish Government, on the other hand, blame the Russian authorities for any excesses that may have occurred through their refusal to permit a Turkish occupation of the evacuated districts. The Austrian occupation of Bosnia is so far complete, and resistance overcome, that a reduction of the mobilised force has been ordered from Vienna, and about 70,000 men will be immediately withdrawn from active service. The Austrian Government has replied to the Turkish Circular attributing barbarous excesses to the occupying forces in Bosnia, denying the charges, and claiming credit for extreme moderation in carrying out the decisions of the Berlin Conference. A Turkish newspaper, published at Constantinople, strongly condemns the conduct of the

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Ameer of Cabul in displaying hostility towards "the sole ally of Islam." The Anti-Socialist Bill has been carried in the German Parliament, generally in the shape agreed upon in the primary committee. General Greig, the Russian Minister of Finance, has visited Berlin, presumably with a view to a new loan, and is now in Paris, it is believed, with the same object. The Hungarian Ministry is still in abeyance, but Baron Depretis has been invited by the Emperor to undertake the formation of a Cabinet. M. Gambetta delivered a speech at Grenoble last week, in which he urged the selection of Republican Senators as the necessary complement to the national constitutional system. The Bishop of Orleans, Monseigneur Dupanloup, whose pamphlet against Freemasonry, published in 1875, attracted so much attention, died suddenly on Friday, aged 76. M. Blignières has been appointed to the control of the Egyptian railways and ports. The Italian papers express discontent at the assumed exclusion of their Government from influence in Egypt. The yellow fever is still very fatal in the Mississippi towns, but there are hopes that colder weather may stay the epidemic.

A letter we have quoted elsewhere in our columns from the *Standard*, is worthy of our attention, and the heading given to it by our contemporary—"A Sensible Protest"—shows what is its opinion of the writer's views. No Englishman would for one moment dream of suggesting anything which could possibly stay the free flow of Charity, and certainly no English Freemason would be guilty of such conduct. When, what is in fact a great national calamity happens, such as the wreck of the Princess Alice, or the Abercarne Explosion, it is just and indeed necessary that some special appeals have to be made to the public; but as has been suggested by another correspondent of the same journal, it is most undesirable that the relations of the victims should be pecuniarily better off than they would have been had their relations still lived. The intensity of their mental suffering is hard to be borne, but that is no reason for overwhelming them with charitable gifts. It is a fact that many poor people who are as sorely stricken as the relatives of those who went down with the Princess Alice receive no help whatever from the public, not because the public begrudges them the needful help, but because the accidents from which they suffer are not of sufficient magnitude to attract notice. If it were possible to suggest a means by which a general relief fund could be established, it would be better than the present plan of appealing to the public only when a great catastrophe happens, for then the inequality with which the Charity of the public is distributed would pass away. For this reason also we are content that the motions made at the Quarterly Courts of the Boys' and Girls' Schools respectively, for the admission without election of a son and daughter of the late Brother Charles Jardine were ruled down. Every Freemason deeply sympathises with Mrs. Jardine and her little ones, so suddenly and so sadly deprived of their husband and father, but our sympathy with them would not justify us in being guilty of an injustice to others who have been bereft in like manner, though not under such painful circumstances.

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Lieut-Colonel Creaton was called to the chair. The Chairman moved, that a sub-committee consisting of five members of the General Committee be appointed to take into consideration the desirability of revising the bye-laws, and report thereon to the Quarterly Court in January next. Bro. S. Rawson seconded the motion; but Bro. Joshua Nunn moved as an amendment, which was seconded by Bro. C. F. Matier, "That the sub-committee for the revision of the bye-laws be increased to at least nine members;" and this amendment meeting with the approval of the brethren, Bros. McIntyre, Clabon, Nunn, Rucker, Boyd, Griffiths Smith, Col. Creaton, Le Feuvre and J. L. Hine were appointed as the sub-committee. The following motions were also agreed to:—"That four girls be elected at the October Quarterly Court instead of three, thereby filling up a vacancy caused by death;" "That the amount paid as an honorarium to the chaplain be increased from £20 to £25 per annum, also, that to the parochial charities from £5 to £10 per annum;" and "That the premiums on the Secretary's guarantee be paid by the Institution." An exceptional case having arisen by the untimely death of Bro. Charles Jardine (a member of the Audit Committee of this Institution), through the late fatal collision on the Thames, whereby a widow and nine children are left unprovided for, Bro. Joshua Nunn moved, "That the laws regulating the admission of candidates to this Institution be suspended for the purpose of admitting Cecily Sara Jardine, aged eight years, one of the said orphans from that catastrophe, without election." This resolution, however, was opposed by several brethren, as not being within the power of the Court. The chairman having appealed to Bro. McIntyre, Q.C., for his opinion, Bro. McIntyre, after reading the law referred to, decided that the Court had not the power to suspend the laws. Upon the recommendation of the General Committee the Court granted a gratuity of £20 to G. S. Peachy, for attention and assistance, as extra services, during the late Secretary's illness. Bro. H. Hacker's motion, "that the name of Edith Brown, No. 21 on the list of candidates for election, be struck out as ineligible," was lost, the brethren holding that her father was not in receipt of such pay as would take her out of the rules. The brethren then proceeded to the election of four girls out of an approved list of twenty-nine candidates.

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

A QUARTERLY General Court of the Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Colonel Creaton, Vice Patron and Trustee, in the chair. The brethren passed a resolution to elect thirteen, instead of eleven boys, out of a list of sixty-five approved candidates at this meeting. Bro. R. B. Webster, in consequence of the ruling of Grand Registrar at the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School, the previous Saturday, withdrew his motion to suspend the laws of the Institution, and admit Arthur George Jardine into the School without election. Subsequently Brother Binckes informed the Court that he had received a telegram from the Rev. Dr. Cox, to the effect that the Committee of the Mansion House Fund had decided to buy this boy into the School, and one of his sisters into the Masonic Girls' School. Col. Creaton's motion, "That a sub-Committee of five members of the General Committee be appointed to take into consideration the advisability of a revision of the laws; that such Committee be empowered to confer with a similarly appointed Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and to report thereon to the Quarterly Court in January next," being brought forward, it was suggested that in lieu of "five," the word "nine" should be substituted, and in the amended form the motion was carried. Colonel Creaton was elected a trustee of the General Fund, in place of Bro. John Symonds, resigned. On the motion of Bro. Raynham Stewart, seconded by Bro. W. Roebuck, a vote of thanks to Bro. John Symonds was afterwards passed, for his efficiency as a trustee, the vote also conveying the expression of a wish that his health would soon be restored. The result of the election of boys will be found elsewhere.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL HANOVER LODGE, No. 1777.

THIS new Lodge, which has been named to perpetuate the memory of the ex-King of Hanover, was consecrated at the Town Hall, Hounslow, on Friday, the 11th inst. The large hall was fitted up for the occasion, and formed a spacious and imposing Lodge-room. The Consecrating Officer was the R.W. Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex, with Bros. John Boyd P.G.P. as S.W., Dr. Ramsey Prov. S.G.W. Middlesex as J.W., Rev. John Conder Chaplain Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1 as Chaplain, and H. G. Buss as D.C. The Prov. G.M. gave a most excellent address, and impressively performed the ceremony of consecration; after which Bro. H. Shadwell Clerke S.G.D. assumed the chair, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. H. A. Dubois P.P.S.G.D. Middlesex was installed in ancient form, and on the return of the brethren duly saluted. The W.M. then proceeded to invest Bros. Henry Lovegrove as S.W., Geo. Clark jun. as J.W., W. H. Barber Secretary, G. J. Dunkley Organist, and J. Daly Tyler. Bro. W. Ramsey P.M., who was unavoidably absent, was elected Treasurer. After the transaction of some formal business, the Lodge was closed in due form. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. G. S. Graham, assisted by the Quartette Party, Bros. R. Taylor, A. Bannister, W. Clegg, and W. Hobern, with G. W. Evans as Organist. The following brethren were present, besides those mentioned above:—Bros Sir Charles Bright Dep. Prov. G.M., G. W. Dixon P.M. 209 P.P.D.C Berks and Bucks, Crawshay P.M. 209, E. J. Massie 993, Curtis 145, C. C. Cruikshank 1507, Newby 73, Abbott P.M. 619, Johnson 868, J. Blake P.M. 8 P.G.S., M. Larlham P.M. 1216, H. Clark 1507, Green P.M. 27, W. M. Whitmarsh, M.D., 145, Daniel I.P.M. 65, E. W. Dubois 1216, Lyon 863, Stedwell P.M. P.P.S.G.D., Charles B. Payne Grand Tyler, Woolstock Tyler. Previously to the Lodge being closed, the Consecrating Officers, with Bros. Sir Charles Bright and Col. H. Shadwell Clerke, S.G.D., were elected honorary members of the Lodge. The brethren were conveyed to the Greyhound, at Richmond, where an elegant banquet had been provided by the proprietor, Bro. Mouflet, to which thirty did justice. The usual toasts were proposed by the W.M.; Bros. Shadwell Clerke and Buss responding for the Grand Officers. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Col. Burdett, and suitably responded to. The toasts of the Officers was responded to by Bros. H. Lovegrove and G. Clark jun., and that of the Visitors by Bros. Dr. Whitmarsh and Larlham. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

MARK MASONRY IN SOUTH LONDON.

ALTHOUGH a large number of Lodges and Chapters meet at the Surrey Masonic Hall, there is no Mark Lodge nearer than Balham or London Bridge, and a Warrant has been issued for the formation of the Brixton Lodge of Mark Masons, No. 234, with Bro. T. Poore P.G.I.G. as W.M., Bro. G. J. McKay as S.W., and Bro. H. Lovegrove as J.W. Particulars may be obtained of Bro. Lovegrove, 80 Bedford-row, W.C.

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REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E.C.

Truths about Whisky. London: Printed by SUTTON, SHARPE & Co. 145 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. 1878.

WHEN Sir Wilfred Lawson and his fellow-advocates of total abstinence from liquors shall have succeeded in converting their countrymen to their views, the necessity for the publication of a work of this description will have passed away. But the time when the British public are likely to be influenced by the eloquent voice of the Lawsonian charmer is still remote, and it may be doubted if it ever will arrive, though the world should last for another thousand or so of centuries. Till, then, we are all converted to teetotalism, it is unquestionably to the interest of the public that the liquors we imbibe should be of the purest and most unsophisticated character. If whisky happens to be our particular vanity—and there are not a few who are prepared to swear by it as the vanity of all vanities—it is desirable we should have it as pure as possible. Whisky-drinkers, therefore, both North and South of the Tweed, as well as on the other side of St. George's Channel, will welcome this publication most heartily. It has been written at the instance of the four well-known firms of Whisky Distillers, Messrs. John Jameson and Son, Wm. Jameson and Co., John Power and Son, and George Roe and Co., who for the last two years have been using their utmost exertions to check the practice of those fraudulent traders by whom silent spirit, variously disguised and flavoured, is sold under the name of Whisky; and they consider their efforts are likely to be more successful, in the first place, if their own position in the trade is known; and in the next, if what constitutes true Whisky is thoroughly and generally understood by the British public. To this end, they state in Chapter I. their position as Whisky Distillers, and having done this they go on to speak of the qualities and popularity of genuine Dublin Whisky, the peculiarities of the Dublin manufacture—all the four firms hail from the capital of Erin—the question of patent stills and silent spirit, the growth of silent spirit into sham Whisky, the relative wholesomeness of the two, the action of the official and parliamentary authorities, "Racking in Bond—the Gregging Question" and "Whisky Frauds outside the Bonded Warehouses." We must not be understood as possessing more than a general knowledge of the subject, and it is on this ground only that we can venture upon the opinion that the contents of this book will prove valuable to the reader. However, the reader will doubtless ask himself this very pertinent question—who can speak with greater authority on the subject of Whisky than the firms who have had this book published. They are engaged in the business of distilling, and are interested, therefore, in having their Whisky as pure and unadulterated as possible. They suffer from the action of the fraudulent tradesmen who sell what is Whisky in name only, and they are fully justified, therefore, in doing all they can to guard the public against buying adulterated liquor. Thus the public is deeply indebted to the Jamesons and their co-adjutors in this work for the pains they have taken to enable it to distinguish the pure from the impure, the good from the bad or the indifferent. Four illustrations accompany the work and will give the reader some idea of the extent of the business transacted by each of the four firms which share among themselves the honours and responsibilities of the authorship of these "Truths about Whisky."

Poverty of India. BY DADABHAI NAOROJI. London: Printed by Vincent Brook, Day and Son, Gate-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields 1878.

THE title of this little pamphlet is somewhat startling, the general public being under the impression that India is a mine of wealth. We know that it has a very large revenue that its manufactures are numerous and considerable, and that its mineral and agricultural resources are enormous. At the same time it is undeniable that in so densely populated a country there must necessarily be a large amount of poverty, especially if we bear in mind the character of its climate. We have had a recent and most terrible illustration of this in the shape of the famine which raged in so many districts, and caused so terrible a sacrifice of life. What makes it still worse is the fact that these lamentable visitations occur at comparatively frequent intervals, and though, as the railway system is more largely developed, we may look forward to the day when the effects of these famines will be far less severely felt, still there is no doubt that great misery and distress, the inevitable result of much and widespread poverty, does and will for some time to come prevail in our Indian Empire. How to lessen this poverty is the object Mr. Naoroji has had in view in writing this pamphlet, and he has certainly brought together a mass of varied and important information on the subject. This information is well and methodically arranged. The statistical matter, which is conspicuous throughout, is derived from the best and most authentic sources. What is still more to the point is, that having shown how great is India's poverty, and the cause to which is is attributable, he suggests a means by which it may be remedied. Whether the means proposed will secure the desired object is a question we cannot take upon ourselves to affirm. It is, however, well worthy the consideration of all right-thinking men. The book, though on a painful subject, is highly interesting, and the reader will gather from it much information which is not easily accessible to the general public. We thank Mr. Naoroji for his courtesy in forwarding us a copy of this pamphlet.

SHAKSPERE AT SCHOOL.—So our chestnut-haired, fair, brown-eyed rosy-cheekt boy went to school, and waited on his father and mother and their guests. Was he like Seager's model lad, or Jaques's "whining school-boy, with his satchel and shining morning face creeping like a snail unwillingly to school"? (*As You Like It*, II. vi 146-7. Did he never, unlike "the blessed sun of heaven, prove a micher [truant], and eat blackberries? . . . a question to be askt" (1 *Henry IV.*, II. iv. 419). Did he not play "nine-men's morris"? (*Midsummer-Night's Dream*, II. ii. 39). and "more sacks to the mill," "hide and seek," (*Love's Labours Lost*, IV. iii. 78), and other games like hockey, foot-ball, &c., that Strutt names, and that we played at school too? Undoubtedly he did; and birds-nested too, I dare say, and joined in May-day, Christmas, and New Year's games: helpt make hay, went to harvest-homes and sheep-shearings (*Winter's Tale*, IV. iii.), fisht (*Much Ado*, III. i. 26-8), ran out with the harriers (*Venus and Adonis*, st. 113-118), and loved a dog and horse (*Venus and Adonis*, st. 44-52; *Midsummer-Night's Dream*, IV. i. 119; *Merc.* Ind. i. 18-31, II. 45; *Richard II.*, V. v. 78-86; 1 *Henry IV.*, II. i. 7, &c.), as dearly as ever boy in England did. It is good to think of the bright young soul's boy-life.

What did Shakspere learn at school? Latin, of course; and notwithstanding bragging Ben Jonson's sneer of Shakspere's owning "little Latin and less Greek," it is clear that he must have been well grounded in Latin at least (see Capel on Dr. Farmer's essay on "The Learning of Shakspere," 1767). On this subject, Mr. Lupton, the editor of Colet, the best authority I know, says:—"I think you would be safe in concluding that at such a school as Stratford, about 1570, there would be taught—(1) an 'A B C book,' for which a pupil teacher, or 'A-B-C-darius' is sometimes mentioned as having a salary; (2) a Catechism in English and Latin, probably Nowell's; (3) the authorised Latin grammar, *i.e.*, Lilly's put out with a proclamation adapted to each king's reign (I have editions of 1529, 1532, 1665, &c.); (4) some easy Latin construing-book, such as Erasmus's *Colloquies*, Corderius's *Colloquies*, or Baptista Mantuanus, and the familiar 'Cato,' or *Disticha de Moribus*, which is often prescribed in Statutes (a copy I have is dated 1558). The Greek grammar, if any in use at Stratford, would most likely be Clenard's, *i.e.* 'Institutiones absolutissimæ in Græcam linguam' . . . Nicolao Clenardo auctore (my copy is dated 1543)." The treatment of boys at school was sharp, and Shakspere, no doubt, got whacks on the hands and back with a cane—to say nothing of being bircht over a desk, or hoisted on another boy's back—for making mistakes, like the rest of us in later time. English, we may be pretty sure, he was not taught; it is now only gradually finding its way into schools. Of some of the university subject, the trivials—grammar, "logike, rhetorike,—and the quadriuials . . . I meane arethmetike, musike, geometrie, and astronomie" (*Harrison*, 1577-1587, book ii., p 78, of my edition), I suppose some smattering was given in the grammar-school, but I know no authority on the point.—*From Mr. J. Furnivall's Introduction to "The Leopold Shakspere"* for October.

RETURN OF THE PILGRIMS.

ST. GEORGE'S HALL, Philadelphia, was a scene of unsurpassed brilliancy on Thursday evening, 3rd October, the occasion being the reception banquet to the members of Mary Commandery, K.T., No. 36, and their friends who accompanied them on their recent pilgrimage to Europe. Long before the hour announced for the supper, the spacious waiting rooms were filled with lovely women and gallant Sirs, to the number of four hundred and fifty, anxiously awaiting the signal for their pilgrimage to the haunts of Epicurus. Promptly at eight o'clock the long line, headed by the officers of the Commandery, passed up into the beautiful banqueting hall above, and after a blessing by the Rev. Joseph Welsh, were soon seated. Every effort was made by the committee to make the affair home-like and agreeable, and certainly the presence of the ladies considerably heightened the pleasure, and added not a little to the elegant scene. The room was appropriately decorated with flags, banners, ensigns bearing the symbols of the Order, while the tables were profusely ornamented with beautiful pyramids of fragrant flowers. Five long tables extended the length of the hall—and also one across the room, all of which were abundantly laden with every desirable edible. At the latter table were seated the officers of the Commandery, the guests and their ladies. After doing full justice to the bountiful repast, E. Sir James S. Barber introduced the presiding officer of the evening, Sir Andrew Robeno, P.E.C., who made a lengthy and touching address of welcome, in which he thanked the ladies for their presence, and said, although he was not accustomed to seeing the fairer sex at Masonic dinners, yet he was forced to admit that their attendance this evening had greatly intensified the pleasure of all. Referring to the absence of wines and other intoxicating drinks, the speaker said that intemperance and Christian chivalry should never go hand in hand, and Mary Commandery was determined they should not on this occasion. The president then introduced Sir James S. Barber, E.C., who spoke of the parting scenes of the Pilgrims, and described the routes taken by them, and after bidding them a hearty welcome he proposed, "Our brethren of the old world," which was responded to by Sir Charles E. Meyer, P.E.C., in which he gave a glowing description of the hospitable manner in which they were treated during their pilgrimage. He thought it a happy coincidence that after such a grand reception which they received in old England, they should return home and be so cordially received and enthusiastically welcomed under the roof of St. George's Hall, the home of the Englishmen of Philadelphia. Sir Harry R. Coulomb, Generalissimo, in a short but pleasing address introduced Sir Daniel Sutter, P.E.C., who gave a lengthy and pleasing account of their travels through Paris, Brussels, Antwerp, &c. Sir Americus R. Underdown, Captain General, was then called upon, who, in a humorous and happy vein, proposed a sentiment to Switzerland, which was replied to by Sir Charles Matthews jun., in an exhaustive description of their tour through that beautiful country. Other speeches were made by Sir Joseph Zane, Sir M. Richards Muckle, P.E.C., and others. The speeches were interspersed by vocal and instrumental music, which was rendered in excellent style. The committee of arrangements, of which P.E.C. Sir William H. Heck was chairman, deserve unqualified praise for the management of this, one of the grandest affairs ever held in Philadelphia.—*Philadelphia Evening Star.*

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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, 19th OCTOBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.
1185—Lewis, King's Arms, Hotel, Wood Green, at 4. (Installation.)
1260—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.
1623—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1728—King's Cross, Metropolitan Club, King's Cross.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

MONDAY, 21st OCTOBER.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
185—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
140—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
846—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
1305—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1621—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
339—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
434—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
954—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
965—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hollbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport.
1057—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1296—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Dover.
1238—Gooch, Prince Alfred Hotel, Southall.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1508—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 33—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 219—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
K. T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury.
K. T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel Preston.

TUESDAY, 22nd OCTOBER.

14—Tuscan, 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.)
92—Moira, Criterion, W.
141—Faith, 3 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
142—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Dramatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, The Restaurant, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1622—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
1716—Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
242—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1016—Kilkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1070—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1075—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
R. A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd OCTOBER.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. at 6.
205—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
213—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
226—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8.(In.)
907—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30. (Instruction.)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Wellington, Red Lion, Pippin's-court, Fleet street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1194—Urban, The Three Bucks, Greenham-street, at 8.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1298—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1334—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1351—Duke of Connaught, Fountain Arms, Kensington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 172—Dramatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury.
259—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
952—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1007—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1204—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1302—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Derby, Lancashire.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1563—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1724—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton.
R. A. 256—Alnwickian, Freemasons' Hall, Blackburn.
R. A. 1326—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Nicholas-st., Newcastle.

THURSDAY, 24th OCTOBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Cheshire, 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.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
720—Panmure Gen. L. of Inst., Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1340—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1656—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 780—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.

73—Imperial George, Anderton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex.
344—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1450—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. 206—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 424—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
R. A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.
R. A. 1096—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.

FRIDAY, 25th OCTOBER.

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.
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
814—Banelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Domo, 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.)
1289—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1442—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead, at 7.30. (Instruction.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Instruction.)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet.
1393—Hamo., Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.
R. A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

SATURDAY, 26th OCTOBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1686—Paxton, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

Trade Trickery and the "Louis Velveteen."—A victim of imposition, J. M. Ward, thus writes to the *Courier*, as a warning to ladies shopping:—"I was the other day made the victim of an imposition, which I fear is largely practised by tradesmen, especially drapers. I entered what I believed to be a respectable shop, for the purpose of making several purchases. Among other things that I wanted was some 'Louis Velveteen,' which I had seen favourably noticed in a daily paper, and which had been specially recommended to me by a lady friend. I was shown an article of this description, purporting to be what I required. Thinking the appearance of the material very good, and being assured by the assistant that it was the 'Louis Velveteen,' I completed my purchase, and left. On the following day my friend saw the velveteen I had purchased, when she at once pronounced it to be a comparatively worthless imitation. Such frauds upon the public can only be safely guarded against by the use of trade-marks, and I would recommend ladies who require any special article to ascertain whether it should bear any such mark, and, if so, to see that it does. Too late—for the draper positively declined to take back the material—I discovered that the velveteen I wanted is stamped every seven yards on the reverse side with the name ('The Louis Velveteen') in plain letters. Had I known this at the time, of course I could have protected myself against the plausible misrepresentations of the young man before whose suave assurances I fell a victim. Such frauds hurt both ways—the deluded purchasers and the manufacturers (reputation) of an article which the press had done much to bring into public demand."

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—At Bro. Bolton's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Thursday, the 17th instant. Present—Bros. Bolton W.M., Hine S.W., Moss J.W., Penner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Cleverley S.D., Gieseke J.D., Pearcy I.G.; also Bro. Peacock, and others. All formalities having been gone through, Bro. Townsend was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The Lodge resumed, and Bro. Cleverley answered the questions, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Hine was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Royal Military Lodge, No. 1449.—A meeting was held on Monday last at the Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury, for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro E. Beer. Present—Bros. H. T. Naylor W.M., E. Beer S.W., J. Ball J.W., B. Anderson Sec., P. Plume Treas., H. Miskin S.D., H. Hammond Steward. Past Masters—Bros. W. W. Turner I.P.M., A. Cooley, Major Knight, H. Minell, W. J. Greenwood P.P.G.P., A. Wade. Among the visiting brethren were the V.W. the D.P.G.M. Bro. Eastes, the P.G. Treas. Bro. B.K. Thorpe, and Bros. G. Page P.M. P.P.J.G.D., H. Ward P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Wilts, A. J. Beer P.M. P.P.J.G.D., S. Hill Dean W.M. 31, J. Plant I.P.M. 31, J. R. Hall P.M. 31, F. Horner 31, J. J. Talman 429, J. Secra W.M. 972, Geo. Pilcher P.M. 972, A. Pierce P.M. 972, R. Blake P.M. 972, G. Downs 972, H. F. Pringuer 972, J. G. Eve W.M. 1209, W. V. Watson 1209, E. Elgar 1209, W. F. Green 1209, W. Tuff W.M. 1273. Business—The retiring W.M. Bro. H. T. Naylor P.G.S. was the installing master, and performed the ceremony in a peculiarly impressive manner, which won the approval of the D.P.G.M. The following brethren were invested with the collars and jewels of their respective offices:—Bros. J. Ball S.W., H. Miskin J.W., T. Blamiers S.D., G. H. Coats J.D., J. Vautier I.G., J. Roughan D.C., B. Anderson Sec., H. T. Naylor I.P.M. Treas., J. Spence Evison S.S., W. W. Tyler J.S., and W. Harnett Tyler. After the ceremony the brethren adjourned to a banquet provided by Bro. R. Sharby, of the Guildhall Hotel, whose catering elicited an expression of universal approbation from the brethren. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, several vocal selections being given in the intervals by the Masonic trio, Bros. Plant, Moulding and Higgins. During the evening the retiring master was decorated with a massive P.M.'s jewel, which had been subscribed for by individual members of the Lodge, in recognition of his exemplary discharge of the duties of his responsible position.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 14th inst. Present—Bros. Pearcy W.M., Jeapes S.W., Robison J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Wing S.D., Hallam sen. J.D., J. Millington I.G.; also Bros. Hyland, Dybdahl, Hallam jun., Guyer. All preliminaries having been duly observed, the W.M. worked the first section of the second Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge being resumed, Bro. Hallam jun. proved his efficiency, and was entrusted. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of passing. The W.M. worked the second and third sections, assisted by the brethren; the fourth, assisted by Bro. Hallam sen.; and the fifth, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Jeapes was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, Tuesday, 15th October. Present—Bros. Daniel W.M., Moss S.W., Roberts J.W., Maidwell S.W., Chapman J.D., Hamilton I.G., Hollands Sec., Sargood, Hill. The ceremonies of the third and second degrees were rehearsed, Bros. Hill and Hamilton candidates. Bro. Moss was elected W. Master for the ensuing Tuesday. It was resolved unanimously that the annual supper be postponed till the third Tuesday in November, this date being more convenient to the brethren.

St. John's Lodge, No. 104.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at Ashton House, Stockport, on Monday, the 14th inst. Present—Bros. Walter Schofield I.P.M. as W.M., W. Harrison S.W., J. Swindells J.W., W. W. Shelmerdine Treas., T. Bullock Sec., H. Collier S.D., W. Booth J.D., G. T. Barrow D.C., G. Balfe Organist, T. B. Birch I.G., E. Stevens, H. W. Mather Stewards, G. Turner P.M. 287 Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Col. S. W. Wilkinson P.P.S.G.D., J. Beresford P.P.S.G.D., H. Finch; and Brothers H. Seel, J. P. Wooley, J. H. Lomas, G. Rodgers, W. Bradley, J. Bell, T. Haslam, J. Roberts, J. Wood, J. Stafford, J. Eaton, T. Torkington. Visitor—S. M. Davies, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and found correct, were ratified. The W.M. resigned his seat in the East to Bro. Beresford P.M., who advanced the Lodge to the 2nd degree, and conferred the degree of Fellow Craft on Bro. Bell, performing his task in a very able manner. The Lodge was lowered, and Bro. Schofield resumed the gavel. The business of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren, by request of the W.M., adjourned to refreshment. Bro. Schofield proposed the first toast, the Queen and the Craft, which was duly honoured, and the succeeding toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family was most heartily drank. The next which was given was the R.W. the Prov. G. Master, Lord de Tabley, and the Prov. G. Officers Past and Present. This also was drank most cordially with musical honours. Bro. Booth favoured the brethren with a song. Bro. Col. Wilkinson replied; he was followed by Bro. Beresford. Bro. Finch proposed the health of the newly passed Brother, and kindly responded to the call for a song. Bro. Bell returned his best thanks. The W.M. next gave the health of the Officers of the Lodge, which was warmly received. Bro. Balfe kindly conduced to the harmony of the evening by singing the next song. Brother Senior Warden responded; he expressed his sincere thanks for the manner in which the toast had been received. The Officers always tried to do their duty, and in the effort they were successful. Bro. Junior Warden also followed, with a few remarks to the same purport, and several of the Officers added a few words. Bro. Beresford, by request of the W.M., rose to propose the toast of the Visitors; he did so by expressing the great pleasure he felt in extending a hearty welcome to those brethren who had favoured them with their company. After the visiting brethren had replied, Bro. Col. Wilkinson proposed the health of the W.M., which was most heartily received and gracefully responded to. W. Bro. Finch, by permission of the Worshipful Master, assumed control of the gavel; he had to propose a toast which it had never been his privilege to do before, and a privilege that might never occur again. We have here a brother who has come a long way to visit us, and as a brother and a representative of the Masonic press we are delighted to welcome him. The applause which greets this announcement shows me that you greatly appreciate the importance of this toast. The press is a mighty means of diffusing knowledge, and with the freedom of the press is associated the liberty of a nation. He regretted that so few Masons read. There are great advantages to be derived from the careful perusal of such a journal as the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. His (the speaker's) acquaintance with that journal had extended over a long period, and he always enjoyed and appreciated its contents very much. It was a journal he could commend to each of those present most heartily. The worshipful and worthy brother continued his remarks by speaking of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE in the most complimentary and appreciative manner, and concluded by again urging the brethren to a more extended knowledge of the working of the Craft through reading Masonic literature, and by calling upon the brethren to drink most fraternally to the health of Bro. Davies. Bro. Davies, in response to the last toast, which had been most enthusiastically received, spoke at length. He congratulated the worshipful brother on the highly appreciative sentiments which actuated him to propose the toast in such a kind and able manner, and also the brethren who had done honour to him personally by receiving his name in connection with the journal he had the honour to represent. A very pleasant social chat was enjoyed, after which the Tyler's toast brought a thoroughly edifying evening to a close. Besides those already mentioned, Bros. Bradley, Booth, Meadows, and others, contributed by their vocal efforts to amuse the company.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141.—A meeting was held on 15th October, at 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W. Present—Bros. Perceval W.M., Dairey S.W., Leggott J.W., Bassington Hon. Sec., Green S.D., Samuels J.D., Fincham I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Cottebrune P.G.P. and Stewart; Bros. Cross, Frame, Collins, Cole, Andrews, Ockenden. Lodge opened in due form. The three ceremonies were rehearsed, Bros. Cross, Hock, and Collins candidates, respectively. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Gladwell, of Lodge No. 172, was elected a member

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—This Lodge met for the first time since the vacation on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Bros. Miller W.M., M. Spiegel S.W., H. Hyman J.W., L. M. Auerhaan Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., A. J. Campion S.D., R. Baker J.D., Benjamin I.G., S. Gosse D.C., Blanks Steward; Past Masters Bros. L. Alexander, J. Abrahams, M. Alexander, S. Hickman, A. G. Dodson, H. M. Levy and O. Roberts. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The new Bye Laws of the Lodge were discussed *seriatim*, and accepted. A distressed brother was relieved with the sum of 10s 6d. A letter was read from Bro. Hoffenbach, an old member of the Lodge, who stated that he would be pleased to render service to any brother who should be in Paris. A vote of thanks was proposed and carried, thanking him for his kindness. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren, seventy-two in number, sat down to banquet. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P., in responding to that of the Grand Officers, said he had so often spoken in response to this toast, that he could do little but thank them. He was proud of occupying the office of P.G.S. of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and of being Proxy Master of the Mauritius. Only yesterday he his heard of being elected honorary member of a Lodge in the island of Mauritius, under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The toast of the Benevolent Fund was responded to by Bro. Alexander P.M. and President. He was pleased to hear from the brethren that they had now the sum of £1,400. Since 1849 they had relieved brethren of the Lodge with various grants, ranging from £100 downwards. He hoped the fund would go on increasing, and none of those present ever be in a position to require its help. The W.M. then proposed the Visitors. He was pleased to see so many brethren, not only from London, but also from the country. He alluded to the French Freemasons inviting the members of the various Constitutions to a meeting in Paris on 24th October. He called on Bros. Hudson and I. P. Cohen to respond. Bro. I. P. Cohen replied in a neat speech, and was followed by Bro. Hudson, who was proud to hear that the Benevolent Fund had reached the amount it had. Bro. L. Alexander P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M. He stated that he had been a member of the Lodge for twenty-seven years; they had not yet had an opportunity of seeing the working of the W.M., but he was sure they would be gratified when they did. The W.M. replied, and then proposed the Past Masters. They had a number present, and he would call on Brother H. M. Levy to respond. This speaker was followed by Bro. S. Hickman. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Wardens, Bros. M. Spiegel and Hyman, who he hoped to see in the chair. The Tyler's toast concluded an agreeable evening. The Visitors were—Bros. E. M. Levetus 31 C.R., C. Hudson, Royal York, I. P. Cohen P.M. 205, W. Holt 928, R. Clark 1613, S. Jewell 1559, H. Lyam 207, H. J. Hawkes W.M. 315 P.G.S. Sussex, A. Barnard 749, A. McLaren 193, H. Lyon 205, J. Cox 157, C. Hudson 314.

Etonian Lodge of St. John, No. 209.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Windsor. Present—Bros. Schiemann W.M., Roberts S.W., J. O. Carter P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Sec., Wilson P.M. Treas., Tolley P.M. P.P.G.D. Organist, Cousins J.D., Dixon P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., Apted and Evans Stewards, Dick Radclyffe P.G.S. I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Hume P.G.D.C., Reid, Stacey P.P.G.R., Strange P.P.G.D., McIlwham, Stedwell, Long. Visitors—Bros. Dr. Hartmann, Cantrell P.M. 1601, Davey S.D. 1566, Baum 198,

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Bingham P.M. 771, Johnson 771. Bros. Brinsmead and Stevens were raised to the third degree. Bro. Dixon D.C. called attention to the fact that since the last meeting of the Lodge, the Provincial Grand Master Bro. Sir D. Gooch Bart., M.P., had appointed Bro. Hume I.P.M. as P.G.D.C., and Bro. Dick Radclyffe as P.G. Steward. The brethren thereupon saluted the two new Provincial Grand Officers in due form.

Hope Lodge, No. 433, Brightlingsea.—The last monthly meeting was rendered peculiarly interesting by the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel, suitably inscribed, to W. Bro. George Riches, as a token of respect on his leaving Brightlingsea for Gorleston, near Gt. Yarmouth. There was a large muster of the brethren in honour of the event; and the presentation was made by the W.M. Bro. W.S. Ling, who spoke of the great interest Bro. Riches had taken in Masonry during the past ten or twelve years, and especially of his services to the Lodge of Hope. In bidding him farewell on behalf of the brethren, Bro. Ling wished Bro. Riches long life and prosperity among those amidst whom he was going to reside. Bro. Riches, in a few well chosen words, expressed the surprise and gratification he felt at the receipt of such a handsome token of their goodwill; and assured them that he should never forget the kind friends he left behind him at Brightlingsea.

Frederick Chapter of Unity, No. 452.—A meeting was held on Tuesday the 8th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. Present—E.C H. E. Frances Z., Wm. Sugg H., W. S. Masterman as J., Magnus Ohren P.Z. Scribe E., James Robins P.Z. Treasurer, Chas. H. Edmands Scribe N., Walter Spencer P.S., A. T. Jeffery, Wm. A. Cogar, A. J. Dickinson, and F. A. Manning. The Chapter was opened in ancient form, and the minutes were approved as correct, and signed. Brother John Methven, having been balloted for at the last meeting, was duly exalted as a Royal Arch Member, and Companion of the Order. E. Comp. Frances then installed his successor E. Comp. Wm. Sugg as Z., J. W. Sugg, the H. elect, was unavoidably absent, and Chas. H. Edmands was installed as J., Magnus Ohren Scribe E., Charles Pawley Scribe N., Edward J. Harty P.S. was also unavoidably absent. A. T. Jeffery as First Assistant, and J. C. F. W. Rogers as Second Assistant, were appointed *pro tem*, in the absence of Companion Captain Harty P.S.; Comp. Speight was re-elected Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed to E. Comp. H. E. Frances for the gift of the large banners used at Chapter meetings—they were the work of his own hands—and Comp. Frances's ability as an artist was commented upon, and much appreciated by the Comps. present. The bye-laws, with the alterations proposed by Grand Scribe E., were approved as altered, and ordered to be printed. The Chapter then adjourned to the second Tuesday in April, being the next regular meeting.

La Tolérance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.—A meeting was held on 16th October, at the Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W. Present—Bros. W. H. Dean W.M., Cundy S.W., Ginger J.W., J. Hurdell Sec., C. Davis Treas., H. Bertram S.D., Wills J.D., A. Cohen I.G. Past Master F. G. Baker. Lodge opened and minutes were confirmed. Bro. M. Jewel was examined, entrusted, and passed. Lodge opened in third degree, and the first section was worked. Lodge closed down, and the first, fourth, and fifth sections of the first lecture were worked. Bro. Cundy was elected W.M. for 30th inst. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Wednesday, 23rd October. Bros. E. Farwiw (S.W. 180) W.M., W. J. Ferguson (P.M. 177) S.W., and A. Cameron (P.M. 180) J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Ginger, O. le M. Latreille, E. Child, J. Hurdell, R. T. Cook, A. Cameron, C. Koester; SECOND LECTURE—Bros. W. H. Dean, J. Kew, J. G. Docker, W. J. Ferguson, C. Dairy; THIRD LECTURE—Bros. L. G. Langdon, D. M. Belfrage, J. Hemming. Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. Bro. J. Hurdell (D.C. 1348) Hon. Sec.

Brecknock Lodge, No. 651.—A meeting was held on Monday, the 7th October, at the Castle Hotel, Brecon. Present—Bros. Richard Webb W.M., Thos. Butcher S.W., Thos. Jones J.W., J. A. Whittle Sec., A. Phipps acting S.D., Wm. Webb J.D., H. O. Aveline Maybery Steward, John Morgan I.G., Jas. Jones Tyler; P.M. Bro. Hans St. G. Caulfeild. After the usual routine, the Charter of the old Brecknock Lodge, No. 542, 1st August 1789, was ordered to be framed and hung up in the Lodge room. Bro. Wm. Price was raised.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—On Friday, the 11th of October, at the Feathers' Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. George Tribbel W.M., Hayes S.W., Nichols J.W., A. Braun Sec., Rudderforth Preceptor, Godden S.D., Hall J.D., Hill I.G.; Clipper, Kennard, Murch, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Godden candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and that ceremony was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Reid candidate. Bro. Hayes was elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On 11th October, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge. Present—Bros. Tucker (Treas.) W.M., Blasby S.W., Kyezor J.W., Gunner (Sec.) S.D., Talbot J.D., Emerson I.G. P.M.'s Bros. Roe Preceptor, Gardiner. Visitor—Bro. Jones 1612. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees. Bro. Tucker gave the lecture of the third. He also worked the initiation ceremony, Bro. Talbot candidate. Bro. Jones was elected a member, and Bro. Blasby appointed W.M. for next meeting.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Weige W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., Christian J.W., Gilham S.D., McClean J.D., Polak I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treasurer, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. C. Lorkin Brasted, Jones, and others. The Lodge was opened and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Brasted answered the questions; Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. C. Lorkin gave the traditional history. Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed duties. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the 1st and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Jones P.M. of Lodge 917 was elected a member. Bro. J. Lorkin will preside next week. The Preceptor will work the installation ceremony on Tuesday, the 29th inst., when the Secretary will occupy the chair.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—On 16th October, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street, Bro. Abell W.M., Vizzard S.W., Gladwell J.W., Collinson I.G., Long P.M. and Preceptor, and others. After the confirmation of the Minutes the ceremony of raising was ably performed by the W.M., and the sections of the degree were worked by the brethren. Bro. Bowman of the Pythagorean Lodge was elected a member, and Bro. Vizzard W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed.

Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, under the able presidency of Bro. W. A. Morgan the W.M. The following officers and brethren were present:—Bros. J. B. Walker J.W., H. Wilson Treasurer, J. Frost Sec., W. J. Huntley J.D., Fredk. Reed D.C., F.W. Wardroper I.G., E. H. Boddy P.M., J. G. Carter P.M., George Howick P.M., H. E. Frances (visitor) P.M., J. G. Kewney P.M., H. R. Jones I.P.M., P. Cooke P.M., C. W. Gray P.M., F. H. Newens P.M.; John Sanders, J. F. Tucker, Percy, V. Denham, W. Springett, W. H. Price, A. J. Duck, G. Clark, H. J. Newens, George Fortescue, and A. A. Denham. Bro. Boddy P.M. filled the position of S.W. Bro. J. Sanders was raised, Bro. Tucker passed, and Mr. Joseph Wm. Marshall, of Balham, and Mr. William Field, of Putney, were initiated by the W.M. It was unanimously resolved, upon the motion of Bro. Carter P.M., seconded by Bro. Gray P.M., that a jewel of the value of five guineas, and a purse containing a like amount, be presented to Bro. John Frost the Secretary, for the very efficient manner in which he had carried on the duties of his office for many years past. At the conclusion of the business, an excellent dinner was provided by Bro. H. Dougherty, when the usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 9th of October, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Arthur Welch Prov. G.R. Berks and Bucks W.M., W. H. Herbert P.M. acting S.W., J. Early Danks J.W., J. H. Hawkes Steward acting Secretary, W. Ferguson S.D., E. J. Blackwell J.D., W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. R. C. Hurley P.P.G.S.W., Bros. Hunt, Pulley, Bailey. The Lodge was opened, the minutes of last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The bye-laws, Nos. 3, 4 and 5, were altered. The W.M. read a letter, accompanied by papers that he had received from the W.M. of 414, and after a long discussion, it was resolved that a Lodge of Emergency be called for the 23rd to reconsider the matter. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed.

Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 10th October, at Head Quarters, First Surrey Rifles, Camberwell. Present—Bros. T. W. Carnell W.M., G. Waterall P.M. S.W., D. A. Ross J.W., W. J. Messenger Sec., W. C. Hale S.D., T. A. Harper J.D., C. H. Nevill D.C., A. R. Cranch I.G., H. Steed Tyler; Bros. Jarman, Rugg, Cuff, Clay, Curtis, Fitzer, and many brethren belonging to the Lodge; also Visitors Bros. P.M. F. T. Dubois, W.M. T. Edmondstone, W.M. H. A. Dubois. The Lodge being duly formed, Bro. Dane was examined and entrusted, and upon the Lodge being opened in the second degree, Bro. Dane was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. The Lodge having been closed in the second degree, Bros. Dubois and A. G. White were initiated by the W.M. in his usual impressive manner. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the customary supper, which was followed by an agreeable musical entertainment.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—At Bro. Pigot's, Finsbury Park Tavern, on Wednesday, the 16th inst. Bros. C. N. Campbell W.M., T. Goode S.W., A. Goode J.W., Dickinson Preceptor, Fenner S.D., Walker J.D., Bee I.G.; also Bros. Oldis, Pigot, Wood, Saul, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Oldis candidate. The W.M. resigned the chair in favour of Bro. Walker. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Oldis acting as candidate. Lodge being resumed, Bro. Campbell took the chair. Bro. T. Goode was unanimously elected to preside at next meeting. A vote of thanks was awarded to the W.M., this being the first time of his occupying the chair of K.S.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction.—On Monday evening, at Bro. P.M. Mortlock's, Gun Hotel, Wapping. Bros. G. H. Stephens W.M., W. E. Banks S.W., C. Veal J.W., T. Mortlock Preceptor, McDonald S.D., Moss J.D., Wooding I.G.; also Bros. Greeley, Brame Secretary, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Brame candidate. Lodge was closed down, and the W.M. worked the third section of the first lecture, which was

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ably rendered. Bros. Moss and McDonald having been elected members, it was proposed, and carried unanimously, that W.M. Bro. Stephens be elected an honorary member, in recognition of his services to the Lodge, and the able manner in which he had inaugurated the work of the season. Bro. Banks was elected W.M. for Monday next, at eight o'clock.

Campbell Lodge, No. 1415.—A meeting was held on Saturday, 12th Oct., at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court. Present—Bros. H. C. Levander W.M., Thomas Cubitt Treas. as S.W., W. S. Moses J.W., D. M. Dewar Sec., J. W. Lambert S.D., G. A. Rooke J.D., C. J. Wallis Steward, R. M. Jones as I.G., James Rawles Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. F. W. Levander, Edward Kimber, and Thomas Keene; R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett P.G.M. and others. Minutes read and verified; the bye-laws were read by the order of the W.M. After the transaction of the rest of the business, the Lodge was closed, and the members adjourned to a banquet under the presidency of the W.M.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 17th October, at Masons Hall Tavern, Masons-avenue, E.C. Present—Chas. Taylor W.M., Bisset S.W., Moss J.W., Blackie Sec., Harper S.D., Saul J.D., Geo. Taylor I.G., and other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed, and the Lodge closed down. Bro. Bisset was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Secretary gave notice that the Fifteen Sections would be worked on the 31st inst., at 6 p.m., Bro. T. Poore P.M. 720 in the chair. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Bagshaw Lodge, No. 1475.—A meeting was held on the 10th inst., at the Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, Essex. Present—Bros. T. W. Nicholson W.M., W. Holloway S.W., B. Turquand acting J.W., J. Tanner P.M. Sec., J. Clarkson P.M. Treas., C. Edwards S.D., J. H. Crowther J.D., S. R. Fuller I.G., R. W. Goddard Tyler; P.M. Bro. D. Reed; Bros. Dr. A. McRoberts, A. G. Challis, H. Webb. Visitors—Bros. J. Appleby W.M. 174, S. Turquand P.M. 1556, D. Dewar P.M. 1415, A. Durrant P.M. 1185, R. Martin Sec. 453, C. R. Garnett J.W. 1707, C. Wood 315, E. Tholander No. 8, St. Andrews (Scotland), S. Dove 376, H. Walker 1475. After the Lodge was opened and the minutes read, Messrs. Smith, Whitehead and D'Oyley were introduced, and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The installation of Bro. W. Holloway W.M. elect then took place, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Clarkson P.M., Bro. Turquand P.M. 1556 giving the addresses. After the Lodge was closed, the members and their friends adjourned to their banqueting hall, and enjoyed a pleasant evening, which is always the case with this Lodge, meeting as they do in their own hall, and Lodge room adjoining, which they have erected.

Bertie Lodge, No. 1515.—This young but flourishing Lodge held its regular meeting at the Masonic Hall, Oxford, on Thursday, 10th inst., when the W.M., Bro. Henry Harris P.G.S.B. Oxon, was supported by the following Officers and brethren:—F. Dolley S.W., Horton P.M. as J.W., Buckell Sec., Chas. Head J.D., F. Codd D.C., R. Fernsby jun. D.C., Hodgson Org., Dover and Wheeler Stewards; F. Galpin, A. Adams, G. Talbot, W. Reeves, J. Winstedt, J. W. Dodds P.P.G. Org. Oxon, R. Webb, G. Cowderoy, H. Houghton P.M., J. A. Barrett, C. Martin, J. Robinson, J. J. Collcutt, W. Dolley, F. Freeman, and Edward Moody P.M. The following members of the Royal Alfred Lodge were also present as Visitors:—Bros. Meadley, Parker, Green, with Bro. Heller 1319. The Lodge having been opened, ballot was taken for Mr. Charles Daniels, manager of the Wagon Department G.W.R., Swindon, and this proving unanimous, he was introduced and initiated, the ceremony being very effectively performed by the W.M. and his Officers. Bro. E. Moody P.M., and Sec. of The Great City Lodge returned thanks to the brethren for having elected him an honorary member. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned. A very excellent dinner was served in the hall attached to the Lodge room, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts were given and responded to, the speech in which Bro. Daniels, the initiate, returned thanks being a model of brevity. In replying for the toast of the Officers, Bro. F. Dolley S.W. expressed his regret at the absence of his brother Junior Warden, caused by illness. Bro. Hodgson Org. delighted the brethren by his rendering of several well known ballads. One of the Visitors and Bro. J. Dover also contributed to the harmony. A most pleasant and enjoyable evening was brought to a conclusion with the Tyler's toast.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, at York. Present—Bros. T. B. Whytehead W.M., J. S. Cumberland S.W., G. Balmford P.M. as J.W., P. H. Rowland P.M., T. D. Smith as S.D., W. P. Husband as J.D., W. Craven Org., M. Millington I.G., G. Simpson M.C., J. Kay Sec., T. Humphries Asst. Sec., A. T. B. Turner Steward; H. Churchill, W. Hill, H. Jackson, R. Walker, Blackstone, &c. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Major Shaw-Hellier W.M., Capt. Murphy J.W., and Serjt. Gladden, St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 295 (I.C.), Gowland 236, Sampson 236, and brethren from Manchester, Wigan, &c. The first business of the evening was the passing of Bro. Girling to the second degree, which was performed by the W.M., the working tools being given by the S.W. The Lodge then was lowered to the first degree, and the annual elections proceeded with, with the following unanimous result: Bros. J. S. Cumberland W.M., G. Balmford P.M. Tr. (re-elected), Bro. P. Pearson Tyler (re-elected). The W.M. then reported that, accompanied by several brethren, he had attended the annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge on the previous Thursday, and had received the office of P.G.D. of C., and he was glad to inform the brethren that the P.G. Lodge meeting next year would be held at York, under the banner of the Eboracum Lodge. He also explained the formation of a Provincial Committee of Charity, as adopted by P.G. Lodge, and said that at the next meeting the Lodge would have to nominate a representative for that Committee. The W.M. then, in the name of Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla, of Philadelphia, an eminent Mason, and editor of the well-known *Keystone*, presented to the Lodge his recently published works, "Wonders of Operative Masonry," and "Philadelphia, the Mother City of Masonry in America." The thanks of the Lodge were given to Bro. M. Millington, for the gift of an illuminated "G" for the centre of the Lodge. Bro. J. S. Cumberland presented to the Lodge a portrait of the Marquis of Ripon (late G.M.), in full Masonic regalia. The W.M. proposed, as a joining member, Bro. Wm. Lawton P.M. 236 and P.P.G. Reg., and the Lodge was closed. The brethren met at refreshment after the closing of the Lodge, when the full toast list was gone through, and the proceedings were enlivened by the singing of several of the brethren, and a very happy evening having been passed.

Lodge of Ancient Carthage, No. 1717, Tunis, North Africa.—The installation meeting of this Lodge, was held on the 5th October, at the Masonic Hall, Tunis, and was very numerously attended. Amongst the members assisting at the ceremony were W. Bros. A. M. Broadley W.M., and Dr. Magnaini Hon. P.M., J. H. Stevens (acting) S.W., J. E. L. Barker J.W., A. Blanch (acting) Treasurer, S. Soniller Secretary, V. C. Clement Director of Ceremonies, A. Perini, M.D., S.D., G. Pentecost J.D., P. M. Paleologo I.G., M. Lumbroso and M. Schembri Stewards, and H. Haylock Tyler. There were forty-four members present, besides several visitors, and the representatives of the Italian Lodge "Risorgimento." The W.M. re-elect being again duly installed received the most cordial greeting from the brethren present. Bro. Broadley then proceeded to appoint and invest the following Officers: Bros. N. Lecchi 33° P.M., J. H. Stevens (British Vice-Consul) S.W., Dr. A. Perini J.W., A. Blanch Treas., M. Lumbroso Sec., Professor Soniller Interpreter, G. Pentecost S.D., P. M. Paleologo J.D., M. Le Gallais I.G., and E. Gardelle, Dr. Cassanello and V. Finzi Stewards. Bro. H. Haylock was re-elected Tyler and duly invested. The W.M. delivered an address in Italian on the aim and scope of Freemasonry, and strongly urged the brethren to co-operate with him in supporting the Masonic Charities. The Lodge being duly closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The muster-roll of the Lodge now contains sixty-two names, and its revenue for the year 1877-8 has reached nearly £300.

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FREEMASONRY IN THE PROVINCE OF NORTH WALES AND SALOP.

THOSE who have had the largest amount of experience in, and are therefore the best qualified to undertake the task of, writing the history of any Institution, are perfectly well aware that an intimate acquaintance with it in all its various forms and phases is essential, if the sketch is to be anything more than a simple aggregation of dry, hard, and valuable, yet very uninteresting, facts. Haydn's *Dictionary of Dates* is a most valuable work, and no student of history should be without it; but no one would think of describing it as a pleasant book to read. No one who was anxious to pass an hour or two in light agreeable converse with one of our literary worthies—we mean, of course, a converse with him through the medium of his works—would select for the purpose, this or a Cyclopædia, or any other work of a similar character, that is, most valuable, but among the driest of the dry. No one can possibly place a higher value than we do on the immense importance of every student of history possessing an accurate knowledge of dates and facts, but they are only the dry bones of history. They are as necessary as the lines, both straight and curved, are to the picture, but it is the matter with which the outline or skeleton is filled in which constitutes the real attraction. In order that a history may be made complete we must learn something of the nature of the subject. If, for instance, it is some such Institution as Freemasonry we are desirous of studying, it is desirable to know as well its nature and the class of people who profess it, as that it was established in such a year and place, and has had such and such princes and nobles presiding over its destinies at such and such periods. We are, or should be, anxious to know if Masonry differs in different parts even of the same country, as well as what constitutes such difference and whence it may have arisen. It is also desirable we should make acquaintance with its members in different localities, so that we may judge for ourselves if Freemasonry is really the benign Institution it is proclaimed and claims itself to be. When we enter a previously unvisited country, we do not concern ourselves particularly as to the form of its government or the date of its newest constitution. We are indifferent as to the time when Christianity may have been introduced into it. What we do concern ourselves to learn is, the kind of people we are amongst for the first time, what are their manners and customs, what their national peculiarities, what their arts and manufactures, what their products and resources. Some of the spots we may see during our travels may possess interesting historical associations. These assuredly are not overlooked, nor do they lessen the attractions of the visit, but increase it rather. If we run over to Paris, for instance, it is not for the purpose of verifying the fact by the mouth of its inhabitants that it was besieged by the Germans in 1870-1. We go, it may be for business, or it may be for pleasure, and if we turn our visit to account, we shall assuredly note the idiosyncrasies of Parisian life, and compare our new with our old experiences. In this way we increase our knowledge of human nature, and a great poet has told us

"The proper study of mankind is man."

Similarly, we should not visit a remote Province of our English Freemasonry for the purpose of ascertaining when the Institution was first introduced into it, and what have been its vicissitudes. We can do this as well in London. But being Masonic students, and wishing to know what, if any, are the local peculiarities and associations by which this or that town or Province are distinguished, we visit it, and, by intermingling with our brethren we have no difficulty in acquiring the needed information. Some such reason as this must have influenced us in the spring of this year, and impelled us to visit the Province of North Wales and Salop. A reference to Grand Lodge Calendar would have told us the names, numbers, localities, and in the majority of cases, the dates of constitution of its Lodges. Preston, or the officials in Grand Secretary's office, would, doubtless, have informed us of its rise and progress in this Province, but then we should not have been much wiser when we had done all this. We should not have been able to form a just and adequate idea of what Freemasonry was like in this important and extensive district. We should not have known if it was or was not diligently pursued by the members; if the working was or was not satisfactory; if the laws and regulations of the Craft were well or ill observed. In short, our visit to the Province has made all the difference between a vague and an intimate knowledge of it and its Freemasonry. Without having pried into matters which in no wise concerned us, we have been able to form a fairly just estimate of the merits of our North Welsh and Salopian brethren. Before we went amongst them we assumed they were good fellows, now we know them to be such. Last year we knew there were in it some five-and-twenty Lodges, scattered over a very considerable extent of country. Now we can boast that we have visited every one of these five-and-twenty Lodges, widely scattered as they are from one another, that we have watched with interest the mode of working in each, and are well informed, or at least are not incapable of forming a pretty accurate opinion, of the different degrees of enthusiasm which prevail in different parts of the Province. There seems to have been some idea that a visit of inspection in the case of so extensive a district was out of the question; the fact of our having visited all the Lodges which are comprised within its limits is direct evidence to the contrary. Moreover, in the early part of our visit we gave currency to a report, based on statements made by many well-informed and earnest brethren, whose opportunities of forming an opinion upon a matter of fact had been considerable, to the effect that the supervision of the Province by those in authority was not what it might and should be. Having done this, we were in duty bound to see if the report in question was or was not well founded, and it occurred to us that a visit of inspection was the likeliest means to enable us to judge for ourselves whether it was so. We regret the result of our experiences is unfavourable to the withdrawal of the report. We should much have preferred to have been able to retract our statement, made though it was on such excellent authority; but officials cannot be absolved from the charge of neglect of duty simply because they undoubtedly possess great amiability, and, indeed, most of those qualities of the heart and mind which cause men to be admired and esteemed by their fellows. Were we to regulate our statements and opinions by the wish, we trust we in common with other Masons possess, we should pass unnoticed all shortcomings, all dereliction of duty. But then we should ourselves be wanting, and therefore blameworthy. Still our readers are invited to bear in mind that if we note a fault, we do so in no unkindly spirit, but simply because we see that to wink at the perpetration and continuance of error is harmful to Freemasonry. But our remarks have already extended to some length, and we shall merely add that in an early

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issue we purpose beginning the story of our excursion through North Wales and Salop, and the starting point will be—Shrewsbury.

OLD LODGES.

No. 45, STRONG MAN.—In investigating the early history of our oldest Lodges, it is obviously impossible to give in detail, the reasons which have satisfied one's own mind, of the identity of a Lodge of to-day, with its place and number on lists ranging backwards for more than a century. The case, however, of present No. 45 being a very representative one, some additional remarks on its history may not be deemed out of place. In the first instance, I would observe that its identification with No. 110 of 1729-39 seems to me absolutely certain. The fact would, I think, be clearly established from the evidence of the engraved lists alone, but the Constitutions of 1738 effectually dispel all doubt upon the subject. The following extract will make this evident:—

Nos.			
68	Ship Coffee House	Near the Hermitage Bridge	2nd Feb. 173⅓
69	Theatre Tavern	Goodman's Fields	17th Feb. 173⅓

The numbers prefixed to these Lodges must be disregarded, as London Lodges *only* (such moreover as were not in arrear with their contributions) were shown in this list, but the dates are of the first importance, the manuscript containing them, prior to its adoption by Grand Lodge, having been submitted to Past Grand Masters Payne and Desaguliers, who, it is recorded, "signified their approbation *after making some* corrections." By the co-operation of these brethren, the statements therefore contained in this Book of Constitutions, possess a weight of authority which cannot be over-rated.

The variation of date from 2nd to 17th Feb. is immaterial, indeed the lists are full of such blunders, but the matter is, I think, capable of easy explanation. In 1756 the numbers were closed up by order of Grand Lodge, and the engraver, in carrying this into effect, must have pushed the date of No. 99 on the previous list (1755) one place higher than it should have stood, and thereby brought it alongside of No. 98 (present No. 45, Strong Man).

The *original* warrant of Constitution would of course be the best evidence of this Lodge's age, but a warrant of confirmation, such as there can be little doubt the Lodge is now working under, will only record the date ascribed to the Lodge in the then current calendar at the period of its issue.

No. 67, STAR IN THE EAST, Calcutta.—The early history of this Lodge is even more confusing than that of No. 45, since it occupies the place of what was a London Lodge up to 1745. In my note on this Lodge in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 21st September, I showed that it suddenly appeared on the List in 1750, with a Constitution dating from 1740, being styled moreover the *third* Lodge of Bengal, implying there was a *second*, which latter, however, was conspicuous by its entire absence from the roll. I have recently succeeded in clearing up this mystery, which is fully explained in the following extracts from the minutes of Grand Lodge:—

April 3, 1747. "Received a letter by the ship Wager, dated 4th February 1745-6, from Capt. Robt. Hamilton, Master, and six other brethren, of the third constituted Lodge at Calcutta, in Bengal, directed to the Rt. Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in London, accompanied with a copy of their petition for a Constitution directed to the Rt. Worshipful Lechs. Gee P.G.M. of the Provincial Grand Lodge, in Calcutta, and also with a copy of the minutes of three of their Lodges, held 16th April 1740, the 10th Nov. 1745, and the 15th January 1745-6, which were read and purported as follows:—

That the second Lodge there being too numerous, they had separated from it, and the said 16th April 1740 were constituted into a new and regular Lodge.

That they had addressed the said Provincial Grand Lodge to know whether they had properly advised the Grand Lodge of England thereof but had received no satisfactory answer, and that they lately had strong reasons for conclu ing that their Constitution had never been transmitted to the Grand Lodge in London, and requested if it had not, that the same might be enrolled in the list of regular Lodges agreeable to the date of their Constitution.

That their Lodge had been regularly kept up, and that they had to the utmost of their abilities and judgement propagated the Craft, and had transmitted ten pounds to the use of the General Charity.

But the brother who was to speak to this affair being out of town, the consideration there of was deferred till he should be present."

Dec. 16, 1747. "The Letter from the Master and six other brethren of the third Constituted Lodge at Calcutta, in Bengal, accompanied with a copy of their petition to the P.G.M. in Calcutta, and of the minutes of three of their Lodges, which were received and read at the Q.C. held the third day of April last, purporting as in the minutes of the said Q.C. is mentioned (the consideration whereof was deferred, the Brother who was to speak to the same, being out of town), were again read and spoke to, when it not appearing that any advice had before been sent of their said Constitution.

Ordered—that the said Lodge at Calcutta be (as is requested) enrolled in the list of regular Lodges, agreeable to the date of their Constitution."

R. F. GOULD.

CANVASSING FOR OUR CHARITIES.

WE have been favoured with the following circular letter, addressed by Bro. Dick Radclyffe to his fellow members of the Etonian Lodge of St. John, No. 209, Eton, and presumably to brethren generally throughout England. Bro. Radclyffe has undertaken the duties of Steward at the Festivals next year of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution respectively. He is necessarily anxious to obtain as much support as possible, and in his circular he invites brethren to place their names on his list, either as Life Governors or Life Subscribers, or at least as annual Subscribers, using as an argument in favour of his appeal a statement we have heard used at other times,—that if each Mason in England would only give a guinea per annum to each of our three Charitable Institutions, there would be no call for Stewards, while the benefits thereof would be doubled. Bro. Radclyffe is, to a certain extent, and with certain reservations which we purpose noticing next week, right in his statement, but we caution him, in a friendly manner, against making this statement even in its present form without some qualification, or he may find it turned against him, and to his serious detriment. Let him say rather,—if every Mason would but give *at least* a guinea annually to each of the Charities; he will then leave no door open for escape from giving five, ten, or twenty guineas to those who are able, but not at all times willing, to do so. There are people who will regard his guinea as the *maximum* amount of each Mason's subscription, but Bro. Radclyffe must make it perfectly clear to every one, and beyond even the possibility of a doubt, that the guinea he is talking about is the minimum that must be given. As to his scheme for the issue of half-crown tickets, we commend it to the notice of our readers generally, as one which, in the hands of energetic brethren, has been, and no doubt will be again, productive of good to the Institutions in whose behalf they have been or may be issued. Many a man will think nothing of buying at odd times half-a-dozen shilling or half-crown tickets, especially when there is the chance attached to each ticket that he may become a Life Subscriber, when he would think twice, or even thrice, about giving even half a guinea at one time. And it is surprising how soon these small sums mount up to something considerable. We wish every success to our worthy Bro. Radclyffe's scheme, and have great pleasure in appending his letter, which reads as follows:—

129 High Holborn,
October 1878.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have much pleasure in informing you that I have undertaken to represent the Etonian Lodge of St. John, No. 209, at the ensuing Festivals of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

Much has been said of late of the difficulty experienced by the Charities in raising sufficient funds to meet only part of the necessities, as all cases cannot be relieved and many candidates are turned away. Surely this is a reproach to a body of men whose "leading characteristic" is "Charity." It is estimated if every Mason in England were to give 21s per annum to each Institution (not a large sum to a man who can find several guineas for initiation fees, subscriptions, &c.), that the Charities would require no urgent appeals, nor need they turn candidates away, as the amount thus realised would be sufficient to double the establishments. Certainly it would prevent the trouble experienced in procuring Stewards, who would of then be required, and, therefore, no grumbles would reach us of the "hardships," "loss of time and money," so often seen in the weekly medicines, of those ready to excuse themselves from their responsibilities. Having undertaken the duties, I intend to do my utmost to procure a good list, and I call upon every brother to carefully consider the question of the Charities, and whether it is not a disgrace that so large and influential body of men should be begging simply because each and every Mason does not care to provide

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a guinea per annum. Let me now call upon you to start a new rule and a good example, by adding your name to my list as a Life Subscriber or Governor, or at least an Annual Subscriber.

As many of the "uninitiated or popular world" are charitably disposed, and admire our Charities, and would contribute small sums, especially with the chance of becoming a Life Subscriber, I have issued a series of tickets, 2s 6d each, which will entitle to one chance, and purpose allotting by ballot (this to take place under the superintendence of five members of the Etonian Lodge at the Audit Committee meeting) a Life Subscribership for the Institution for every five guineas thus realised. I think this method would be acceptable to many outside the body of Masons, I therefore ask you to undertake the distribution of tickets, and feel sure you will have no difficulty of disposing of at least a book of tickets, and relying on such sure support, I enclose a book of tickets, and shall have pleasure in sending as many more as you require.

It will be esteemed a special favour could you report on the last day of each month the progress made; and let me remind you *if every Mason* in England were to *sell one book of tickets three years income* at least would be *secured*.

Trusting this scheme will meet with your hearty co-operation, and that you will introduce it to your friends, as well as cordially support my canvass by adding your name to the undermentioned list.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

DICK RADCLYFFE,
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FREEMASONRY IN MASSACHUSETTS.

WE have received a copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts at the regular Quarterly Communication, held in the Masonic Temple, Boston, on the 12th June last, and the Special Communication on the 24th of the same month. The Grand Master, Bro. Charles A. Welch, presided on the former occasion, and was supported by Bro. A. H. Howland jun. D.G.M., Will. H. Chessman Senior G. Warden, J. B. Sayles Junior G. Warden, J. McClellan G. Treasurer, Tracy P. Cheever as Recording Grand Secretary, other Past and Present G. Officers, and the representatives of a hundred and ten Lodges. Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and in the absence of the R. Worshipful Recording G. Secretary, *Bro. Rev.* Chas. Titus, the G. Master, with the approval of Grand Lodge, appointed Bro. Cheever to act in his stead. Certain Bye-Laws were submitted for approval and referred to the Committee on Bye-Laws, who reported favourably of several of them, while in the case of others a few slight changes were deemed necessary, further time being requested in the case of one. The report was accepted. The petition for recognition by the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales having drawn forth an official remonstrance from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Committee appointed to report thereon proposed that its consideration be postponed till the next Quarterly Communication, and it was postponed accordingly. The rest of the business was of local interest, and the Lodge was closed in due course with the customary formalities. The Special Communication was held for the purpose of taking part in the services attending the transfer of the remains of the late Isaiah Thomas, Past Grand Master of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, to Rural Cemetery, under the direction of the Municipal authorities of the City of Worcester, and in accordance with an invitation from those authorities. Bro. Charles A. Welch, Grand Master, presided, as on the former occasion, and the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Recording Grand Secretary *pro tem*, and other Grand Officers were present. The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form in some commodious premises at Worcester, and in a short time afterwards its members were conducted to carriages and a procession was formed, in which the Hon. Benj. F. Thomas and family, with other relatives of the late Prov. Grand Master, and other distinguished citizens of Worcester took part, the Morning Star Lodge of Worcester, of which the late Bro. Isaiah Thomas had been the first W.M. preceding the civic portion. A number of Masonic bodies took part in the ceremony, which was a most impressive one. The Grand Master delivered an oration over the grave, the virtues of the deceased brother being justly eulogised. The re-interment then took place, after which Grand Lodge was closed, and the members were entertained at a pleasant collation by the Worcester brethren in their Masonic Hall. It should be added that the late Bro. Thomas was W.M. of the Morning Star Lodge of Worcester in the years 1793, 1794, 1797, 1799, 1801 and 1802, and Grand Master of Massachusetts for the years commencing 27th December 1802, 12th December 1803, and 10th December 1804. He died in the year 1831 at the ripe age of eighty-two.

LEWIS LODGE, No. 1185, WOOD GREEN.

THE installation meeting was held on Saturday, at the Kings Arms Hotel. The members were summoned for 4 p.m., but in consequence of an accident that occurred to the train in which the W.M. and several of the brethren were repairing to their rendezvous, considerable delay arose. This was much to be regretted, as with this exception the day's proceedings were of an unusually interesting character. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. William Sayer, who was supported by his Officers, Past Masters, and the following Visitors:—Bros. T. J. Maidwell W.M. 27, F. T. Froom W.M. 65, W. Groome W.M. 1662, T. Franklin S.W. 1662, W. W. Medcalf S.W. 1671, T. W. C. Bush J.W. 1728, W. G. Hallows S.D. 811, W. E. Gomperts J.D. 869, A. J. Stanton D.C. 1489, Jas. S. Fraser D.C. Sincerity, H. Field I.G. 1602, Thos. Lawrence 22, Jones 65, T. H. Redman 340, T. Richardson 862, C. H. Fisher 1489, and W. W. Morgan 211. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for two candidates for our mysteries—Messrs. Henry James Billing and Josiah George Doree. It resulted satisfactorily, and both gentlemen being present, they were introduced and initiated by the W.M., who performed his task in a very careful manner. W. Bro. Cover P.M. then introduced Bro. Thomas W. Bone as the W.M. elect. A very praiseworthy rule is maintained in this Lodge; that is, that the outgoing Master shall instal his successor. Bro. Sayer we have known for some years, ever as a painstaking, earnest student, and we knew well that he would make himself competent to fulfil this crowning act of a Master of a Lodge. Bro. F. Binckes P.M. P.G.S. was invited to the S.W.'s chair, while Bro. Cover P.M. P.G.P.Reg. Essex occupied that of J.W. The obligation was then taken by Bro. Bone, and the ceremony was completed. On the readmission of the brethren the appointment of Officers was made:—Bros. James William Berrie S.W., George D. Hooper J.W., Captain Alfred Durrant P.M. Treas., Thomas H. Turner P.M. Sec., Charles E. Lloyd S.D., Thomas Harrison J.D., James R. Tollis I.G., Rev. Dr. Richard Morris, M.A. Oxon, LL.D. Chaplain, Frederick C. Pelton D.C., Kennett Harris W. Steward, C. T. Speight Tyler. Bro. Sayer then delivered the addresses, and amid the congratulations of the brethren, took his seat as I.P.M. of the Lodge. Routine business then commenced, and the name of a candidate for initiation was handed in. Attention was then drawn to the fact that by the Bye-Laws of the Lodge, the cost of one banquet was set apart for Charity. This being so, it was proposed and seconded that the sum of ten guineas be placed on Bro. Dr. Morris's list as Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and five guineas be voted towards the expenses of a former pupil of the School, by name Bryant, who had been advised to try his fortune as a student at Cambridge. Bro. Cover, without, however, exhibiting the slightest opposition to the proposal, having inquired why it was made at so early a date? it was stated that Bro. Morris was merely desirous of showing that he had made a commencement, and already had something on his list, and the motion was agreed to unanimously. Of course it will be easily understood why a preference is given by this Lodge to the Boys' School, seeing that it is located in immediate proximity to the Institution, and very many of the members have made it their business to become personally acquainted with the boys, and take a very deep interest in all that relates to them. It may also be mentioned that the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite are among the principal supporters of young Bryant in his desire to earn further distinction as a student, and have promised him assistance to the extent of £40 per annum for two years. But to proceed with our own notice. The death of a member was then announced, amid expressions of deep sympathy with his family, and also the resignations of three members, which were accepted, with regret. A petition was then brought before the Lodge on behalf a distressed brother, who was also one of its oldest members, and Bros. Waller, Hollingsworth and Binckes having spoken strongly in its favour, the whole of the balance in hand of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, amounting to £5 15s, was voted to him as a help in his time of distress, and it was further arranged that the contents of the Charity box, which turned out to amount to £4 9s, should likewise be handed over to the distressed member in question. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, which Bro. Greenslade had spared no pains or expense to place before them. It had the further advantage of being well served, and when the time came for the removal of the cloth, the satisfaction visible on the faces of those present was evidence enough that Bro. Greenslade had played the part of host right well. Unfortunately, owing to the accident we have already mentioned, it was late when the time came for dealing with the toast list, and all we can do is to give the propositions *seriatim* and leave our readers to imagine—as they will have not the slightest difficulty in doing—what would have been said in support and in response, had time allowed of speeches being made. The list included "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Rt. Hon. Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Pro and Dep. G. Masters, and the rest of the Grand Officers," "The Worshipful Master," "The Initiates," "The I.P.M.," "The Visitors," "The Masonic Charities," "The Officers," "The Press," and "the Tyler's toast." Only in the case of that of the W.M., proposed by Bro. Sayer I.P.M., and that of the I.P.M., proposed by the W.M., the toast of the Masonic Charities, to which Bro. Binckes responded, and that of the Press, in reply to which Bro. Morgan offered a few remarks, was there anything which could be looked upon in any way worthy of being accounted a speech. Bro. Binckes, indeed, not only spoke of his connection with the Charities, but likewise of his having been founder and first W. Master of the Lodge, while Bro. Morgan expressed the pleasure he derived from this recognition of the Press as a legitimate Masonic toast.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

SHOREDITCH, though embracing a somewhat large district, cannot be considered strong in Masonic Lodges, but if we are to judge from the number of brethren who assembled at the Town Hall on Tuesday, a vast array of members of the Craft are resident here or hereabouts. In our issue of the 31st August we notified that a warrant had been granted for this Lodge, and in due course our W. Bro. James Terry received instructions from the M.W. the Grand Master to take upon himself the duties of Consecrating Officer and the date named above was fixed for the ceremony to be performed. The W.M. designate, Bro. Louis Stean, is a veteran Mason; one who has served zealously and well; and now, after nearly fifty years activity (he was initiated in the year 1830), we find him ready to don his armour, and lead a new generation in their search after Masonic Light. The consecration was set down for four o'clock, when the members named in the warrant assembled, and amongst those who attended we were able to recognise the following brethren:—Bros. Jas. Terry P.G.J.W. Herts, W. T. Howe Grand Pursuivant, J. H. Hale W.M. 737 P.G.P. Norths and Hunts, J. B. Shackleton P.M. P.A.G.P. Middlesex, Chas. W. Cox J.W. 1564, E. T. Henman 1248, James Smith 193, W. Perry 1107 P.J.W., W. H. Main P.M. 813, F. Brun S.W. 1076, J. G. Stevens P.M. 554, W. J. Rawley 174, J. Stillwell 813, N. T. Hewens S.W. 737, H. Ashton 1185, W. Dance I.P.M. 764, J. H. Thompson P.M. 1237, H. Rawes Past S.W. 950, 1353, W. B. Barnard 1662, A. Hubbard 813, T. Cosworth P.M. 813, W. Stead W.M. 813, Wm. Stephens P.M. 1489, W. Barton P.M. 1124, Edwin Blunt 1489, Thomas Sims 65, W. H. Wallington P.M. 860, J. Taylor P.M. 933, S. Holliday W.M. 382, Thomas Glass 813, W. F. Green 861, T. G. Purdy P.M. 861, W. Grist 1489, H. J. Dickson 781, F. H. Cozens Org. 907, R. B. Harper S.W. 813, J. J. Gabb P.M. 813, W. Stead 1066, G. Edwards 907, W. Hart 49, H. Stephens W.M. 754, J. Driscoll P.M. 30, G. H. Wilkinson 49, E. E. Pottle W.M. 869, Stephen Haynatt 101, G. Plummer 177, C. G. Hill P.M. 1366, Geo. Lee St. John's, Canada, 40, William Johnson 861, H. R. Fletcher 1604, John Woodham 101, T. Bartlett P.M. 813, W. Snellgrove 907, E. Somers P.M. 1602, W. Webb 382, R. M. Clarke 1339 W. W. Morgan 211, S. Bedwell 861, J. A. Hunt 569, W. Dawson 1602, J. A. Smith 1187, G. Young 820, C. B. Payne P.M. 27, J. W. Taylor W.M. 917, G. Musgrave 1507, C. Coleman 907, H. Jones 996, T. P. Chapman 788, James Blyth 813, W. Clarke P.M. 959 P.G.D.C. Suffolk, &c. On entering the Lodge room Bro. Terry requested Bro. W. T. Howe, Grand Pursuivant, to take the Senior Warden's chair, and Bro. W. H. Main that of the Junior Warden, while Bro. Wm. Clarke P.M. P.G.D.C. Suffolk—than whom we know of no brother who displays greater energy—acted as Director of Ceremonies. The musical arrangements had been entrusted to the English Glee Union, under the direction of Bro. Albert Hubbard, who on this occasion had the valuable assistance of Bros. G. Musgrave, H. Ashton, and F. H. Cozens. With all details thus provided for, with commodious premises, and well ventilated rooms, need we add that everything passed off most enjoyably. The proceedings at the consecration of a new Lodge have so frequently been particularised in our columns that, on this occasion, we need scarcely plead that demands on our space preclude our giving a fuller description. On the completion of the ceremony Bro. Terry installed Bro. Louis Stean as the first W.M. of the St. Leonard Lodge. Bro. Stean appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. George T. Barr J.W. 907 S.W., Charles F. Barham P.M. 754 J.W., Charles Stevens P.M. Treasurer, Joseph Cox Secretary, E. Benjamin S.D., Jones J.D., Clements I.G., Gale D.C., Marshall W.S., T. C. Speight Tyler. Bro. Terry gave the address to the Master, and Bro. Clarke that to the Wardens; Bro. Terry then completed his labours by giving the address to the members. During the evening Bro. Terry, and those who had assisted him in the labours of the day, received the thanks of the Lodge for the services they had rendered, and it was intimated that at the first meeting a proposition that honorary membership be conferred on them would be brought forward. After the Visitors had paid the members the customary compliment, Brother Louis Stean closed his Lodge. The banquet, under the superintendence of the indefatigable Bro. Grist, was then served, and met with the unqualified approval of all who were present. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. briefly introduced the Loyal toasts. In speaking to that of the M.W. the Grand Master, Bro. Stean remarked that we ought all of us to be proud of our present Grand Master, who was ever mindful of the best interests of Freemasonry. The first time he (the W.M.) had the opportunity of hearing a Grand Master speak, was many, many years ago; the Grand Master he referred to was the late Duke of Sussex. The Prince of Wales was a staunch supporter of our Institution, and all present would heartily drink to the toast. With the third toast, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, was associated the name of Brother W. T. Howe, who responded: In Lords Carnarvon and Skelmersdale we had two noblemen who were ever anxious to advance the principles of Freemasonry. For himself, it had given him infinite pleasure to be present that day, and he thanked the W.M. and Officers for the kindness he had met with, both in Lodge and at the banquet table. On Bro. Terry devolved the duty of proposing the health of the W.M. In doing so our esteemed brother turned his opportunity to account, and made some very happy allusions. Bro. Stean had been a Mason forty-eight years, and it was gratifying to know he felt himself capable of administering the affairs of a new Lodge. The brethren who had chosen him, might be congratulated; they had made a very happy selection, as their W.M. possessed a rare combination of qualities. He had ever been a good and zealous worker in the cause of Freemasonry, and a staunch supporter of the Charities. Due honour having been paid to the toast, Bro. Stean rose, and assured the brethren present that he fully appreciated the kind manner in which they had received his health. When he first presided over a Lodge, he had considered the position of Master as one which afforded him pleasure. He now had regard to its duties and responsibilities, as well as to the pleasure it gave him. He had carefully thought the matter over when invited to preside over a new Lodge, and the conclusion he had come to was, that if, after his protracted Masonic career, he were capable of doing so, it was his duty to undertake the office. He was satisfied the St. Leonard Lodge would show it was in its power to effect much good—more, indeed, than he had been able to effect. He trusted the seed sown that day would bear good fruit, and that the young Masons present on this occasion would find, when he was gone, that his prediction had been fulfilled—that the Lodge was equal to any in the Craft; that their subscriptions were as considerable as those of any other Lodge, and that every chair in the Lodge, not only those of the Master and Wardens, but likewise the Deacons' chairs, would represent a Vice-Presidentship of one or other of the Institutions. Bro. Stean then proposed the toast of the Consecrating Officers, and, in doing so, expressed his regret that the proposition to admit them as honorary members had been lost sight of. However, he assured them the omission would be rectified at their next meeting, as it was a compliment to which, from the admirable manner in which they had fulfilled their duties, they were most justly entitled. After "Molly Brierly" had been sung by Bro. Ashton, Bro. Clarke rose, and gratefully expressed his sense of the honour done to him and his colleagues, the thanks so cordially rendered being a sufficient reward for what they had done. He felt assured the day's proceedings would have a beneficial effect on all who had witnessed it. Masonry had a mission to fulfil. It was a glorious Institution, and inculcated thoughts and ideas which must benefit them one and all. Bro. Terry likewise responded, and expressed the pleasure it had given him to preside at the ushering into the world of a new Masonic baby—this being the 117th occasion on which he had been present. It had also been a source of satisfaction that he had installed Bro. Stean as W.M. of the St. Leonard Lodge; he was deeply impressed with the remarks that worthy and worshipful brother had made. Bro. Terry likewise referred to the approaching Festival of the Royal Benevolent Institution, and announced that Bro. Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, Prov. G. Master of East Lancashire, had kindly consented to preside on the occasion. This induced in him the hope that, with such a president, the result would be satisfactory, and that East Lancashire would loyally second the efforts of its chief. On Bro. Terry resuming his seat, Bro. Howe announced his intention, and others, to act as Steward at the Festival in question. Bros. Hale and Shackleton replied to the toast of the Visitors, and that of the W.M. of the Cosmopolitan Lodge was acknowledged by the W.M. in person, Bro. J. W. Taylor. The toast of brethren of other constitutions was coupled with the name of Bro. Lee, who expressed himself highly gratified that he had been present. He assured them that though his Lodge was some thousands of miles away, in Canada, there were good men and true in the Dominion, and their hearts beat warmly towards their brethren in all parts of the world. The toast of the Officers was briefly but suitably acknowledged by Bros. Senior and Junior Wardens, and shortly afterwards the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. We append the musical programme, and merely add that the several pieces were admirably given, and the efforts of the talented party justly appreciated. Four Part Song, "The Soldier's Love," Solo Bro. H. Ashton; Song, "I fear no Foe," Bro. A. Hubbard; Soldiers' Chorus from the Opera of "Faust;" Song, "Molly Brierly," Bro. H. Ashton; Song, "Sigh no more, Ladies," Bro. G. Musgrave; Four Part Song, "Come boys, drink;" Song, "The Thorn," Bro. F. H. Cozens; Song, "Tom Tough," Bro. A. Hubbard; Song, "Down by the Brook side," Bro. H. Ashton; Humourous Song, Bro. F. H. Cozens; Glee, "The Watchman."

CONSECRATION OF LODGE OF PROGRESS, No. 1768.

THIS ceremony was performed on 17th Oct., at Freemasons' Hall, by the V.W. Bros. John Hervey Grand Secretary, the Rev. E. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain, H. G. Buss P.G. Treasurer Middlesex as Director of Ceremonies, Murton P.G.D. as S.W., Fenn P.G.D. as J.W. The musical arrangements were in the hands of a very able brother. In his opening remarks Bro. Hervey expressed unqualified satisfaction at being called upon to consecrate a Lodge every petitioner of which was a member, and in most cases a prominent working member, in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, wherein he had held the office of Treasurer for over thirty years. He had no misgivings whatever that the rendering of the beautiful ceremonies of the Order would in any way suffer in the hands of the Officers designate, or that any candidate seeking Masonic light, in the Lodge of Progress, would fail to be impressed when the mysteries of Freemasonry were revealed to him in all their solemnity. An eloquent oration was delivered by the Rev. Bro. Simpson, of which the following is a summary:—"I have had much pleasure in complying with the request that I should assist as Chaplain at the Consecration of the Lodge of Progress, more especially as my old and excellent friend the Grand Secretary is the consecrating and installing Officer. I congratulate you on the happy choice you have made in styling yourselves the Lodge of Progress. I will take your title as a key to observations I am about to make, but let me premise these remarks are not intended to teach the experienced brethren here present any thing unknown, but rather to remind them and myself of some old facts and truths that may help us on the march of Progress. In the opening Chapter of the volume of the Sacred Law, we have the first record of Progress in matter. From chaos came the new created world. Mother earth, ever labouring for our good, furnished the materials to aid man, first with his tent,

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then the hut, the house, the tabernacle, and so on, until finally that grand masterpiece was completed, King Solomon's Temple at Jerusalem. Thus, to this day, the wonderful powers and properties of matter are being continually evolved. Let us take a short review of the Progress of Man. Though fallen from his first high estate, man, fashioned in the express imaare of his God, has made mighty progress in the restoration of that God-like image that was defaced. A long line of patriarchs, prophets, kings, and righteous men, in sacred history, attest this progress, while Plato, Aristotle, and many a great philosopher in profane history bear witness to the same. In modern days, we meet with many noble and remarkable instances of the like kind, all this moral, intellectual and religious progress tending to one great result, educating men for the Grand Lodge above. Again, with regard to the progress of Masonry, this has been great, especially of late years. The principles held by Masons are the foundation of all religious systems that acknowledge the one true and living God, which acknowledgment at once implies acting under a law, acting in the sight of the Law-giver, responsible belief, and a system of rewards and punishments. In no system is the arrangement from design more beautifully and significantly illustrative than in Freemasonry, it tells man of a happy present, and of a still happier future, and guiding his footsteps by the light of divine truth, points to those eternal mansions whence all goodness emanates. May this Lodge ever be guided by this light. Order, harmony, and proportion are the requisites of every building, spiritual, social and political, which would make any claim to perfection. Let us endeavour to unite ourselves by the principles of genuine philanthropy, so to build up ourselves in good works, and so to practise the doctrines taught by our noble Institution, that in whatever character we may appear in the world, we may faithfully perform our duty. Let us live as men, considering the great end for which the goodness of God created us, beseeching Him who ruleth the universe, and giveth order and motion to the heavenly bodies, that He would direct us in the true and right way, that our footsteps slip not, that He would promote still more and more that charity which is the bond of all virtue, and give us wisdom to contrive in all our undertakings, strength to support us in all difficulties, and beauty to adorn those heavenly mansions where His honour dwelleth." The ceremony of consecration being concluded, Bro. W. A. Dawson was presented for installation, and duly inducted into the chair of K.S., by Bro. Hervey, and received the salutations of the brethren. Bro. Legg was unanimously elected and invested as Treasurer, and the following Officers were appointed:—Bros. F. R. Spaull S.W., A. C. Spaull J.W., Hornblower Sec., Tattershall S.D., Duret J.D., Ockenden I.G., and Marvin M.C. Bros. Hervey, Simpson, Buss, Murton, Fenn and Richards, were elected honorary members. Bros. Smallpeice Secretary Emulation Lodge of Improvement, J. E. Hunt, Kentish, and other petitioning brethren were present, and also numerous visitors. Several propositions for joining, and for initiation were handed in, and all further business being despatched, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, all speeches being commendably short. This Lodge will be worked on strict Emulation ritual, and proposes to dispense with banquets. The first regular meeting will take place on Wednesday next, 30th inst., at Freemasons' Hall.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. There was not a large attendance of brethren, and the list of cases requiring relief was also small, there being but eighteen cases down. Bro. Clabon presided, and Bro. Joshua Nunn and Bro. James Brett were in their chairs as Senior and Junior Vice Presidents. Bros. Hervey, Buss, S. Rawson, J. M. Case, C. A. Cottebrune, H. Garrod, C. F. Hogard, F. Binckes, John Wright, Griffiths Smith, R. Halford, John Constable, W. Stephens, and L. Alexander were amongst the other brethren who attended. Fifteen of the eighteen new cases were relieved, the sum granted being £319. Three cases were deferred, the evidence of payment for two years not being considered sufficient. The recommendations to the Grand Master from last Lodge of Benevolence were confirmed. The business of the meeting was completed in two hours.

In Memoriam.

The Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, has sustained a severe loss in the somewhat sudden death of Bro. W. Hamilton, one of the P.M.'s, and some time Treasurer. The sad event occurred on Friday, the 18th instant, after a few days illness. The late Bro. Hamilton was well known at the east end of London, and was respected by a large circle of friends, for his manly, honest, and independent behaviour. He was a Life Governor of all the Institutions connected with our Order, and had served as Steward on several occasions. His remains were interred on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, at Abney Park Cemetery, in the presence of a numerous assemblage, amongst whom were Bros. Cotter, the W.M. of the Yarborough Lodge; Bros. Wynne, Middleton, Vasey, Kindred, Barnes, J. G. Stevens, Harrison, Brooks, Berry, Warman, Symes, Witts, Livermore, and Messrs. Watson, Shepherd, Cook, W. Taylor, &c.

"The sleep of the just is blessed."

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DISPOSAL OF LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am obliged to your correspondent "OLD FILE," for his elaborate analysis of the first three balance sheets you have been kind enough to publish for me. The fact of totalling the three results makes the matter appear, if possible, even worse than before. I only hope that these or some other efforts will bring to a sense of *shame* some of the uncharitably disposed Lodges; it really is a matter that must eventually affect the good name of our ancient Fraternity. Several of my friends tell me that writing on this question is mere waste of breath. I trust in this respect they are not correct, or, if they are, it may be hoped that some measures will be found which will prove more successful.

No. 5.

BALANCE SHEET OF LODGE ———. ONE YEAR—1877-8:—

RECEIPTS.

Balance forward (Benevolent Fund)				£6 2 6
Receipts for the year:—				
Subscriptions and Visitors	296	16	0	
Initiation Fees	88	4	0	
Collected for Benevolent Fund	7	10	10	
				392 10 10
				£398 3 4

EXPENDITURE.

Refreshment	£287 0 8
Amount due to Treasurer from last year	5 3 3
Grand Lodge certificates and dues	16 6 0
P.M.'s jewel	10 10 0
Tyler	3 6 0
Printing, postages, &c.	7 14 0
Balance in hand	68 13 5
	£398 13 4

I am informed that it is the intention of the members of this Lodge to vote a part of their funds to one of the Charities, but I think they are very much to blame for allowing a whole year to pass without actually doing so. It is all very well to satisfy oneself one year by saying, "I am saving up, and will give liberally," then the second year make the gift, and during the third year say, "I gave last year." This is an argument very often used, and one which I cannot describe as anything but a lamentably weak one.

Yours fraternally,

UNION JACK.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am rather amused to find that, whenever you take up with a subject which appears to attract more attention than usual, your London Masonic contemporary, who prides itself on being *the* only Masonic weekly in the country, takes an early opportunity of passing its opinion on the identical subject. Thus, for several weeks past, the subject of Lodge Funds has been discussed at some length in your columns. Last week the journal in question had a leader on it. This would not be worth noticing if it happened only now and then, but this is not the first time, by many, the same course has been pursued. As far as my experience goes, it seems to me that, in all the noticeable questions which have cropped up of late, you have taken the initiative, and your contemporary has played second fiddle. This hardly accords with its arrogant claim to be *the* Masonic weekly.

Fraternally yours,

CROW.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—After reading the letters under the above heading in your last issue, I thought the statements put forward were so much to the point, and unfortunately so true, that I determined to make use of them in pointing out to the members of my Lodge the way in which they were spending their funds. I accordingly took our last balance sheet with the intention of drawing up a kind of "brief," when I was struck by the similarity of certain amounts, and eventually found that my mother Lodge occupied an unenviable position in your columns. It is, I regret to say, the first of the Lodges that your correspondent "UNION JACK" published the balance sheet of. I of course thought that after such a discovery, it would hardly be necessary for me to go much further into the question, but that it would be better for me to use my efforts to get other of the members to view the matter in the same light as I do, and endeavour in the future to wipe away the stain of the past.

It may be asked,—Why did you not do something to have rendered such a statement as that presented an impossibility? I must plead

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guilty. In this, as in other matters, the old proverb, that "Every one's business is nobody's," is, I am afraid, the real cause of no money being voted. Each member left it to the other to propose a grant, and in the end no one undertook the duty.

Yours fraternally,

S.D.U.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The last balance sheet furnished by UNION JACK must not be placed in the same category with two of its predecessors. In fact, all things considered, the Chapter, in my humble judgment, shows well at the end of its financial year. There is a good balance to wind up with, and I should prefer to assume that had there been an equally good one at the commencement, something would have been done for one or other of the Charities. With only a fraction over £3 at the outset, it was wise to be on guard against too free an expenditure till the prospect of improvement was assured.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

OLD FILE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I regret I have not been able to reply to "UNION JACK'S" letters before. I am sorry to see he is of opinion that it requires some compulsory action to cause Lodges to subscribe, as I maintain it is their duty to do. As this difficulty does appear, would it not be an easy matter to compel every Lodge to subscribe, say, one-third of its subscriptions? If men are loath to give to the Charities, and only join Freemasonry for its pleasures, they would thus be compelled to support the Charities. It is often said that the honours of Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges are as easily obtained by Charity as by non-Charity subscribing brethren. If this be so, and as the purple is a distinction much sought for, surely this would be the proper weapon to wield in the cause of Charity. Make it compulsory for the brother who may be elected to Grand Lodge that his Lodge should annually subscribe a fair sum to the Charities, and also make it compulsory on him that he should serve as Steward to one of the Charities. As regards devoting all Lodge funds, I do not mean in their present amounts, as the Charities require nothing near such a sum; but let the subscriptions be limited; say, Lodge purposes, £2 2s; this would pay expenses, and leave a large balance for the Charities; banquet fund, £1 1s; simply to pay for festivities, and not make it compulsory for every one to join; and also to charge a higher fee for banquet where the member does not subscribe. I think these two funds would cause but little trouble, and the figures could be increased or decreased at will. The idea is simply to keep tavern bills apart from Lodge funds proper.

Another plan would be,—Let it be understood that all candidates who have been subscribing members should take precedence at elections. I feel sure if this question were ventilated a little more it would be of great benefit to the Charities. If "UNION JACK," or any other brethren interested, will forward their names and addresses, I can introduce a scheme which I trust will receive their hearty co-operation and approval. I feel it wants but very little to set the whole machinery in motion, and that it will soon be a thing of the past to find Lodges do not subscribe to the Charities.

The balance-sheet of Lodge ——, published in your issue of the 28th September, speaks for itself. Let the members strive to show an improvement by this time next year—Tavern Bills, say £36; Charity, £100! How much better it would look.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

DICK RADCLYFFE.

129 High Holborn, October 1878.

THINGS ONE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you or any of your readers kindly inform me if it is compulsory on the two Wardens of a Lodge to rise and keep standing during the time the Master is addressing the Lodge, whatever may be the subject of his communication?

Yours fraternally,

FORTE.

Hastings, 16th October 1878.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I should not attempt to intrude into the discussion respecting the Society just formed if circumstances had not, for many years, brought me into relations with voting Charities. Any experience I may have gained in this way certainly leads me to view with considerable apprehension the movements of the L.M.C.A. The essence of the voting system is the individual interest taken by subscribers in the candidates for whom they vote; and as nothing can be more likely to stifle this individual interest than the delegating to a Board the selection of certain candidates for whom votes are to be recorded, I am obliged to come to the conclusion that the effect of the L.M.C.A.'s operations will be most mischievous and disastrous. With all respect for the brethren who compose the committee of this new election agency, I think I am as well able to decide which candidate deserves my votes as they can be. I we may judge from the letters which have appeared on this subject in your contemporary, the effect of the L.M.C.A.'s action will be a series of keen contests between London and Provincial Masons for the success of their respective candidates. Now this rivalry I for one respectfully deprecate. It can lead to no other result than bitterness and ill feeling. And though a Londoner myself, and therefore naturally prejudiced in favour of London candidates, I must in fairness remark that any advantage which Provincial candidates may derive from the Charity Committees in their districts is probably more than counterbalanced by the greater facility with which London Masons can be personally canvassed.

Should the L.M.C.A. become a power in the Craft, the friends of candidates will, of course, canvass the members of its Committee rather than individual Masons. The separate action of subscribers will be merged in the resolutions of a self-elected patronage board, and I fear that jobbery and corruption must be the inevitable consequence. The present promoters may be entirely free from any such motive, but in the natural course of things I am convinced that this will be the outcome, and therefore I deplore very sincerely the formation of the L.M.C.A., and cannot give it my humble support.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

19th October 1878. Y.M.N.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CHESHIRE.

THE Annual Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of this powerful Province was held at the Masonic Chambers, Argyle-street, Birkenhead, on Monday, the 21st inst. There was a large gathering of Companions from all parts of the county, and visitors from the adjoining Provinces and abroad. Promptly at 2 p.m the Chapter of Fidelity, No. 477, was opened by Ex. Comp. Donald Fraser M.E.Z., supported by the Officers of the Chapter Past and Present. At 2.15 the M.E. Grand Superintendent of the Province, Lord De Tabley, was announced, and having been admitted, accompanied by his Grand Officers, was received with due honours, and the Prov. Grand Chapter of Cheshire was opened. His Lordship was supported by the following Grand Officers:—Comps. John Wood P.G.H., Jas. Salmon P.G.J., G. W. Latham P.G.S.E., John Siddeley P.G.S.N., E. Priest P.G.P.S., F. Jackson P.G. Treas., C. H. Hinde P.G. Reg., H. Keayne P.G.S.B., A. E. Cokayne P.G.St.B., T. H. Kirk P.G. Org., M. Alcock P.G.Jan. We had the pleasure of recognizing, in the crush, Comps. S. Gilbert P.Z. 321, Saml. Jones P.Z. 477, J. H. Johnston P.Z. 477, Dr. A. Samuels P.Z. 477, J. G. Adams H. 477. Wm. Bennett P.Z. 477, W. Johnson M.E.Z. 721, J. C. Robinson P.Z. 423, Henry Bailey P.P.G.H., S. Spratley P.P.G.J., R. Beales P.P.G.A.S., J. P. Platt P.P.G.H., J. Bishop P.P.G.J., C. Dutton P.P.G.H., C. W. Spencer Stanhope P.Z. 357, John Beech P.Z. 361, George Fox P.Z. 361, J. C. Robinson P.Z. 425, J. Dowell Bury M.E.Z. 425, L. Ellis P.Z. 537, James Hamilton S.E. 1048, G. H. Eaton H. 295, T. H. Kirk P.Z. 1045, J. Siddeley H. 1045, J. Blackhurst H. 321, E. Eardsley P.P.G.A.S. P.Z. 221, J. E. Gibson J. 321, J. Hill M.E.Z. 323, W. Greatorex P.Z. 587, &c. After the minutes of last Provincial Grand Chapter had been read and ratified, and other matters gone into, the M.E. G. Superintendent rose, and delivered his annual address in a most touching and edifying manner. His lordship expressed the great pleasure he experienced in meeting so many Companions, and congratulated them on the happy and prosperous state of Royal Arch Freemasonry in the Province. From the large assemblage of brethren there that day,—which year after year showed an increase of Prov. G. Chapter,—he augured and believed there was a glorious future before them. He regretted that he was compelled to announce the retirement of Comp. Captain Cope, who, as a thorough good Mason, not only in Royal Arch, but in every branch connected with the Craft, was compelled through ill health to retire from the active part he usually took in the Order. His lordship then thanked the Officers, who had so ably performed the duties allotted them in the past year, and announced that the time had arrived to appoint his Officers for the ensuing twelvemonths. He remarked on the deep solicitude he felt for the welfare of the Craft and the Province he had the great responsibility of governing; in appointing his Officers upon the combined principle of merit and priority of claim. The M.E. Grand Superintendent concluded his remarks (which were listened to with rapt attention, and frequently greeted with applause by all present), by stating that the Provincial Grand Chapter showed a balance of £68 6s 4d, which was evidence of the zeal and ability with which Royal Arch Masonry was carried on in the Province. His Lordship then honoured the following Comps. with Provincial Grand Offices for the ensuing year:—Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope H., J. C. Robinson J., G. W. Latham re-appointed S.E., John Siddeley re-appointed S.N., M. McMerney P.S., J. Meadows and J. Blackhurst Assist. Sojs., F. Jackson re-appointed Treas., C. H. Hinde re-appointed Registrar, John Siddeley 1045 Sword Bearer, R. M. Townshend Standard Bearer, W. Mathews D.C., T. H. Kirk re-appointed Organist, M. Alcock re-appointed Janitor. These Companions were duly invested and took their seats. In pursuance of a notice of motion, Comp. Latham P.G.S.E. moved "that the sum of sixty guineas, the amount necessary in addition to previous grants to make the Most Excellent the Prov. Grand Superintendent a Vice President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, be granted from the funds of the Prov. Grand Chapter to that Institution." In moving this resolution, Comp. Latham paid a very high tribute of praise to the Province for the noble work already done by the Masons of Cheshire locally, and universally in a charitable point of view. The only drawback to his speech appeared to be that he extolled the Province too highly, as he seemed to think that Cheshire was almost too strong in the amount of votes at its command; but we know that this Ex. Companion is aware there is room for all the efforts of the benevolent tendencies of the worthy Brethren of this

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noble Province to exercise their unabated good influences. The motion was seconded by Comp. Bulley, and on its being put by his lordship, was carried unanimously. Before closing the Prov. Grand Chapter the M. Excellent stated that it was his will and pleasure to hold his next Prov. Grand Chapter at Crewe. The brethren reassembled at four p.m. to banquet, Lord de Tabley presiding, and nearly 70 brethren sitting down to discuss the splendid bill of fare provided by Comp. Berry, of the Ranelagh Hotel. The banqueting-room was handsomely decorated with the flags of many nations, and the walls, east and west, were covered by large mirrors, reflecting back some beautiful and costly paintings, lent for the occasion by E. Companion Fraser. The tables were tastefully and elaborately decorated with fragrant flowers and choice plants, and last, but not least, the menu, which was of the most *récherché* character, was well served and highly appreciated by all present. The cloth having been removed, the noble chairman rose to propose the toast first on the list, and which he knew would be loyally drunk; he asked them to respond to the toast of Her Majesty the Queen. It was duly honoured, the Comps. singing the National Anthem. His Lordship rose to propose the next toast, which he felt would be equally as welcome, and as loyally responded to; it was that of the Sovereign head of the Craft, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.E.Z. of England. The toast having been most heartily received, the chairman rose and said he was desirous of proceeding as rapidly as possible, as he knew many Companions wished to return to their distant homes. He felt great pleasure in proposing the next toast, as it included the health of that gracious lady whom Englishmen, and particularly English Freemasons, had learned to honour, because of her great and endearing qualities, and as the Consort of our future Sovereign. He therefore called upon them to drink most cordially to H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm. After a short interval, in which Comps. Ellis and Forrest favoured the company with a duet. His Lordship rose again, and said he was proud of the Earl of Carnarvon and the Officers of Grand Chapter, whom he esteemed in proportion to the importance of the duties they discharged so efficiently, and asked all to drink most heartily to the toast of the Earl of Carnarvon and the Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter. This was done, and then Comp. Latham rose to propose a toast which he said required no recommendation from him. Those in this province who were Royal Arch Masons knew how deep an interest their Most Excellent Grand Superintendent took in the Craft. Each succeeding year, under his Lordship's rule, they were attaining a standard more nearly approaching to perfection in the Craft than they could do under any other ruler. The longer he ruled over them the more they learned to appreciate him. When Lord De Tabley took the Province under his control, things were in chaos in comparison with its present state, and they owed the prosperity and happiness of the Fraternity in great measure to the zeal and ability with which he had watched over and promoted the true Masonic interests of the Province. He desired therefore to propose the health of the Prov. Grand Superintendent of Cheshire, as on his health, and power to fulfil his duties, depended largely the welfare of every Royal Arch Chapter in the Province. The toast was received with the most fraternal greeting and full Masonic honours. His Lordship, who was greeted most warmly, said: Comp. Latham and Comps., I rise to thank you most sincerely for the very kind and flattering manner—I fear far too flattering ("no, no,")—in which my health has been proposed, and the marked demonstration of esteem with which it has been responded to by you all. I was exceedingly proud when appointed the Grand Superintendent of this Province, and my efforts have been directed to reclaim it from the position I found it in, and raise it to a foremost place among the Provinces in the kingdom. (Applause.) I am pleased that the Chapters composing it are zealous in emulating each other in everything good, and that the Officers endeavour, with scrupulous care and fidelity, to follow one uniform ritual, but above all, that harmony is universal. (Applause.) The support I have received from my Officers, past and present, is most encouraging to me, as my labours do not cease inside a Lodge or Chapter. In discharging the difficult and delicate task of appointing my Officers, I do so with great care, and fearlessly; and I sincerely hope that, with their energetic co-operation, and the loyalty of the Comps. generally, the result will prove satisfactory. I am exceedingly thankful for the kind reception accorded me, and the admirable arrangements by which we have been enabled to enjoy this banquet, and to meet under such favourable auspices. (Cheers.)

After a moment's respite, M. Excellent rose again, for the purpose of proposing toast No. 6 on the list, and in doing so said: I rise most willingly and with feelings of great pleasure to propose the next toast, and I take this opportunity of testifying to my appreciation of the services of those Officers who have aided me in their various posts during the past year. I am satisfied they have done their duty ably and faithfully, and from the appointments made this day I have every reason to anticipate the same satisfactory result for the ensuing year. In giving you the toast of the Prov. G. Officers Past and Present, I will associate with it the newly installed H. and J. This was drunk with Masonic honours. Comp. Robinson having responded, his Lordship resigned his seat to his senior Officer, but before leaving, in a few kind words drank to their next happy meeting. Comp. D. Fraser, in proposing the toast of the Visiting Comps., said: In giving this toast, I am sure each and all know how deeply indebted we are to our brethren who have contributed, by their presence, so largely to the success of the day. It is needless for me to say that they are truly welcome among us; but how deeply I, and I know each of you, feel the honour done us by having so many distinguished Comps. here cannot be expressed. I do not know how many brethren have honoured us with their presence, neither can I single out one more than another, but to each and all we give a most hearty welcome, and I ask you to join with me in drinking to their very good health, and we shall be pleased to hear them all respond. The toast was received very warmly, as Comp. Forrest replied in a happy vein. Comp. Smith having given a song, the toast of "The Charities" was proposed, and acknowledged by Comp. Platt. The ninth toast, the Excellent Principals and Officers of the Chapters of the District, was given by Comp. Robinson, and very complimentary allusion was made to the Chapters of Birkenhead. With the toast were associated the names of Ex. Comp. Fraser M.E.Z. of 477, and Ex. Comp. Ellis 537, both of whom replied in suitable terms. Comp. Forrest then favoured the Comps. with a song, and the Janitor's toast brought a most agreeable day to a close.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

A MEETING of the Eboracum Conclave, No. 137, was held at York on Thursday. Present:—E. Sir Knts. T. Cooper M.P.S., and T. B Whytehead P.S. as V.E., Sir Knts. C. G. Pedel as 1st. Gen., G. Balmford as 2nd Gen., M. Millington Prefect, A. T. B. Turner Herald, T. Humphries, W. P. Husband, J. Ward, G. Simpson, &c. A successful ballot was taken for Bro. Captain Murphy, 4th Dragoon Guards, and Bro. G. W. Elliot, M.P., Senior P.G. Warden for North and East Yorkshire, elected at a previous meeting, was installed a Knight of the Order. The Sanctuary of St. Peter K.H.S. and Commandery of St. John, were afterwards successively opened, and Comp. Elliot received the 30 grades, the ceremonies being worked by E. Sir Knt. T. B. Whytehead as Commander, assisted by Sir Knts. T. Cooper, M. Millington G. Balmford, G. Simpson, A. T. B. Turner, and J. Ward.

The roll of English Lodges will receive another addition on Thursday next, that day being appointed for the consecration of the Vale of White Horse Lodge, No. 1770, at Faringdon. The R.W. Prov. G. Master of the Province, Sir Daniel Gooch, has appointed Bro. James Terry, Prov. J.G.W. Herts, as the Consecrating Officer, who is to be assisted by other brethren of distinction.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen is still at Balmoral, and spends her time in the quiet way the residents of the district are so accustomed to. Sir Michael Hicks Beach is the Minister in attendance.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has made a political tour through the Midland counties. He spoke at Birmingham on Saturday, and has since delivered two other speeches in that town, and has also spoken at Wolverhampton and Dudley, in vindication of the Government.

Colonel Stanley, Minister for War, and Mr. W. H. Smith, First Lord of the Admiralty, have left England for Malta and Cyprus.

The appointment of Mr. W. G. Palgrave to be Consul General in Bulgaria was notified in Tuesday's *Gazette*.

Cardinal Cullen, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Dublin, died on Thursday.

The death has been announced of Mr. David Stewart Ker, formerly M.P. for Downpatrick and Down.

At a meeting of the East Kent Farmers' Club on Saturday, it was determined to reduce labourers' wages to a minimum of 15s per week. The Agricultural Labourers' Union threaten to resist the reduction, and urge the men to strike.

In the Board of Trade Inquiry into the collision between the Steamers Princess Alice and Bywell Castle, the evidence in relation to the circumstances of the collision has concluded, and the Crown Counsel has formulated charges of neglect against the first mate of the Princess Alice and the master and two engineers of the Bywell Castle. Evidence as to the construction of the Princess Alice has since been taken. The Netherlands mail steamer Flushing, on Monday, ran into and sank a schooner off the North Foreland, herself sustaining considerable damage. While being towed back to Queensborough, the tow rope broke, killing one passenger and seriously injuring another.

Another serious railway accident has taken place. On Saturday a fatal collision occurred at the Pontypridd Junction of the Taff Vale Railway, where a shunting train ran into a passenger train. Twelve persons were killed and about thirty others injured. The signalman, who admitted that his error had caused the calamity, has been arrested.

A large bonded warehouse in Haydon-square, Minories, belonging to the London and North Western Railway Company, was destroyed by fire, on Tuesday, and two firemen were severely injured while engaged in their duties.

The preliminary report of the accountants and solicitor upon the position of the City of Glasgow Bank, was published on Friday evening. The general result appears to be, that in addition to the total loss of the capital of the bank there is a further deficiency of upwards of £5,000,000, which it is expected will entail a call of £600 per share. Consequent upon this report, the five directors of the bank, with the manager and secretary, were arrested on Saturday by order of the Lord Advocate. Several further failures have been reported during the week, arising from the suspension of the Glasgow Bank. At a meeting of the shareholders, held on Tuesday, it was agreed that the affairs should be wound up by voluntary liquidation.

The Ameer of Afghanistan's answer to the Viceroy's letter has not yet been received, but its tenour is known to be unsatisfactory, and, therefore, in India there is a general belief that war cannot be avoided. There is not the same agreement as to the period when hostilities will begin, but an opinion prevails that nothing will be done until the spring. Very considerable forces, however, are being collected upon the frontier, and large reserves are being sent up from the southern stations. Many native Princes have tendered their support to the Indian Government, and several have offered their personal services. Notwithstanding the pressure applied by the Russian diplomatic and military authorities, the Porte still refuses to accept the terms required for a definitive Treaty of Peace. The movement of Russian troops southwards and the declaration that Adrianople will be held until the definitive Treaty is signed, together with the refusal to recognise the powers of the European Commissioners to regulate the financial administration of Eastern Roumelia, and the continued presence of Russian troops near the capital, afford grounds for suspicion at Constantinople that an attempt is being made to evade the stipulations of the Treaty of Berlin. The Anti-Socialist Bill has passed the German Parliament, and the Session has been closed. The Hungarian Diet re-assembled on Saturday, and the Emperor delivered a speech in which he spoke of the occupation of Bosnia and Herzegovina as complete. The Austrian Reichsrath also has resumed its sittings, and the resignation of the Auersperg Ministry has been announced. Baron de Pretis is endeavouring to form a Cabinet. The President of the French Republic on Monday distributed the awards to the successful competitors at the Paris Exhibition. The yellow fever still rages in the Southern States of the American Union, but the mortality is diminishing under the influence of colder weather.

A warrant has been granted to certain members of the New Forest Lodge, No. 319, to open a Lodge in Southampton, to be called the Albert Edward, with Bro. W. Hickman D.P.G.M. as the first Master.

A meeting of the Doric Chapter of Instruction, No. 933, will be held at Comp. Yetton's, the Rising Sun, Globe-road, Bethnal Green, on Monday evening next, 28th October, at eight o'clock precisely. The Companions will continue to meet every Monday evening during the winter months. Comp. T. J. Barnes P.Z. is the Preceptor, and Comp. Wm. H. Myers the S.E.

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ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SOUTHPORT.

LAYING THE MEMORIAL STONE.

ON Friday, the 18th inst., there took place in Southport the solemn laying of the foundation stone, with Masonic honours, by the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, of a new church, to be erected at the corner of Hawkshead-street-south, and to be dedicated to St. Luke. Southport is proud, and justly proud, of her ecclesiastical buildings, and all who love fine architecture will be glad to learn that the proposed erection bids fair to be in every way worthy to stand side by side with any of its elder sisters. The "Unity" and "Fermor" Lodges, both of Southport, mustered in strong force, and the number was swelled by contingents from all parts of the county till, to judge from the long files drawn up in the avenue leading from Holy Trinity School to Manchester-road, there could have been no less than 200 Brethren present. At two o'clock a long procession of surpliced choir boys, robed clergy, and Craftsmen in full regalia made its way gradually through the streets. The combined effect of the many colours was very pleasing when a straight length of road permitted the eye to glance uninterruptedly from front to rear, and the changing hues, brought alternately into prominence by the many windings of the route, were equally picturesque. The following was the order of the procession:—Holy Trinity Choir, St. Luke's Choir, clergy, two Tylers, with drawn swords, members of Lodges, according to their numbers, juniors walking first, Past Provincial Grand Officers, two and two, Visiting Provincial Grand Officers, two and two, Architect, with the plans, a cornucopia, with corn, borne by a Master of a Lodge, two ewers, with wine and oil, borne by Masters of Lodges, Provincial Grand Pursuivant, Provincial Grand Organist, trowel, borne by Past Master, mallet, borne by Past Master, Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works, bearing a plate with the inscription for the foundation stone, Provincial Grand Secretary with Book of Constitutions, Provincial Grand Registrar, bearing the seal, Provincial Grand Treasurer, bearing a phial containing the coins to be deposited in the stone, the Corinthian Light, borne by the Master of a Lodge, the column of the Provincial Junior Grand Warden, with a plumb rule, banner of Provincial Grand Lodge, two Provincial Grand Stewards, the Doric Light, borne by the Master of a Lodge, the column of the Provincial Senior Grand Warden, borne by the Master of a Lodge, the Provincial Senior Grand Warden, with the level, Provincial Junior Grand Deacon, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, bearing the Sacred Law on a Cushion, two Provincial Grand Stewards, the Provincial Deputy Grand Master, with a square, the Ionic Light, borne by the Master of a Lodge, the Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Senior Deacon, two Provincial Grand Stewards, Provincial Grand Tyler. As the head of the procession arrived at the site the Brethren divided to right and left and faced inwards, forming an avenue through which the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, preceded by the Provincial Sword Bearer, and followed by the Brother bearing the Ionic Light, the Provincial Deputy Grand Master, and the Provincial Officers and Assistants, passed to the platform which had been erected for the ceremony, and to which the clergy had already made their way.

The proceedings at the stone were opened with the singing of an appropriate hymn, after which Bro. the Rev. C. S. Hope, vicar of Holy Trinity, presented the following address to the Provincial Grand Master:—"My Lord, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master,—The population of Holy Trinity parish having enormously increased of late years, and the church accommodation having thereby become wholly inadequate to its requirements, it has been decided to divide the parish and to build on this spot a church of plain but substantial character, to seat 1000 persons, the estimated cost of which is £5000. Of this sum £3000 has been already subscribed, and Bro. the Rev. W. H. Marsden, B.A., has accepted the charge of the new district. The Building Committee appointed to carry out the work being all Freemasons, and knowing how highly the grand principles of the ancient Craft are valued by your lordship, ventured to suggest that this would be a suitable occasion for their practical application. I have, therefore, on behalf of the committee, myself, and all present, to offer to your lordship a most hearty welcome, and our warmest thanks for so readily acceding to our request to lay the foundation stone of our new church. And may the Great Architect of the Universe prosper our handiwork and grant your lordship long life to practise and uphold the principles of true Masonry in this Province."

His Lordship said: I assure you it gives me great pleasure indeed to come here this day to begin so good a work as is about to be begun, namely, to lay the foundation stone of this church. It has happened to me to lay the foundation stone of a church in this town once before. This is the second time I have performed a ceremony in this town; but it is the first time I have performed it with Masonic honours—in fact, this is the first time I have had the pleasure and gratification of laying the foundation stone of a church with Masonic honours since I came to rule over this great Province. (Hear hear.) I am sure there is no work—no Masonic work—in which I have ever been engaged that has given me half the pleasure that doing this work to-day gives me. We all know how much church accommodation is wanted; and I can imagine well in this increasing town—increasing so rapidly—that the accommodation at present provided cannot be one-half enough for those who ought and who would attend the church if they were able. (Hear.) Therefore, it gives me still greater pleasure when I see this good work of church extension carried on here from time to time. I can remember not later than last year our good Bishop (the Bishop of Chester) told me that since he came to take the oversight of this diocese, he had consecrated or re-opened no fewer than eighty-five churches. (Applause.) When we think of the time he has been amongst us, I think that shows at all events in South Lancashire the work of church extension is proceeding well and rapidly. (Applause.) I will not detain you, as I may have to address you later on; but I will merely say it gives me very great pleasure to lay this foundation stone, and to be surrounded, as I am, by so goodly a number of the brethren of the Province, whom I thank for coming here on this occasion. I only wish that this church may rapidly rise, and that the funds may speedily be forthcoming; and that eventually that hope, which I hear is expressed, that the church may soon be free from debt, will be fully and entirely carried out. (Applause.)

A prayer was then said by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, after which the P.G. Treasurer placed the inscription plate in position; a phial of contemporary coins, and copies of the local newspapers and of other current publications were deposited; the mortar was spread; the stone was slowly lowered to its position; and, with all the forms and ceremonies prescribed by the Craft, Lord Skelmersdale declared the stone to be well and duly laid.

This done a collection was made, realising £85; another hymn was sung; the Provincial Grand Chaplain gave the benediction; and the proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

After the ceremonial on the ground a splendid banquet was served at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, to which about 180 guests sat down. The banquet was thrown open to the public, and a number of ladies were present. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master of England, and Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, presided, and there were also present:—Bros. H. S. Allpass P.G.S., Rev. J. Rees Jenkins P.G. Chaplain, R. Goepel P.P.G.D.C., R. Wylie P.P.G.S.W., G. Turner P.P.G. Treasurer, J. T. Callow P.G. Treasurer, R. Robinson P.G. Registrar, The Masters of Fermor Lodge and Unity Lodge (Southport), Rev. Canon Sheldon (Rural Dean), Geo. Mellor Mayor of Ashton-under-Lyne, and D.P.G.M. of East Lancashire, Rev. C. H. Knowlys (Rector of North Meols), Rev. C. S. Hope (Vicar of Holy Trinity), Rev. W. H. Marsden (Vicar designate of St. Luke's); Rev. Canon Clarke, D.D. (Vicar of Christ Church); Rev. R. Stephenson M.A., Dr. Woods, Dr. G. A. Woods, Capt. Hesketh, Councillor Marchbank, Councillor Roberts, &c.

After grace, the Noble Chairman proposed the health of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, which was duly honoured.

The Chairman next submitted the toast of The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. He said they were a mixed assembly there, so he gave this toast both Masonically and Loyally. The Prince of Wales was their head Masonically, and their future ruler, though he hoped the time was yet far distant before he would become so—(hear, hear)—and the noble Chairman would ask them to drink his health and the rest of the Royal Family. There were two other Freemasons in the Royal Family—his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and his Royal Highness Prince Leopold. (hear, hear.) They were one and all dear to their hearts—(applause)—and he would pause for one moment to say, and he thought they would agree with him, he hoped that one of the younger branches of the Royal Family, Princess Louise, would meet with that success and that esteem in Canada which she deserved. (Cheers.) That her husband, Lord Lorne, would do his duty there most admirably he had not the slightest doubt, but he had a very hard task to fulfil, for he had a very difficult nobleman to follow. (Hear, hear.)

The Rev Bro. C. S. Hope proposed the health of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, who wished to leave the banquet to catch a train, but it would be ungrateful to allow him to depart without thanking him for the kind action he had done for them that day, and without proposing his health. (Hear, hear.) Southport had in the past much to thank his Lordship for, and she was, he felt sure, very grateful to him. From the opinions which he had heard expressed many persons in the parish of Holy Trinity were especially grateful to him, and they would all anxiously look forward to his lordship coming amongst them again. (Cheers.) The first question he had been asked was, "Is Lord Skelmersdale coming?" and when he answered "Yes," they said, "All right." That day he had come amongst them and given them valuable help, as Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, and the speaker was sure of this, that Freemasonry would not suffer in Southport by what the people had seen. (Hear, hear.) He had nearly gained a convert to Freemasonry, Canon Clarke, and that was a great deal. (Laughter.) He hoped when Canon Clarke got up later he would not contradict him. (Laughter.) On their behalf, on his own behalf, and on behalf of Trinity parish, he thanked the noble lord for the kind and hearty way in which he had come to help them. (Cheers.) Theirs was a poor church, which constantly needed help.

The toast was drunk with musical honours. The Chairman said he thanked them most heartily for the extremely kind way in which they had received the mention of his name. He must apologise to them most humbly for rather curtailing their enjoyment, if he might say so, by hurrying on the toasts. Mr. Hope had said very truly that he was bound to catch a train. He had a long journey before him; he was going to Paris. He was sure it was a very great pleasure when he came there to lay the foundation stone of this second church, which was the first he had laid in this town with Masonic honours. They had already been given to understand that one amongst them had been impressed with the ceremony, and might he say that if that ceremony had done nothing more than bring Canon Clarke over to the side of Freemasonry, he for one should feel that his time had not been wasted. (Hear, hear.) That day they had begun a good work, a stone had been laid, and that stone had been cemented by subscriptions on the ground. He hoped that was an earnest of the future, and that in the course of time Mr. Marsden would have such an amount of funds that he would hardly know what to do with them. (Laughter, and hear, hear.) This was a wealthy town, a prosperous town, and he hoped it was going to be more prosperous still. (Applause.) Why should not St. Luke's spring up as rapidly as he had seen other churches spring up in the district, and the work be carried on as thoroughly and as well? He hoped with all his heart it would be so. He thanked them most heartily for the kind way in which they had received him that day. (Cheers.)

His lordship then left the room amid prolonged cheers.

Brother R. Fletcher proposed the health of the Bishops, Clergy, and Ministers of all denominations.

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The Rev. Canon Sheldon, Rural Dean, responded. He thanked them for the cordial manner in which they had been pleased to drink this toast. He was present yesterday at the laying of the stone of the church at Kirkdale. The chief speaker on that occasion was the distinguished and universally admired Home Secretary, who received such a welcome at Southport afterwards. He need hardly say to them that, speaking for the clergy, it seemed to betoken bright and happy days when the Home Secretary, in the midst of such onerous duties, and other gentleman of distinction, should gather together and lay the foundation stone of a church at Kirkdale—(hear, hear)—and he need hardly say that it was an augury of good things when the noble lord who had just left should take the trouble to come to Southport to lay the foundation stone of a church. (Hear, hear.) When they saw men sinking all political and personal opinions, and coming together in such a large and striking manner as they had done that day, to lend a helping hand in the good work, one could not but feel thankful. In the Church of England, to which he belonged, and amongst other religious bodies outside, he hoped they would have a growing bond of sympathy. (Hear, hear.) He said the Masonic ceremonies of that day produced a very startling effect upon his mind, and he thought it would do them all good.

The Rev. Bro. C. H. Knowlys also responded. He said the ceremony of that day was a very solemn one. At all times the laying of a foundation stone was a solemn ceremony, but when supplemented by the grandeur of their Masonic Art and Craft it lent still more solemnity to the deed. He asked, who could tell how many souls would be saved by the results of what they had done that day? It was also a very joyful occasion. It was really necessary in Southport. In his own parish 511 houses had been built during the last two years, whilst he had been there. The population had increased in St. Luke's district, and he was sure that the clergy were very thankful for what had been done that day, and their earnest prayer would be that they might look back upon it as one of blessedness and thankfulness in their Provincial Grand Lodge. (Applause.)

The Rev. Canon Clarke proposed success to St. Luke's Church. He said the ceremonial which was enacted at the foundation stone laying of St. Luke's Church impressed him, as it had impressed Canon Sheldon, very strongly—(hear, hear)—and he did say to Mr. Hope, he wondered when would be next Lodge meeting—(Laughter)—and possibly if his name were submitted to that meeting he might hope to become one of the brotherhood—(laughter)—but he did not actually ask Mr. Hope to propose him—("No, but he will do so followed by laughter)—because he (Canon Clarke) must ask his wife (Laughter.) He had never had a secret from his wife since he was married, and he advised all, except Freemasons, to have none—(laughter)—so that if he became a Freemason, he would have to make an exception to the general rule. (Renewed laughter.) It must be by the leave of his wife, otherwise, he could not consent ("Oh she will") so that if he did not become a Freemason, it was his wife's fault. (Renewed laughter.) Canon Clarke then spoke in high terms of Mr. Marsden, and said he would go about amongst the poor and the rich, amongst those who were in sorrow, distress, and sickness, and would minister the wholesome medicine of God's Holy Word to their souls; and he hoped and trusted Mr. Marsden would soon have a church of his own. After referring to the Home Secretary's speech at Liverpool, Canon Clarke said, in conclusion: May the Great Architect of the Universe bless this church abundantly, and crown the work which has been begun to-day till the top stone be laid with rejoicing, amid shouts of "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, and goodwill to men." (Hear, hear.)

The Rev. Mr. Marsden responded. He said the work had proceeded prosperously and successfully so far, thanks to the energy of the churchwardens and sidesmen and other gentlemen who were interested in the welfare of St. Luke's. (Hear, hear.) Various people had been asking him why the Freemasons should lay the foundation stone. "Well," he replied, "if a Mason cannot lay it, who can?" (Laughter.) But that was not all that the Freemasons had done. They had come forward and liberally helped to extend the subscription list, and they had helped them generously that day. (Hear, hear). If the building came to a standstill, and they were in a "regular fix," who knew but what they would come to their help again, and build the church for them altogether. (Laughter and applause.) After referring to the "ancestral halls" of Little London in a humorous vein, the rev. gentleman gave an account of the financial position of the undertaking. He thanked all the numerous friends who had assisted.

Bro. J. Barrow proposed the health of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. He said they had in the Provincial Grand Lodge men of note and ability. The money which they had spent in assisting charitable institutions, the poor, the aged and orphans, was marvellous. (Cheers.) Outsiders did not know anything about it, and they did not want them to know anything about it. They kept those things to themselves, and the Provincial Grand Lodge richly deserved the honour which the bestowal of such charity carried with it. (Hear, hear.) They had many of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge present that evening, including the Provincial Grand Secretary. It was through his influence that the Province was so distinguished. Bro. Barrow believed this was the second largest Province in the kingdom, and he hoped before long it would be second to none in the kingdom from a Masonic point of view. (Applause.) The toast having been honoured, Bro. Alpass P.G.S. responded, and gave an interesting sketch of the history of Freemasonry. Several other toasts followed.—*Liverpool and Southport Daily News.*

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—This medicine has resisted every test which time, prejudice, and vested interests could impose upon it, and it at once stands forth triumphant as the most reliable remedy for those derangements of the system so common at the change of seasons. When the air grows cooler, and the functions of the skin are retarded, an occasional dose of Holloway's Pills will call on the liver and kidneys for greater activity, and compensate the system for diminished cutaneous action. As an aperients, aperients, and tonics, the Pills have no equal. To every aged and delicate person, whose appetite is defective, digestion loitters, and tone of health low, this medicine will be a precious boon, conferring both ease and strength.

LOCAL CHARITY FUNDS.

WE beg to acknowledge with fraternal thanks the receipt of a pamphlet from the pen of Bro. Godtschalk. That estimable brother is the representative in London of the Charity Committee of Devon, or, as it is called in the Province itself, the Committee of Petitions; and his object in issuing this pamphlet is to urge on his fellow Provincial brethren the advisability of establishing a Local Educational and Advancement Fund for the benefit of children of distressed or deceased Freemasons. The principal grounds on which he rests his proposal are these:—The voting power of the Province is such that it cannot hope to carry the candidate which it has resolved on supporting till several unsuccessful attempts have been made. Thus the boy Furze, who at the recent election to the Boys' School was what may fairly be described as the "official" candidate of Devonshire, had made six previous attempts to get in, but the support he had received on those occasions had only resulted in placing to his credit some six hundred and odd votes, while his success at the seventh trial has only been secured by borrowing largely from other quarters, and thus anticipating, or say we rather, pledging, for some time to come, the voting force of the Province. This is the main reason why Bro. Godtschalk submits his plan for a Local Fund to his fellow Devonians. The others are that there is no reason to anticipate a sufficiently large increase in the number of Devonian Life Governors to the two Schools, or that Provincial Grand Lodge could take upon itself to increase its votes to such an extent as to ensure that the candidate of its selection shall succeed after fewer attempts. A further reason is, that a Local Fund of this character will not be in opposition, but supplementary to, the great central Charities. Taking the Boy Furze as an illustration of what such a Fund is capable of effecting—this boy was three years and a half on the list of candidates before his friends and supporters were enabled to get him in. During that time, as a reference to this list will show, he has been one of four children wholly dependent on a widowed mother for support. Had there been a Local Charity Fund in Devonshire, he might, during this long period of waiting, have been receiving some educational help from it. That is, the Committee might have voted him the sum necessary to enable him to attend some local school, where he would have been gradually preparing himself for admission into the London School. Again, there are in Devon, as elsewhere, a considerable number of brethren who are able and willing to contribute small sums per annum—such as five or ten shillings—but who cannot afford to become Life Governors, or even Life Subscribers. These by their small annual contributions, for which, of course, they would receive a certain voting power, would make a considerable show in the Province, while as regards the London Schools, even the aggregate of their contributions would only increase the voting power of the Province to a slight and inappreciable extent. But the Fund will not be Educational only. Bro. Godtschalk proposes that it shall be an Advancement Fund likewise. Children who cannot be entered at the London Schools will not only receive a sound education at a good school in the different neighbourhoods where they reside, but when they are old enough to set about earning their own livelihood, then in cases where an outfit or premium may be needed, the Fund will provide it. There is yet another advantage which may be anticipated from the realisation of Bro. Godtschalk's or any similar scheme. It will, unquestionably, lessen the pressure on the central Schools at Wood Green and Battersea respectively. There are many people who would be well satisfied their children should be educated in their immediate neighbourhoods, even though it might involve additional efforts on their part to maintain and clothe them. This would, of course, reduce the number of candidates for the admission into the Central Schools. In short, a formidable array of reasons may be urged in favour of Bro. Godtschalk's scheme, but few, if any, against it. The mere mention of the Cheshire Educational Fund, to which we have more than once referred in these columns, and the success of which Bro. Godtschalk adduces as an argument in support of his scheme, will suffice to remind our readers of the value of Local Charitable Funds, while it will fully justify the advice we are about to offer to our Devonshire brethren. This advice is to act upon and do their utmost to promote the success of such a fund as Bro. Godtschalk proposes. It cannot be otherwise than advantageous, and there is no reason why what has been so successfully done by Cheshire, with its thirty-nine Lodges and eighteen Royal Arch Chapters, should not be done as successfully by Devonshire, with its forty-seven Lodges and twenty-five Royal Arch Chapters. At all events, say we, it is an experiment worth trying.

A drawing for several Life Governorships in connection with the Second Tottenham, Edmonton and Enfield Masonic Charitable Association will take place, on Thursday next, at the Seven Sisters', Page Green, Tottenham, at 7.30 p.m. After the ballot supper will be provided, and from the arrangements made, a pleasant evening may be anticipated. Tickets for the supper (price 3s 6d) may be had of the Hon. Sec. of the Association, Bro. J. Garrod, from the above address. In order to introduce the claims of our Charitable Institutions to the notice of other than members of the Craft, the Committee offer a special invite for non-Masons to accompany their Masonic friends. We wish the Association every success, and the meeting of Thursday next a happy termination.

Bro. T. J. Mardwell, W.M. of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, will work the ceremony of installation in the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, 119 Leadenhall-street, on Thursday evening next, 31st October, at 7.30. Brethren are invited to attend.

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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, 26th OCTOBER.

186—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1641—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
1834—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1986—Panton, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

620—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1283—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
R. A. 206—Affability, Station House Hotel, Botsoma, Stansfield.

MONDAY, 28th OCTOBER.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
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.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
1625—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1643—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1625—Trafalgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.

46—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
146—Lights, Masonic Hall, Warrington.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
899—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
R. A. 341—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 29th OCTOBER.

Audit Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
49—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
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—Belgrave, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1446—Mann Sagacious, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1481—Islington, Three Bucks, 24 Greenham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Stanley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1506—Metropolitan, 306 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1826—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
241—Mercantile, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
289—Romance, Bull Hotel, Romford.
810—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
857—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
875—Perseverance, Corbridge Hotel, Wales Owen.
1340—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.
R. A. 724—Grosvenor, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.

WEDNESDAY, 30th OCTOBER.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
720—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crownsale-rd., Camden-town at 8.(In.)
756—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Wansley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30. (Instruction.)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Huntingdon, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1158—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1169—Urban, The Three Bucks, Greenham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1366—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1424—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1556—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1707—Hesmer, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 6.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1366—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

183—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds.
439—Scientific, Private Room, Ringley.
975—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
995—Soodes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1063—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester.
1119—St. Bede, Mechanic's Institute, Jarrow.
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester.
1263—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1566—Kingston, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead.
M. M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale.
K. T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester.

THURSDAY, 31st OCTOBER.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
16—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Verulam, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
720—Panmure Gen. L. of Inst., Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road Brixton, at 8.
1217—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1477—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street Darlington.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
256—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
957—Cathedral, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
994—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
996—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport.
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon, at 2. (Consecration.)
R. A. 366—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood.
M. M. 24—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.

FRIDAY, 1st 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. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (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, 165 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1293—Herrey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
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.
642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

44—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.
680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1564—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High street, Gosforth.
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
K. T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

SATURDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
186—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (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-street, W. at 8.

620—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

St. John's Lodge, No. 22.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, at Commercial Hotel, Bolton. Present — Bros. James Richardson W.M., Thos. Whitaker S.W., Henry Stead J.W., Thos. Mitchell Sec., G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. G.S.D. Treas., W. Spadling S.D., J. L. Aldred J.D., Jabez Boothroyd I.G., Thos. Higson Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Entwisle P. Prov. G.S. of W., Jones, Morris, Ferguson; and Bros. Job H. Greenhalgh W.M. St. George's Lodge No. 1723, with Bros. Court, Seagrave, Hammond, Redley, Seel, Isherwood, Wadesoo and Bradburn. Lodge opened at six o'clock, and confirmed minutes of last meeting. On the motion of Bro. Brockbank, seconded by Bro. Ferguson, the sum of £5 was voted to the Callender Memorial Fund. Other routine business was transacted, and Lodge closed at 8 p.m.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—On Monday, the 21st instant, at the Old Rodney's Head, Old-street, Goswell-road. Present—Bros. Powell W.M., Hallam sen. J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Pearcy S.D., W. Rowley J.D., Millison I.G.; also Bros. Halford, Hallam jun., Thomas, Isaac. All formalities having been complied with, the W.M. worked the first section of the third lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the second, and Bro. Hallam jun. proved his efficiency, and was entrusted. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed by the W.M., in a faultless manner. The W.M. worked the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Wing was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. We have been requested to state that Bro. Halford, the W.M. of the United Strength Lodge, will rehearse the ceremony of Installation on Monday next, and we hope that those W.M.'s who wish to gain a knowledge of this ceremony will avail themselves of the opportunity.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 22nd inst., at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Present—Bros. J. Soper W.M., Baker S.W., Miroy J.W., Dickins Sec., White S.D., Cooper J.D., Linscott I.G., Bingemann Preceptor; Bros. Tate, Brown, Cornu, Linscott, Sanders, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Tate, a candidate for raising, having answered the usual questions was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Tate was raised to the degree of M.M. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Soper, the second and third by Bro. Tate. Bro. Baker was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the undermentioned brethren of the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, on Tuesday, 5th November, commencing at 6 o'clock precisely. Bros. J. Bingemann P.M. 55 W.M., R. F. Tate J.D. 862 S.W., J. S. Brown 862 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Gates, E. Abell, A. Sanders, J. C. Dwarber, R. F. Tate, J. S. Brown, J. G. Thompson; Second Lecture—Bros. E. L. Miroy, J. H. Watts, H. R. Hallam, W. G. Dickins, T. B. Dodson; Third Lecture—Bros. J. Soper, J. Gilruth, J. L. Cornu. Brethren are invited to attend.

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Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 22nd inst. Bros. Moss W.M., Roberts S.W., Maidwell J.W., Daniel S.D., Hammond I.G.; also Bros. Richards, Laroon, Hollands. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed. The second and third degrees were rehearsed by the W.M., in a manner that met with expression of approval from the brethren assembled. Bro. Roberts was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. The annual supper will take place on the third Tuesday in November. Tickets to be had of Bros. Daniel, Maidwell, or Hollands Secretary.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—On 23rd October there were present, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, Bros. Harris W.M., Bush S.W., J. K. Pitt J.W., Moss S.D., Tollis I.G., Gottheil Preceptor; also Bros. James, Walker, Gardiner, &c. The Lodge having been opened and minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Walker offered himself as candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted, and the ceremony rehearsed. The Lodge was then closed down. Bro. Gardiner of 749 was elected a member. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge of Instruction by Bro. Turquand P.M. 1556 on the 2nd Wednesday in November.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—On Saturday, the 19th October, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Present—Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., John Gibbs S.W., J. Millington J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Bedwell S.D., Mallord J.D., P. W. Millington I.G. After preliminary business, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Brasted candidate. The W.M. worked the sections of the third degree. Bros. J. Seidel and J. J. Callegari, of the Crusaders Lodge, were elected members, as also was Bro. W. Hirst, of the Kent Lodge. Bro. S. E. Moss P.M. 185 will preside next Saturday, the 26th inst., when the Fifteen Sections will be worked.

Kingston Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 222, Tunis, North Africa.—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 12th October, at the Masonic Hall. Present:—Bros. A. M. Broadley W.M., G. Pentecost S.W., Dr. A. Perini J.W., Dr. Cassanello M.O., J. J. Gardiner S.O., M. Lumbroso J.O., S. Souiller Sec., A. Blanch Treasurer, M. de Gallais S.D., S. Arieti J.D., V. C. Clement D.C., V. Fizzi Steward, D. Enriquez I.G., H. Haylock Tyler. This was the first regular meeting of the Lodge after the summer vocation. The following M.M.'s were advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master:—Bros. J. H. Stevens (British Vice Consul at Tunis), W. M. Bridger (Commander, R.N.), James Barsotti, and O. Engerer. The muster roll of the Kingston Lodge now numbers thirty-seven members. The Lodge was then adjourned to 9th November.

Union Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 414, Reading.—A regular convocation was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Friday, the 18th inst. Business—The minutes of the last regular Chapter were confirmed. The ballot was successfully taken for Bro. John Long, Union No. 414, and he was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. Comp. E. G. Bruton P.Z. of the Apollo Chapter, Oxford, then installed the three Principals, as follow:—Comps. E. Grisbrook M.E.Z., R. Bradley, Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Bucks, H., A. Portsmouth J. The following Officers were then appointed:—Comps. Weightman P.Z. Scribe E., J. W. Lamb Scribe N., Ravenor P.S., and Biggs P.Z. D.C. A dinner afterwards took place at the Upper Ship Hotel.

La Tolérance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.—A meeting was held on 23rd October at the Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, London, W. Present—Bros. E. Farwig W.M., W. J. Ferguson S.W., A. Cameron J.W., J. Hurdell Sec., C. J. W. Davis Treas., C. Koester S.D., A. Ginger J.D., Cleghorn I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Weedon and Ash, and about twenty-five other brethren. The Lodge having been duly opened and the minutes confirmed, the Fifteen Sections were worked by the undermentioned brethren. The most noticeable feature was the ability shown by several of the brethren who have but recently joined the Craft. At the conclusion of the working, four brethren joined the Lodge, and Bro. A. Cameron P.M. 180, and Bro. Weedon P.M. 383, were elected honorary members. A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Farwig brought the meeting to an end. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. A. Ginger, G. A. Cundy, E. Child, J. Hurdell, H. Ash, A. Cameron, C. Koester. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. W. H. Dean, E. Farwig, J. B. Docker, W. J. Fergusson, C. Dairy. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. L. G. Langdon, D. M. Belfrage, J. Hemming.

Buckingham Lodge, No. 591.—Monthly meeting, held on 16th October, at the George Hotel, Aylesbury. Present—Bros. J. Adams W.M., T. W. Robinson S.W., G. A. Jefferies J.W., L. Ponton S.D., R. B. Bateman J.D., J. D. Coates as I.G., T. Cheshire Tyler, John Williams P.M. Secretary; Past Masters Bros. Rev. O. J. Grace, J. Lawson, S. G. Payne, &c. Visitors—Bros. Rev. H. G. Layton P.P. Grand Chaplain Gloucestershire, Rev. F. B. Harvey P.M. 742, &c. Business transacted—Lodge opened, minutes passed. Bro. Rev. O. J. Grace took the chair, and opened Lodge in second degree. Bros. S. K. Page and S. Hales were examined, and retired to be prepared. Lodge opened in third degree, and Bros. Page and Hales were duly admitted, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. John Williams P.M. took the chair. A ballot was taken for Mr. J. S. D. Ostrehan as a candidate for initiation, which proved unanimous in his favour. Bro. J. Williams then examined Bro. H. Martin for the second degree. This proving satisfactory, Bro. Martin retired, when the Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Martin was duly admitted and passed. The Lodge was closed to the first degree, and Bro. Lawson, at the request of the W.M. took the chair, and initiated Mr. J. S. D. Ostreban. The usual questions being asked, and all business ended, the Lodge was closed in ancient and solemn form, and adjourned.

Buckingham Chapter, No. 591.—A Chapter of Emergency was held at the George Hotel, Aylesbury, on Wednesday the 16th October, when there were present Comps. John Williams P.Z. as Z., John Lawson P.Z. as H., S. G. Payne J., Rev. O. J. Grace P.Z., Lewis Poulton P.S., J. Adams A.S., J. D. Coules, A. L. Taylor, &c. Bro. John Gully, No. 591, having been already elected, was duly admitted and exalted to the supreme degree of a R.A.M. As no further business was anticipated, the Chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form and adjourned.

Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.—At the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Merchant Navy, on the 30th October 1878, at 7 o'clock precisely. Bro. J. Andrews J.W. 1227 will preside. Bros. Barnes P.M. No. 933 and 554 S.W., Webb S.D. No. 174 J.W., Turquand No. 890 P.M. 1556 I.P.M. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Anderson, Ellingford, Smith, Harvey, Hogg, Webb, Barnes. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Worsley, Stephens, Ould, Turquand, Ellis. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Taylor, J. H. Pringle, Berry. Bro. Breden W.M. No. 781 Hon. Sec.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., Christian S.W., Wardell J.W., Gilham S.D., Carr I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., Allen P.M. Preceptor; Bros. Wyman, McClean, C. Lorkin. Bro. Brasted answered the questions, and Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Jones answered the questions; Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The W.M. gave the traditional history. The Lodge was regularly closed down. The Secretary will occupy the chair next Tuesday, when the Preceptor will work the installation ceremony. A goodly attendance is anticipated.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—At the meeting held on 23rd October, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppin-court, Fleet-street, Bro. Vizzard as W.M., H. Hallam S.W., H. R. Hallam J.W., Abell S.D., Tate J.D., Brown I.G., Long P.M. and Preceptor, and others. After confirming the minutes, Bro. Bowran offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was ably performed by the W.M., after which the greater part of the first Lecture was rehearsed. The next meeting night has been appointed for the annual banquet. Bro. H. Hallam was elected W.M. for 6th November, when the ceremony of initiation will again be rehearsed. The Lodge was then closed.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056.—The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of this Lodge of Instruction, at the Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, the 25th day of October, commencing at six o'clock in the evening precisely. Bro. Gush W.S. 1541 W.M. First Lecture—Bros. Vizzard, Hallam jun., Abell, Fox, Squirrell, Lardner, Watts. Second Lecture—Bros. Daniel, Lee, Larchin, Hallam, Denison. Third Lecture—Bros. Creak, Butt, Leggott. Bro. W. W. Snelling Hon. Sec., 2 Whitefriars-street, E.C.

Hartington Lodge, No. 1085.—The October meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., when the attendance was such as to clearly indicate the interest its members take in continued support of the prominent position it has attained in the Province. The junior members, particularly, were in strong muster, and their evident attention to, and acquaintance with the work, testified to the judgment and discretion exercised by the Lodge in the selection of its candidates. The presence also of visitors evinced the good fellowship that exists between it and the other Lodges in the town and neighbourhood. The initiation and passing ceremonies were worked in admirable form, Mr. Edwin Belfield and Bro. Carr being the recipients, respectively, of the favours of the W.M. on behalf of the Craft. The subsequent nomination of three brethren as joining members, and one gentleman as a candidate for Freemasonry, proved the popularity of the Lodge, and we express our fraternal wish that it may so continue, being assured that the popularity of any Craft Lodge is solely due to judicious management, and an attention to the great principles of the Order.

Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 18th inst. at St. George's Hall, Deal. Present—Bros. E. Kirby W.M., J. Leggett S.W., H. R. Botting J.W., T. Ayling P.M. P.G.D.C. as Secretary, S. Hinds Treasurer, J. Carpenter S.D., W. Carterfield J.D., F. England Steward, S. Willey I.G., S. Holgate Tyler. Past Masters Bros. F. Haslip, G. Rivers, H. McDermott, T. E. Lawrence, G. G. Thomson, H. Webb, and D. Fraser. Visitor —Bro. H. Wood, Willington Lodge, No. 784. Lodge opened and minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Hy. Abrams and Mr. Hy. V. Shaw, and found to be unanimous in their favour. A telegram was handed in stating their inability to be present, owing to illness. Lodge opened up to the third degree, and was closed down, the whole being done in faultless style. The brethren adjourned to refreshment, and a very pleasant hour was spent.

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Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145.—The first meeting since the vacation took place on Tuesday, and was numerously attended by brethren and visitors. Bro. Haslett W.M., Leggott S.W., W. Lister J.W., J. Boyd P.G.P. Treas., G. S. States P.G.S. Sec., Dr. Wilkinson S.D., C. Woods J.D., J. Chinnery I.G., Verrall D.C., J. Curtis Steward, J. Read; P.M.'s Bros. Thiellay, T. Bull, &c. The Visitors were Bros. G. Brooks P.M. 902, Z. Gianelli 173, G. Martos 813, H. Santer 167, W. Stollard 180, Venn P.M. 49, Jermyn Boyd 23, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. A communication was read from Bro. Hedges, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, respecting subscriptions to a testimonial to perpetuate the memory of the late Bro. R. W. Little. Bro. J. Boyd, P.M. and Treasurer, gave notice of motion that a sum of ten guineas be voted for that purpose from the Lodge funds. He stated that in addition to any amount that might be raised beyond the sum required for the memorial, the interest would be given to the widow, and the principal was eventually to revert to the Girls' School. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The W.M., who very genially presided, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. That of the Grand Officers was responded to most eloquently by Bro. Boyd. He had so frequently returned thanks for this toast, at the Prudent Brethren Lodge, that he hoped a fresh member might be selected for Grand honours; the duty—always a pleasurable one—would not then devolve on him. Bro. E. H. Thiellay P.M. had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M. Bro. Haslett was one who had endeared himself to every member of the Lodge. All present—whether members or visitors—respected him. He would ask them to drink his health in all sincerity. After a graceful reply from the W.M., Bro. T. Bull proposed the health of the Visitors, and Bro. Venn P.M. 49 replied. He thanked the W.M. for his hospitality; he regretted there had been no working; he knew the W.M. was capable of fulfilling the duties of the Lodge. Personally, he (the speaker) was indebted for his visit, not only on this, but on other occasions, to Bro. J. Boyd, whose working, both in Craft and Arch Masonry, and for the Charities, was so well known and appreciated. He had listened with interest to the remarks made in the Lodge as to recognising the services of the late Bro. Little, and he was pleased to say that the Gibon Lodge, of which he was a P.M., had given a notice of motion that a sum of £5 5s should be voted for the same purpose; he hoped every Lodge would follow this example. After a few remarks from Bro. Brooks, Bro. H. Dicketts P.M. P.G.S. gave the Past Masters of the Lodge. To them was due the success of the Lodge. Bros. Boyd, Thiellay and T. Bull have done their duty in every sense of the word. The tasks they have had to perperform, both in this and other Lodges, were not easy, but each and every one had striven to give satisfaction. Bro. E. H. Thiellay I.P.M. replied; this was his mother Lodge; it was one each member ought to be proud to belong to, and all should aspire to the honour of becoming a P.M. The next toast was the health of the Treas. and Sec., Bros. J. Boyd and G. States. Both were well-known, not only in this Lodge, but throughout the Craft. Bro. J. Boyd contrasted the difference in the way their evenings were passed now, in comparison with those of years ago. We now give a large amount to the Charities; £40,000 annually to our three Institutions; but we might do more. A great responsibility devolves on the executive, and they should be supported. We annually send up a Steward from the Lodge, and brethren hitherto have liberally subscribed. Their S.W. Bro. Leggott had got on his list nearly £200. He was pleased to see the prosperity of the Lodge. Bro. G. S. States P.G.S. Hon. Sec. followed, his services were always at their command. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Officers, to which Bro. Leggott S.W. responded. The Tyler's toast was then given, and this concluded a very agreeable evening, which was augmented by the excellent harmony of several brethren.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction.—A Lodge of Instruction, in connection with the Wandsworth Lodge 1044, was held on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, when the following brethren were present:—Bros. C. Digby, H. R. Jones, W. A. Morgan, W. J. Huntley, A. N. Newens, J. Sanders, W. Wardroper, J. J. Holland, A. Mason, J. Rowe, J. Featherstone, P. V. Denham, and A. A. Denham. Bro. C. Digby acted as W.M., and delivered the ritual in such an impressive and perfect manner as to call forth the united approbation of the brethren. Bro. Featherstone went through the ceremony of raising, Bros. Huntley acting as S.D., P.M. Jones as J.W., and Bro. A. N. Newens as S.W. On the motion of Bro. Jones, seconded by Bro. Holland, Bro. A. A. Denham was appointed Secretary. The names of several brethren anxious to join this Lodge of Instruction were given in and accepted. The business was concluded by the Lodge being closed from the third degree.

West Lancashire Lodge, No. 1403, Ormskirk.—This Lodge held its annual installation meeting, or festival of St. John the Evangelist, at the Commercial Hotel, on 16th inst., when the Lodge was opened by Bro. G. Gould, M.A. The meeting was very numerously attended, not only by the members of the Lodge, but also by several visiting brethren from Liverpool, Southport, Wigan, St. Helens, &c. The regular business of the Lodge having been gone through, including the initiation of an E.A., the Worshipful Master Elect, Bro. P. Draper, was presented by Bro. J. B. Lambert for installation as W.M. of the Lodge for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was admirably and impressively performed by Bros. G. Gould and J. Baxendale, at the conclusion of which Bro. Lambert delivered the usual charge. The following brethren were then appointed the Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. G. Gould I.P.M., J. Winstanley S.W., Jonathan Dewhurst J.W., S. Wylde Treasurer, J. B. Lambert D.C., J. H. Taylor Secretary, J. Hill S.D., T. Lamb J.D., G. Anderson I.G., J. I. Nunnerley Tyler, and H. Ainsworth and Thos. Ball Stewards. The whole of the Lodge business having been duly disposed of, the brethren and visitors sat down to a banquet. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. That of The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of England, R.W.P.G.M., who is well and deservedly beloved and esteemed by his brethren, not only in his province but throughout the kingdom, was responded to by Bro. J. Baxendale, on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers past and present. During the evening a number of glees and songs were given by Bros. G. Barton (of St. Helens), Avis, Fogg, Winrow, Lea, Eastham, Martindale, Milligan, and Gould, Bro. G. W. Watts presided at the piano. Bro. Avis gave two cornet solos in his customary admirable style.

Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1593.—A meeting was held on the 9th October, at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. Present—Bros. S. H. Knaggs W.M., J. Tomlinson P.M. and Treas. S.W., W. Taylor J.W., W. Wigginton P.M., &c. Sec., H. W. J. Vaughan S.D., F. M. Ashley J.D., T. C. Walls D.C., T. R. Ricknell W. Steward T. C. Walls as I.G., G. Harrison Tyler; Past Masters Bros. W. H. Saunders I.P.M., A. Clarke P.M. 820 (Honorary), and numerous other brethren. A letter was read from the R.W.P.G.M. Col. Burdett, regretting his inability to be present; also from the S.W., who had lost his wife two days before. A vote of condolence to Bro. Court was unanimously passed by the brethren. Bro. Henry Court S.W. was then unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. J. Tomlinson P.M. &c. (re-elected) Treasurer, and Bro. Harrison (re-elected) Tyler. On the motion of Bro. Wigginton P.M., seconded by Bro. Saunders I.P.M., a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Knaggs, for the masterly manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair. This brother was the first initiate of the Lodge, in November 1874. The candidates for passing and raising not being present, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet; where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 17th October, at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing. Present—Bros. W. Seward jun. W.M., J. W. Fisher S.W., Coop J.W., A. J. Burr Sec., Henry Tucker Treas., Rickwood S.D., E. C. Porter J.D., E. Gasson I.G.; Bros. H. Stephens, A. Jones, Green 1687, Owen, W. Nye, Le Grys, &c. Business—Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Le Grys candidate. Lodge was opened up, when the W.M. in a very able manner worked the ceremony of raising, Bro. Botley candidate. Lodge was closed in the second and third degrees. Bro. Tucker read a letter from Bro. R. B. Webster, thanking him for a cheque for £2 12s, amount subscribed amongst the brethren for the widow of the late Bro. Jardine, who was lost in the Princess Alice. Bro. Green 1687 was elected a member. Bro. Fisher was elected W.M. for next meeting, and having appointed his Officers, the Lodge was closed in due form.

King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732.—A meeting was held on Saturday, 19th October, at the Metropolitan Club, King's-cross. Bros. J. J. Michael W.M., W. M. Stiles S.W., J. T. Briggs J.W., F. Sainsbury Secretary, H. Stiles S.D., L. Jacobs as J.D., L. Solomon I.G., J. Daly Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Knight, Reuter, and Terry; Visitors—Bros. Edmonds 1507, T. Gilbert 1507, Berger 511, Burgess, &c. Minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Kauffmann raised; Bros. Cashmore, Patterson, and Fletcher passed, and Messrs. Hubbard and Pope initiated. The whole of the work was carried out in a most impressive manner by the W.M. and Officers. The S.W. announced his intention of representing the Lodge as Steward for the Benevolent Institution. The business of the Lodge being over, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, served in Bro. Cox's best style. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received most enthusiastically, that of the Masonic Charities particularly. In reply, Bro. Terry, Secretary R.M.B.I., remarked on the noble manner the Lodge had subscribed, although only consecrated a few months. He made a forcible and eloquent appeal for the Charities. The Visitors expressed themselves highly pleased with the working of the Lodge, and for the good things provided. Bro. L. Jacobs, L. Solomon, and C. B. Putland, who are noted throughout the Craft for their vocal abilities, gave several good songs, which were much appreciated.

Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 22nd October, at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, W.C. Present—Bros. Jas. Willing jun. W.M., J. Douglass S.W., Clemow J.W., W. M. Stiles Sec., A. Treadwell I.P.M. Treas., Jones S.D., Hyland J.D., Dellar D.C., Cook I.G., and Jacques Org.; Bros. Treadwell P.M., Holt, Greenfield, Dovey, Clifton, Parkes, Lloyd, and numerous other brethren. Visitors—Bros. Reed P.M., Rohrs, Osborne, Fenner, Rothschild, Jones, Gibbs, Stock, and other brethren. The ballot was taken, and Messrs. Phillip Cheek, James Carolus Smith, John Henry Vaughan, and Michael Zumpf were declared elected. Lodge was advanced, and Bros. James W. Smith raised to the third degree. Bros. C. Hammond and J. H. Bennett were passed to the second degree. Messrs. Cheek, Zumpf and other candidates were duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The Worshipful Master Bro. J. Willing jun. was re-elected as W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. P.M. Treadwell Treasurer. The Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to a most excellent banquet, and spent an exceedingly pleasant evening.

Israel Lodge, No. 1502.—A meeting was held on the 21st October, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Present—Bros. A. Jones W. M., S. Schönstadt S.W., Rev. — Marks J.W., M.

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Hart Sec., T. De Fresce Treas., Hanschsberg J.D., R. Robinson P.M. P.G.R. D.C., Bros. Wright and Saber Stewards, M. P. Tuski I.G., Ball Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. R. Robinson P.G.R., Hanschsberg, M. Hart I.P.M. Visitors—Bros. Gordon, Pendleton, A. Hart W.M. 241. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed; the Lodge was then opened in the 2nd degree, when Bros. Harris, Stern and Ehrenfeld were examined and entrusted. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, when these brethren were introduced and raised to the sublime degree, the W.M. performing the ceremony in a very able and impressive manner; after which the Lodge was closed down. It was proposed by Bro. M. P. Tuski, and seconded by Bro. Gabrielsen, that the congratulations of the Lodge be offered to Bro. R Robinson P.M. P.G.R. on his appointment as G.R. by the Right Honorable Prov. G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, the same to be recorded on the minutes. This being the evening for the election of W.M., the S.W. Bro. Schönstadt was unanimously chosen.

Polish National Chapter, No. 534.—The regular Convocation was held on Thursday, the 24th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Comps. Sir Chas. Palmer, Bart., M.E.Z., Jas. Warner H., J. Palmer P.Z. J., Matthew Cook P.Z. S.E., Nowakowski S.N., Reinhardt P.S.; P.Z.'s G. R. Shervill P.G.S., Hyde Clark P.G.D., &c. All preliminaries observed, the minutes of the former convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. E. Dawkins, manager of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Northern Lodge, No. 287. He was unanimously accepted. Comp. J. Palmer P.Z., who was elected J. at the last meeting, but was not present, was inducted into the chair by the Z., Comp. Sir Charles Palmer, Bart. At the request of the M.E.Z., Comp. Shervill P.Z. ably performed the ceremony of exaltation, much to the appreciation of the candidate; Comp. J. Palmer acted as P.S. The Chapter was closed, and the Companions sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. A. Best. Grace having been said, Sir Chas. Palmer, Bart., who genially presided, proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. Shervill proposed the health of the M.E.Z. He was in every way competent to fill any position he might be called to. Sir Charles had endeared himself to all; he had exerted himself not only in the Chapter, but in every way to benefit the interests of Freemasonry. After a graceful reply from the M.E.Z., he proposed the health of the newly exalted Companion. It was a great pleasure to drink this toast. Comp. Dawkins had joined their ranks that evening, and all who knew him, appreciated his efforts at all times to minister to their comforts; he (the speaker) was sure Comp. Dawkins would be found a most desirable member of their Chapter; he trusted he would live for many years, and be recognised as an ornament to Freemasonry. Bro. Dawkins thanked the M.E.Z. and the companions for the kind manner in which the toast had been received; his aim would be to promote the welfare of the Chapter in which he had been exalted. Comp. H. M. Levy P.Z. 188 returned thanks for the Visitors. With the toast of the P.Z.'s was coupled the name of Comp. Shervill, who most eloquently replied. The health of the H. and J. followed; the M.E.Z. was thankful for the assistance always rendered by those brethren. The next toast given was the health of the Scribe E., and the Treasurer, to which Comps. M. Cooke and Nowakowski replied. The P.S. was then honoured, and after one or two more compliments had been paid, the Janitor was summoned. Comps. M. Cooke and J. Chaplin exerted themselves to entertain the company.

Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Wednesday, the 23rd October, at Masonic Hall, Regent-street, W. Present—Bros. W. H. Gulliford W.M., Lazarus S.W., Solomons J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, Jacobs Treasurer, Brall S.D., Ellis J.D., Goldberg Steward, Levy I.G., Smith Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Gruenbaum, S. Pollitzer, S. V. Abrahams, V. Myer and several visitors. Lodge was opened, and the usual preliminaries were disposed of. Ballot was taken for three candidates, Messrs. Chandler, Alexander, and Vispré, and proving unanimous in their favour they were severally initiated into the Order, in a first rate manner, by the W.M. A sum of two guineas was voted to the widow of a deceased brother, and Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards dined. We have known banquets better served at this establishment, and hope that the falling off will not be permanent.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—On Thursday, 24th October, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Mason's-avenue, Basinghall-street. Present—Bros. Biaset W.M., Moss S.W., Harper J.W., Blackie Sec., G. Taylor S.D., Kibble J.D., Le Rosignol I.G., and other brethren. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The third section was worked by Bro. Moss, fourth by Bro. C. Taylor, and the first by Bro. Harper. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight. Officers were appointed in rotation, and Lodge closed in due form. On Wednesday, the 31st inst., the Fifteen Sections will be worked by the following brethren, at six p.m. First Lecture—Bros. W. Shaw, T. Hamer, G. Moss, C. Taylor, J. Mander, H. Watts, Tidmie. Second Lecture—Bros. A. E. Taylor, P. Dickinson, G. W. Blackie, Lea; fifth section by —. Third Lecture—G. W. Saul, T. W. Ockenden, H. Sadler.

St. Georges Lodge, No. 1723, Bolton.—On Wednesday, the 22rd October. Present—Bros. J. H. Greenhalgh W.M., G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D. P.M., N. Nicholson S.W., H. Veevers J.W., G. Ferguson Treasurer, J. M. Rutter Secretary, J. Heywood S.D., W. Court J.D., P. Staton Organist, R. Latham I.G., J. W. Rosley Tyler. Past Masters Bros. D. Morris, Stanley, Entwisle P. Prov. G. Superintendent of Works. Visitor—Bro. Cosgrave, M.D. Minutes of last meeting confirmed, the W.M. examined Bro. Brierly as to his proficiency as F.C. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Brierley was raised to the degree of M.M. by Bro. Entwisle, who explained the working tools, and delivered the historic lecture. Closed to second degree, when Bro. Hargreaves was passed by Bro. Brockbank, and the working tools of the degree explained by the S.W. Bro. Nicholson. The W.M., in the name of himself and Bro. Nicholson, presented a solid silver chain, for use by the Masters of the Lodge. It is a beautifully artistic work, executed by a local firm, and was much commended. It consists of thirty links, in which it is intended that the crest of each Master as he passes the chair shall be engraven on a shield, to be inserted in the link, and a medallion with St. George and the Dragon is pendant to the chain, which, altogether, has a very pleasing effect. The crests of the first and second Masters are already inserted. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the donors. A donation collected privately from the members, was given to the Callender Memorial. A circular was read from Bro. Terry, intimating that Col. Starkie, the Prov. G. Master of East Lancashire, had agreed to preside at the R.M.B.I. Festival in February. Bro. Brockbank agreed to serve as Steward on behalf of the Lodge. Hearty good wishes were given from the Visitors, and from Lodges 37 and 221, Bolton.

There appeared in a recent number of *Land and Water* a letter from Mr. R. E. Robinson, in which that gentleman proposed a plan for providing the Metropolis with sea water baths. Many of our readers, no doubt, are aware that a scheme has already been suggested for conveying water into London from the Cumberland Lakes. Mr. Robinson points out that it will be considerably less costly to derive the additional water supply from Brighton. That town is distant only fifty miles, and pipes could easily be laid along the main road, so that London would always be in the enjoyment of an inexhaustible supply of pure sea water. The advantages resulting, if such a scheme were carried out, would, as Mr. Robinson points out, be many. Spacious baths might be erected in the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western districts of the Metropolis. The refuse water from them would flush the sewers, and help to lessen, if it did not wholly remove, those noxious smells which now emanate from the drains placed at intervals in all our street gutters. In the thoroughfares under which the sea water was conveyed hydrants might be fixed, with a view to a good supply of water always being available, either for purposes of fire or for cleansing the streets, while as an indirect, yet certain benefit, may be mentioned the fact that existing fresh Water Companies would be able to exercise greater care so that the water supplied by them should be of the purest possible quality. We should then hear less about the prevalence of ill-health caused by the impurity of the water supplied by them, and used in great part for drinking purposes. One or two other points are deserving of notice. These are, that the towns on the Brighton road might, by means of supplemental pipes, derive a supply of pure water from the main pipes, and that in the important matter of expense, the capital required would, in Mr. Robinson's opinion, not exceed one million sterling. There is no doubt whatever, as we said at the outset, that a constant supply of sea water from Brighton would involve a far less considerable outlay than a supply from more distant Cumberland, and as the sanitary properties of sea water are too well known to need any comment, we think the scheme is one which is well worthy of public consideration.

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CANVASSING FOR OUR CHARITIES.

LAST week we inserted and commented briefly upon a circular letter of Bro. Dick Radclyffe, who has undertaken to act as Steward at the ensuing Festivals of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. In order to secure as much support as possible, Bro. Radclyffe, in addition to canvassing in the ordinary way for the Guineas, Five Guineas, and Ten Guineas, which entitle their respective donors to be enrolled in the list of Annual Subscribers, Life-Subscribers, and Life-Governors, proposes to issue books of half-crown tickets, the purchasers of each of which tickets will be entitled to ballot among themselves for as many Life-Subscriberships as the aggregate of the half-crowns received will justify. The success which has attended this plan is so well known that it calls for no further remark from us. What, however, does seem to demand some comment is the statement to which Bro. Radclyffe has lent the authority of his name, namely—that if every Craftsman throughout England gave "21s per annum to each *Institution* (not a large sum to a man who can find several guineas for initiation fees, subscriptions, &c.) the Charities would require no urgent appeals, nor need they turn candidates away, as the amount thus realised would be sufficient to double the establishments." Of the correctness of this view there cannot be the slightest question. If we assume that in England there are 1,250 Lodges, and that each Lodge on an average has fifty subscribing members, we arrive at a total membership of 60,000 and upwards. But it is well known that a very considerable number of brethren are members of two, three, and even more Lodges, and therefore a deduction must be made from the 60,000 above given. If, then, we assume that one brother in six belongs to more than one Lodge, we shall have a total of 50,000 brethren, to whom the Charitable Institutions must look for support. If each of these acted on Bro. Radclyffe's suggestion, the total annual amount of subscriptions to the Charities would be at the rate of one guinea per member to each Institution 150,000 guineas, or £157,500—a sum infinitely beyond what would be required to maintain our Institutions at double their present strength. This, in fact, would be about four times as much as the aggregate incomes of all three Institutions during the year 1877, when the receipts from donations, subscriptions, and other sources were in excess of what they had ever been previously. We do not for a moment suppose that any one would object to so large an amount being subscribed annually as would be the case if every brother acted on Bro. Radclyffe's suggestion, and loyally gave his guinea to each Charity. The excess of income over expenditure would be so enormous, that in a very few years the invested moneys would yield an income sufficient to maintain our Institutions at their present rate of efficiency without any appeal whatever being made to the brethren for additional help. We are inclined therefore to believe that Bro. Radclyffe has placed his suggested contribution at too high a figure, and that one guinea from Craftsmen distributed equally among our Charities would suffice not only to maintain them at their present strength, but likewise to secure that strength to such an extent as to provide for even the heaviest demands that might be made on them. Having regard to the number of affiliated Masons as aforesaid—and non-affiliates have no claim whatever on our support, that is to say, of course, no such claim as would justify the extension towards them and their families of the benefits of our Institutions—we repeat, having regard to this number, it is very evident that the Schools and the Croydon Institution would not require to be made more than half as strong again as they are now. A Girls' School capable of receiving three hundred, a Boys' School of about the same strength, and a Benevolent Institution with about four hundred beneficiaries, would assuredly meet the greatest demands which are ever likely to be made—unless, indeed, we are prepared to offer a kind of premium to people of small means to become Masons, so that they may have a chance of getting their sons and daughters into our Schools, or themselves into the R.M.B.I. If we reckon the expenditure of each Institution at £11,000 per annum, we have a total for the three of £33,000, and if we increase this to the extent of one-half, we arrive at the considerable sum of £49,500, or, say in round figures, £50,000. Now, a guinea per annum from each of the 50,000 Craftsmen would cover this amount, and leave a small balance over, while a guinea to each Institution from each subscribing member would be just thrice as much as would be needed, even if these were half as strong as they are now. Of course, it is very natural that every brother should desire to see our Charities on a better footing as regards their permanent incomes. If these, amounting in one case to about the sum paid for a purchased admission into the school, and in the other cases to a few hundreds only, were increased to a few thousands, then indeed might we congratulate ourselves on their position, and that without having recourse so extensively to the unpleasant process of canvassing for donations and subscriptions. Moreover, the Institutions would be commensurately less affected by those periodical fluctuations in the income of the country which result from commercial panics, political crises, and the like. This is a point which should be kept prominently before the Masonic public, namely—that if the permanent incomes of all three Institutions—including grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter were added together, they would not suffice to cover one-half of the expenditure incurred by one of them. There is, therefore, every reason why the subscriptions and donations of the brethren should be on the most liberal scale for many years to come, but there is a difference between appealing urgently for what is necessary and appealing for individual contributions so considerably beyond the immediate and even prospective requirements of our Charities. There is, too, one other point which cannot be too carefully insisted upon, viz.—that those who canvass for our Institutions will do well not to lay too great stress on what, in the way of contribution per Mason, will cover the expenditure of our Institutions. It is desirable, and ought to be regarded as a duty, that every one should give according to his ability, but it is very undesirable that any of those who are sparing of their surplus money should have an opportunity allowed them of giving less than they can well afford. There are many brethren who have no objection to spending guineas on banquets and pleasure excursions who are by no means as liberal when it is a question of supporting our Charities, and if they are encouraged to believe that a guinea all round is all that is needed, they will give that guinea, *and no more*. As a matter of fact, those who even give a guinea are but a small fractional part of the Masonic community, and the rich Craftsman's five or ten guineas are the more welcome, and, indeed, the more necessary, because the comparatively poor Craftsman's guinea is not always forthcoming. Canvassers, therefore, must be very

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cautions how they use this guinea argument, or they may find their lists grow "small by degrees and beautifully less."

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall Col Creaton presided, and the other brethren present were Bros. S Rawson, H. Browse, J. A. Rucker, E. H. Finney, O. H. Tattershall, James Peters, J. G. Stevens, W. F. C Montrie, H. A. Dubois, H Potter, H. Massey, John Boyd, Arthur E. Gladwell, E. Letchworth, H. Harker, T. F. Peacock, G. R. Sherrill, E. Spooner, H. Dicketts, Henry Venn, Thomas Cubitt, G. Faulkner, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. One petitioner was placed on the list, and a letter was read from Bro. John Caldwell P.M. 61, in which he stated that owing to ill-health he resigned the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, but sent a cheque for £100 for the Boys' School, and £100 for the Girls' School. A letter was also read from Bro. Peter Matthews, honorary surgeon dentist to the institution, resigning the appointment, which he had held for twenty years, on account of failing health. Bro. Gladwell called attention to the sum of 170 guineas being the amount payable for the purchase of a child into the Institution, and hoped the sub-Committee which had been appointed would take this subject into consideration in the revision of the bye-laws, as the amount was either too small for a child of the age of eight years, or too large for a child of eleven years. The Chairman said the sub-Committee would consider the point. On the motion of Bro. Dicketts, seconded by Bro. E. Spooner, it was resolved to admit by purchase a daughter of Bro. Charles Jardine, who lost his life in the wreck of the Princess Alice.

LODGE OF LIGHTS, No. 148, WARRINGTON.

THE monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, on Monday, 28th ult. Present—Bros. J. Pickthall W.M., T. Tunstall I.P.M. as S W., C. E. Hindley J.W., Jas. Paterson S.D., J. Grime J.D., John Bowes P.M. P.P.J.G.W. Sec., J. H Galloway I.G., T. Dumville Tyler; J. Harding P.M., Wm. Sharp P.M.; Bros J. Bayley, T. Jones, G. F. Curzon, T. Sutton, R. W. Francomb, W. Born, and the following visitors:—D. W. Finney W.M. 1250, J. H. Galloway 1250, A. Hayes 1250, Geo. Cropper 1250, S. M. Davies, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. The Lodge was opened at 6.30, and the minutes of the last meeting were read, found correct and ratified. There was little business to bring before the Lodge. The bulk of that transacted was of a private nature. At its conclusion the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer. The brethren, by the request of the W.M., adjourned to supper, at the Red Lion Hotel. The repast was put on the table in excellent style by Bro. Speakman, and the attendance was faultless. After each brother had enjoyed the good things provided, the cloth was removed. The first toast—Her Majesty the Queen—was offered with a few well-chosen remarks, and was duly honoured; all singing the National Anthem. The next toast was introduced to the brethren by the Worshipful Master, who expressed a fervent hope that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales would be spared long to rule over the Craft. He united with the toast the gracious Consort of his Royal Highness and all the Royal Family. The toast was drunk most heartily. On rising for the third time, Bro. Pickthall gave the Masonic Rulers, supreme and subordinate, uniting with the same the name of Bros. Sharp and Finney. Bro. Sharp thanked the W.M. and brethren. He alluded to his recent attendance at Provincial Grand Lodge, and regretted that this large Province had not a Masonic Temple to do justice to such a large gathering of the Craft. It was, he thought, the largest that had ever taken place in England, except that at the Albert Hall. He assured the brethren that the present was a very active period in Freemasonry. He trusted that the time had arrived when their Provincial Grand Officers would make a point of visiting each and every one of the Lodges in their important Province. (Hear, hear.) He had an idea that Lord Skelmersdale would see the necessity of doing so, and himself set the example. Bro. Finney also returned thanks, and had the honour of proposing the health of the W.M. In doing so, he said, I rise with very great pleasure to propose this toast, yet I fear I cannot do justice to the subject. Your W.M. fills the chair of your Lodge ably and faithfully. He has won for himself the esteem of each and all, not only in the Lodge, but in his every-day life. To rule a Lodge to the satisfaction of the brethren requires many excellent qualities. We know with what tact, zeal, energy and kindness our esteemed brother has discharged the important duties of his exalted position. It is a source of great satisfaction to a Worshipful Master to know he has the hearty co-operation and sympathy of his Lodge in all his efforts. I know, by the entire accord and harmony, that so it is in this Lodge; its W.M. has the complete support of every Brother. As the W.M. of an offshoot of this Lodge, I feel it a duty as well as a pleasure to try and copy the good example laid down by No. 148, which, as a Lodge, in all its bearings, is a credit to the Province. Individually I greatly value the friendship of the W.M., I have learned to esteem him as much out of Lodge as in. I came here to-night to mark the high esteem I hold the W.M. in, and also to testify the high regard I have for the brethren of the mother Lodge. I hope that the cordial feeling which now exists between the two Lodges may ever continue, and increase in the Lodges of this town. The toast was drunk with musical honours. Bro. Cropper favoured the brethren with a song, after which the W.M. rose, and said, Brethren,—I thank you sincerely for the kind reception accorded the last toast. I have anticipated the kind remarks of Bro. Finney, and I feel grateful for the personal expressions with which he has been pleased to propose my health. During my year of office, which is now rapidly drawing to a close, I have endeavoured to do my duty; I regret I have not been able to do more. I shall yield up my post to my successor with many vivid recollections of the pleasant evenings we have spent together, and in after years I shall recall the twelvemonths I passed as Master of this Lodge among the happiest of my existence. While on this subject, I cannot resume my seat without expressing the deep sense of my obligation to the Officers of the Lodge who have so ably aided me in carrying out the duties, and to the brethren for the esteem always shown me in my capacity. Bro. Galloway, by command of the W.M, assumed the gavel to propose the health of the Past Masters of 148. If the Past Masters gave as much pleasure to the brethren as their W.M., he could only imagine what a continual reign of happiness and prosperity the Lodge had enjoyed. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Bowes. The toast was most heartily drunk, with Masonic honours. Bro. Bowes in reply said, the task of responding for the Past Masters devolved upon him, as the penalty of being eloquent. He felt greatly honoured by such a distinction, and assured the brethren that the Past Masters have always taken a deep interest in the welfare of the Lodge, and would continue so to do. There was a time when the Lodge, like many others, was not as prosperous as they could wish; but now, by indefatigable exertions, it was on a sound footing, and he looked to a career of uninterrupted prosperity in the future. Bro. Tunstall, with great pleasure, proposed The Health of the Wor. Master and Officers of 1250. In doing so, he expressed regret that all the Officers of the Lodge were not present. He need, however, tell the brethren of 1220 who were present, that the members of their Lodge were always heartily welcome. The members of 148 always feel glad when a new Lodge is added to the large roll of Lodges, and are happy to find that the tenets of the Craft are strictly carried out by 1250. He had the honour of uniting the names of Bros. Finney, Sutton and Cropper with this toast. Bro. Tunstall favoured the brethren with a song; after which Bros. Finney and Sutton returned thanks. The W.M. now rose; he had reserved the toast he was about to give them for himself, as he considered it a toast greatly esteemed. He hoped the day would never come when the Lodge would be without visiting brethren. They had present that evening a brother to whom he knew all were delighted to extend a most cordial welcome; he need not tell Bro. Davies that they would be very happy to have him visit their Lodge again. With the toast he had the pleasure of uniting the name of Bro. Davies. The toast was drunk enthusiastically, and Bro. Davies responded thereto. Bro. Cutnor kindly answered to the call for a song. The health of the Officers of the Lodge was next proposed and drunk, and Bro. Bowes, in reply, said on behalf of Bro. Treasurer and myself, I thank you for the honour done us; I am pleased to see so many round this festive board to-night, and gratified at the remarks of Bro. Davies, who regretted that there had been no work for him to witness. He hoped Bro. Davies would come and visit them again. Bro. Bowes regretted there was not uniformity of ritual in the Craft; he said, if our Brethren in ages gone by could maintain uniformity, why not we who live in the enlightened age of the 19th Century. Other Brethren replied, and after some more capital songs, the Tyler's toast brought one of the most enjoyable evenings to a close that it has been our good fortune to participate in.

Northumberland and Berwick Lodge of Mark Master Masons.—The regular meeting of this time immemorial Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 23rd October, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Lodge was opened by Bro. W. E. Franklin Prov. G.S. of W. W.M., supported by the following Officers—Bros. W. S. Hughs P.G.S.W. I.P.M., J. Rydadale P.M. as S.W., Dr. Lake Armstrong J.W., T. J. Armstrong M.O., G. Place as S.O., J. R. Robson J.O., R. Lock Treasurer, R. G. Salmon Secretary, T. Blinkensop S.D., J. Wood J.D., S. M. Harris I.G., J. S. B. Bell Steward, and G. S. Sims Tyler. The minutes of last meeting being read and confirmed, the election of W.M. and Treasurer was then proceeded with. It resulted in the unanimous selection of Bro. W. Cockburn S.W. as W.M., and Bro. R. Lock as Treasurer. Bro. G. S. Sims was also re-elected Tyler. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

A full report of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of Northumberland and Durham, held under the Banner of the Union Lodge, 124, Sunderland, shall appear in next week's issue.

Common as is the occurrence to London Masons, it is not often we have to announce that the Fifteen Sections are to be worked on the same evening in a Provincial Lodge. It therefore gives us great pleasure to notify the fact that the Master and principal Officers of St. James Lodge, No. 482, Handsworth, have arranged to work them on Monday next. The Lodge will be opened at five o'clock, and we hope the meeting will prove a most interesting and instructive one. The brethren of this Lodge are noted for their hospitality, and we are given to understand many Visitors are expected on the occasion.

In our report, last week, of the Union Chapter, No. 414, Reading, in announcing the installation of Principals, we inadvertently gave the names wrong. The Principals of the Chapter, who were installed into the respective chairs by Comp. E. G. Bruton P.Z., are—Comp. R. Bradley (Prov. G. Secretary Berks and Bucks) M.E.Z., Comp. A. Portsmouth H., and Comp W. Parsons J.

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NEW ZEALAND.

OUR New Zealand correspondent sends us the following items of Masonic intelligence:—

The interesting Masonic ceremony of erecting and opening a new Lodge (the Southern Cross, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland) took place at Donaldson's Post-office Hotel, Chapel-street, Prahran, on Tuesday evening, 3rd September. It was attended by a large number of the Craft, including the members for the district, Bros. G. D. Carter and E. J. Dixon. After the Provincial Grand Lodge had been opened in due form, the Prov. D.G.M., Bro. D. Grueby, presiding, owing to the unavoidable absence of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. A. K. Smith, who was detained at the House by his Parliamentary duties, the impressive ceremony of erecting and opening was performed by the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, the musical portions being efficiently rendered by Bros. J. Coverlid and Alfred Wheeler, Bro. A. Fritsch officiating at the organ. The members of the new Lodge were introduced and presented, and the following brothers inducted into their respective offices by the Installing Master, Bro. H. W. Lowrey:—Bros. Alfred Wheeler R.W.M., Alfred Nyberg S.W., John G. Miles J.W., E. J. Dixon Treasurer, W. C. Hawkins Secretary, Samuel Willis S.D., W. Lansly J.D., Thomas Donaldson I.G., J. Bitten Tyler. After the Lodge closed the Prov. Grand Lodge Officers and Visitors were entertained by the members of the new Lodge at a banquet provided by Bro. Donaldson.

The installation of the Worshipful Master and Officers of the Lodge of Dunedin took place on the 21st August, at the Masonic Hall, Moray-place. There was a large attendance of the Craft. The Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland, E.C., was represented by Bros. John Hyde Harris D.G.M, H. S. Fish D.D.G.M., and Officers; the Provincial Grand Lodge, S.C., by Bro. Gore D.D.P.G.M. and Officers; whilst the Otago Kilwinning Lodge, S.C., the Lodge Celtic, S.C., the Lodge St. Andrew, S.C., the Lodge St. George (Inapeka), E.C., Lodge of Otago, E.C., and Port Chalmers Marine Lodge, E.C., were represented by their respective Worshipful Masters and Officers. The Lodge having been duly opened, a Lodge of Provincial Masters was formed, Bro. S. De Leon being installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. E. Nathan P.M., who, assisted by Bro. Myers P.M., also installed the following Officers:—Bros. Cameron S.W., Braid J.W., Blackburne S.D., Beattie J.D., Young I.G., Asher Treasurer, Naphtali Secretary. The balance-sheet, which was of a very favourable character, was then read and adopted, after which the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren, to the number of fifty or more, then repaired to the Criterion Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was served in Bro. Thompson's best style, in honour of the occasion.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1338, Auckland.—The Installation Meeting took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Princes-street, on Thursday, 12th September. A very large number of brethren attended the meeting, so large, indeed, as to make the want of a suitable hall with fitting accommodation for Masonic purposes severely felt; a want which received unfavourable comment from the brethren present, but one which, we are glad to learn, is about to be supplied. Many District Grand Lodge Officers and other Visitors of distinction arrived before the opening of the Lodge and during the evening, amongst these may be mentioned:—R.W.P.G.M. I.C. Bro. G. P. Pierce P.M.; V.W.D.D.G.M. E.C. E. T. Wildman P.M.; V.W.D.S.G.W. E.C. W. Lodder P.M., V.W.D.G. Treas. E.C. C. T. Goldsbro' P.M., V.W.D.G. Sec. E.C. H. G. Wade P.M., V.W.P.G. Secretary I.C. W. J. Rees P.M.; W.P.G. S.D. I.C. A. Brock P.M., W.M. Lodge Ara 348 I.C. M. Levy W.M. Lodge Eden 1530 E.C. J. Warren, W.M. Lodge Remuera 1710 E.C. H. Rees George, Wor. H. N Montagu P.M. Robert Burns Lodge 817 E.C., and P.M. Sydney Tarbolton 277 S.C. P.B.G. Sec., M. M. Irving 33, H. Brett Director of Music P.G. Lodge S.C., and following P.M.'s—W. H. Skinner 1338 E.C., M. S. Leers 942 E.C., 1338 E.C., and 380 I.C., G. M. Mitford 348 I.C. and 1338 E.C. The W.M. Bro. the Rev. C. M. Nelson opened the Lodge in form, at half-past seven, and after the usual ceremonial and preliminary routine business, Bro. Dr. Dawson S.W. of the Lodge, W.M. elect, was presented for installation to the W.M., who on this occasion acted for the first time as Installing Officer, a duty hitherto performed in the most faithful, zealous, and efficient manner by W. Bro. Leers P.M. Bro. Nelson showed himself, however, in nowise wanting in the high qualifications requisite for this important duty; the elegant, and indeed eloquent and impressive delivery of the ancient charges and important portions of the ritual of this ceremony, could not fail to enhance the beauties of Masonry in the heart of the listener, and those who had not previously visited Lodge Prince of Wales, must have indeed felt gratified at the highly efficient mode in which the working and business of the Lodge was conducted. During the evening some very excellent anthems were chanted by a choir, consisting of Bros. Brett, Skinner, Harker, Wilcox, Irving, Rogers and Montagu, Bro. Rees P.M. acting as Organist. After the conclusion of the installation and ceremonial the Board of Installed Masters was closed, the brethren of lower grades were re-admitted, and the newly-installed W.M. then formed his Lodge as follows:—Bros. F. W. E. Dawson W.M., Rev. C. M. Nelson P.M. and Chap., E. C. Dyer S.W., W. Rattray J.W., W. H. Skinner P.M. Treas., M. S. Leers P.M. Sec., E. S. Wilcocks Director of Ceremonies, S. Rogers Organist, Major General J. W. Gossett S.D., W. S. Collins J.D., J. W. Gossett I.G., C. Porter Tyler. The brethren having duly saluted the W.M., W. Bro. Nelson then impressively addressed the newly-appointed Officers and the brethren generally on their respective duties, and the installation ceremony being thus concluded, the Lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, well supplied by Bro. Hood. The manner in which all the wants of the inner man had been anticipated and provided for by mine host, was the theme of general commendation. After the weight on the board had been considerably diminished, the good things had disappeared, and grace was said, the exhilarating glass was circulated in strictest moderation, and the toast of the evening received due attention, interspersed by mellifluous strains from the vocalists previously mentioned, in solos, glees, and other concerted music. The W.M. proposed the following toasts in rapid succession, prefacing them with appropriate remarks:—The Queen and the Craft; H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England; the M.W. Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland, Sir M. Shaw Stewart and the Duke of Abercorn. Bro. J. Adams proposed The District Grand Master, E.C., Bro. G.S. Graham, the P G. Master, S.C., Bro. P. Whitaker, and the P.G. Master, I.C., Bro. G. P. Pierce. W. Bro. Nelson then proposed, in a most eulogistic address, the toast of the evening, the W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, Bro. Dawson. He alluded in feeling terms to the Masonic career of Bro. Dawson, side by side with himself in the Lodge, and but one step removed from him, and felt convinced that the welfare of the Lodge could be in no better hands, and concluding by exhorting the newly-appointed officers to support the Master by the due and earnest fulfilment of their duties. The W.M. replied very appropriately and feelingly, expressing grateful thanks for the kindness extended to him. Bro. W. H. Skinner, P.M. gave The installing Master, and took occasion to allude to the excellent way in which the ceremonies of the evening had been conducted. Bro. Nelson expressed his sincere acknowledgments. The Past Masters of the Prince of Wales Lodge was then given by Bro. R. C. Dyer S.W., and suitably acknowledged in a few most pertinent remarks by Bro. Leers P.M. This worthy brother then eloquently proposed The Visiting Brethren, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Past Master Montagu, of Sydney, a brother of high distinction in the Craft, by whose presence the Lodge was honoured that evening. Bro. Montagu, in reply, stated that he could wish one of two things, either that the hour was much later, so that he might be spared the necessity of unworthily representing the number of distinguished brethren who were standing up in response to the toast, or that it were much earlier, so that he might have time to express the feelings he experienced at the honour so distinctly conferred on him. He realised on this occasion the full benefit of the Masonic tie. For the first time in the many years since he had been admitted to the Craft, he found himself in a peculiar position. On other occasions, when travelling through the neighbouring colonies, accompanied by his treasured certificate, he had been so well known—through his position as a journalist, and by brethren who had sat with him in Lodge and could vouch for him—that he did not require to use them. On this occasion, coming a stranger, in a strange land (except by letters of introduction), in the hurry of departure, he left his certificates behind, and hence had to work his way into Lodge. He had satisfied the closest, but very necessary scrutiny; but, once within the sacred circle of the mystic tie, the bonds of fellowship and brotherhood were cast around him in close embrace, and friends were secured where before everything seemed drear and cold. Next to benevolence and charity, hospitality was the great Masonic principle; and it became a brother who had tasted of its benefits to repay the debt by standing forward as the champion of Masonry whenever the breath of envy or malice attacked the purity of its principles. Bro. Montagu concluded by congratulating the brethren of this Lodge upon the excellence of its working, judging by the conduct of the Officers on this occasion. The Officers of the Lodge Prince of Wales was then given by Bro. E. T. Wildman D.D.G.M., in one of the best speeches of the evening, who supported his well-merited praise of these brethren by the recapitulation of his own personal experience of their efficient conduct and general merits. Bro. R. C. Dyer S.W. responded. The following toasts also received able proposal and due recognition, The D.G.L. Officers (Bro. Wildman D.D.G.M. in response), The Brethren who rendered the Music, The newly (lately) initiated Brethren, by Bro. Rattray, and The Poor and Distressed Brethren. Our Next Happy Meeting concluded the proceedings, and the brethren separated after a most agreeable evening.

The question of erecting a Masonic hall is at present occupying the earnest attention of the Officers of Lodges, and members of the Craft generally, in Auckland, and it is probable that in a short time some satisfactory scheme for that purpose will be devised. We are informed that an offer was made to the Committee, and which is certainly a liberal one, by a well-known Hotel-keeper, to erect on the site in Princes-street a first-class Hotel, on the American principle, with suites of rooms, &c., at a cost of from £10,000 to £12,000, and a Hall, entirely separate form the Hotel, at a cost of £3000, provided he got a lease for a term to be agreed upon, at the expiration of which the whole property would revert to the fraternity, or to trustees whom they may appoint.

Miss Florence Smart's Second Evening Concert will take place on Tuesday next, the 5th inst. This talented lady will be assisted on this occasion by the following vocalists:—Madame Antoinette Sterling, Miss Mary Davies, Miss Kate Hardy and Mr. Field. M. Claude Jacquinot (violin) and Mr. Walter Pettit (violoncello) will appear, and a most agreeable evening's entertainment is anticipated.

The Lord Mayor Elect (Alderman Sir Charles Whetham) has honoured Messrs. Lock and Whitfield, of Regent-street, with a sitting for his photograph, which will be reproduced by the Woodbury permanent process, and published with the November number of the *British Mercantile Gazette*.

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DISPOSAL OF LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—"UNION JACK'S" last Balance Sheet shows an improvement at the end of the year to this extent, that the account opened with a balance due to Treasurer of £5 3s 3d, but closed with one in hand amounting to £68 13s 5d. Yet, though apparently there is a modest Benevolent Fund, showing a balance in hand from previous year of £6 2s 6d, the bulk of the Receipts finds its way into the stomachs of the members, Refreshment figuring for a fraction over £287 out of a total Receipt from Subscriptions, &c. amounting to £392 10s 10d. "UNION JACK" says the Lodge means to vote a part of its balance to one of the Charities. Be it so, and the sooner the better. Those who eat three-fourths of their incomings should find something for those who have few or no incomings to eat. More than this need not be said.

My chief object in writing these presents is one which affords me much pleasure, and I trust your readers will be equally pleased. I am desirous of setting before them what I think is worthy of being described as a model balance sheet. It is that of a Provincial Lodge, and relates to the year 1876. But though nearly two years old, it is worth giving in summary. The statement speaks for itself.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from previous year, including cash in bank, in hand, and Masonic Hall Shares, together	£275	8	9
Fees (Initiating and Joining), Subscriptions, and Charity Fund	339	10	0
Banker's Interest and Dividend on Masonic Hall Shares	7	5	1
	£622	3	10

EXPENDITURE.

St. John's Festival, teas, and refreshments	£135	6	2
Rent	40	1	0
Various—Stationery, New Collars, &c., Tyler, &c. ...	44	6	0
G. L. Fees and Prov. G. L. do	37	18	0
Benevolent account, including £100 to Local Masonic Fund, fifty guineas to Girls' School, fifty guineas to non-Masonic Charitable Institution, annual subscription to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and Male and Female Funds of R.M.B.I., together, eight guineas (at two guineas each), and donation to an individual	216	3	0
	473	14	2
Balance—Cash and Masonic Hall Shares	148	9	8
	£622	3	10

Let me add that this Lodge has given £741 to Masonic Charitable Institutions, namely, £252 to Boys' School, £189 to Girls' School, £100 to Male Fund R.M.B.I., and £100 to Female Fund ditto; £100 to Local Masonic Charity. In return for these, and for its fixed annual subscription of two guineas to each of the four funds connected with the central Charities, it commands 78 votes for Boys' School, 37 for Girls' School, 24 votes Male Fund, and 24 votes Female Fund R.M.B.I., besides 100 votes to Local Masonic Charity. For its donations to non-Masonic Charity it is entitled to 11 votes for twenty years, terminable at different dates.

This is unquestionably a model balance sheet, for which the Lodge deserves the greatest *kudos*. Let other Lodges seek to imitate it, and our Charitable Institutions—central and local—will fare well. But what a contrast to those which have been furnished to you by "UNION JACK!"

Fraternally yours,

OLD FILE.

P.S. From a return for the year 1877-78 of the Lodges for the Province in which the above is located, I find the number of its members set down as 113. If we reckon the number at about 100 for the year 1876, we shall find the expenditure on refreshment is at the rate of very little more than £1 per member, while I should judge from the amount received as subscription (£196) that an individual members' contribution would be about twice that sum.—O.F.

"CHARITY;" IS IT "GIVING?"

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—The correspondence in your columns on the "charity" question ought to raise some serious considerations, and I venture to start a few points. I do so because certain of our brethren seem to think: that Freemasonry exists, only, to support certain Institutions called "Masonic Charities;" that all who are called Masons are bound to subscribe sums not below a certain minimum; that no member in the Craft is free to exercise his judgment as to deserts or management of the Institutions called "Masonic Charities;" that, being Masons, they are bound to blindly and indiscriminately support such Charities, forsaking all others, while, at the same time, they are to ask for the support of the outside or popular world to "Charities" in which the initiated only, or their immediate connections, can have the slightest chance of becoming—should their necessities require it, or they become qualified—beneficially interested.

I take issue upon these points. I shall not deal with them exhaustively, and I will, as much as possible, write italics, though I shall use none.

I would proceed to show that some of the views you have admitted to your columns, if acted upon, would be subversive of all Masonic principles; for some of the proposals would end in making each Lodge meeting a mere meeting of Board of Guardians, but when each Brother gave of his substance, in place of distributing, as in legal relief, the forced contributions of others, and we should have a huge benefit Society, not for equal benefits of all subscribers, but for blind giving to the best beggars—to those who, by externals, could "qualify" readiest as the most needful to be relieved. But I shall not attempt this exhaustive work. I have charity at heart; but I cannot afford the time to demonstrate what must be clear to all who have unmuddled brains. I shall only charge myself with the task of pointing out a few plain facts, leaving clear heads to fill up the pictures.

I distinctly charge: that those who are endeavouring to make out that giving to what is called "charity" is the one essential principle of a Lodge member, are offending against the "Antient charges and regulations," inasmuch as they are countenancing dissent from the "original plan of Freemasonry." This "original plan," which is to be maintained in all its purity, is set forth in the Book of Constitutions, and those who can run can read that book. It will there be seen that the institution of gigantic "charities" was no part of the "original plan," but that proper and discriminate charity was incidental to it. It has been said that a Freemasons's Lodge is the Freemason's Church. I put it on a higher pedestal. I say a Lodge is the Freemason's Home, dedicated not only to the worship of God, but where the Freemason may unite with the "virtuous of every persuasion in the firm and pleasing bond of fraternal love." In this connection "charity," properly so-called, arises—and true charity helps—not pauperises. "It blesseth him who gives and him who receives," but your "giving," in the form of votes, troubles the thoughtful "subscriber," while it degrades the receiver. Upon this "charity voting," however, I will not enter, for I should speak too strongly upon this subject in this, my maiden effort in Masonic controversy.

I utterly deny the right of any one to fix, as you, Sir, do, and Bro. Radclyffe does, the minimum of another's charity. Charity is free, and our law, I mean of course our Masonic law, teaches us that we are to be prudent. This word should be printed in capitals, so as to impress us that we should be prudent, that we do not distress ourselves or families; that we do not cause others to give that which they should use in making their foundation *in life* firm; that we do not make a virtue of that which is a vice—and the greatest of all vices—ostentation in giving.—and we should remember, too, that it is no charity in a man to give that which belongs to his creditors or his family, in order that he may win renown, which a man is tempted to do by ostentatious giving. As to what could be obtained by fixing an amount which, you say, each brother ought to give, I say that it would be a great degradation and danger to the Craft to have such amounts. "Degradation," because our institution would be proved to be radically wrong if its members required to have distributed among some of them yearly such large amounts to keep them from the pangs of distress, and a "danger" because the exhibition of large giving will tempt the crafty, the lazy, and the improvident to become members of our ancient institution for the sake of what they might get. Do you doubt this? Look at any town where there are "charity" funds, and you will see that poverty gathers there as to a feast. Wretchedness is there made a trade. Look at London, and the action on the Poor Laws. Ten years ago London, with a million less population, had nearly 166,000 paupers, with a large fringe of people "on" and "off" the Poor Laws. Then trade was flourishing, and labour was heavy in its demands. To-day, without hardship to the real poor, with an added million of population—with trade terribly depressed, we have—What? Why less than 80,000 pauper population. This is because the legal charity is now discriminating. Increase your indiscriminating charities, and you will increase your applicants. I was in a country place not long ago, and found that Masonry was very popular in a poor town among the artizan and small tradesman class. The reason was, that one of that class had been elected to a "pension" on the R.M.B.I. All the improvident of that town are looking forward to their time coming when they will be qualified to become a "case." As to our institutions themselves, I have a right, as a member of the Craft, to weigh each of them in the balance, as to the amount of good done, and consider what might be done. I have endeavoured to increase the funds of the "Old Men and Womens' Institution," and successfully, for I find the funds prudently and satisfactorily applied. But if it was proposed to give pensions of two or three hundred a-year, I should withhold my support. Yet the cost of the children in the R.M.B. Schools is far above, per head, what a parent with £500 or £600 a year can afford to spend upon his child. The evil does not end with the limits thus imposed upon the "charity," and I may mention that I was sounded by a brother, who some years ago subscribed to a country Lodge for a little time, whether he would have any chance of "running" his son into a thing wherein some £60, £70, or £80 a year was the sum reputed to be spent on each boy. This Brother looked upon the thing as "good enough," because if he got it, it would give for begging more than he would care to earn. We know that certain ancient seekers passed the mouth of a cavern. Well one day I was passing with a friend, in the holidays (not this year), the door of a tavern, where resided the widow of a late brother. Quoth friend to me, pointing to a child at said door, "There's one of the Masonic School children." It was a fine boy. No depression of trade there; for the "people," somehow, always find the money to get drink;

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but the publican-brother had influence in his death to get votes—not because his death had left his child necessitous—but because the "case" was known; and the child is now held up as one of many who but for Masonic charity, would be wanting a home and training. When I see such things, I give my money—that which I have to give to charity—in directions where I know it will be "thankfully received, and faithfully applied."

I am not singular in holding that "giving," to be "charity," must be discriminating; for I know Lodges where the view is gaining adherents. Of late years the principles and intentions of Freemasonry have been perverted and misdirected, by almsgiving (chiefly in votes) being made the "First Principal," in place of being an "Assistant Sojourner." By degrees, we shall come again to the true principles. We shall have no split, as in France. Our English common sense will refuse to be guided by a few enthusiasts, even in charity. We shall be guided in our true charity, by that wide-spread religion of both Hebrew and Gentile, which tells us in that Book of Books, to "consider" the poor. If we properly consider them, we shall not tempt them, by the display of huge funds, to enter an Order whose primary objects are the cultivation of good fellowship among men of all creeds—best shown by all sitting down to one common table; displaying, in the best form, hospitality, kindliness, and universal charity of heart. We have, in these hard times, not too many opportunities of cultivating the social pleasures under rule of Master and Wardens, and if these opportunities are to be lost to us under the inspiration of grudging Brothers, who overlook the primary principles of the Craft, you will tumble the Craft into the mud, and the large funds now produced will be lost.

Let "UNION JACK," Bro. Dick Radclyffe, and some others, turn their attention to the Book of Constitutions, and they will learn something. Even the omniscient "we" of your columns, may find food for reflection there in.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

DEUX ETOILES.

CHARITY STEWARDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am sorry my letter (published in your issue of 28th September) caused your correspondent "P. T." to so far depart from the end we all have in view as to question my rendering of mere words. For this reason I never care to refer to any matter, either in Lodge or in a public journal, because, in the one case it generally ends in some one taking general remarks as made against him personally,—not, as is intended, merely in support or otherwise of a proposition,—while on the other hand some correspondent airs his particular idea of the meaning of certain words, or something equally frivolous, which in no one way affects the main argument, and merely promotes discord. I will not again refer to this or any other question which involves personality. My object always has been to promote, as far as in me lies, the welfare of our Charities, and they certainly cannot benefit through any personal arguments.

As my remarks hitherto may not clearly show my views on this subject, I will briefly recount them, as so far expressed, but would rather refer your readers to my letter in your issue of 21st September. 1st. I agree that Anniversary Festivals are necessary, but I maintain that the rules, in so far as those of our Institutions are concerned, require revision. 2nd. The advantages offered to brethren working for our Charities are inadequate.

To each of these subjects considerable space has lately been devoted in your valuable journal, with, up to the present time, in my opinion, a complete victory in favour of alteration. In fact, no one, so far as I remember, has yet said a word in support of the present rules being maintained.

Bro. Binckes's third letter, treating of "The Inadequate Return for Expenditure," supports rather the idea of an alteration being necessary. He points out that fifty lists such as the one which forms the basis of his remarks would realise no less than 1,500 guineas. Then, I say, Why not do something to encourage such workers? it is to them we look for systematic and continued support; to the enthusiast of the day for exceptional and spasmodic contributions. As I have before stated, no rule should be allowed to continue which can give offence to even *one* person likely to help the cause if it can be so altered as to meet the objection, and hence it is I would advise a thorough discussion as to the best means to be adopted to lighten, if possible, the *expenses* of Stewardships. I feel sure that in this matter liberality would tend to increased returns; and if some concessions were made in the way of votes to brethren such as "A STEWARD WHO HAS SERVED ONCE," I believe they would prove a profitable investment.

I remain, yours respectfully and fraternally,

ALPHA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been anxiously looking forward to Bro. Binckes's fourth letter on this subject, which is of far too great importance to be allowed to drop for want of a little thoughtful discussion. I know, of course, that his time is fully occupied, that he has his various Committees to attend, and that he is also here, there, and everywhere, doing all in his power to get Stewards and others to support his School. But great things are expected from great men, and "Our Hercules" is one in whom we look for herculean labours, among which can hardly be included the task of writing another letter. Were Bro. Binckes somebody else, people might arrive at the conclusion that "ALPHA" or another person among your correspondents had proved too much for him, but this is out of the question. So I trust you, Bro. Editor, will exert your powers of persuasion on Bro. Binckes, and induce him to forward that promised letter, so long and so anxiously expected by,

Yours fraternally,

TOOTSICUMS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The circular letter in last issue of the CHRONICLE, from Bro. Dick Radclyffe, informing the Craft if they did this, and if they did that, such and such would be the result. These remarks offer not a single new idea, and are somewhat inflated, and unlikely to produce much good from Masons generally, whatever effect they may have on the Brethren of St. John's, No. 209.

In reality, our Bro. Radclyffe says plainly, I have screwed my courage to the point of Stewardship for two of the Charities; now, after this sacrifice on my part, it really is your bounden duty to put your names on my list for at least so-and-so.

I fear the Craft as a body will not take kindly to the style adopted, and that our brother's belief and assurance that each individual appealed to will dispose of a book of his tickets ("if he relies on such sure support") will meet with disappointment. This disposal of ticket business has been done again and again, and nearly to death. The worthy brother, energetic enough in print, but wanting a deal of help, if he means business, and intends getting amounts on his lists worthy the big flourish he commences his Stewardship with, should remember that the issue of circular letters containing oft-told platitudes and impossible facts, with well worn theories, that won't work—about every brother selling a book of his tickets—is mere moonshine, and leads to no material result.

Rather should a Steward who means work, one having the welfare of the Charities at heart, personally visit Lodge after Lodge, bringing before its members (of course, by permission of the W.M.) the claims of the Institutions whose cause he is advocating, and point out the good done and doing; and not alone by once stating the case. The facts culled from the published records of the Charities are all sufficient to move the hearts of good Masons. The Craft require no taunting; a personal reminder put to a Lodge or Chapter, with tact and discretion, has many times been followed by a vote of ten guineas; at other times, when the cash has not been voted then and there, a promise has been given to take the matter into consideration at a future meeting; faith has been kept the money has been voted, the Steward for the Institution has been favoured with instructions to place such an amount on his list. All this means—Time, Work, and Money; but, on the principle if a thing is worth doing, 'tis worth doing well, a personal appearance is more valuable than a hundred-weight of papers or letters, with which Lodges and brethren get inundated.

Our Charities have their years of prosperity, and also those of depression,—this is the natural sequence of the country's commercial success, or the reverse for the time being; but the vast progress these Institutions have made, the immense good accomplished and doing, bars the words "reproach" or "disgrace," as applied to the Craft in their voluntary and generous support given to the Charities. Our Institutions are not suing in *forma pauperis* for aid; they but ask the Craft to support and maintain what they have created; and never will that appeal be made in vain, spite of mere expression of individual opinion. Should, unfortunately, an extraordinary effort at any time be required on behalf of one or all the Charities, my belief is, the appeal would meet with a generous and liberal response; nonparing hands would give, and subscriptions would be received, not only from the body at home, but from the English Craft throughout the world.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES GODTSCHALK P.M. 70 and 1255.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — Will you permit me to call further attention to a very excellent proposition made by Bro. Dick Radclyffe in his letter which appeared in your journal of last week.

Bro. Radclyffe very properly observes, with regard to the Charity Elections, "Let it be understood that all candidates who have been subscribing members should take precedence at elections." The force of this suggestion will be readily admitted by those who have studied the summaries of candidates published from time to time in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, where you have repeatedly referred to the few applications which possessed the recommendation that the candidate had been mindful of the claims of our Institutions in his days of prosperity. The performance of this duty ought undoubtedly to be remembered, should calamity or misfortune overtake the subscriber, and there are several plans by which this could be effected, if the Committees now revising the Laws were to take them into consideration.

Perhaps the simplest arrangement would be the issue of additional votes at each election, according to an agreed scale, to such candidates as possessed the claim of having been charity subscribers. Possibly an invitation from you to Bro. Radclyffe, or to some of the many brethren who interest themselves in our Institutions, would be met by the preparation of a scheme which would commend itself to the Committees, and result in a due recognition of the principle that those who have assisted others should have special consideration in the hour of need.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

C. P.

30th October 1878.

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THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Referring to the kindly remarks of Bro. W. J. Hughan, in your impression of the 12th instant, the truly fraternal tone of which I much appreciate, I am sorry to have been so far unsuccessful in converting this esteemed brother to my own way of thinking with regard to the present status of Original No. 3 (now Fortitude and Old Cumberland).

Very shortly I trust to put my views as to this Lodge's position before the Masonic public in a connected form, but meantime the readers of the CHRONICLE may perhaps bear with me if I claim a little of your space, wherein to supplement, by a few additional remarks, what has already appeared in your columns in respect to this Lodge.

1. The acceptance of a Warrant in 1723 was followed by no *penal* consequences until 1729.

2. The adjustment of the precedency of Lodges was left to the (four) Grand Officers, amongst whom *one* only of the four old Lodges (Original No. 4) was represented.

3. *Immediately* after the publication of the engraved list for 1729, when for *the first time* Lodges were shown in order of seniority, a protest was registered by Original No. 3, "against their misplacement in the printed book, whereby they lost their rank."

I submit, therefore, that the degradation of this Lodge six years after the occurrence, upon which the decision of the "*four Grand Officers*" was based (approved, however, by Grand Lodge, who dismissed the appeal of the parties concerned), besides being an *ex post facto* law, was an undoubted violation of the *Original* Constitutions (embodied in the solemn compact of 1721) *by which only* the four old Lodges were governed, and was, moreover, in manifest breach of the LANDMARK set up as a check to innovation and *absolute dominion*, viz.:—

"That every privilege which they (the four old Lodges) collectively enjoyed, by virtue of their immemorial rights, they should still continue to enjoy, and that *no law, rule or regulation, to be hereafter made*, should deprive them of such privileges, or encroach on any landmark which was at that time established as the standard of Masonic Government."

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

OLD LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The following extract from the Warrant of Confirmation under which we of the Strong Man are now working may assist in clearing up the mystery with which the career of the Lodge is surrounded, and if some brother of the Medina would kindly publish a similar extract, we should then know the positions we do and ought to occupy.

Yours truly and fraternally,

H. J. D.

After the customary greeting, the warrant reads:—

"Whereas, it appears by the Record of our Grand Lodge, that a warrant, bearing date the 2nd day of February, 1734, was issued under the seal of Masonry, enabling certain brethren therein named to open and hold a Lodge of Freemasons at the Ship Coffee House, Hermitage-Bridge, London, to be called the Strong Man Lodge, which was then No. 110; and whereas, by the general closing up of the list of Lodges in the year 1740 the said Lodge became No. 98. By the closing up of the list of Lodges in the year 1756 it became No. 68. In the year 1770 the said Lodge became No. 57. By the closing up of the list of Lodges in the year 1781 it became No. 44. And by the closing up of the list of Lodges in 1792 it became No. 41, and which Lodge, in consequence of the Union of the two Fraternities of Freemasons on the 27th day of December 1813, became and is now registered in the books of the United Grand Lodge No. 61, and meets at the SWAN Tavern, Mansel-street, Goodman's Fields, London."

P.S.—Since then the Lodge has been No. 53, and its present No. is 45.

30th Oct. 1878.

THINGS ONE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Why Past Masters, or actual Officers of one Lodge, when visiting another Lodge, wear their collars of Office to the distraction of other Visitors, and sometimes to that of the W.M.? Is there any Constitutional law relating thereto?

Fraternally yours,

FORTE.

30th October 1878.

DRAMATIC.—The Sheffield Masonic Amateur Dramatic Society gave two performances at the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, on Thursday and Friday 24th and 25th Oct., and they were both most successful. The pieces represented were *Charles the Second*, *My Uncle's Will*, and *Still Waters Run Deep*,—the male characters being taken by the Sheffield brethren; the Ladies' parts by Miss Marie Montgomery, and Miss Frederica Taylor, of London, who respectively made their mark as Florence Marigold in *My Uncle's Will*, and Mrs. Sternhold in *Still Waters*. We understand that two more such entertainments are to take place towards the end of this month.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

Paxton Lodge, No. 1686.—The anniversary meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday last, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. The Lodge may be described as an off-shoot of the Stockwell Lodge, No. 1339; it was consecrated in July of last year, and has performed its duties and responsibilities in a manner that has merited the commendation of all who wish well to the Craft universal. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. J. M. Klenck, who was supported by Bros. F. W. Goddard and H. Thompson P.M. as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively, and a good assemblage of members and visitors. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. H. E. Frances P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Surrey, took the chair as Installing Master, and Bro. Klenck introduced the W.M. elect, Bro. F. W. Goddard, to the presiding Officer to receive at his hands the benefits of installation. After Bro. Goddard had signified his intention to conform to and support the ancient Charges and Regulations, the obligation was administered, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the ceremony proceeded. On the re-admission of the brethren, the appointment of Officers was made:—Sawyer S.W., Boswell J.W., J. M. Klenck I.P.M. Treasurer, H. E. Frances P.M. Secretary, Woodhams S.D., Bassett J.D., Dodd I.G., Walker D.C., Frank Goddard W.S., Partridge A.W.S., Radford Tyler. In investing his Officers Bro. Goddard made some happy remarks in reference to the responsibilities they were severally taking upon themselves, and urged one and all to assist him in promoting the welfare of the Lodge. The addresses were then delivered by Bro. Frances, who resumed his seat amidst the congratulations of all present. The W.M. then rose for the purpose of presenting a Past Master's jewel of most artistic design to Bro. Klenck I.P.M., and in doing so, Bro. Goddard congratulated Bro. Klenck on the success of his Mastership, and tendered him the hearty good wishes of those over whom he had so genially presided. He also expressed a hope that the recipient of the jewel might long wear it on his breast, and that he might long continue a member of the Lodge which owed its foundation to him. The jewel had on it the following inscription:—

"Paxton Lodge, No. 1686. Presented to Bro. J. M. Klenck, in appreciation of his services as First W.M. and Founder. Oct. 1878."

Bro. Klenck acknowledged the gift in appropriate terms, but was brief in his remarks, as he had to address the meeting later in the evening. Bro. Goddard then rose and presented, for the acceptance of the Lodge, a banner of elegant design, and beautifully wrought by Bro. Frances, Secretary; and on the motion of Bro. Klenck, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed, and ordered to be inscribed on the minutes. The vote having been duly acknowledged, Bro. Frances rose and said, he, too, had a banner which he begged the Lodge would do him the favour to accept. It was intended to show the intimate connection existing between Freemasonry and Charity, and had inscribed on it the name of three brethren, members of the Lodge, who had qualified as Vice-Presidents of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Though the number was at present limited, he trusted that in due time the banner would be filled with names of those who had similarly distinguished themselves. The banner was accepted, and a suitable vote of thanks passed and acknowledged. It may be as well to add that this, too, was the work of the donor, and the wonder is that he can find time to produce so many works distinguished by such artistic merit. On the motion of Bro. Goddard it was agreed that for the future the Lodge should meet on the last Saturday in March, April, May, September, and October. Bro. Bassett having proposed a vote of thanks to the auditors (carried), and several letters of apology from Colonel Burdett, Colonel Peters, Rev. R. J. Simpson, Captain Durrant, and other brethren, expressing their regret at being unable to be present, having been read, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The menu, it is needless to say, was an excellent one; Brothers Bertram and Roberts were the caterers on the occasion. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed and acknowledged with the utmost heartiness, Bro Klenck rose and proposed the health of the W. Master. He remarked that the brethren had known him from the foundation of the Lodge as being one of the founders, and therefore they had had every opportunity of judging of his merits. He congratulated Bro. Goddard, who was a true man and Mason, on the position he occupied, and felt sure he would acquit himself worthily of his duties and responsibilities. Bro. Goddard, though acknowledging himself "poor in thanks," yet very gratefully acknowledged the kindness of the I.P.M. in proposing the toast in such laudatory terms, and the brethren in so heartily endorsing them, and at the close of a neat response, proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. Frances. This was responded to, Bro. Frances remarking that he had felt no hesitation in installing Bro. Goddard, because he knew the W.M. was one who would never disgrace the chair. It then became the duty of the W.M. to propose the health of the I.P.M., and at the same time to present to that worthy brother a further evidence of the esteem and respect in which he was held. This evidence was in the form of a very handsome testimonial on vellum, enclosed in a deep gold frame, and bearing the inscription:—

"Presented to John Matthew Klenck, P.M., in testimony of the high esteem in which he is held by his brother members; his exertions in behalf of the Masonic Charities; his efficient services to the Lodge; and to commemorate his being the first W.M., and one of the founders."

The testimonial was the work of Bro. Frances, and in every way worthy of his ability as an artist. The design was a most elaborate one, and beautifully carried out; and what adds greatly to its value as a testimonial is the fact of the portraits of the several founders of the Lodge, with their autographs, having been introduced, and ably worked in, so as to harmonise with the general design. Brother Klenck expressed, as far as it

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was possible for him to do so, his deep sense of this further proof of the kindly feeling entertained towards him by the brethren of the Paxton Lodge. He should strive to do his duty in the future as conscientiously as he had striven to do it in the past. He was delighted with the harmony that prevailed in the Lodge, and trusted it would always continue. Then followed other toasts, including those of the Visitors, the Press (acknowledged by Bros Moreau and Thompson) and the Officers. In the intervals between the speeches several songs were very effectively sung by Bro. Sawyer and others, and when the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, those present rose and departed, well pleased with their entertainment. The following Visitors were present, namely:—H. C. Levander Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex, H. Thompson P.M. 177, Chas. F. Johns 1287, Thos. J. Robertson 1538, Moritz Rosenblum 1339, Wm. McKay 1339, Jubal Webb, W. W. Morgan 211, &c.

Hemming Lodge, No. 1512.—This Lodge held its installation meeting on Thursday, the 17th October, at its Lodge Room, Lion Hotel, Hampton. Bros John Hammond P.M. 201 P.G. Steward Middlesex W.M., C. W. Fox P.M. 1326 W.M.-elect S.W., John Cameron Jessett J.W., W. Hammond P.M. P.P.G.D. Middlesex Secretary, E. Hopwood P.M. 141 P.G.S.B. Middlesex Treas., T. Moody Acting S.D., T. C. Walls P.P.G. Org. Middlesex J.D., F. W. Kent D.C., J. W. Hiscox Steward, John Gilbert P.G.T. Middlesex Tyler. Past Masters Bros. John Hurst, Samuel Hill, D. B. Raw and other members. Bros. Davey, Cox, Papworth, Day, Patey, Hanlon, Beauchamp, Andrews, Messenger, Jones, Tagg, Wheeler, Murphy, &c. Visitors—Bros. J. W. Baldwin P.M. 1423 P.P.G.P. Middlesex, W. Fisher P.M. 834, Handel, Turner, Borrell, and White (all of 1656), T. G. Hamilton S.W. 1306. W. Bartlett, E. Russell and R. M. Axford were separately initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. During a break in the ceremony, the Right Worshipful Prov. G.M. Colonel Burdett entered, and was duly saluted in accordance with the honours of his exalted position. The gavel having been presented, was at once returned to the W.M. Bro. T. Hanlon was now passed to the degree of F.C., and subsequently Bros. Bray, Cox, and Carpenter were ably raised to the sublime degree, the obligations being administered separately. The W.M. next installed his successor, Bro. Copeman William Fox P.M. 1326, who at once invested his Officers, viz.:—Bro. J. C. Jessett S.W., T. W. Ockenden, by deputy, he being unavoidably absent as an Officer of the new Lodge of Progress 1768, then in the act of Consecration. The Treasurer and Secretary were re-invested, with kind, complimentary remarks from the W.M. T. C. Walls S.D., F. W. Kent J.D., J. W. Hiscox I.G., T. Moody M.C., Harry Tagg Steward, W. J. Day Junior Steward. The Installing Master then gave the addresses with excellent precision and effect. Other business incident upon the duties of the occasion were then proceeded with. Allusion must not be omitted to the report of the Audit Committee, consisting, by virtue of the bye-laws of the Lodge, of the P.M.'s and Officers, nearly all of whom were present at the audit. After a payment of ten guineas to the Charities, three guineas to the Bardett Testimonial Fund, and over fifty guineas to the funds of Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge, a cash balance remains in the hands of the Treasurer of over thirty-five pounds, in addition to arrears due. We append the auditors' remarks upon this result:—"With every liability met, the W.M. thus enters upon the duties of his important post with the pleasing anticipation of continued marked success, and the Committee feel confident that with this excellent balance in hand, his known philanthropy will secure a further respectable increase to the objects of benevolence. One of the foremost to be considered is that of the testimonial to the memory of our lamented Bro. Little, late D.P.G.M., a generally beloved brother of the Province. This testimonial, so thoroughly deserved, whatever form it might have taken, commands the sympathy of the entire Craft, from the benevolently practical nature it assumes for the future."

Castle Lodge, No. 1621.—The Installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth, on Friday, October 25th. A Lodge of Emergency was opened at two o'clock, when the ballot proving unanimous Mr. Thomas Dowell was initiated by the W.M. Bro. E. Jones Chittey in his usual impressive manner. The Auditor's Report and other business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed in due form. At three o'clock the brethren reassembled for the event of the day, when there were present Bros. E. J. Chittey W.M., H. B. Southwell S.W., A. Colles, M.B., J.W. Hubert Smith Treasurer, Thomas Whitefoot Secretary, Jos. Stokes I.P.M., P.M. 252, P. Prov. G.S.W. Worcestershire, F. Foxall S.D. C. Deighton J.D., J. Sewell Organist; Elihu Price, W. Simms, E. M. Southwell, W. L. Southwell, A. S. Trevor, T. Whitefoot jun.; and T. Tyler Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., W.M. 478 P.G.S.W. Oxon, E. M. Wakeman, W.M. 262 P.G.S.W. Shropshire and North Wales, George Taylor P.M. 377 P.G.P. Worcestershire, Horton Adkins J.D. 1261, F. Chittey 1551, J. W. Chadwick 377. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. H. B. Southwell, the W.M. elect, was duly presented and obligated. Lodge was then advanced, and the ceremony of installation proceeded with, Bro. Joseph Stokes P.M., P.M. 252 P.P.G.S.W. Worcestershire, acting as Installing Master; the chair of Senior and Junior Warden being filled by Bros. E. M. Wakeman W.M. 262, P.G.S.W. Shropshire and North Wales, and George Taylor P.M. 377, P.G.P. Worcestershire, respectively. Bro. H. B. Southwell having been formally inducted into the chair, the brethren were readmitted and saluted their new Master, who then invested his Officers as follow: Bros. A. Colles, M.B., S.W., F. Foxall J.W., Hubert Smith Treasurer, Thomas Whitefoot Secretary, T. Pratt S.D., W. Simms J.D., E. J. Chittey D.C., John Sewell Organist, A. S. Trevor I.G. E. M. Southwell, Thomas Whitefoot jun. and E. Cooper Stewards, T. Tyler Tyler. The ceremony was throughout rendered in a highly efficient and impressive manner by the Installing Master. On its completion the W.M. rose to present Bro. E. J. Chittey, the outgoing Master, with a very handsome Past Master's Jewel, and expressed, on behalf of the Members, their appreciation of the great services rendered by him, not only during his year of office, but as a founder of the Lodge and an incessant worker for its interests. Bro. Chittey expressed the pleasure he felt in receiving that mark of esteem from the brethren of the Lodge with which he was so intimately connected, and whose interests he had so deeply at heart. Hearty good wishes having been tendered by the Visitors from their respective Lodges, Lodge was closed in due form and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in excellent style by the host Bro. J. S. Vince. After grace the loyal and other toasts usual on these occasions were duly honoured, and the W.M. in responding to the toast of his health expressed a confident hope in being able to keep up the efficient working of the Lodge, assured as he was of the ready assistance of the two experienced brethren who had preceded him in the chair, and relying upon the earnest cooperation of his brother Officers. Bros. Stokes and Chittey responded to the toast of the Past Masters, and Bros. Taylor, Chadwick, Adkins and Chittey on behalf of the Visitors. During the evening some capital songs were given, and Bro. Sewell, Organist, greatly contributed to the evening's amusement by playing several selections. For the convenience of those brethren who had come from a distance, the Tyler was summoned shortly before eight, and an extremely pleasant evening was then brought to a close.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1705, Gosport.—The installation of Bro. C. B. Whitcomb, on his entering upon a second term of office, took place on Thursday, 24th ult., at the Star Assembly Rooms, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion. The brethren who assisted at the ceremony were Bros. George Grant J.W., G. F. Lancaster P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Stroud Secretary, J. Warden S.D., A. J. Eades J.D., G. Des Geneys Dir. Cer., Thomas Batchelor Prov. Grand Org. Organist, and Bros. A. Balliston, W. Smith, G. A. Wright, A. Allen, R. W. Mitchell, G. Darby, W. Brunwin, C. Johnson, A. T. Cave, E. J. Smith, and C. J. E. Mumby. The following visiting brethren also took part in the day's proceedings:—Bros. W. Payne W.M., and H. J. Guy I.P.M., Royal Sussex, 312; W. Hillier W.M., G. B. Irons, J. E. Thornton, J. Gentle, W. H. Page, W. Misslebrook, and R. H. Gainsbury, Gosport, 904; George Pearman Org., George Dean, J. Hamilton Bridle, Portsmouth, 487; Charles W. Bemister, Royal Gloucester, Southampton, 130; T. P. Hall W.M. Carnarvon, Havant, 894; J. C. Stroud, Peace and Harmony, Southampton, 359; W. R. Theobald, Aldershot Camp, 1331; W. Townsend I.P.M. United Service, 1428; D. G. Gilmour, Harmony, 309; J. S. Senior, A. Peterken, 1349, and J. Hicklen, United Service, 1428. The Installing Master was Bro. G. F. Lancaster P.M., by whom the ceremony was ably performed, and at its conclusion the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. G. Grant S.W., J. W. Stroud J.W., G. F. Lancaster Prov. G.J.D. Treas., T. Batchelor Prov. G. Org. S.D., C. Johnson J.D.; G. Des Geneys Sec., E. J. Smith I.G., A. Knight Org., C. J. E. Mamby D.C., G. Darby and A. Cave Stewards, L. Canvin Tyler, William Thomlinson Assistant Tyler. In the course of the proceedings, Bro. G. F. Lancaster, on behalf of the brethren, presented the W.M. with the following vote of thanks, beautifully illuminated on vellum and richly framed:—"Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England—Prince of Wales Lodge, 1705.—Extract from Minutes of Lodge held on the 26th of September 1878:—"Resolved unanimously, that the best thanks of this Lodge be, and are hereby heartily accorded to Brother Charles Benjamin Whitcomb W.M., for the very able, painstaking, and courteous manner in which he has, as first Master of the Lodge, performed the duties of his office.—James W. Stroud, Secretary." At the conclusion of the business of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to the India Arms Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served. On the removal of the cloth the customary Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the W.M. was warmly eulogised for the able and zealous manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office during the past year. In the course of the proceedings the W.M. presented Bro. G. F. Lancaster with a handsome meerschaum pipe and carved smoking set complete, in recognition of his untiring efforts on behalf of the Lodge.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS.—The will of Mr. George Bryan Jennings, late of 23 Philpot-lane, and of Shelley House, Chipping Ongar, merchant, who died on the 16th Sept., has just been proved by Mrs. Cecil Frances Jennings, the widow. The testator, after leaving his furniture and household effects to his wife absolutely, leaves the rest of his property to her for life, and then to his children. The will of Mr. Louis Alexander Mounder, late of A 1 Tower, Smithfield Market, licensed victualler, who lost his life on the 3rd Sept., by the sinking of the Princess Alice, was proved on the 17th Oct. by Mr. F. C. Mundet, the brother, the surviving executor. The testator's property is divisible among his children in equal shares, the provisions in favour of his wife becoming inoperative in consequence of Mrs. Mundet having been drowned at the same time with her husband. The will of Mr. John Cole Cole, late of Riches-court, Lime-street, and of Smithfield, Caterham, Surrey, who died on the 11th Sept., was proved on the 5th Oct. by Mrs. Catherine Cole, the widow, and Mr. John Cole, the son, the executors. The testator leaves all his real and personal estate to his wife absolutely. The will and codicil of Mr. Thomas Edwards, formerly of Old Broad-street, but late of Harrow, who died on 13th August last, were proved on the 14th Oct. by Mr. A. J. Edwards and Mr. C. C. Edwards, the sons, the acting executors, the personal estate being sworn under £15,000. The testator bequeaths to James Cutler Vyse, if in his service at his death, £200; to his executors, £100 each for their trouble; to his sister Susannah, £100; to his friend Mr. Steer, 19 guineas; to his daughter Beatrice, £1000; and the residue of his property to all his children.—*City Press.*

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

The Queen remains at Balmoral Castle.

Cabinet Councils were held on Friday, and on Wednesday, from which Colonel Stanley, Mr. W. H. Smith, Sir M. Hicks-Beach and Lord John Manners were the only members absent.

Among the political speeches of the week have been those of Sir W. Harcourt at Scarborough, Lord Carlingford at Bath, Mr. Leatham at Huddersfield, and Mr. Chamberlain at Birmingham, all condemning the foreign policy of the Government. Colonel Mure, Mr. Ritchie, Lord Hardwicke, and Mr. Gore Langton, at other meetings, have spoken in approval of the Government.

The polling at Peterborough on Tuesday resulted in a large majority for the Hon. J. W. Fitzwilliam. Mr. G. Potter had previously withdrawn from the contest.

Lord Dufferin, the ex-Governor-General of Canada, arrived at Derry on Monday, and proceeded next day to Belfast. In both cities he was presented with addresses of congratulation.

The Report upon the alleged atrocities perpetrated upon the Mussulman population of the Rhodope district has been published as a Parliamentary Paper. The Report is signed by the British, French, Italian, and Turkish Commissioners.

Among the most important papers that have been read at the Social Science Congress at Cheltenham have been those by the Hon. G. Brodrick upon Education, Mr. D. Chadwick upon the Causes of Depression in Trade, Mr. Hullah upon Musical Education, and Mr. Michael, Q.C., upon Sanitation. The meetings were brought to a close on Wednesday.

The funeral rites for the late Cardinal Cullen were celebrated at the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Dublin, but it is expected that the body of the deceased prelate will be interred at Clonliffe.

Mr. C. H. Robarts was on Thursday elected by the Court of Common Council to the office of Remembrancer of the City of London.

The Coastguard cruiser Fanny was run down and sunk on Thursday morning off the Tuskar Light by the Helvetia steamer, bound for New York. Seven of the crew were saved, and 17 are missing.

A contract has been signed between a London firm and the German Government for raising the sunken ironclad Grosser Kurfürst.

The magistrate and assessors conducting the Board of Trade Inquiry into the loss of the Princess Alice on Monday decided that no blame was shown to rest upon the master of the Bywell Castle; that the two engineers of that vessel were blamable for leaving the engine-room on the occurrence of the collision, but no negligence had been proved against them. The first mate of the Princess Alice was liable to the charge of carelessness in not setting a proper look-out, but as it was not proved that his negligence had contributed to the collision his certificate was returned to him.

The Coroner's inquest upon the twelve persons killed by the collision at Pontypridd Junction found that the accident was attributable to the negligence of the signalman, who was thereupon committed for trial upon a charge of manslaughter.

The Coroner's inquest in the case of the Liverpool Music Hall accident resulted in a verdict of accidental death, but the jury condemned the means of exit from the building as inadequate

The wife of a manager of a strolling dramatic company, with her three children, sleeping in a caravan at Newtown, Montgomery, were rendered insensible by the fumes from a coke fire. The children died, and the woman is not expected to recover.

Joseph Garcia, a Spanish sailor, was convicted of the murder of a labourer, his wife, and three children, whose house, at Llangibby, he broke into and robbed. The prisoner was sentenced to death. Patrick John Byrne was found guilty of the murder of two brother soldiers at Northampton, and was condemned to death.

The liquidators of the City of Glasgow Bank have resolved to make a call upon the shareholders of £500 per share. The charges against the ex-directors and secretary have been extended by one for embezzlement in misappropriating bills deposited by customers, and the accused have been formally committed for trial. Mr. Nichol Fleming and another ex-director have left the country.

The Afghan difficulty remains in an uncertain position. By the desire of the Imperial Government a second letter has been sent by the Viceroy to the Ameer, Shere Ali, warning him of the consequences that must follow from his persistence in a refusal to receive a British Mission, and, therefore, no decisive action can be expected for some time. The Native Princes have for the most part offered substantial aid to the Indian Government in any effort that may be made, and the military preparations on the frontier are being carried on with undiminished activity. The Russian Press adopt a very bellicose tone with respect to the dispute between the Indian Government and the Ameer of Afghanistan, some of the papers, and those the most important, urging their Government to render efficient support of Shere Ali for the furtherance of Russian

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interests in Asia. In Eastern Europe the state of affairs is still very unsatisfactory. The Russian troops in Roumelia have been strengthened by reinforcements from beyond the Balkans, and an intimation has been given to the Porte that the territory will not be evacuated until substantial guarantees are given for the safety of the Christian population. The insurrection in Macedonia is extending, and representations have been made to the foreign Ambassadors at Constantinople in remonstrance against the article of the Treaty of Berlin which leaves Eastern Roumelia under the rule of the Sultan. The Turkish Government ascribe this movement to foreign incitement, and the German and Austrian papers assert that numerous Russian Volunteers are serving with the insurgents. It appears that there is no present intention of extending the Austrian occupation of the Western provinces of Turkey, and a partial demobilisation of the army is being carried out. Baron Depretis has failed to form a Cabinet at Vienna, and in the Hungarian Diet a demand for the impeachment of the Foreign Minister has been presented by the Anti-Slav Deputies. The German authorities are vigorously enforcing the anti-Socialist law, and numerous political associations have been closed, while various newspapers have been suppressed. Some discontent has been evinced by the exhibitors at the Paris Exposition with respect to the award of prizes, and the authorities have interfered to prevent public manifestation of that feeling. An attempt, happily unsuccessful, was made to assassinate the King of Spain on Friday, while riding in Madrid. The assassin, a Socialist workman, is arrested. The Communal elections in Belgium have been favourable to the Liberals. The Khedive of Egypt has signed a decree approving the transfer to the State of landed property held by members of his family, and has also sanctioned the raising of a loan secured upon that property. The United States Government has presented a complaint to the British Government respecting the expulsion of American fishermen from the Newfoundland Coast, and the press of that country approve the action of their Government, and insist that unless the British Government give satisfaction the amount of the Halifax award ought not to be paid.

SUPUREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., on Wednesday, the 6th day of November next, at 7 o'clock in the evening

Business:—The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

After which the following report of the Committee of General Purposes will be submitted.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from 17th July to the 15th October 1878 both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

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Balance Grand Chapter	452 1 4	Disbursements during the Quarter -	194 18 4
„ Unappropriated Account -	203 5 5	Balance - - -	507 17 6
Subsequent Receipts	238 19 6	„ in Unappropriated Account -	191 10 5
	894 6 3		894 6 3

of which Balances there is in the hands of the Trustees of the late Grand Treasurer a sum of £388 17s 4d, and in the London and Westminster Bank and Bank of England £310 10s 7d.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions John Robert Willson as Z., Henry William Townsend as H., John Lund as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the United Service Lodge, No. 428, Portsmouth, to be called "The United Service Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, in the County of Hants.

2nd. From Companions Howell Davies as Z., Henry Adams as H., George Parry as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Tenby Lodge, No. 1177, Tenby, to be called "The Dinbych Chapter," and to meet at the Royal Gate House Assembly Rooms, Tenby, in the County of Pembroke.

3rd. From Companions Robert Hudson as Z., Mark Douglass as H., George Moore as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Helen's Lodge, No. 531, Hartlepool, to be called "The St. Helen's Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Regent Square, Hartlepool, in the County of Durham.

4th. From Companions Richard P. France as Z., John Hayes as H., John Lamb Houghton as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Downshire Lodge, No. 594, Liverpool, to be called "The Downshire Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, in the County of Lancaster.

5th. From Companions Alfred Wallis Paul as Z., Robert Phillips as H., William Lloyd as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Mount Everest Lodge, No. 1525, Darjeeling, to be called "The Canning Chapter," and to meet at the Lodge Rooms, Darjeeling, Bengal, in the East Indies.

6th. From Companions The Rev. Robert Bowden as Z., John Thompson Goodridge as H., Joseph Piggott as J., and ten others for a Chapter to be attached to the Torbay Lodge, No. 1378, Paignton, to be called "The Torbay Chapter," and to meet at the Town Hall, Paignton, in the County of Devon.

7th. From Companions Wesley Francis as Z., Thomas Joyce as H., William Sink as J., and fifteen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Natalia Lodge, No. 1065, Pietermaritzburg, to be called "The Natalia Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Temple, Longmarket-street, Pietermaritzburg, in the Colony of Natal.

8th. From Companions James Richard Bishop as Z., Isaac Dawe as H., William Fenwick as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Anne's Lodge, No. 970, East Looe, to be called "The St. Anne's Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, East Looe, in the County of Cornwall.

The foregoing Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

9th. They have also received a Petition from the Principals and other members of the Royal Victoria Chapter, No. 358, Ireland Island, Bermuda, West Indies, praying for a Charter of Confirmation, the original Charter being entirely decayed, and the Committee recommend that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

The Committee have likewise to report:—

That Companion Joseph Smith, Past Director of Ceremonies of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, was, on the 30th of July last, suspended, by order of the Board of General Purposes, "from all his Masonic functions and privileges, for a period of two years." That the said suspension was reported to and approved by Grand Lodge, on the 4th of September last, and in accordance with Article 10, page 6, of the Royal Arch Regulations, Grand Chapter will proceed to declare Companion Joseph Smith suspended from his Arch Masonic functions.

The President will therefore move:—

That Companion Joseph Smith P.D.C. be declared suspended from his Arch Masonic functions for the period while such Craft suspension continues in force.

Companion Joseph Smith, being an elected member of the Committee of General Purposes of the Supreme Grand Chapter, is, by reason of his suspension, disqualified from attending such Committee, it will therefore be necessary that the Grand Chapter elect another Companion to fill the vacancy thus caused.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, President.

ROYAL ARCH FREEMASONRY IN YORKSHIRE.

INSTALLATION OF SIR H. EDWARDS AS PROVINCIAL GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

ON Wednesday the interesting ceremony of installing the Provincial Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire R.A. Masons took place at Sheffield, under the auspices of the Chapters of Paradise and Loyalty. A large number of Companions assembled on the occasion, fully 250 being present. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Lieut.-Colonel Le Gendre Starkie, Prov. Grand Superintendent of East Lancashire, who, in reply to a cordial salutation of him, explained the order of procedure for the day, a ceremony which became necessary through the decease of the late Prov. Grand Superintendent Bentley Shaw. After the necessary formalities, Lieut.-Col. Sir H. Edwards was introduced to the Companions, and his patent from Grand Chapter having been examined and read, he was duly and regularly installed Prov. Grand Superintendent. In placing him in his chair Colonel Starkie expressed the hope that, as Sir Henry had adorned the Masonic world in the Craft, so he might continue to do in Royal Arch Masonry; as he was now in the zenith of his life, so might he rise to the zenith of Masonic distinction. (Applause.)

Comp. Drury, Sheffield, and Comp. Booth, Halifax, were then appointed respectively S. and J., and the appointment of the other Officers followed.

In reply to the salute of the Companions,

Sir Henry Edwards said:—Companions,—No one could stand in the position that the present moment occupies, as Provincial Grand Superintendent of this Province, without feeling some emotion. It is now approaching four years since I was installed Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire by Lieut.-Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, and to-day have been placed by him at the head of this Chapter, in the position lately occupied by our departed Companion Bentley Shaw. Deeply do we all regret that the space of four years should have witnessed the retirement of one distinguished Prov. Grand Superintendent and the death of another, and the necessity for the installation of myself in their room. I could have wished that His Royal Highness, the head of the Royal Arch Freemasons, had expressed his desire that some other Companion in this Province should have been installed in this high office instead. I could not, however, set aside what has almost been a command from His Royal Highness, that I should take this office, but now having accepted it from a sense of duty, I hope no regret lingers in the breast of any other Companion on the appoint-

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ment which the head of the Grand Chapter of England has thought fit to make in the person of your Provincial Grand Master. (Hear, hear.) To fill both these high offices does indeed create no little sentiment of emotion—feeling the double responsibility of high duties to perform, viz., to sustain the dignity of this Grand Chapter, as well as Provincial Grand Lodge; to maintain the honour of Freemasonry, to preserve the ancient landmarks of our Order, and to enforce mildly, yet courageously, the discipline of the Books of Constitution. To me it is a real pleasure to leave outside the doors of this Chapter for the moment all those differences and disputes which create dissensions more or less with persons engaged with politics or with religious opinion, or the business occupations of the world, and to be engaged with a number of Royal Arch Masons, all of one mind, all of one voice, and all of one heart, in the performance of a solemn ceremony as that which the Prov. Grand Superintendent of East Lancashire has now so perfectly and eloquently performed. (Applause.) This visit, which we have received from him to-day is one of prompt promise. No sooner had I felt the necessity of complying with the commands of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales than I applied to my gallant Brother and Companion to undertake this ceremony of installation. You have greeted him most warmly, with the honour due to his rank, and on behalf of myself and this Grand Chapter, we thank him heartily and sincerely for the journey he has taked to Sheffield, the admirable manner he has performed the ceremony, and the exhortation he has given us. His name will never be forgotten by the Freemasons of East Lancashire, and I am quite sure the Masonic work which he undertakes in that large Province will bear good fruit to remotest time; and amongst the fruits of that work is a course of public usefulness outside the Lodge as well as in it, and which East Lancashire warmly appreciates. (Hear hear.) The ostensible objects of Royal Arch Masonry, the end and aim of this branch of our symbolic system, the study of its history—revealed and traditional, is to bring us into more intimate connection with certain canonical books of the Holy Scriptures. Numberless authorities well known, have amply explained the ritual of this order in Freemasonry. It inspires its members with most exalted ideas, and leads to the exercise of the purest reverence for the eternal Ruler of the Universe, the elemental spring and primordial source of religious principles, the very fountain of the virtues Faith, Hope and Charity; resolving conjectures into certainties, and bringing traditional history into historical harmony with Biblical facts. (Hear hear and applause.) These have confirmed, in a remarkable manner, the groundworks of our noble Order. It is an Order of which every Master Mason or student of religion founded on the Bible ought to become a supporter, to the best of his time and means. This was an earnest desire of my lamented predecessor in this chair, expressed at Huddersfield the last time he officially appeared amongst us, and he added:—"We meet for no unholy purpose, but for wise and judicious action in a good cause." The number of Chapters scattered about this Province afford ample opportunities for effecting the consummation of Companion Shaw's last wishes, and now my own. I hope the Chapters in this Province will be carefully worked, and that they will co-operate as well with me, their new chief, as they did with the old, for peace, unity and love. And now, brethren, I thank you once again for your cordial reception of me to-day, I thank you for having come long distances to be present at my installation as Prov. G. Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons of West Yorkshire. I assure you I shall never forget to-day, any more than I shall ever forget my installation as Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire; and, lastly, my acknowledgments are due to the two Chapters in Sheffield under whose banners this ceremony has been conducted, for the excellency of their arrangements, and for their hospitality to the Chapters of this Province. I wish the whole of the Chapters in this Province every prosperity. (Loud applause). During the after business, 100 guineas was voted to the Bentley Shaw Presentation Fund.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

The third annual assembly of the Great Priory of Canada was held at the British Masonic Chambers on 11th October. The Great Prior, Col. J. B. McL. Moore, delivered an address, in which he referred to the following subjects:—

Qualifications for admission to the Order; the late action of the United States Grand Encampment; the jurisdiction of the Great Priory, and interesting historical references regarding the origin and progress of the Order. He drew special attention to the late acquisition of Cyprus to the British Crown—the island so memorable in the history of the Order, and connected with some of the most interesting reminiscences.

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected:—

V.H. and E., the Great Prior, Col. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, Laprairie.

V.E. the Great Sub-Prior, W. B. Simpson, Montreal.

Provincial Grand Priors—For district of Ontario East—V.E. J. N. Henderson, Kingston; for District of Ontario Centre—V.E. G. B. Darteell, Whitby; For District of Ontario West—V.E. D. B. Birch, London; for District of Quebec—V.E. I. H. Stearns, Montreal; for District of New Brunswick—V.E. Robert Marshall, of St. John; for District of Nova Scotia—V.E. B. Curren, Halifax.

The Grand Officers—V.E. Vincent Clements, Peterborough, Grand Prelate; V.E. Daniel Spry, Toronto, Grand Chancellor; V.E. J. J. McMinn, Montreal, Grand Constable; V.E. W. C. Morrison, Toronto, Grand Marshal; V.E. David McLellan, Hamilton, Grand Treasurer; V.E. Jno. Moore, Ottawa, Grand Registrar.

The Great Priory was honoured by the presence, as Visitors, of:—V.E. George O. Tyler, Grand Encampment, Vermont; V.E. Sir Knight Lester Peters, St. John's (south) Encampment, St. John, New Brunswick; Sir Knight Bloss, Canton Commandery, New York.

JAMAICA.

THE Chapel of the "Free Church" in Duke-street, has been purchased by Bro. S. L. Barned of the "Royal" and "Phœnix" Lodges, and a building Committee of the Royal and Glenlyon Lodges has been appointed to raise funds to purchase the said premises from Bro. Barned, and to fit them up as a suitable Masonic Temple. It is proposed to get up suitable entertainments, and His Excellency Sir Anthony Musgrave, Governor-in-Chief of this Island, the Right Worshipful Hon. Dr. R. Hamilton, District Grand Master of East Jamaica, and the Right Worshipful S. Constantine Burke, Assistant Attorney General, and District Grand Master of Scotland, have kindly consented to have the same under their immediate patronage. The W. G. J. Sargeant, Master of the Royal, Bro. E. I. Leon of the Royal, with Governor Dias and Bro. Fry of the Glenlyon, members of the building Committee, are using all their endeavours to raise the amount required; though at this present moment things in this Island have a very dull and barren appearance, and as the commercial men have stated that they expect business will be in a still more unsettled state, several houses must close.

Glenlyon Lodge, S.C.—At an ordinary meeting on 9th Oct, at Friendly Hall, presided over by the R.W. S. H. Watson W.M., J. Mitchell S.W., Bro. A. H. Jones J.W., with the following Past Masters:—Worshipful A. E. Burke Glenlyon, Dias of St. John's, Langley of Royal, Ferron of Phœnix, and a goodly number of visitors, two candidates were initiated into the Mysteries of Freemasonry by Wor. A. E. Burke, in a most impressive and talented manner. In being the night of the election of Master, Treasurer and Tyler, Bro. J. K. Spicer, and the Rt. Wor. A. E. Burke (District Grand Sec. for Scotland in this Island) were nominated. The result was a majority in favour of the Rt. Wor. A. E. Burke. This worthy brother having some time ago occupied the chair of this Lodge, and won the esteem of his brethren, they were determined he should again fill the Oriental chair. Rt. Wor. B. M. Dias was elected Treasurer, Bro. J. Hayes Tyler.

Royal Lodge, No. 207, Kingston.—The monthly meeting was held on 17th October; W. G. J. Sargeant Master presided, assisted by Bros. Therwell S.W. and G. Campbell J.W.; also there were present:—Ferron of the Phœnix, Langley and Burke of the Royal, Dias of Glenlyon, Tait Sussex; also a number of visitors, who were all very much pleased to see the admirable working of this Lodge, and to listen to the impressive manner the third degree was conferred on six candidates by the W.M. Several communications from the late P.M. Andrews, who is now on a visit to England, were read; he was requested, on leaving this Island, to put himself in communication with the Grand Secretary, to know whether the time had arrived for the members of this old and ancient Lodge to wear its 100th year jewel; but, to the great disappointment of the members, they will have to wait sixteen years longer, when naturally many will have passed away to the Grand Lodge above. Worshipful Bro. Sargeant having won the laurels of the day, and being styled one of the best Masters that ever occupied the chair of the Royal, success seems to follow him, and every member of the Lodge wishes that he will consent to occupy the chair for another year. He has all the qualities of a good Mason and a gentleman. He is the only son of the venerable Rev. George Sargeant, Superintendent of the Wesleyan Society in this Island, one also who is greatly respected and beloved.

Phœnix Lodge, No. 914, Port Royal.—A monthly meeting was held on 3rd October, presided over by G. P. Myers, Master. For the future the ordinary meeting will be held on the first Tuesday in the month, instead of the first Thursday, so as to meet the wishes of the members of the Hamilton Lodge, Spanish Town, which meets on the first Thursday. Also the election of Master will take place in June, instead of April and the Installation at the first Ordinary Meeting after the election. This Lodge has suffered a great deal, and several candidates of the Navy and Army, who would have come forward, have been debarred, on account of Quarantine being enforced for several months, as "Yellow Jack" has made his appearance; but we are glad to state that no new cases have occurred, and that Quarantine restrictions have been withdrawn; the men of H.M. ships, however, have all been compelled to be on board by six p.m.

At a Quarterly Convocation of the Glenlyon Holy Royal Arch Chapter, S.C., held at Sussex Hall, on 30th September, the following Officers were installed for the ensuing year, by the Most Excellent Companions E. Burke I.P.Z. of this Chapter, E. Langley P.Z, and C. H. Davis P.Z. of the "Royal," L. Cole Hedian, Joshua of the "Phœnix," M.E. Companion B. M. Dias Z., S. H. Watson H., J. K. Spice J., Pollack S.E., A. H. Jones S.N., F. Fryer Treasurer, W. T. Smedmore P.S., W. Magnus and E. French Assistants, J. Hayes Janitor.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Gout.—These purifying and soothing remedies demand the earnest attention of all persons liable to gout, rheumatic, 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 unguent should be diligently rubbed upon the injured skin, unless the friction should cause pain. Holloway's Pills should at once be used to reduce inflammation and to purify the blood. This restorative abates the violence, and lessens the frequency of gout, rheumatism, and all spasmodic diseases which spring 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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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, 2nd NOVEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
192—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1178—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1422—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1456—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

MONDAY, 4th NOVEMBER.

46—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
846—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1638—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

27—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
43—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
136—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
198—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
361—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen.
366—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
443—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham.
478—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
483—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
623—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
681—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1008—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1046—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1060—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
1061—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1064—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
1077—Wilson, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1236—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queens Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1518—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
1573—Cardoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1606—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick.
1674—Cardoc, Town Hall, Rhyl.
1678—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 606—De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.

TUESDAY, 5th NOVEMBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
48—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, 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.)
211—St. Michael, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
644—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
766—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
862—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
1280—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, N.
1281—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1607—Metropolitan, 359 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1902—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
1906—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1985—Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N.
R. C.—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons Hall, Bristol.
117—Wyndham, Raven Hotel, Salisbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
130—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
178—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
184—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
309—Thurnan, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
326—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
341—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
360—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
383—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
403—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
550—Temple, Town Hall, Frodsham.
672—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
804—Carnarvon, Mason's Hall, Plymouth.
817—Fortescue, Manor House, Ermington, Devon.
867—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Martins, Liverpool
915—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
949—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Lonsdale, Lechlade, Gloucestershire.
960—Rose, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
966—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
1004—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1144—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1266—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1323—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6.0. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch.
R. A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.

WEDNESDAY, 6th NOVEMBER.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
183—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1368—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1534—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1555—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1565—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney.
1687—Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields.
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot.
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham.
296—Harmony, Masonic Room, 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.
426—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
580—Harmony, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction.)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kearsley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno.
756—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1065—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.
1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick.
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester.
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. (Instruction.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1630—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.
R. A. 136—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley.
R. A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
R. A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
M. 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, 7th NOVEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
720—Panmure Gen. L. of Inst., Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
1217—Lipton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Guildhall, Concert Room, Canterbury.
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire.
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
266—Naphtalia, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood.
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden.
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.
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire.
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn.
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecrough, near Manchester.
360—Portland, Masonic Hall, Broughton-street, Northampton.
369—Lodge of Unity, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Chichester.
425—Castleton, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Scrutton-street, Peterborough.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
449—Leeds, Bull Hotel, Ripon.
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington.
463—East Surrey or Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
536—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
540—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.
582—Primum Polare, Masonic Hall, Bethring-lane, Grimsby.
615—Bond, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale.
618—Pattison, Royal Ragian Tavern, Plumstead.
642—Prince of Wales, North Hotel, Bolton, Lancashire.
707—Wortley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1282—Antiquities, Freemasons' Hall, Bridge, Lincolnshire.
1284—Ascot, Grove House, Topsham, Devonshire.
1303—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1309—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wanstead.
1387—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster.
1414—Euxton, Town Hall, Euxton, Lancashire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.

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1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkies Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire.
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.
R. A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
R. A. 754—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 8th 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. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (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.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1296—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 7.30. (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-street, Cardiff.
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme.
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh.
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.
R. A. 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme.

SATURDAY, 9th NOVEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1671—Marquis, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.
Sitnal Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
R. A. 1162—Lewis, King's Arms, Hotel, Wood Green.

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
1637—Unity, De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton, Middlesex.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—On Monday, the 28th ult., at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road. Present—Bros. Hallam sen. W.M., Pearcy S.W., Millison J.W., Tolmie Prec., Fenner Sec., Symons S.D., J. Millington J.D., Killick I.G.; also Bros. Halford, Stock, Hunter, Robison, Weeden, Halford, Hallam jun., Millward, Pelikan, Isaac, Gardner, Hyland. All preliminaries having been duly observed, the W.M. worked the first and second sections of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge being advanced a degree, Bro. C. K. Killick P.M. 1693 rehearsed the ceremony of installation, assisted by Bros. Hunter W.M. 1677 acting W.M. elect, Halford W.M. 228 S.W., Stock W.M. 1178 J.W., and Tolmie W.M. 861 as I.G. On the readmission of the brethren, Bro. Hallam sen. resumed the chair. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers. We need hardly say that Bro. Killick performed the duties of Installing Master in a perfect manner. The W.M. worked the fourth section, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Pelikan, of Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602, was elected a member. Bro. Pearcy was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Those who may be present will have a treat, as Bro. Pearcy is "perfect" in the ritual. A vote of thanks was awarded Bro. C. K. Killick for rehearsing the Installation ceremony. After which Lodge was closed.

Constitution Lodge of Instruction, No 55.—On Tuesday at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Present:—Bros. Baker W.M., Miroy S.W., Cooper J.W., Dickins Sec., Tate S.D., Linscott J.D., Bramham I.G., Bingemann Preceptor. Bros. Soper, Powneeby, Bond, Abell, Woods, Sanders, Sandall, J. H. Dodson, Watts, Cornelissen, L. B. Dodson, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Tranter candidate. The Lodge was opened up to the 2nd degree, and the following sections of that lecture were worked (1st by Bro. Bingemann, 2nd Bro. Tate, 3rd Bro. Woods, 4th Bro. Dickins.) Bros. L. B. Wooldridge, W. B. Richards and Groves were elected members. Bro. Miroy was elected W.M. for ensuing Tuesday week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The Lodge was closed, and adjourned till Tuesday, 5th November, at the hour of six, when the 15 Sections are to be worked by the brethren. Bro. L. Bingemann will preside on that occasion, and he will no doubt be well supported by his friends.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—A meeting was held on Saturday last, at the Jolly Farmer's, Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Bros. S. E. Moss P.M. 185 W.M., R. H. Halford W.M. 228 S.W., R. Pearcy (Preceptor) J.W., C. K. Killick Sec., Millington I.G. Lodge was opened and minutes confirmed. The Fifteen Sections were worked in the following order:—FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Gibbs, J. Lorkin, T. Goode, Braisted, Stock, Killick and Powell; SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Halford, C. Lorkin, Hallam jun., E. P. Isaac and Pearcy; THIRD LECTURE—Bros. I. P. Cohen, Pearcy and Walmington. The whole of the sections were worked in an admirable manner, and elicited the heartiest approval from the W.M., who received the unanimous thanks of the Lodge. Bro. J. Gibbs will preside next Saturday. Bros. D. Moss 1275 and F. Carr 1607 were elected members.

Lodge of Faith, No. 141.—The members of this old and flourishing Lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, on the 29th ult., for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, and other Masonic business. Lodge was opened at 5 o'clock p.m., by Bro. E. Mallett W.M., his Officers, and numerous brethren. The minutes of the last regular meeting were confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. C. Dairy W.M. elect was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. E. Mallett, for the benefit of installation. A board of installed Masters was formed, and Bro. C. Dairy was inducted into the chair of the Lodge. The brethren were then admitted, and having saluted their new Master, the W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers:—Bros. E. Mallett I.P.M., G. Rumball S.W., J. Morrison J.W., W. Stuart P.M. Secretary (re-elected), W. Carter P.M. Treas. (re-elected), W. Clarke I.G., Titley W. Steward, A. J. Abrahams D.C. Tyler (re-elected). Ballot was then taken, separately, for four gentlemen, candidates for initiation, and it proving unanimous, Messrs. John B. Weeden and Nathaniel Nathan were admitted into Masonry in solemn form, the W.M. giving abundant promise of good work, by his excellent rendering of the ceremony. The W.M. in a neat and appropriate speech thanked Bro. Mallett for the splendid manner in which he had installed him into the chair, assuring him of the high esteem he was held in by the Lodge. This had found some small expression by the members voting a P.M.'s jewel, which he (Bro. Dairy) felt very proud to place upon his breast, and he trusted he would have a long and prosperous life to wear it. Bro. Mallett thanked the W.M. and the brethren for their gift, and for the kind manner in which it had been presented. he felt it bound him in yet closer ties to the Lodge of Faith, and he hoped to hand it down as an heir-loom to his descendants. Several applications for membership were received, and then Lodge was solemnly closed, and adjourned until 26th inst. The brethren repaired to the Holborn Restaurant, Queen-street, for the banquet, at which upwards of seventy sat down. All seemed to appreciate the excellent fare provided, under the superintendance of Bro. Hamp. On the cloth being removed, the W.M. rose to propose the Queen and the Craft, in appropriate terms, which was received with enthusiasm; God save the Queen was then sung. The health of H.R.H. M.W. G.M. met with the usual hearty reception, and the toast was followed by God bless the Prince of Wales. The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and rest of the Grand Officers followed, and with it was associated the name of Bro. Cottebrune P.G.P. This brother, in reply, said he had been indirectly connected with the Lodge of Faith many years; he felt it a great honour upon his first visit to have to respond to such a toast. The health of the Initiates was next given; the W.M. said that might justly be deemed the toast of the evening. The members were happy to receive gentlemen amongst them who had been so well recommended. He exhorted each to lay to heart the lessons taught in the Lodge, and to practise them outside. Bro. Nathan modestly thanked the brethren for admitting him into so honourable a society, and hoped to prove himself worthy of their confidence. Bro. Weeden also trusted he might become a worthy brother, and thanked the brethren. Bro. E. Mallett I.P.M. then said that he appeared before the brethren in a new rôle, and for the first time; yet, having passed from the chair only some few hours, he could assure the brethren he had great pleasure in proposing the health of their W.M. He had worked side by side with Bro. Dairy for nine years, and had had ample opportunities of proving his qualities; he was confident the brethren would have an excellent year under the guidance of their new W.M. The toast was received with enthusiasm. Bro. Dairy returned his sincere thanks for the really brotherly manner in which Bro. Mallett had introduced the toast. He had to thank him for many good offices during the years they had been associated together. His many services, however, were crowned by the one rendered that evening—installing him in his present proud position. He would assure the Lodge of his intention to leave nothing undone to promote the welfare of the brethren, and thanked them sincerely for receiving his health so cordially. The next toast was the P.M.'s; they had many in the Lodge, some, like Bros. Carter and Stuart, fulfilling the duties of Treasurer and Secretary, but all able and willing to do service for the Lodge. Bro. E. Mallett was called upon to respond. He, being the most recent addition to the P.M.'s as a body, could not be expected to reply so fully as some who were of longer standing, but he could speak with confidence of the zeal which inspired them all to promote the good and welfare of the brethren. In proposing the health of the Visitors, the W.M. felt this toast second to none in importance among Freemasons, who regard hospitality as a duty and a pleasure. They were honoured with the presence of many distinguished brethren. There was Bro. Cottebrune P.G.P., with whom he had been connected many years at the Lodge of Instruction over which he so ably presides. There was Bro. Gladwell 172, H. J. Andrews 382, J. L. Coulton P.M., G. H. Stephens 1623, R. T. Whitley P.P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, and many others whom they were all glad to see, and would be proud to meet again. Bro. Cottebrune thanked the W.M. for the handsome manner in which he had received him; he hoped to avail himself of his kind invite. Bro. Coulton also thanked them for his reception. Bro. Gladwell said he had thoroughly enjoyed himself, and had indeed been so much at home that evening that he scarcely realised he was not a member when the toast was given. Bro. G. H. Stephens endorsed what had been said by the brethren; he also thanked the Lodge of Faith for the generous reception the Visitors had received. He felt it was a debt he owed, to allude briefly to the fare which had been provided so bounteously. He had been much impressed by the manner in which Bro. Dairy had initiated the candidates, and felt it was indeed a great thing for so old a Lodge to commence another year of Masonic industry under so able a Master as he had proved himself to be. The Officers was briefly responded to by Bro. G. Rumball S.W., and the Tyler's toast brought the business to a close. The toasts were interspersed with an unusually choice selection of glees, &c., under the direction of Bro. Erwin Moss, assisted by Bros. Collins, Upstone, and Tremeer, whose finished performance added much to the enjoyment of the brethren.

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Zetland Chapter, No. 236.—The regular Convocation of this Chapter was held at York, on Wednesday last. Present—E. Comps. the Earl of Zetland Z., Sir James Meek Kt. as H., Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett J., R. W. Hollon P.Z., J. Todd P.Z; Comps. I. G. Turner S.E., Meek S.N., A. Buckle P.S., T. S. Camidge Org., J. Ward, C. Pallister, G. C. Lee, T. B. Whitehead, C. D. Barstow, Gairforth, Seller, Eymer, Rooke, T. W. Wilson, &c. Visitors—Major Shaw, Hollier and Capt. Hanly, 4th Dragoon Guards. The business consisted of the election of a Treasurer in the place of the late E. Comp. W. Cowling P.Z., who had served the Chapter in that capacity for many years, and the unanimous vote of the Companions fell upon Excellent Companion J. Todd P.Z. The M.E.Z. moved a vote of sympathy, on behalf of the Chapter, with the family of their late lamented Companion, who had been so faithful and valuable an Officer; this was seconded by Comp. Sir James Meek, and carried. The Companions afterwards met at supper, under the presidency of E. Comp. R. W Hollon P.Z., and a pleasant evening was spent, the usual toasts being duly given.

Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.—The first meeting of the season was held at the Armoury House, Finsbury, on Friday, the 25th ult., when the following brethren attended. Bros. R. G. Webster W.M., A. D. Everingham S.W., John C. Sanderson J.W., Lieut. F. J. Stöhwasser S.D., W. Birdseye I.G., Capt. R. Helsham Treasurer, Capt. J. Erlese Hon. Sec., Lieut. W. I. Spicer I.P.M., W. Jolliffe D.C., A. J. Adams P.M., and W. H. Honey P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. Capt. Jacobs and James Quarm were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft; two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and the Lodge adjourned. The usual banquet followed, and the Masonic and Loyal toasts were duly honoured. The Visitors were Bros. Willis No. 3, Galle 8, Bellamy 91, Dobson 72, Cutler S.W. 231, W. R. Crosier W.M. 370, Jones 795, Field 1185, Frost 1306, Gunnell 1441, and McCabe 1260.

Segontium Lodge, No. 606.—The installation meeting of this Lodge, which meets at their magnificent Lodge-room within the walls of the ancient castle of Carnarvon, took place on Wednesday, the 9th ult. Bro. C. A. Jones W.M., assisted by Bro. the Rev. J. S. Boucher I.P.M. P.G.C., installed, in the most impressive manner, Bro. Owen Thomas as W.M. for the ensuing year; who subsequently invested the following Officers:—Bros. C. A. Jones I.P.M., Canon Evans, D.D., Chaplain, L. Prothero S.W., G. Thomas J.W., R. Thomas Treasurer, D. W. Davies Secretary, S. Nightingale S.D., C. P. Boucher J.D., C. Foulkes I.G., W. Hayden Organist, W. Hamer S., J. W. Poole P.M. D.C., W. Watkins Tyler. In the course of the business proceedings the W.M. presented valuable jewels, on behalf of the Lodge, to C. A. Jones I.P.M. and D. W. Davies Secretary, as a recognition of the faithful manner they had discharged their duties. The gifts were suitably acknowledged. Notice was given that the Lodge vote £5, or more, towards the distress fund of Abercarne, South Wales. Notice was also given that the Lodge vote £20 in order to secure an additional life interest in both the Boys and Girls Masonic Orphan Institution. Bro. C. H. Rees was appointed to represent the Lodge at the North Wales and Shropshire Masonic Educational Association. After the conclusion of the business, the brethren proceeded to the Royal Hotel (Bro. Humphreys), there to partake of an excellent banquet. In the course of the evening, the usual Masonic and Loyal toasts were drunk with enthusiasm. Besides those already named, the following attended the Lodge and banquet:—Bros. the Rev. R. J. Edwards Corris, C. Davies, and G. P. Spooner Portmadoc, W. H. Foulkes and H. A. Steen Rhyl, W. H. Holmes Cowes, F. Jarmyn Abergele, D. Thomas Chester, and the following from Carnarvon:—R. J. Davids, C. H. Rees, W. Hugh Owen, J. Lloyd, R. W. Griffith, C. P. Coupland, G. A. Davids, O. Evans, H. Evans, T. Williams, R. S. Williams, &c. &c.

Grosvenor Chapter, No. 721.—The monthly convocation of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester, on Tuesday, the 29th ult. The Chapter was opened at 6.30 p.m., by Ex.Comps. W. Johnson M.E.Z., J. Dennis H., D. Thomas P.Z. as J., T. E. Nabb S.E., R. C. Edwards P.S., John Humphreys Org., D. Baynes Janitor. The minutes of the last Convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for a brother for exaltation, and proved favourable. From unforeseen circumstances the candidate was unable to attend. The M.E.Z. then gave a short account of his visit to Prov. Grand Chapter, at Birkenhead, which was listened to with great pleasure by the Companions. It is to be regretted that the number of Members present was so small to participate in the duties and pleasures of the Chapter. The business of the evening being ended, the Chapter was closed in ancient form, and the Comps. dispersed.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On 25th October, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, at half past 7 o'clock. Present—Bros. Gomm W.M., Le Grys S.W., Talbot J.W., Kyezor S.D., Gunner Hon. Sec. and J.D., Bailey I.G., Goss I.P.M. 780, Clarke, Blashy, Skinner 813, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. Clarke offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed. The call to refreshment was given, and upon the resumption of labour, Lodge was advanced to second and third degrees, and regularly closed down. Bro. Skinner was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Le Grys was elected W.M. for next meeting. The Lodge of Instruction banquet is fixed for the Last Friday in November, when the brethren desire to meet as many of their confrères as can make it convenient to attend; a post card or note addressed to Bro. Gunner, at the Star and Garter, announcing intention to be present is requested, so that proper provision may be made.

Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 30th October, at the Silver Tavern Burdett-road, Limehouse, E. Present—Bros. Andrews J.W. 122, W.M., Webb S.D. 174 S.W., Braden W.M. 781 Sec. and J.W., Ould S.D., Hogg P.M. 1349 J.D., Everett I.G.; Bros. Turquand 590, P.M. 1556, Barnes P.M. 953, 554, Berry 554, Reeves 781, Musto, Wade 972, and a numerous assemblage of members and visitors. Lodge was opened in due form with prayer; minutes read and confirmed. Lodge opened in second and third degrees. Lodge resumed to the first, and the following brethren worked the Fifteen Sections:—First Lecture—Bros. Anderson, Taylor, Smith, Musto, Hogg, Webb, Musto. Second Lecture—Bros. Berry, Worsley, Ould, Turquand, Pringle. Third Lecture—Bros. Taylor, J. H. Pringle, Barnes Bro. Braden W.M. No. 781 Hon Sec. After a very pleasant evening Bro. Andrews rose. It was proposed by Bro. Braden, seconded by Bro. Hogg, that Bros. Anderson, White, Brooke, Molo, Ebden, Le Mesurier, Allison, Wilson, Webb, and Horner become members of this Lodge of Instruction. Carried unanimously, and suitably acknowledged by the S.W. Proposed by Bro. Braden, seconded by Bro. Barnes, that Bro. Andrews be made an honorary member, for the efficient manner in which he had worked the Fifteen Sections. This was also carried unanimously. Lodge closed in due form with prayer, and adjourned until Wednesday, 6th November.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 29th of October, at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. R. Dallas W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., Wardell J.W., W. W. Morgan as Sec., Smith Treas., Gilham S.D., Polak J.D., Carr I.G. P.M.'s Bros. W. H. Wallington Preceptor, C. K. Killick 1693, Wright; C. H. Webb W.M. 1607; also Bros. Braxted C. Lorkin, Perss, Wyman, Collins, &c. After preliminaries had been complied with, the W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. C. Lorkin candidate. The Preceptor, Bro. Wallington, then rehearsed the installation ceremony, performing his task most carefully, and greatly to the satisfaction of the brethren. Bro C. H. Webb acted as W.M. elect, and on taking the chair went through with the formal investiture of Officers. Bro. Wallington then most impressively delivered the address, and on resuming his seat received the congratulations of the brethren on the ability he had displayed. Later in the evening a cordial vote of thanks was passed to him, and this mark of respect was ordered to be placed on the minutes. Bro. Dallas worked the second section of the first lecture. Bro. Killick was elected a member, and then Lodge was closed. As is the custom at this Lodge of Instruction, some of the members afterwards spent an hour together in conviviality.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—The members held their anniversary banquet on Wednesday, 30th Oct., at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street. Bro. Long, the Preceptor, was in the chair; he was assisted by Bros. Tate and Thompson of the Mother Lodge, and a distinguished but not numerous assemblage of brethren. The banquet met with great satisfaction; it was Bro. Hyde's first effort in that direction. After removal of the cloth the various Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the evening passed very pleasantly, with vocal and instrumental music.

Royal Albert Lodge, No. 907.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday evening, 21st ult. Lodge was opened at 5.30 p.m. by Bros. F. A. White I.P.M. as W.M., T. Griffiths P.M. as I.P.M., R. Jennings S.W., G. T. Burr J.W., J. A. Farnfield P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Farnfield P.M. Secretary, T. Butt S.D., W. Wardley J.D., H. J. Lewis P.M. D.C. and W.S.; also Past Masters R. E. Stevenson, C. Chard, T. Griffiths, and J. Dennis, and a large number of brethren. The minutes of the previous Lodge meeting having been read and confirmed, ballot was taken for two gentlemen, candidates for initiation, which proved favourable. The W.M. accordingly admitted Messrs. Charles Robinson and William Searle into Freemasonry, in a very able and impressive manner. Bro. Wallis was next invested with the I.G. collar. No further business being on the agenda, Lodge was solemnly closed and adjourned until the 18th November next. The brethren then sat down to the banquet, which was served by Bro. A. Best in his usual excellent style. The cloth being removed, the W.M. gave the Loyal and Craft toasts in brief but appropriate terms, and each was duly honoured by the brethren. Bro. J. A. Farnfield P.M. rose to propose the health of the W.M., remarking that it would require but little recommendation from him to ensure a hearty response to the toast. The brethren had had an opportunity of seeing how ably Bro. White had discharged the duties of the chair during his recent term of office, and were well assured that in his hands the honour of the Lodge would be well sustained throughout the present year. Bro. White P.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Farnfield for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed, and also the brethren for the hearty reception that had been given to it. He hoped that as he had been successful in the past, so in the future he might secure their good opinion. Having been called upon, through unforeseen circumstances, to occupy the chair this year, although but recently having vacated it, he should strive, with the co-operation of the P.M.'s, to render that service to the Royal Albert Lodge which he felt it deserved. The W.M. next rose to propose the toast of the Initiates, one which he felt to be the toast of the evening. They had just admitted two gentlemen into their ancient Order; and, from the fact of their being recommended by P.M.'s of the Lodge, he felt glad to offer them a sincere welcome. He was sure the brethren would heartily respond. Bros. C. Robinson and William Hearle both returned thanks for the honour the Lodge had done them, and trusted they would prove themselves worthy of the Order. The W.M. then gave the Past Masters. He was glad to see so many present at the Lodge. Of working P.M.'s they fortunately had many. There were Bros. J. A. Farnfield, Treasurer; Dennis, from whom he had taken his first, second and third degrees

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W. Farnfield Secretary; C. Chard, who was busy with the Lodge of Instruction; and Bro. Stevenson. He therefore asked them to do honour to the toast, and he coupled the names of Bros. Dennis and Chard. Bro. P.M. Dennis, in reply, said: Permit me to thank you for the hearty manner in which you have received this toast. I feel that I scarcely deserve the high tribute of respect paid me by Bro White, and am sure that while we as P.M.'s have all done our best for the Lodge, none have done more than Bro. W.M. White has done, and is now doing, for the Royal Albert Lodge. I feel a degree of pleasure in recalling the fact that it was not only my privilege to make him a Mason, as he has told you, but also to instal him into the chair. Bro. P.M. Chard also briefly expressed the pleasure he felt at the hearty way in which the assistance the P.M.'s had rendered for many years was appreciated. It had always been a pleasure to do whatever lay in their power for the good of the brethren. The W.M. next gave the Visitors. He had seldom seen so few at their meetings, and was glad to offer those who had honoured them with their presence a cordial welcome. Bro. Anderson briefly replied. The W.M. next gave the toast of the Treasurer, Secretary and D.C. and W.S. He was sure the Lodge was indebted to Bros. P.M. J. Farnfield, W. A. Farnfield, and H. J. Lewis D.C. and W.S. for the manner in which they performed their duties, and would mark it in their reception of the toast. Bro. H. J. Lewis in a humorous speech expressed the satisfaction he had in pleasing the brethren. He felt he had done so that evening, as every one seemed happy. It was the highest gratification to him to know the Lodge had well sustained its high character for hospitality. The other Officers having responded in suitable terms, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to an end. The Visitors were Bros. Anderson S.W. 60, Talbot 1716, Stephens 1623, and Fennell 1623. During the evening the toasts were interspersed with several capital songs.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction.—A meeting was held on Wednesday evening, the 30th October, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth. The following brethren were present—Bros. H. R. Jones I.P.M., J. G. Carter P.M., W. J. Huntly, John Frost, F. Reed, G. Howick, J. Featherstone, P. V. Denham, John Saunders, Newens, J. J. Holland and A. A. Denham; J. G. Jones and H. S. Lee Visitors. Bro. Carter P.M., as the W.M., proved himself thoroughly efficient in the ritual. Bro. Featherstone went through the ceremony of being initiated, Bro. Lee was passed, and Bro. Jones raised. Bro. Holland proposed, Bro. Featherstone seconded, and it was unanimously carried, that Bro. J. G. Jones and H. S. Lee, be elected members of this Lodge of Instruction.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held an emergency meeting on Wednesday, the 23rd of October, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Arthur Welch Prov. G.R. Berks and Bucks W.M., W. G. Flanagan W.M. elect S.W., J. Early Dunks J.W., Thomas Newman D.C. acting Sec., J. T. Stranaom Treasurer, E. J. Blackwell J.D., Hawkes Steward, Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Margrett I.P.M., R. C. Hurley; Bros. Pulley, Bailey, Hunt, Prickett, Rolfe, White. This Lodge of Emergency was held for the purpose of "taking into consideration a letter received from the W.M. of the Lodge of Union 414, accompanied by a resolution and notice with regard to the tenancy of the Lodge room and appurtenances, and to decide upon the same;" also to "pass the Treasurer's accounts as audited." The Lodge being opened in the first degree, the letter from the W.M. 414, together with the resolution and notice, were read by the acting Secretary, who called attention to the minutes of 9th October and 13th November 1867, wherein an agreement had been made and signed by the two Lodges as to the rental of the premises. A lengthened and interesting discussion took place, which resulted in a resolution, proposed by Bro. Hurley P.M. and seconded by the W.M. elect, "that an offer of an increase of rental be made to 414, subject to arbitration if the offer be refused." An amendment was proposed by Bro. Margrett I.P.M., seconded by Bro. Bailey, "that a communication be made to the members of 414, requesting them to agree to refer the question of terms to the arbitration of some Masonic authority." The amendment was put, but not carried. The original resolution was put, and declared to be carried. The Treasurer's accounts, as audited, were passed, with a complimentary vote of hearty thanks to the Treasurer for the "satisfactory state of the Lodge finances," which was carried by acclamation. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction, 1308.—At Bro. Mortlock's, Gun Hotel, Wapping, on Monday, 28th inst. Present Bros. C. Veal W.M. Horsley S.W., T. Wooding J.W., G. H. Stephens S.D., T. Mortlock Preceptor, Brame Secretary, also Bros. Greeley, Wood, Banks, &c. After preliminaries, the W.M. worked the ceremony of Initiation, Bro. Banks candidate. Bro. G. H. Stephens then worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. It showed a satisfactory financial position, after awarding £3 3s to a distressed brother. Bro. Horsley was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Mortlock Preceptor, rose to propose a vote of thanks to their Worshipful Master. It was the first time Bro. Veal had worked a ceremony in that Lodge. He was sure this mark of respect was seldom more deserved. Carried unanimously. Bro. Horsley S.W. expressed the pleasure it afforded him to see one of the principal officers of the Mother Lodge acquit himself in so proficient a manner. Bro. Veal briefly thanked the brethren, and Lodge was solemnly closed, and adjourned till next Monday evening, at 8 o'clock p.m.

Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385.—A meeting was held on the 25th ult., at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet. Present—Bros. R. F. Young W.M., F. Venables P.G. Pursuivant S.W., C. Gray J.W., P.M. Acting P.G.S.D. Sec., P.M. Lowthin P.P.G.S.W. Treas., J. P. Everby S.D., C. W. Allen J.D., J. G. Yolland P.P.G.S. Bearer D.C. as I.G., J. Parrott P.P.G.S. Steward, R. W. Goddard Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. J. Livingston P.P.G.S.W., Edwards P.P.G. Supt. Works, Cutbush P.P.G. Assist. D.C., Bros. W. K. Hopkins, A. Triggs, J. Brittain P.P.G.S., W. Morgan jun., and J. M. Ashforth. Visitor—Bro. Morris, Minerva Lodge, No. 300. Lodge was opened, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Ashforth, a candidate for passing, was asked the usual questions. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and the ceremony was performed. The Lodge was closed down, and several propositions were made. Lodge was then closed in due form. The brethren afterwards adjourned to refreshment. Bro. Cutbush notified the brethren that his list for the Girls' School amounted to sixty guineas; he thanked them for their support.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—Held at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C., on Thursday, 31st Oct., at 6 p.m. Present—Bros. T. Poore P.M. 720 W.M., Jas. Stevens P.M. 1425, &c. S.W., P. Dickinson P.M. 1298 J.W., T. Hamer I.G., G. W. Blackie Hon. Sec., G. W. Saul Preceptor, and about thirty other brethren. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The sections of the first lecture were then worked by the following brethren—Bros. Harper, Hunt, Moss, C. Taylor, Saul, Poore, and Watts. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the second lecture worked by the following brethren—Bros. A. E. Taylor and Dickinson;—at this period the Lodge was called off for refreshment. On resuming, the remaining sections were worked by Bros. Blackie, Lee, and Tolmie. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the third lecture worked by the following brethren:—Bros. Pepper, Ockenden, and Sadler. The Lodge was closed down to the first degree. Several new members joined the Lodge. Votes of thanks were ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Poore P.M. 720, for occupying the chair, and also to the working brethren for their kindness in assisting. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday evening, the 24th ult., at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing. Present—Bros. Kingston W.M., Fisher S.W., Coop J.W., Barr Sec., Tucker Treasurer, Porter S.D., Seward J.D., Le Grys I.G., and Bros. Wells, Tisk Brown, Clark, Wright, Etienne, Nye, Edmeston, Delevante, and several others. The Lodge having been opened in due form and the minutes read, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Wells candidate. Bro. Etienne, of the Mother Lodge, was unanimously elected a member. The question has again been raised of securing a more suitable "home" than that now now used by the Mother Lodge, and some of the brethren have inspected premises which are considered to be suitable. A Committee has been appointed to look into the question in all its bearings, and to report at an early meeting the result of their inquiries. On the whole, there is a prospect of the Lodge either securing some existing premises, or erecting a suitable Masonic Hall. There is no doubt that, in a growing and fashionable resort such as Ealing, as a speculation, either plan would be remunerative; further, it is believed that many Lodges and Chapters would be induced to migrate to Ealing, particularly during the summer months.

Lodge of Progress, 1758.—This Lodge, which was consecrated on the 17th ult., held its first regular meeting, at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday last, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. W. Alfred Dawson, supported by Bro. Richards P.M. &c., an honorary member of the Lodge, as I.P.M., Bro. F. R. Spaull S.W., A. C. Spaull J.W., E. Legg Treasurer, E. Hornblower Secretary, Tattershall S.D., Duret J.D., T. W. Ockenden I.G., J. R. Hunt, Kentish, J. R. Jones 113, W. G. Weber 873, J. Marshall 538, &c. A ballot was taken on behalf of the last three named brethren as joining members, and declared unanimous. Another ballot resulted in equal success for the admission of Mr. James William Gane, a candidate for initiation, who was duly and solemnly admitted to the benefit of Masonic light. Bro. Weber presided at the organ. The bye-laws were read and approved. Amongst the visitors present were Bro. William Hammond P.M. 201, 1326, 1512, and W.M. 1656, Bro. Dunlop, &c. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 27th November, at 7 o'clock.

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FREEMASONRY IN NORTH WALES AND SALOP.

BEFORE we enter on the account of our visit to Shrewsbury, it will be as well, perhaps, if we note some of the chief Masonic antecedents in the history of the Province. Readers of Preston's *Illustrations* will be aware that North Wales was the first Province which the Grand Master of England placed in charge of a Provincial Grand Master. The deputation was issued on 10th May 1727, and the brother to whom it was granted was Bro. Hugh Warburton. But for some years after the organisation of our present Grand Lodge, though Freemasonry established itself in the region round about, it does not seem to have obtained at all events a very firm foothold in this district. From the earlier published lists of Lodges we find that one meeting at the Fountain, Shrewsbury, and numbered 128 in Pine's list for 1740, was constituted 16th April 1736. In a later list of Pine there appears one numbered 194, meeting at the "Angel, Dolgelly, North Wales," and constituted 17th September 1743, while in Cole's list for 1763 is one meeting at the "Fox Inn, Salop," presumably Shrewsbury, which was founded on 27th January 1762. Of other "Modern" Lodges existing at the time of the Union and since extinct, but of considerably later date than the foregoing, must be mentioned the "Mercian Lodge," Ludlow, No. 485 before, and No. 528 after, the Union; Lodge of St. Winifred, Holywell, No. 545 before, and No. 570 after, the Union; and the Lodge of Industry, Bridgenorth, No. 578 before the Union, No. 597 after the Union, and No. 391 in 1832. Besides these, we know there was a Lodge holding under the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients," and this is still in existence, being the senior Lodge in the Province,—now No. 117, but No. 153 of the "Ancients" before the Union. No. 262—being No. 434 on the roll of the Grand Lodge "Moderns" prior to the same epoch—also still lives at Shrewsbury. But there are twenty-three other Lodges in this extensive Province, of which one only—No. 384 of Bangor, founded in 1827—received its Warrant of Constitution from our late G. Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex. Twenty-four years elapse before we light upon an additional Lodge, namely, No. 597, of Holyhead, warranted in 1851. Two were born the year following, namely, No. 601 of Wellington, and No. 606 of Carnarvon. No. 611 of Ludlow was constituted in 1853, No. 755 of Llandudno, in 1858, No. 998 of Welchpool, in 1864, Nos. 1113 of Llangefni, 1120 of Ironbridge, and 1124 of Oswestry, were constituted in 1866, and No. 1143, Denbigh, in 1867, and No. 1836 (Wrexham) 1870. All these were warranted during the Grand Mastership of the late Earl of Zetland. In 1871, Lodge No. 1369 was constituted at Bala; in 1873, Lodges Nos. 1432 (Oswestry), and 1477 (Mold); and in 1874, Nos. 1488 (Amlwch), and 1509 (Portmadoc). These came into being when the Marquis of Ripon presided over our destinies, while since the Prince of Wales has been elected Grand Master, there have been created six additional Lodges, namely: No. 1575 (Market Drayton), No. 1582 (Llanidloes), No. 1583 (Towy), No. 1594 (Newtown), No. 1621 (Bridgnorth), and No. 1674 (Rhyl), the first three having been constituted in 1875, the next two in order in 1876, and the last in 1877. It should be added that of the twenty-five Lodges which constitute this important Province, no less than nineteen have been consecrated during the Prov. Grand Mastership of Sir Watkins W. Wynn Bart. M.P., who was appointed to his exalted office in the year 1852, by the late Earl of Zetland. So much for the antecedent Masonic History of the Province. As to its interest from an historical and archæological point of view, and therefore one like to prove especially attractive to Freemasons, there cannot be the slightest possible doubt. Druidical and Roman remains abound. It was in the great battle of Shropshire that the celebrated British Prince Caractacus was defeated and taken prisoner, in the reign of the Emperor Claudius. This is the same of whom history records—rightly or wrongly, is not material, for it is a gallant story—that when being led captive through the streets of Rome he expressed his astonishment that a people who were so well provided with palaces at home should have envied him and his people their humble cottages. It is also a memorable district in the wars of our Edward I., who reduced Wales to be an appanage of his crown, and it was in Carnarvon Castle that the son of the conqueror—afterwards Edward II., and the first English Prince on whom the title of Prince of Wales was conferred—was born. This was in the year 1282. But peace did not immediately follow this conquest, and a border warfare prevailed for many years, in which the sword and battle-axe, the spear and bow and arrow, played a very conspicuous part. Then came one of the events so memorable in the annals of Henry IV.'s reign, when that monarch, at Shrewsbury, completely overthrew the coalition formed against him by the Percies, the Douglas, and Llewellyn. This was in the year 1403, when Henry Hotspur was slain, and Falstaff distinguished himself in the engagement, even to the extent of fighting a "full hour by Shrewsbury clock" against the gallant foemen. Since then, with the exception of events during the wars of the Roses and the Great Civil War, to dwell on which would protract the present article to inordinate length, there have been few matters which it were worth while to record—at all events, in these columns. Pass we, therefore, to the main object of this present writing, and let us recount the experiences we have gathered from our visit to the genial capital of Shropshire, and, indeed, of the Masonic Province of which it forms a part.

As we have already shown, there are two Lodges in Shrewsbury, Nos 117 and 262, the former of which—No. 153 on the roll of "the Ancients"—was, in the first instance, held under a Military Warrant in the Shropshire Militia, and became a Civil Lodge in 1820; while the latter belonged to the Grand Lodge of "Moderns," and was warranted in the year 1788, on the roll of its Past Masters being Sir W. W. Wynn, the Provincial Grand Master. They are respectively named the Salopian Lodge of Charity and the Salopian, and the former meets at the Raven, the latter, which is also the more influential of the two, at the Lion. The two together muster close on a hundred members, but the Lodges keep as much apart from each as possible, and do not seem to exhibit, the one towards the other, those feelings of love, and that desire for harmonious action, which it is so desirable should exist between fellow Lodges. We met many members of both, and in both cases we found them generally well informed on Masonic matters, as well as genial in their bearing. The members of No. 117 exhibit a strong desire for a healthy unity of action, and much zeal for the acquisition of further and fuller knowledge of the Royal Art, and to this end they have established a Lodge of Instruction, which meets every week. In such circumstances, of course, the brethren, and especially the Officers, should, in a very short time, become efficient, but it did not

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strike us that the benefits of such a Lodge were as fully appreciated as they deserve to be, and the result in laxity of attendance at the parent Lodge itself, as well as in that vitality which is so necessary to the healthy action of a body corporate was, we regret to say, but too apparent. No. 262 has a Royal Arch Chapter attached to it, but we fear this branch of Freemasonry is confined to a class, and its influence is therefore far more restricted than is desirable. This is no doubt due to causes which are more powerful in a comparatively small provincial town than elsewhere, but the drawback is by no means irremovable, and we trust that in future Craftsmen will exert themselves to work harmoniously together. There is plenty of young blood in both Lodges, and the members, whom we have consequently grouped together for the purpose of offhand description, possess many estimable qualities which cannot fail to be of excellent service when the opportunity for displaying them arrives. As proof of the energy which some of the members display, we may mention that Comp. J. B. Boucher travels regularly from London in order to attend his duties as H., while Bros. J. S. Davies and E. M. Wakemen journey all the way, one from Oswestry, and the other from near Bridgnorth. If these can exhibit thus much zeal and punctuality, it is certainly in the power of those who are resident in Shrewsbury itself to be as zealous and punctual. It is well also to state that the Craft is greatly indebted to Bros. R. Lewis, G. H. Hankey, and J. D. Bagnall, Past Masters, W. Morris, W. Master, and J Vine, Secretary of Lodge No. 117, as well as to Bros. S. Wood, T. Onions, J. B. Boucher, and J. D. Bagnall, Past Masters of No 262. We can but add a hope that their example will be duly appreciated by others, and that in the future both Lodges will enjoy the utmost prosperity.

NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTERS.

THE annual gathering of Mark Masons of this Province took place on the 30th ult., at Sunderland, under the Banner of the Union Lodge, No. 124 Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 2.30, by the Rev. Canon H.B. Tristram F.R.S., R.W. Prov. G.M., supported by a large gathering of Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers, and also a good attendance of brethren, amongst whom were:—Clapham P.P.D.G.M., T. Y. Stranghan P.P.D.G.M., Rev. E. L. Marrett P.P.G. Chap'ain, W. E Franklin W.M., Dr. Luke Armstrong J.W., T. J. Armstrong M.O. R. L. Armstrong S.O., W. S. Hughes P.G.S.W. I.P.M., R. G. Salmon Sec., S. M. Harris I.G., B Bell J.S., and Sims Tyler, all of the Northumberland and Berwick Lodge, E. Hudson P.M. 39, J. Maddison W.M., T. Inizell J.W., E. Southest M.O., M. Pumton S.O., W. Brandly J.O., T. M. Watson Reg. of M., W. Cockson S.D., J. B. Wells J.D., and Atkinson Tyler, all of No. 124; H. H. Blair W.M., T. Robson P.M., Rev. W. Cooley M.O., J. J. Horsley Secretary, G. Thompson P.M., J. P. Thompson, and Walters Tyler of No. 135. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the Treasurer's report was adopted; it showed a balance in his hands of £20 16s 8d, and upon the notice of Bro. Clapham it was unanimously carried that £10 10s be voted to the R.M.I. for Boys and £5 5s to the Palestine Exploration Fund. In submitting this the Prov. Grand Master spoke in a most touching manner in support of the claims of the Boys' School. The report of the General Purposes Committee was most satisfactory; it showed new members to the number of 27, and a total of Mark Masons in the Province of 216. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing year:—T. Y. Stranghan P.D.G.M., Capt. J. A. Forbes S.G.W., Fisher G.J.W., F. Maddison G.M.O., W. E. Franklin G.S.O., Kesburn G.J.O., R. H. Holmes P.D.G.J.W. Treasurer, Rev. W. L. J. Cooley Chaplain, W. Cockburn G. Secretary, T. J. Armstrong Assistant G. Secretary, H. H. Blair G.S.D., H. E. Southest G.J.D., G. Hudson G.D. of C., W. J. Watson Reg. of Works, R. L. Armstrong G. Standard Bearer, M. Frampton G. Sup. of Marks, Weatherhead G. Sword Bearer, Dixon G.I.G., J. P. Simpson and J. Horsley Grand Stewards, J. Thompson G. Organist, and Atkinson Grand Tyler. Other routine business being disposed of, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren, numbering about fifty, adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, Fawcett-street, where they sat down to a well-served banquet, presided over by the Provincial Grand Master, who was saported by the Dep. Provincial G.M. and Bro. the Rev. E. L. Marrett P.P.G. Chaplain. The brethren having done full justice to the good things put before them, grace was said, and the usual Loyal toasts were heartily greeted. The Prov. G.M. then gave the health of the M.W.G.M.M.M. Lord Skelmersdale, and in doing so said his name was dear to all Masons, whether in this or in Craft Masonry. The next toast submitted from the chair was that of the R.W. Deputy Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then rose to propose the health of Canon Tristram P.G.M. He said he considered it very tyrannical of the North-Eastern Railway Company that there should be no train after 6.40 by which their Prov. Grand Master could leave, thus depriving the brethren of his presence. It required few remarks of his to recommend the toast. All the good works the Canon had done, for which he was so well known all through England, and also as the head of this Province, would alone be sufficient to ensure its being well received, but he would recommend as a mark of respect to the P.G.M. that brethren should use their best endeavours to spread this degree. He would like to see Lodges formed in Darlington, in Shields, and even, he considered, there was room for another Mark Lodge in Newcastle-on-Tyne, and he hoped that during the Provincial Grand Mastership of Canon Tristram there would be new Lodges formed in these places. In conclusion he called on the brethren to join with him in drinking long life, health and happiness to the P.G.M., Canon Tristram, who on rising was received with hearty cheers, said he almost felt surprised at the reception the brethren had given him, which almost confused him; he confessed that he did trust that he might have the pleasure to see some new Lodges in the Province during his reign, which would soon be coming to an end. Mark Masonry was a select old society, if he might call it such; all could not be Masters, all could not be Overseers, but all could be good Mark Masons; he loved the Arch Degree, but he felt it was incomplete without the Mark. He then made several apt allusions to the degree and matters of local interest, and concluded by saying that though the terms in which my health has been proposed are beyond my merits, I none the less thank you for the hearty response you have given. Before setting down, I call on you to drink health, long life and happiness to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, without whose help and valuable assistance, I could do nothing. Canon Tristram here left; the brethren rising, and given him three times three, Bro. Stranghan then took the chair, and on rising thanked the brethren for the compliment they had paid him and the other Officers of Prov.G.L. He had been in active service, except last year, ever since the formation of the Prov. G. Lodge, the Grand Lodge of America had this year recognised the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and he hoped soon some arrangement might be come to with Scotland. Above all, the members of this degree must be of the right stuff; no Province could have a better Master than the Canon. Bro. R. H. Holmes, Prov. Grand Treasurer, then gave the Past Grand Officers; he considered it a great honour to be a past Officer; when a Brother had so worked as to be thought worthy of office in his province, it spoke well for him. Personally he felt as much honour when he received his first office in the province, that of Steward, as he did when he received the highest. He had pleasure in giving them the Past Officers, coupling the name of Bro. Clapham P.P.D.G.M. with the toast. In returning thanks, Bro. Clapham said he thought when a poor old fellow like him came to a certain age he should be put on the shelf, or left to come and enjoy himself with his good and kind brethren, but he should not be asked to work or to answer to toasts. He would, however, do his best to express the gratitude he and all the Past Officers felt in having their health so kindly received. He hoped all the Past Officers might become Deputy Grand Masters, as he had done; he therefore thanked them very much. The D.G.M. then said it became his pleasing duty to drink success to the Union Lodge, under whose auspices they had met and so enjoyed themselves. This Lodge required special support from the Prov. G. Lodge, as the ruler of the Craft in the Province of Durham did not look on Mark Masonry in so kind a manner as Earl Percy did in the other Province. He tendered to the Union Lodge his sincere thanks for all the arrangements they had made. He coupled with the toast the name of the W.M. Bro. Maddison, who in reply thanked the Dep. Grand Master for his kind remarks, and thought it a great honour that during his Mastership the Provincial Grand Lodge had been held under their banner; if they had done well in the past he hoped they would do better in the future. The Deputy G.M. then gave success to the time immemorial Lodge, the Northumberland and Berwick, which had been the Mother to all the Lodges of the Province, with this he would couple the name of Bro. W. E. Franklin the W.M. Bro. Franklin in the course of a few well chosen and eloquent remarks thanked the brethren for their kind sentiments. The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a most enjoyable evening, which had been enlivened by some capital harmony.

ST. JAMES'S LODGE, No. 482, HANDSWORTH.

THE proceedings at this well established Lodge, one of the most prominent in the Province of Staffordshire, on Monday last, were of a novel and interesting character. The W. Master, in conjunction with his immediate predecessor in the chair, and with the assistance of his Senior and Junior Wardens, had arranged to work the Fifteen Sections. Now, we in London are in the habit weekly of seeing announcements that, in this or that Lodge of Instruction, a band of brothers have arranged to go through the Craft Lectures, but we should regard it as a novelty, indeed, were we to find, on entering one of the numerous Lodges it is our privilege to visit, that we were about to listen to the working of the entire sections. True, when there is a paucity of business before a Lodge, some enthusiastic brother rises, and occasionally suggests, as the brethren have a spare half hour, the desirability that one or two of the sections should be worked; but, we regret to say it, our brother, in five cases out of six, is voted a bore, while—to use a common expression—one pill (or section) is considered a dose, and the brethren soon give indications that an adjournment to banquet, or to bed, is desirable. This, in a measure, is due to want of pre-arrangement, or to the inability of the respective workers to throw into their task the necessary zeal and energy, or it may be owing to their lack of elocutionary and appreciative power; but, whatever the cause, there can be no question that a more intimate acquaintance with our ectures is most desirable, and that it would be greatly conducive to the well-being of our Lodges if there were exhibited a greater amount of earnestness in the cause of Masonic study. To us who are constantly in the habit of attending Lodges of Instruction,

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nothing can possibly give greater pleasure than to hear certain parts of our lectures well, or even fairly well, declaimed. Brethren may, and often do, smile at the strange anachronisms, &c., which have been introduced into them, but the reflective among them know how these have found their way thither, and why; as well as the exact measure of approval or disapproval which must be meted out to them; but it is impossible for any intelligent brother to hear the working of the sections without deriving considerable benefit. He will learn much, from a speculative point of view, of architecture, of the six grand periods, &c., &c., &c., as well as of the moral duties it is our duty to fulfil. The language in parts of them is magnificent, and we should not envy the brother who could set out the working of the lectures or (say) of any one of the sections without being struck, not only with the immense moral value of the principles they inculcate, but likewise with the beautiful language in which those principles are set forth. But to approach the plain duty we have to perform, which consists simply in recording particulars of the meeting of this Lodge. The hour fixed in the summons for the assembling of the brethren was 5 p.m., and punctually to the appointed time the brethren came together in considerable force, and the Lodge was opened in due and ancient form. In due course, the work specially appointed for the evening was reached, and under the presidency of Bro. Dr. Parkes I.P.M. the first lecture was most successfully worked, the following brethren treating the respective sections, namely:—Bros. J. Deeley J.W. (1), J. H. Parkes W.M. (2), E. R. Kimpton Secretary (3), J. F. Pepper S.W. (4), J. H. Parkes W.M. (5), J. F. Pepper S.W. (6), and E. R. Kimpton Secretary (7). Bro. J. H. Parkes W.M. then occupied the chair, and the second and third lectures were worked with equal success by the following, namely, Second Lecture—First section, Bro. Dr. Parkes I.P.M., second ditto J. F. Pepper S.W., third ditto E. R. Kimpton Sec., fourth ditto J. F. Pepper S.W., and fifth ditto J. Deeley J.W. Third Lecture—First section, Bro. Dr. Parkes I.P.M., second section J. Deeley J.W., and third section E. R. Kimpton Secretary. The sections over, there were offered to those who had taken part in the working most hearty expressions of congratulation, the brethren present, one and all, averring that they had derived the greatest pleasure imaginable from the evening's labour. It was then mentioned that the Friday previous (the 1st instant), Bro. John Pursell Prov. G. S. Warden of Warwickshire, and Preceptor of the Birmingham Lodge of Instruction, on quitting the Masonic Hall in that town, had been run over and received some very severe contusions. He was taken back instantly to the Hall, and there examined by three medical men, who were fortunately at hand. It was found that no bones were broken, but Bro. Pursell has attained the ripe age of sixty-eight, and the shock to the system from so severe an accident was very considerable. The sympathy of all present was most feelingly uttered, and it was resolved that the condolence of the Lodge should be conveyed to Bro. Pursell forthwith. Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given with commendable brevity, and were most cordially greeted, that of the W.M. in particular calling for the warmest eulogiums from the proposer, and the utmost enthusiasm from the guests. Bro. Parkes acknowledged in brief, but most appropriate terms, the praises which had been bestowed upon him that evening, and, like a true Mason, expressed himself delighted with the able assistance he had received from his I.P.M., Wardens and Secretary in carrying out the labours of the evening. The health of the Visitors was acknowledged by Bros. Howkins, Michael Davis, and C. Walsh Graham, the first of whom spoke in the most glowing terms of the working he had witnessed. The great knowledge and experience which Bro. Howkins is known to possess renders his testimony the more valuable. It may be imagined that the chief topic during the repast, and in the intervals between the toasts, was the Sections, and the manner in which the members of St. James's Lodge, No. 482, had acquitted themselves, and there was but one opinion as to the result of the experiment. Must we add that this was of the most favourable character, and that all present congratulated themselves on the success of the evening. However, the happiest meetings must at some time, be it sooner or later, come to an end. In due course, therefore, the company dispersed, each with feelings of satisfaction that he too could justly describe what had passed as events *quorum pars magna fui*. We may here remark that the following Officers were present, namely:—J. H. Parkes W.M., W. E. Parkes I.P.M., J. F. Pepper S.W., J. Deeley J.W., W. Randall, M.A., Rector of Handsworth, Chap., J. Jacobs Treas., E. R. Kimpton Sec., B. G. Cole J.D., E. W. Bradley I.G., F. W. Payton Steward, Chas. Payton, F. Derry P.M. and Past P.G.W., G. J. Payton, H. Morton Sharp, T. Dixon Miller, J. V. Barber, J. W. Evans, J. Rowlands Past Master, J. Chapman Tyler; and the following Visitors, namely:—Bros. H. G. Quilter Worshipful Master 1016, Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer Warwickshire, Rev. E. C. Perry P.M. 720, G. H. Johnstone 982, Stephen Wood P.M. 1168, P.P.G.W. Warwickshire, R. H. Vertegens P.M. 74, Thos. Taylor P.M. 418, P.P.G.S.W. Staffordshire, James Rowley P.M. 539, T. Mount Humphries P.M. 539, P.P.G.S. of Works, T. H. Smith P.M. 468, Thos. Howkins W.M. 468, P.P.G.D.C. Warwickshire, Jas. H. Walton P.M. 696, P.P.G.R., W. J. Stubbs P.M. 696, P.P.G.J.D., Joseph Fenn P.M. 74, P.G.R., H. Harcourt 74, John Skinner 74, H. R. Duddell 925, Charles Winn S.W. 933, T. Hands P.M. 1016, G. E. Earnshaw W.M. 587, Ashton T. Salt W.M. 887, A. L. Gibson 163, John Waterson P.P.G.D., Major John W. Preston P.P.G.S.W. Somerset 42, G. Barnley 925, F. M. Mole S.W. 1411, C. Walsh Graham I.P.M. 696, Chas Round P.M. 347, W. Vernon W.M. 456, P.G.S.B. Staffordshire, Daniel Round I.G. 347, R. Williams Treas. 696, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, &c.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, E., on the 22nd of November, at 7 o'clock precisely.

Obituary

THE LATE SAMUEL PHELPS.

IT is with unfeigned sorrow that we have to announce the death of the eminent tragedian, Mr. Samuel Phelps, who departed this life shortly before three o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, at Anson's Farm, near Epping. For some time past it had been evident to those about him that the great actor's powers were failing, but his death at the last came somewhat unexpectedly, and not long after a rumour had gone abroad that he had taken a turn for the better. Mr. Phelps, however, had exceeded the ordinary span of three score and ten years allotted to man, and the rally—if such there really was—must have resembled that last flickering of the candle which immediately precedes its extinction. That Mr. Phelps, when his biography comes to be written, will be placed in the same category of actors with the Kembles and Edmund Kean is not to be expected, but that he was a thorough and most competent artist, and one of the brightest ornaments of the stage he had trodden for fully half-a-century is a fact beyond all question. He is—or was rather—the last of those eminent men who formed the connecting link between the stage of John Kemble and Edmund Kean and the present generation of actors. His name was a tower of strength to any company with which he was associated. As an interpreter of the noblest and most exacting characters of Shakspeare there is no living actor that could rival him, and though especially regarded as a tragedian, there are few, if any, artists who could approach him in comedy. In this respect he was not unlike Macready, in whose footsteps he followed so closely, and albeit a better Lear, Macbeth, and Hamlet than any of his compeers and successors, some of his greatest triumphs were achieved in comedy. He was born at Devonport in the year 1800, or, as some say, in 1806. In early life, he was apprenticed to the trade of printer, and served his full time, and such was the skill he acquired as a compositor, that it is recorded of him that, years after he had abandoned this calling, when about to play in some Provincial town, he set to work and composed the playbill announcing his performance, the local printer, for reasons which are not material, having been deserted by his men. On coming of age, Phelps took to the stage, and in a very short time made his mark, and once during his earlier career, he received the warm congratulations of the great Edmund Kean for his artistic rendering of the part of Tubal in the *Merchant of Venice*. Having won for himself a high Provincial reputation, he challenged the verdict of popular opinion on the London boards, with a success which must have been as gratifying as it was deserved. But not to enter fully into a career which has been described at such length in other journals, it will suffice if we draw attention to that most distinguished portion of his life, when, firstly in conjunction with Mr. Greenwood and the late Mrs. Warner, and afterwards by himself, he presided so successfully over the destinies of Sadlers Wells Theatre. This period lasted from 1844 to 1862, and in its progress he produced no less than thirty-two of Shakspeare's plays, besides many of the best works of other great dramatists. His respect for the legitimate drama won him golden opinions from the most enlightened portion of the British public, and during his management the Wells was nightly thronged with an audience fully appreciative of the good work he was doing. Nor was it alone as an actor that he impressed the public so favourably. He was a man of education, and the most refined and critical taste, and in his Shakspearian revivals, in the matter of costume and scenic accessories, he showed he was a complete master of the history and archæology of the periods to which the plays severally belonged. Since 1862 he has appeared at most of our leading theatres, and the mere announcement of his appearance was the almost sure forerunner of full houses. He was to have appeared this season at Drury Lane, but his health intervened, and denied the London public the opportunity they so much desired of once again greeting their favourite. Indeed, at the time of his death, he was under an engagement with Mr. Chatterton to play a series of farewell performances, commencing with that of Cardinal Wolsey in *Henry VIII.* His retirement from the stage would have taken place about next Easter, but it has been ruled otherwise by the Great Architect of all things; and Samuel Phelps, the great actor, the refined scholar, and the courteous gentleman, who pandered to no one, and held mere lip service to be an utter abomination, has passed away to his last home. His private virtues were many; in the bosom of his family no one was more dearly loved, while in public he was respected by all with whom he came in contact. May the memory of his virtues and talents flourish ever!

We have great pleasure in stating that Messrs. Besson and Co., of 198 Euston Road, N.W., Musical Instrument Makers to the Armies and Navies of all the Nations in the World, were awarded a GOLD Medal for Excellence of manufacture at the Paris Exhibition, and not a SILVER Medal, as has been erroneously announced in other journals. This raises the number of medals awarded to this excellent and long-established firm since 1837 to THIRTY. In honour of the award Messrs. Besson and Co. invited their *employés* to a dinner at the Hotel and Restaurant, Français Audinet, 5 Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square. We congratulate the firm on this further evidence of the sterling merits of their musical instruments.

We have great pleasure in announcing that the annual benefit of Bro. Jennings, the able and enterprising musical director and manager of the Oxford, will take place on Wednesday next, the 13th instant. We trust Bro. Jennings will have a grand success, such as the manager of this popular place of entertainment so richly deserves.

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"CHARITY;" IS IT "GIVING?"

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I desire metaphorically to pat your correspondent "DEUX ETOILES" on the back, and I trust he will pardon me the liberty, for his pluck in stepping forward to point out what threatens to become a nuisance to the Craft. It has more than once occurred to me that some of our active brethren (more power to them), who are very energetic on behalf of the Charities, are in danger of forgetting that men have other duties and claims in life besides Masonry and Masonic Charity. Far be it from me, as I am sure it is from "DEUX ETOILES," to say a word to damp the ardour of any Bro., but I certainly do think that to make any qualification, such as has been suggested—of having served a Stewardship or contributed so much to one of the three Charities—a *sine qua non* to advancement to Provincial or any other Masonic honours would be, not only unjust, but absolutely cruel. It simply would mean the creation of a money qualification. We have quite enough of this kind of qualification already in Masonry. It would be quite needless for me to point out what every working Bro. is well aware of—that many of the best places in Masonry are filled by brethren who are perfectly innocent of having done either good or evil for the Craft, and whose sole recommendation is the possession of wealth which has enabled them to contribute a few hundreds to the Charities, a gift to them of far less sacrifice than a donation of ten shillings by many a poor Bro. whose name has never been breathed beyond the circle of his own Lodge. Added to a little toadyism, is it not a fact that the golden key will unlock almost every Masonic door? But although this may be the case in fact, we still preserve the theory that we prize honour and virtue above the external advantages of rank and fortune, and in private Lodges I conceive our pure teachings to be far more worthily interpreted than in Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges. I do see, occasionally, poor though worthy men ruling Lodges with satisfaction to themselves and advantage to the brethren who rejoice to sit under their teachings, but on the other hand I have seen placed in the best offices of some Provincial Grand Lodges brethren who have never once attended to the duties of their own Lodges during their years of Mastership, or whose ignorance and utter incapacity are matters of notoriety, but whose rank or wealth, or both, give them influence, or whose toadyism must be rewarded. If we see any suggestion such as that of Bro. Radcliffe carried out we shall put the stamp of authority upon such selections.

Let me be permitted, without the accusation of any egotism, to state my own case. I am a man of very limited means, but with a social position which compels me to keep up a certain appearance. I have a family growing daily more expensive, whilst my means remain stationary. With me Masonry is a hobby, and I have taken it up for some years with zeal in all its branches, and done more work both in ritual and organization as well as official drudgery routine than one Brother in five hundred, judging from observation. I have gone through most of the chairs in most of the degrees, and, I believe, never made an enemy, though I have largely added to my friends. No one in my Province experiences, I am sure, greater pleasure in subscribing his annual mite to the Masonic Charities than do I, but I have never served a Stewardship because I cannot afford it. I am called upon to contribute to at least half a score of local societies, to say nothing of casual calls for special objects, which everybody knows are continually cropping up. I say nothing of private relief, though any resident in a provincial city who holds any social position well knows the numerous appeals which reach him from the neighbouring poor and distressed. My church too has its claims, which must not be put aside, and when I add these things together I find that my income will not permit me to "qualify" in our Masonic Charities. I think you will admit that it would be rather rough on me to declare that because I am not the possessor of another hundred pounds or so per annum that my Masonic labours should go unrewarded.

"DEUX ETOILES" is also right in calling attention to the fact that unsuitable candidates are sometimes elected to the Schools because they happen to have influential friends. The other day I heard of an instance in which the case of a child was taken up by a Northern Province with great energy—but, as yet, without success—which I submit is quite unsuitable. The father held an excellent situation, at a salary of considerably over £1,000 a year, up to the day of his death; his life was insured for, I believe, £2,000; at his death a sum of nearly £2,000 was subscribed and invested for the widow, who is not friendless by any means, and I confess to thinking this a case that should never have been brought forward. I am convinced that at the present time numbers come into our ranks under the impression that they are joining a sort of convivial benefit club, which will give them suppers and grogs when they are in health, and a pension when they break down; and the tremendous fuss that is publicly made about the "enormous" charitable results of the Craft lends colour to the supposition. Would it be deemed out of place to enquire how many out of all the applicants for the Benevolent Fund have ever contributed *directly* towards its support?

Let us, as your correspondent says, in the first place be brethren in deed and in truth towards one another, and then let us aid in our Charities as far as we legitimately may, but let us not forget that there are other orphan and destitute institutions besides our own, and that we are not bound at great sacrifices to ourselves and our families to provide unlimited accommodation and permanent refuge, either for brethren who have by their own sin and folly come to poverty or for their children, especially when those children have friends and relations in good circumstances.

If by any happy stroke of fortune I should ever be in such a financial position as to be able to do so, it will be my great delight as well as high privilege to serve as a Steward, and make myself a Life Governor of each of the Institutions, but in the meantime I decidedly object to being left out in the cold as one unworthy of Masonic honours.

Yours fraternally,

A MASONIC ENTHUSIAST.

4th November 1878.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—"DEUX ETOILES," who writes at length on the above question, though he scrupulously avoids the use of italics, may be said to write in big capitals. The tone is lofty, the conceptions are on a magnificent scale, and there is such a halo of superiority about the whole exposition, that I am almost afraid to think of the consequences to my unhappy self if I address you on the same matter. I hope I may venture to affirm that I have "unmuddled brains," my friends, at least, are complimentary enough to tell me I can argue a point fairly well; but I almost begin to think they are wrong, for how can any one be otherwise than muddled, who has the audacity to think differently from your correspondent? I have read all your leaders and the letters of your various correspondents on the subject of Charity, and, as yet, I have failed to discover that either you or they have sought to prescribe the minimum of another's charity. You have said that a guinea all round from the Craft would keep our Institutions in a state of efficiency, and Bro. Dick Radclyffe has suggested that people who can and do expend several guineas on banquets, &c., &c., might be thoughtful enough to contribute a guinea to each Institution, and yet do nothing to the detriment of themselves or their families. Yet, with every respect for the overwhelming opinion of "DEUX ETOILES," I imagine there is a sensible difference between pointing out that a certain result will follow if people do certain things which, as a rule, they are quite capable of doing, and laying down the law imperiously that certain things must be done. I should say the average newspaper reader, whether a Mason or not, fully understands that Charity, though it includes almsgiving, is not one and the same thing with it. At the same time people, when they canvass for a charity, must necessarily give greater prominence to mere almsgiving than as a constituent part of charity in its fullest sense it is entitled to. If "DEUX ETOILES" has room enough in his superlative brain, he must kindly bear in mind that reading homilies, be they never so eloquent, is not the readiest way of obtaining contributions. Our Institutions are committed to a certain heavy expenditure per annum, and the money must be raised. Those who, like you and your correspondents, are obliged to keep this prominently before your readers, or take an interest in doing so, are under the necessity of harping on the subject of donations. You and they would rather not do so—that is my own impression at least—but even Masons, except, perhaps, such lofty-minded members as "DEUX ETOILES," occasionally require a little nudging just to remind them of their duty. Charity, it must be remembered, is a Masonic *duty*, as well as a Masonic virtue, and until we are fully satisfied that people are always prepared to do what is right and proper they should do, I fear you and others must go on lecturing. For my own part, I would far rather, as a Steward at one of the Festivals, have brethren come to me and offer me their guineas than go to them and ask for a subscription; but where are they who will do this? and, when found, how many will there be of them? I am sure it would save a world of trouble if people would give of their surplus cash spontaneously, but will the Craft do this to the extent of over £30,000 a year. Let DEUX ETOILES show that can be done, and he will be justly entitled to, and will doubtless receive, the thanks of the whole Craft.

Yours fraternally,

NOT TOO MUCH MUDDLED.

London: 6th November 1878.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to thank you for the publicity you gave my circular and letter in last week's issue, and the kind remarks accompanying it. As I expected, it has been the means of inviting criticism, which I hope will be the means of calling attention to the ultimate benefit of the Charities. As you promised to notice my statement, I naturally looked forward to the review you have given this week in your very able leader. I am pleased to see, from the figures you give, and you have far better statistics to work upon than I, that my estimate is far above requirements. I assert it would be no great hardship for every Freemason to devote three guineas per annum to Charity, and I consider no person should join our Fraternity without he is in a position to do something in the cause of Charity, as there are many cases besides the Institutions requiring our support. I do not think our subscriptions to the Charity Funds of the Lodge should stop short at the amount required to support the Charities, nor should this be considered the whole of a Mason's duty, or that they constitute the original plan of Freemasonry. I admit, with you, it is desirable each should give according to his ability, and that it is dangerous to establish a minimum sum, but at the same time I feel sure every true Mason (whose charity should know no bounds save those of prudence), who is able to give more, would not be biassed by such worldly precautions as to limit his subscription to the minimum amount

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required; indeed, it would be a very selfish policy to adopt, as any thinking person must know, that although it may be within every one's power to subscribe the minimum amount one year, circumstances of unforeseen misfortune may prevent it the next; but what I maintain is, it ought to be every Mason's desire to do his best, and judging from your statistics, I am afraid to believe this is not the case. I am pleased to see there are several very able letters in your present number. "OLD FILE'S" balance sheet is a very laudable example as to how Lodge funds should be distributed, and if this good example were followed, the necessity of canvassing would be avoided; but the existence of the evil proves "OLD FILE'S" balance to be the exception. "DEUX ETOILES'S" remarks are somewhat severe, but I agree with him Masons should be free to contribute what they please. He hints at a great danger which might arise from a too prosperous state of things, but I think the remedy rests with the Craft to prevent this. I remember full well the impression made upon me by the charge after my initiation as to fidelity, by refraining from recommending any one to a participation unless you have strong grounds to believe he will reflect honour on our choice. Any one, therefore, I take it, who introduces a friend simply because he may afterwards benefit by the Charities would not reflect honour on our choice, as he would undoubtedly be influenced by worldly or other unworthy motives, and because our Charities happen to be in affluent circumstances there is no reason why they should not be discriminating, and it rests with the brethren to put forward only such cases as are really deserving. I feel sure it is not always the most deserving case that is at the top of the poll, while it stands to reason that the candidate with most influence wins. Consequently, this influence is relieved from a burden they would otherwise have in supporting their candidate. I think all cases should be analysed by a Charity Committee, and the cases they recommend should be the first to claim our votes. A method could easily be adopted, similar to that resorted to in the case of "Simmonds," but, as I am diverting, I will return to the subject. I am, however, sure that "DEUX ETOILES" would be the last to withhold his donation because of a fear he would be supporting an undeserving case, and I repeat if more care were observed in introducing worthy men, the evil he deplores would not result. Bro. Godschalk's letter accuses me of an arrogance which you, Bro. Editor, will vouch is not my intention. I have nowhere asserted my ideas as original, nor made such a sweeping demand that it is every brother's bounden duty to support me, but I do say I think every one should support the Steward of his Lodge, and failing a Steward should support Stewards of other Lodges, by any scheme they may put forward which does not directly divert the direct or large subscriptions to their own; if their choice were to fall on your humble servant he would be pleased. I do not think I err in saying this. I have had many friendly letters supporting my scheme, and few only adverse to it. I must admit I do not think the system of giving a loophole to obtain Life Subscriberships on such easy terms the best, but knowing that it is impossible to make all subscribe as requirements demand, the evil existing, and not knowing a better, I adopt what appears to me to be a "come-at-able" method of raising funds by small subscriptions, and I find that many liberal donors do not hesitate to give a few half-crowns for tickets which they would otherwise not give, being subscribers, nor care to figure on other lists for small sums. I have made one or two remarks in former letters how it is in the power of the Grand Lodges to stimulate the method of raising funds, by making it necessary for all Lodges putting forward candidates for the "purple" to be able to show a proper proportion of their funds devoted to charity, and for the candidates to have served the office of Steward to one or more of the Charities creditably. Also that the Charities might offer a further inducement for Stewards to come forward if it were known that, in accordance with the result they obtained so they would be rewarded should they at any future time unfortunately require aid from the funds they were endeavouring to augment. I am glad to see C. P.'s friendly remarks; I feel sure he is able to unveil a scheme that would commend itself to the committees, and I hope he will do so. I fear I have trespassed too long on your valuable time and space, and hope to hear more pros and cons, as it cannot fail to do good if the subject is thoroughly ventilated.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

DICK RADCLYFFE.

P.S.—I hope "ALPHA'S" and "TOOTSICUMS'S" remarks may induce Bro. Binckes to write his fourth letter as soon as possible.

OLD LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Gould's valuable papers on the Four Old Lodges induces in me the wish that he would carry his researches further and trace other Old Lodges formerly on the roll of our Grand Lodge, but now borne on the list of other and independent Grand Lodges. In a former letter I endeavoured to trace a connection between Lodge No. 1 of Massachusetts, Lodges "Absalom," and "St. George" of Hamburgh, and the Lodge of "Union," Frankfort-on-Maine, with Lodges 110 (Pine 1740), 108 (Pine 1740), and 196 (Pine 1744-5), and 192 (Pine 1744-5) respectively. On turning to Cole's List for the year 1763 I find several other Lodges which, as far as my knowledge goes, are still in existence. If Bros. Gould and Hughan will turn their attention to this subject I think much interesting and valuable information will result from it. At all events, I submit the following cases as a sequel to my former communication.

No. 130 "New Lodge, Copenhagen, Denmark, Oct. 25, 1745," and No. 139 "St. Martin's Lodge at Copenhagen in Denmark Octo. 9, 1749."

These two Lodges now, I believe, exist, in the shape of the Lodge "Zorobabel and Frederick" of Copenhagen. I base my opinion on Findel, who, in treating of Freemasonry in Denmark, says, that it was introduced into that country in 1743 by a Baron G. O. Munich, who founded a Lodge, which on June 13, 1745, took the name of St. Martin. This, however, he says was not a regularly constituted Lodge, and he thinks that it was through lack of the necessary legalisation that three brethren separated themselves from it in its first Masonic year, and erected a new Lodge, which they named "Zorobabel," Prof. G. Nielsen, ecclesiastical counsellor, being chosen chairman, May 26, 1744. After various failures, Findel tell us, "At length, in Oct. 1745, a proper warrant was drawn up by Bro. Lord Cranstoun" and "this day"—which, however, is not stated—"has ever since been kept as the anniversary of the foundation of the Lodge." We next learn that "in the year 1749, the Lodge 'St. Martin' received its constitution from the then Grand Master, Lord Byron," and that "both Lodges conducted their work amicably together, from 1765, in a common room at Bro. Marshall's, until they united into one Lodge, under the name of "Zorobabel of the North Star." Until Nov. 11, 1778, they conducted their work in the German language, but as the number of brethren increased, they felt the necessity of having a place where they could work in the Danish language. Nov. 18 of that same year an especial Lodge was opened, under the appellation of 'Frederick of the Crowned Hope' for the German language." Passing over the intermediate period, as containing nothing of moment to the object I have in view, I find that the late King of Denmark, who ascended the throne in 1848, was exceedingly zealous in the cause of Freemasonry, and that the present flourishing condition is due to his exertions on its behalf. He, says Findel, "introduced the Zinnendorf (Swedish) Rite (its solemn inauguration took place Jan. 6, 1855), and promoted the union of the two Copenhagen Lodges into one, under the name of "Zorobabel and Frederick of the Crowned Hope." This I trow is the "Zorobabel and Frederick," which I have given above, and which will be found in Van Dalen's *Kalender für Freimaurer*.

I have marked other Lodges which I am more or less well assured still exist, but under the banners of other and independent Grand Lodges. Of these I will, with your kind permission, write later.

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

OLD LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The records of the Craft afford ample materials for the compilation of a work which might fittingly be entitled the "Vicissitudes of Lodges." For example, the present Caledonian Lodge, No. 134, possesses a singular history, of which an epitome may be found interesting.

Shortly after the arrival in London (1760) of the late William Preston (afterwards P.M. Lodge of Antiquity and author of the "Illustrations of Masonry"), a number of brethren from Edinburgh resolved to institute a Freemasons' Lodge in London under sanction of a constitution from Scotland, but not having succeeded in their application, they were recommended by the Grand Lodge at Edinburgh to the Antient Grand Lodge in London, who immediately granted them a dispensation to form a Lodge, and to make Masons. They accordingly met at the White Hart in the Strand, and Preston was the second person initiated under that dispensation.

The Lodge was soon after regularly constituted by the officers of the Antient Grand Lodge in person. Having increased considerably in numbers, it was found necessary to remove to the Horn Tavern, in Fleet Street, where it continued some time, till, that house being unable to furnish proper accommodation, it was removed to Scot's Hall, Blackfriars. Here it continued to flourish about two years, when the decayed state of that building obliged them to remove to the Half Moon Tavern, Cheapside, where it continued to meet for a considerable time.

At length Preston, and some other of the members having joined a Lodge under the regular English Constitution, at the Talbot Inn, in the Strand, they prevailed on the rest of the Lodge at the Half Moon Tavern to petition for a constitution. Lord Blaney, at that time Grand Master, readily acquiesced with the desire of the brethren, and the Lodge was soon after constituted a second time, in *ample form*, by the name of the Caledonian Lodge.

This Lodge was numbered 325 in 1764; 268 in 1770; 211 in 1781; 180 in 1792; 218 at the Union; 156 in 1832; and 134 at the last closing up of numbers in 1863. Its present description being the Caledonian Lodge, Leadenhall Street, London.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

STRONG MAN LODGE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent, "H. J. D.," in publishing the Warrant of Confirmation under which this Lodge is working, supplies further evidence *under the seal of Grand Lodge*, in favour of the theory which your Reviewer has so consistently maintained.

The place of the Lodge on all lists prior to 1740 is fixed at 110, which number, from 1734 to 1739, was filled by the Lodge then meeting at the "Ship Coffee House," near the Hermitage Bridge, with a Constitution dated at February 2nd, 173¼. This renders it impossible for the Lodge to have been warranted in 1734, as recited in the Warrant.

The official document, moreover, contains a further misstatement, viz., that the Warrant was issued to enable certain brethren . . . to meet at the "Ship Coffee House;" the first place of meeting of the

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Lodge being the "Crown and Mytre," Labour in Vain Hill, under which title its payment of two guineas for its Constitution is recorded, in the minutes of Grand Lodge, under date of 29th May 1733. In Rawlinson's List of 1733 (at No. 110) it is similarly described, with the slight variation of "Rummar and Mitre" in the tavern sign.

An interesting account of the centenary meeting of the Strong Man Lodge will be found in the first volume of the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review* (1834.)

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

P.S. The Warrant under which present Medina (No. 35) is working, was probably sold in 1761-62, by one or more of the London brethren who had previously used it.

MASONIC HALLS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—This day there reached me by post an appeal from the brethren of a certain Colonial Lodge for funds to enable them to build a Masonic Hall. This is not the first circular sent out with a similar object which has come into my hands, and an idea has occurred to me, apropos of such appeals, which I send to you for what it is worth.

We are all agreed that it is very preferable for every Lodge to meet under its own roof-tree, and to be independent of houses of public entertainment, but in how many cases is it impossible for this theory to be carried out?

Take the case of a young Lodge in a provincial town. At the eve of its existence it must provide itself with furniture, &c., at a cost of not less (to do it decently) than £100, which is rather a heavy pull on the handful of founders, and the number of initiates per year does not do much more than pay current expenses and provide for relief, charity, &c. Unless the brethren have amongst them some rich brother, whose heart is expanded by benevolence, they cannot hope for many a long year to build or buy premises suitable for Masonic purposes, and are driven to the admitted evils of meeting in a licensed house.

Now for the remedy.

Why should there not be established a MASONIC HALL LOAN FUND, to which Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodges, and Private Lodges might all contribute, and from which, under the control of the Board of General Purposes, sums of money might be lent at a very low rate of interest for the purpose of enabling young Lodges to erect suitable buildings for their accommodation, the loans to be paid off by instalments, and the interest to go to the Charities, after paying the expenses of loan negotiations, management, &c. The prospect of the advantages to be derived from such a fund would surely induce young Lodges to subscribe to it, whilst it is difficult to conceive a more fitting or paternal channel for the expenditure of a portion of the funds of Grand Lodge and of wealthy private Lodges.

However, there you have my suggestion, if you think it worth a corner.

Yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD W.M. 1611.

THINGS ONE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—What is the status in a Lodge of a member of the Craft elected as one of its honorary members? What are his privileges? Can he take any part in the proceedings—vote—or hold office? If he partakes of a Lodge banquet, will he be required to pay a Visitor's fee, or is he exempt from payment by virtue of his membership.

Yours fraternally,

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6th November 1878.

On Monday next, Madame Worrell-Duval's Annual Evening Concert will be held at the South Place Institute, E.C., close by the Moorgate-street and Liverpool-street Railway Stations. The programme is an extensive one, and includes several choice *morceaux*, both vocal and instrumental. Among the artists who will appear on the occasion are the Misses Matilda Roby and Bessie Stroud, Mesdames Worrell-Duval and Osborne Williams, Miss Emma Baer, Mdlle. Helene Arnim, and Messrs. Abercrombie, Chaplin Henry, and H. Horscroft, together with Mr. R. Bimber (violin), and Miss Ethel Gregory (pianoforte). Conductors, Messrs. J. Turle Lee and Osborne Williams, and Herr Trousselle. The Concert will commence at eight p.m., and carriages for 10.30 p.m. Reserved seats, three and two shillings each; unreserved, one shilling. Tickets may be had of Madame Worrell-Duval, 67 Knowle Road, Brixton Road, S.W., and of the several Stewards.

VALE OF WHITE HORSE LODGE.

On the 31st ult. this new Lodge was consecrated at Faringdon. Hitherto the Majority of Freemasons residing in Faringdon have been members of one or other of the Swindon Lodges. Freemasonry has, however, made such progress here that it was deemed advisable to form a new Lodge, and a charter was accordingly obtained from the Grand Lodge. On Thursday the Lodge, which was called the Vale of White Horse, No. 1770, was consecrated. There was a large attendance of the Craft. The ceremony of consecration took place at the Lodge Room, in the Savings Bank. The Consecrating Officer was Brother James Terry Jun. Grand Warden for Herts. The oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. C. R. Honey P.G.C. Berks and Bucks. The ceremony was interesting, and was, on the whole, impressively performed. After the Lodge had been consecrated, the W.M. was duly installed. Bro. H. Blandy-Jenkins, who was some years back W.M. of the Abbey Lodge (Abingdon), was chosen to be the first W.M. of the Vale of White Horse Lodge. Bro. Blandy-Jenkins is deservedly popular, and the selection of him gave great satisfaction to the members of the Craft. The installing Master was Bro. J. J. New (of Swindon). After the W.M. had been installed, he proceeded to invest his Officers. Bro. Luker was appointed S.W., Bro. Belcher J.W., and Bro. Philips Treasurer. Before the Lodge was closed a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the brethren who had taken part in the ceremonies of consecration and installation, and to the Prov. Grand Secretary (Bro. R. Bradley) for the trouble he had taken with respect to the formalities which have to be gone through before permission is given to consecrate a Lodge. After the business of the day had been disposed of the brethren adjourned to the Crown Hotel, where about sixty sat down to a banquet. Bro. Blandy-Jenkins presided, and several brethren holding high Masonic rank in the Provinces of Wilts, and Berks and Bucks were present. As many of the brethren had to leave early to catch the train, there was not much speech-making. In the course of the evening the health of the W.M. was proposed, and was most heartily received. A tribute was also paid to Bro. New for the labour and energy which he had displayed in all that related to the formation and the future working of the Vale of White Horse Lodge. An earnest hope was expressed that the new Lodge would render substantial help to the Masonic Institutions, and it was determined that the W.M. should represent the Lodge as Steward at the anniversary of one of the three great Societies.

Portitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12.—This Lodge met for the first time since the vacation on the 4th inst., under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. D. Nichols, supported by Bros. W. H. Bateman S.W., H. Mower J.W., L. Ruf P.M. Treas. and Father of the Lodge, A. Snelgrove P.M. Sec., W. H. Rudderford S.D., G. Coombs J.D., E. E. B. Kidder I.G., Bruttenbach D.C., Bidel Assist. D.C.; P.M.'s Bros. W. B. Kidder I.P.M., R. W. Stewart P.G.D., G. Angold, J. Cleaver, Lemaitre, A. Lilley, Picard, &c. Visitors—R. Ward 1511, J. Curlier 11, Clausen 1348, H. Stewart 95, L. Gros late 12, Shaw 1257, A. Hays 180, P. Storr 811, W. B. Berkley 108, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. The report of the audit committee was read and adopted, it showed a balance in hand after all liabilities had been discharged of £59 6s 4d. The ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Pigarche (son-in-law of the W.M.); it proved unanimous in his favour. By the courtesy of the Worshipful Master, he was duly initiated into the Order by Bro. W. B. Kidder I.P.M. Bro. R. W. Stewart P.M. P.G.D. proposed, and Bro. Angold P.M. seconded, that Bro. L. Ruf P.M. and Treasurer be re-elected Treas.; this was carried unanimously. Bro. L. Ruf P.M. rose; he had great pleasure in proposing that, as the Lodge had already voted twenty guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the brethren now vote a further sum of thirty guineas, in order to qualify the Lodge as Vice President. Bro. Picard P.M. seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously. Bros. Bateman S.W. and Cleaver offered themselves as Stewards to represent the Lodge at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution. The resignation of a brother was accepted, with regret. It was agreed that a letter of condolence be sent to Bro. Dudley Rolls P.M. on the loss of his son. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, provided by Bros. C. and A. Painter, that gave great satisfaction. The table was artistically decorated with flowers, and a button-hole provided for every brother by Bro. Coombes J.D. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was always active in the cause of Freemasonry, and the W.M. was sure the mention of his name would ensure a hearty reception being accorded the toast. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Pro G.M. and the Deputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, said he was pleased to say that they had a Grand Officer a member of their Lodge—Bro. R. W. Stewart P.G.D. That brother, in a very eloquent speech, returned thanks. Bro. Kidder I.P.M. proposed what he might say was the toast of the evening—namely, the health of the W.M.; he is one that every one respects. He has had very arduous duties to perform. Bro. Frank Ward sang "The Holy Friar." The W.M., who on rising was received with great enthusiasm, returned thanks for the toast. He felt grateful for the kind manner in which the brethren had received the toast. His great aim would be in every respect to further the comforts of the Lodge and the brethren. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters. Their Lodge was well known and respected. They had good Past Masters. He had to thank not only Bro. Kidder in particular, but all of the Past Masters generally, for the assistance they had given to the Lodge. Bro. Kidder I.P.M. returned thanks in a very excellent speech. Bro. R. W. Stewart P.M. said he had the Worshipful Master's permission to propose the toast of the newly-initiated brother. He was heartily welcome to the Lodge, where they would always be

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pleased to see him. Bro. A. Snelgrove P.M. sang a very excellent song. Bro. Pigarche returned thanks for the hearty and kind manner the brethren had honoured the toast and the compliment they had paid him in receiving him as a member of the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors; they had many distinguished Masons present, but he would call on Bro. Paul Storr to respond to the toast. Bro. Pigarche sang a very artistic song, which was deservedly applauded and encored; he accompanied himself on the piano. Bro. Paul Storr replied on behalf of the Visitors, and was followed by Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. L. Ruf and A. Snelgrove, whose services they had for many years fully appreciated; both were well worthy their regard and esteem. Brother Bedell gave the next song. Brother L. Ruf said he had taken every interest in the Lodge. He had belonged to it twenty-nine years. He was the Father, and his great idea was to see the Lodge become Vice-President of the Charities. Bro. A. Snelgrove followed, and said he, in conjunction with his fellow colleague, hoped they had done their work well. The members had seen the balance sheet that night, and it was a sufficient proof they had the interest of the Lodge at heart. Bro. Kidder jun. sang "Nancy Lee." The toast of the Officers was next given.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 4th inst. Present—Bros. Pearcy W.M., Symons S.W., Halle J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., W. Rowley S.D., Wing J.D, Pelikan I.G.; also Bros. Hallam sen., A. Rowley, Mitchell, Smith, Brandon, Dyer. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in a very impressive manner, Bro. Smith as candidate. Bro. Pelikan gave proof of his proficiency, but was not entrusted. The W.M. worked the first, second, fourth and fifth sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Halle and Smith, of the Mother Lodge, and Bro. Brandrum of Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201, were elected members. Bro. Symons was voted to the chair of K.S. for next Monday evening, after which Lodge was closed. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on the last Monday in this month, full particulars will be announced in next week's CHRONICLE.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 5th November, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Present—Bros. J. Bingemann W.M., R. P. Tate S.W., J. S. Brown J.W., Dickins Sec., Sandle S.D., Abell J.D., McAlpine I.G.; Bros. J. Soper, Blank, Sanders, Gates, Robertson, H. C. Soper, Alford, Bond, Miroy, Thompson, Watts, Corns, Woolridge, Johnstone and others. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—1st Bro. Gates, 2nd Bro. Abell, 3rd Bro. Sanders, 4th Bro. Dickins, 5th Bro. Tate, 6th Bro. Brown, 7th Bro. Thompson, 8th Bro. Miroy, 9th Bro. Watts, 10th Bro. Tate, 11th Bro. Dickins, 12th Bro. Brown, 13th Bro. Soper, 14th Bro. Watts, 15th Bro. Tate. Votes of thanks were unanimously accorded to the W.M., and to the brethren who had assisted him. On Tuesday, 12th November, Bro. Miroy will occupy the chair.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—The regular meeting was held on Monday, 4th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Bros. J. Miller W.M., M. Spiegel S.W., H. Hymans J.W., L. M. Asserbaac Treas., E. P. Albert P.M. P.G.P. Hon. Secretary, Campion S.D., R. Baker J.D., I. Benjamin I.G., Blanks D.C., and P.M.'s Bros. L. Lazarus, A. G. Dodson and S. Hickman. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Mr. Chas. Robinson was ballotted for and duly initiated into the Order. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to slight refreshment. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. responded for the Grand Officers. The harmony of the evening was enhanced by the excellent singing of the W.M., Bros. Benjamin, Blanks, Silvester and Franklin.

Stability Lodge, No. 217.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 5th November, at Anderton's Hotel. Present—Bros. R. G. Seaborn W.M., J. M. Hodder S.W., J. F. Clark J.W., H. France P.M. Treas. and S.D., G. A. Taylor P.M. Secretary, W. Cattermole J.D., H. J. Westmore D.C.; also Bros. H. Marns, W. Riley, H. Lynn, J. L. Hinks, F. J. Woolmer, G. B. Clough, G. W. Hodges and J. W. Woolmer. Visitor—Bro. G. H. Stephens. Bros. Hinks and Riley having proved themselves proficient, were entrusted. Lodge was opened up, and they were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Lynn was entrusted and passed to the second degree. Several notices of motion were disposed of, and Lodge was adjourned until 3rd December next.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 6th instant, Bro. W. J. Huntley being the W.M., with Bros. J. Frost S.W., and J. Featherstone J.W. There were also present Bros. H. R. Jones, W. F. Wardroper, J. J. Hollands, J. G. Carter, &c. The three degrees were rehearsed, Bro. Wardroper going through the first and second, and Bro. A. A. Denham through the third. Bro. J. Frost was voted as the W.M. for the ensuing meeting. This Lodge of Instruction is looked upon as a great boon to the Masonic brethren in the district, there not being one nearer than that held at Prince's Head, Battersea.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Thursday, the 31st ult. Present—Bros. Townsend W.M., Gieseke S.W., Cleverly J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Abrahams S.D., Serjeant J.D., Hine I.G.; also Bros. Pearcy, Rosenheim, Peacock and others. All preliminaries having been observed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Rosenheim being the candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the two first sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Rosenheim, of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 27, U.S.A., was elected a member. Bro. Gieseke was unanimously elected to fill the chair of K.S. at the next meeting.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—At Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on 6th November. Bros. P.M. Dickinson Preceptor, Press W.M., Oldis S.W., Campbell J.W., Eldridge S.D., Edmunds J.D., S. Goode I.G., H. B. D. Dunn Sec. Lodge opened, minutes read and confirmed. Bro. J. H. Bastable offered himself as a candidate for initiation, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. P.M. Dickinson worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture. Bro. Oldis was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. J. H. Bastable of No. 1695 was elected a member. Bro. P.M. Dickinson re-elected Preceptor, Bro. P.M. Pigot Treasurer, and Bro. H. B. D. Dunn Secretary, for the ensuing year.

Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298.—A meeting was held on 5th November, at the Wellington Club, Islington, N. Present—Bros. W. H. Cohen W.M., H. W. Gladwell S.W., G. H. Hunter J.W., Geo. S. Bigley Sec., G. Allison Treas., L. Buddrus S.D., Stevens J.D., Watford D.C., Strat Steward, Baldwin I.G. Visitors—Bros. A. W. Duret W.M. of the Amherst Lodge, and Max Sabel of the Athenæum Lodge, No. 1491. After the confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was taken for Bro. Wesley Marshall, of Lodge Commercial, Glasgow, No. 360, as a joining member; this proved unanimous. Bro. Charles Bogler was then raised to the sublime degree. The usual routine business followed, and Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to a cold collation.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 7th November, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, E.C. Present—Bros. Muss W.M., Spiegel S.W., Staley J.W., Blackie Sec., Hamer Treas., Rush S.D., C. Taylor J.D., Blanks I.G., Saul Preceptor, and several other brethren. The Lodge was opened, and minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Baber offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. The first, second, third and fourth sections of the lecture were then worked. Bros. Dow 45 and Blanks 188 were unanimously elected members. The S.W. was appointed W.M. for ensuing week.

Loyalty Lodge, No. 897.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting at the Fleece Hotel, St. Helens, West Lancashire, on Tuesday, the 5th instant. Present—Bros. W. J. Marrow W.M., W. Harrison I.P.M., J. S. White S.W., T. Molyneux J.W., Rev. F. Mermagen Chaplain, Joseph Robinson Treas., J. J. Morris Secretary, W. Loader S.D., F. Hodgson J.D., R. B. Woodward Org., E. Beilby I.G., J. Taylor Tyler; Past Masters Bros. W. Leather, J. G. Dunn, and Bros. J. Grace, J. Hall, John Harrison, G. Barton, W. R. Ward, J. Bennett, T. Haslam, J. Smith, T. Windus, H. C. Lockhart, W. Birchall, D. McKechnie, D. M. F. Gaskin, J. Ricketts, J. H. Roughsedge, James Fowler P.M. 86 and 1384, James Harrison, R. Tyson P.M. 106, C. C. Wilson, F. A. R. Neill, &c. Visitors—S. Wylde P.M. 1403, John Bowes P.M. 148 P.P.G.J.W., R. Brierley P.M. 1250, D. W. Finney W.M. 1250 P.G.S., S. M. Davies (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), W. R. Robinson W.M. 1335, F. M. Coats 241, W. Holt 1384, J. Rimmer 1384, C. Sayer 220, J. W. McTear 1384, A. G. Kyle 1384, &c. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, the minutes read and ratified. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Bennett was passed. This being the night for election of officers, the ballot was taken for W.M. for the ensuing year, and resulted in the unanimous selection of the S.W. Bro. Robinson was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Taylor Tyler. The other Officers were voted to their respective offices. Several matters of private business were brought forward, and kept the Lodge open to an unusually late hour. The W.M. having received the hearty good wishes of many brethren, the Lodge was closed. By request of the W.M. the brethren adjourned to supper. In consequence of the lateness of the hour many left without sitting down to refreshment, a circumstance which caused the W.M. regret. After the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts in quick succession. He most cordially gave that of the Visitors. He craved their indulgence for all shortcomings. He welcomed them very cordially, and asked the brethren to drink heartily to the toast,—which was done. He called upon Bro. Wylde to respond. That brother bestowed indiscriminate praise where it was not on any consideration merited. This customary flattery is very injurious, and is calculated to mislead the younger members of the Craft. In all fraternal spirit, we consider that the working of No. 897 requires great improvement to merit such praise as that bestowed. A very fine selection of music was rendered by Bros. Lockhart, Taylor, and Barton, Bro. Woodward presiding at the organ. Bro. Harrison proposed the health of the W.M., bearing testimony to his best endeavours to fill his post with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. The toast was drunk with Masonic honours, and the W. Master in replying reviewed the past year. He regretted he had not been able to do more for the good of the Craft, and particularly for his Lodge. He had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M. elect, who he thanked, with the Officers generally, for their many past marks of esteem. Bro. White responded, and remarked, in anticipation of the appointment of Officers for next year, due regard would be taken to appoint those who understood their duties, and would attend to them. He hoped for good attendance on the part of the members, and their hearty co-operation in the work before them.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen remains at her northern residence. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales reached London on Monday on their return from Paris. It is announced that the Indian Collection of the Prince of Wales, now in the Paris Exhibition, is, by consent of His Royal Highness, to be removed to the Edinburgh Museum.

The Earl of Carnarvon on Tuesday night delivered an address at Edinburgh, on Imperial Administration, in which he contrasted the present amicable relations between the Colonies and the Home Government with the dislike formerly entertained by the former towards "Downing-street."

The present candidates for the office of Rector of Aberdeen University are Mr. Cross, the Home Secretary, and Lord Rosebery, the Earl of Aberdeen having withdrawn.

The deaths have been announced of the Dowager Marchioness of Cholmondeley; Mr. J. W. Miles, formerly M.P. for Bristol; Mr. Kenneth Macleay, a distinguished Scottish artist; and of Mr. Samuel Phelps, the well-known actor.

Lord Penzance, as Dean of Arches, on Saturday delivered a long judgment declining to enforce the monition pronounced against the Rev. J. Edwards, of Prestbury, as the Court of Queen's Bench had granted a prohibition in the case of Mr. Mackonochie. Lord Penzance criticised very sharply the action of the Queen's Bench in overruling the decisions of the Arches Court.

A new set of rules was issued on Monday prescribing changes in the mode of hearing summonses at Judges' Chambers.

A pedestrian match extending over six days was brought to a close at the Agricultural Hall on Saturday. There were nineteen competitors, and the winner, a man named Corkey, travelled within the period a distance of 521 miles. Brown, the second man, had covered 506 miles.

A match at football was played at Kennington Oval on Monday night by the electric light. The experiment was, on the whole, successful, but improvements in some of the details were desirable.

A fire broke out at Maynooth College on Friday last, and half the western wing of the building was destroyed.

Mining operations in Cornwall are almost entirely suspended, and many of the miners are emigrating from the district.

A party of mining engineers visited the Sandwell-park Collieries on Wednesday. During the descent, two gentlemen fell out of the cage. One, Mr. Arnold, was killed upon the spot, and the other, Mr. Barker, was dangerously injured.

Many hundreds of farm labourers in Kent have struck against the proposed reduction of wages.

Several cotton mills at Burnley have resumed working, the operatives accepting reduced wages.

A lighter was run down and sunk in the Mersey by the steamer City of Baltimore, and one man was drowned. The steamer J. O. Scott ran down a foreign schooner on Tuesday off Hartlepool, and the crew of the latter vessel were drowned.

The Malabar steam transport, about to convey troops to India, was disabled on Saturday by the derangement of her machinery, and was towed into Plymouth Harbour.

The master, mate, and boatswain of a merchant vessel, the Maggie Dixon, were convicted at Exeter Assizes of gross cruelty towards an apprentice. The master was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment, and the other prisoners to five years penal servitude.

A labourer engaged in unloading a vessel in the Liverpool docks died from the effects of excessive drinking of rum, which formed part of the cargo.

A police sergeant at St. Helen's, near Liverpool, was shot dead by a man whom he had stopped upon suspicion. The murderer has since been arrested at his mother's house in Ireland. A man of independent means, living at Uttoxeter, murdered his wife and then committed suicide. A boatman, named Mumford, at Dover, on Tuesday, killed his wife and child by stabbing them with a dagger.

A man named Charles Peace, who is awaiting his trial in London for burglary at Blackheath, has been identified as the murderer of a Mr. Dixon, near Sheffield, two years ago.

One of the directors of the City of Glasgow Bank, Mr. Stewart, has been released upon sureties to the extent of £15,000. The other directors in custody have applied to be released, but have not yet offered sufficient sureties. A public meeting was held in Glasgow on Monday, when a subscription was opened for the relief of the shareholders in the City Bank, and upwards of £55,000 was at once subscribed. That amount has since been increased to nearly £80,000. Subscriptions have also been opened in Edinburgh, Dundee, and other Scottish towns.

The Viceroy's second letter to the Ameer Shere Ali was delivered on Saturday last to the Afghan Commander at Ali Masjid, and with peremptory demand for a reply before the 20th inst. Public opinion in India is decidedly adverse to this renewal of communications after the Ameer's refusal to allow the British Mission to proceed to Cabul, and there is no expectation of any concession on his part. In the meantime military preparations on the frontier are being vigorously carried on. General Sir S. J. Browne has been appointed to the command of the Peshawur force, and Sir N. Chamberlain will accompany the Viceroy to Lahore as Military Member of Council. A fresh division, composed of a Bombay and a Madras brigade, has been ordered to the frontier. M. Greig, the Minister of Finance, has returned to St. Petersburg, without having succeeded in what was believed to have been the object of his mission—the arrangement of a foreign loan. The Porte, upon the advice of the British Ambassador, has directed the evacuation of Varna. In Roumelia the insurrection is ex-

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tending, but the Russian authorities deny that it has been encouraged by them. At Belgrade there is some uneasiness lest the demand for the incorporation of East Roumelia with Bulgaria should interfere with the territorial cessions to Servia which were recommended by the Congress of Berlin. The lottery, under the sanction of the French Government, in connection with the Parish Exhibition, has proved so popular that 12 millions of tickets have been issued, and even a larger number would find purchasers were it possible to arrange for the drawing. The French Chamber has been engaged in discussing the validity of M. Paul de Cassagnac's election, and the first sitting was entirely taken up by his speech. On Thursday the discussion was resumed, and after a stormy debate M. de Cassagnac's election was annulled. A storm of unusual violence raged at Vienna on Sunday, which did great damage and caused complete stoppage of telegraphic communication. A new Cabinet was formed at Athens last week under the presidency of M. Tricoupis, but upon their first meeting the Chamber, an adverse resolution was passed, and the Ministry resigned. The negotiations between the Russian Government and the Vatican have come to an end, and it is understood that the Pope will shortly issue a protest against the oppressive treatment of Catholics in Poland. Elections were held in the United States on Tuesday, which resulted favourably for the Republicans, although the Democrats will still have a majority in the House. General Butler was defeated in Massachusetts. The Press of the United States is unanimous in approving the action of their Government in respect of the Newfoundland fisheries dispute. Telegraphic news has been received from Cape Town to the 15th of October. There had been no further fighting, but the Zulus still maintained a threatening attitude.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held its November meeting on Saturday last. There were present Bros. W. Roebuck (in the chair), H. Browse, J. G. Chancellor, W. F. C. Moutrie, Don. M. Dewar, Geo. J. Row, A. Durrant, C. G. Rashworth, W. Hyde Pullen, H. Massey, S. Rosenthal, Chas. Horsley, F. Adlard, George Motion, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The Mansion House Committee of the "Princess Alice" Fund having resolved to buy into the Institution a son of the late Bro. Charles Jardine, the brethren referred it to the House Committee to recommend his admission on payment of 170 guineas. Three candidates were placed on the list for the April election. An outfit was granted to a late pupil of the Institution, who is now in a situation; and a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. John Caldwell, who sent a cheque for £100 to this Institution on his resignation of membership of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, his failing health not allowing of his travelling from Devonshire to attend the meetings of the Lodge.

GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Meeting of Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. S. Rawson occupied the Z. chair, Comp. Capt. W. Platt the chair of H., and Comp. J. A. Recker the chair of J. There were also present Comps. J. Hervey, Erasmus Wilson, Rev. C. W. Arnold, Dr. Woodman, James Lewis Thomas, Francis Robinson, James Glaisher, W. Hyde Pullen, C. A. Murton, Peter de Lande Long, E. S. Snell, Thomas Fenn, A. J. Duff Filer, H. Maudsley, H. J. P. Dumas, Joshua Nunn, Colonel Creaton, J. M. Case, F. P. Morrell, H. G. Buss, C. B. Payne, ... H. Tattershall, G. Stacey, George Lambert, J. Clever, W. Stephens, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, H. Massey, and Charles Godtschalk. On the motion of Comp. Col. Creaton, seconded respectively by Comps. J. Lewis Thomas, Joshua Nunn, the Rev. C. W. Arnold, and J. M. Case, Charters were granted for Chapters to be attached to Lodges Nos. 1428, 1177, 531, 594, 1525, 1358, 1665, and 970; and a Charter of Confirmation was granted to Chapter No. 358, Ireland Island, Bermuda, the original Charter being entirely decayed. Grand Chapter then declared that Comp. Joseph Smith P.D.C. was suspended from his Arch Masonic functions for the period while his Craft suspension continues in force. Comp. Joseph Smith, who was an elected member of the Committee of General Purposes of the Supreme Grand Chapter, being by reason of his suspension disqualified from attending such Committee, the Grand Chapter elected Comp. F. Adlard P.Z No. 7, &c., to fill the vacancy thus caused. Grand Chapter was then closed.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Autumn is proverbially the season of sickness: then the blood requires purification, the digestion demands thorough and attentive regulation and all the secretions call for correction. Holloway's remedies supply all the necessaries for securing health; the one overcomes cutaneous diseases, sores, ulcerations, abscesses, carbuncles, and all visible imperfections; the other acts most potently in cleansing the circulation, strengthening the stomach, governing the liver, regulating the bowels, and reducing the entire system to order. Thus these twin medicaments furnish the most efficient medicine chest available for family use. It is easier, through Holloway's discovery, to point out the remedy than to describe the disease; into the former no fallacy can intrude; into the latter prejudice may unwillingly creep.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN CUMBERLAND.

IT was our good fortune last week to spend two or three days among the everlasting hills of canny Cumberland. As our custom is, we sought out the brethren, and found we were fortunate as to time, as the Whitehaven and Wigton Chapters held their Annual Installation Festivals respectively on the first and second of November. On arriving at the Masonic Temple in College-street, Whitehaven, we found quite a crowd of Companions, and every face bespoke interest in the day's proceedings. The Chapter was opened in due form, according to ancient custom, and in a very efficient manner. The bulk of the Companions admitted, the minutes were read. The ballot was then taken for several candidates, and four of the number being present, they were exalted by the Principals, ably assisted by Comps. John Barr P.Z Prov. G. Treas. and Rothery P.S.; the exaltations being completed, the M.E.Z., Comp. Sandwith, called upon E. Comp. John Bowes P.Z. Prov. G. Scribe N., to undertake the duties of installing Principal. In due course Comps. Dr. Hendy, W. F. Lamonley and Edward Tyson, were presented respectively as Z., H., and J. elect, for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was duly and regularly performed, and on the return of the Companions the new Chiefs were proclaimed, greeted, and saluted. The Officers for the ensuing year having been invested, and the benediction pronounced, a cordial and hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Bowes for his valuable and efficient services. The Companions, now to the number of fifty, adjourned to the banqueting-room, where an excellent dinner was served by Bro. Smith of the Albion Hotel. Grace before and after meat being said by Joshua, the usual Royal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Comps. Barr and Sandwith came in for a large share of praise, for their long-continued interest in Royal Arch Masonry. The health of the Installing Principal Comp. Bowes called forth many expressions of thanks and obligation for many years of valuable assistance. We gathered that the Chapter, after a period of great activity, fell asleep, and was revived under the fostering care of Comp. Captain Mott; that ex-Companion being called to the Grand Chapter above, the choice of a Preceptor fell upon Ex. Comp. Bowes, long-well known in Cumberland and Westmoreland for his active services in the Craft. That Comp. readily complied with the wishes of the members of the Chapter; he exalted many brethren, and conducted a Chapter of Instruction. Comp. Barr stood to the front, ably assisted by Comp. Tyson as P.S., and the Sun, Square and Compasses Chapter, No. 119, has added a very large number of members to its roll. Ex. Comp. Bowes has annually visited the Chapter and installed the Chiefs, and now No. 119 is one of the largest Chapters in the county, and its working an example to all. After a pleasant evening the Companions separated, well satisfied with the day's proceedings. The next day, Saturday, the annual meeting of the Chapter of St. John, No. 327, Wigton, was held. A great gloom, however, overspread the Convocation, for Ex. Comp. John Lemon was interred that day. The whole town was in mourning attire, and universal regret was expressed on all sides for the heavy loss Masonry had sustained by the death of Bro. Lemon. He had been Senior Warden of the Province, and for many years its Treasurer. The Chapter met, and Ex. Comps. James Gardiner, Joseph Pearson, and W. H. Hoodless, were respectively installed as Z., H. and J. The Officers having been invested, and the ceremony completed, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions went in a body to the Railway Station to join the funeral party. After the funeral, the Companions partook of luncheon, but speeches and salutes were dispensed with, in consequence of the melancholy circumstances under which the Chapter met. We were impressed, during our visit, with the necessity of a Chapter at Maryport, this town is mid-way between Whitehaven and Wigton. The Whitehaven Chapter is overgrown, and there are a large number of R. A. Companions at Maryport, well able to work and sustain a Chapter. If we may presume to make a suggestion, it will be, that a Chapter be immediately formed at Maryport, and, out of compliment to one of the oldest R. A. Masons in the Province, called "the Nicholson Chapter." We are sure that the M.E. Prov. G. Superintendent, Lord Bective, and Colonel Whitwell would view such a step with favour. If another friend and adviser was wanted, we are sure that Comp. Bowes's best services would be at the disposal of the Maryport Companions. We commend this suggestion to all whom it may concern. *Verum sap.*

THE ATHENÆUM, CAMDEN ROAD.

We are much indebted to those artists who make it their business from time to time to cater for the enjoyment of the public, and to provide their friends with the means of spending an evening rationally and pleasantly. Miss Florence Smart, whose second evening concert, at the Athenæum in Camden Road, we attended on Tuesday, deserves both credit and support for the spirited manner in which she has got up these entertainments, and her evident desire to please her patrons. The programme for the above evening was full, and the music—the songs especially—well received by a large, intelligent, and appreciative audience. We might, perhaps, say that some of the songs were a trifle too long, considering the number set down, but if we may judge by the repeated *encores* that were demanded, the majority of those present thoroughly enjoyed them. It would be an invidious task to point out individual excellence, seeing that all the artists acquitted themselves well. We will add, however, one word as regards Miss Smart. Her performances during the evening must have satisfied the most fastidious listener, and her persevering efforts to please won entire approbation. We observe that the *third* of these concerts is arranged to be given at the same place, on Tuesday, the 17th December, when we are assured the young lady will receive another hearty reception.

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THE ROYAL PRINCES AND THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

We learn that, on Wednesday last, the 6th inst., their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold were advanced to the 33° at the headquarters of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, 33 Golden-square, in the presence of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, 33°, Grand Patron of the Order. The ceremony was performed by Lord Skelmersdale 33°, the Sov. Grand Commander, assisted by the other members of the Supreme Council 33°. A full report will appear in our next.

MASONIC PRESENTATION TO LORD METHUEN.

A GRAND Lodge of the Province of Wilts was held yesterday, at the Town Hall, Swindon, under the presidency of Lord Methuen Prov. Grand Master for Wilts. Grand Lodge was numerously attended, and among the brethren present were Bros. Gabriel Goldney, M.P., Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, M.P., Prov. Grand Master for Berks and Bucks, Lord Hy. Thynne, Frederick H. Goldney Prov. Grand Treasurer, H. C. Tombs Prov. Grand Secretary, James Terry Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Among the letters which were read expressing regret for inability to attend was one from Bro. Collins, on behalf of His Royal Highness Prince Leopold; from Sir H. Watson Taylor, who sent a present of two fine haunches of venison; and from Bro. Hervey, Grand Secretary of England. The Treasurer's report showed that the funds of the Province were in a highly favourable condition, and fifty guineas were voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Gabriel Goldney then presented to Lord Methuen a pair of magnificent solid silver candelabra, of the value of six hundred guineas, accompanied by a testimonial on vellum framed and glazed. The candelabra and testimonial were subscribed for by the brethren and Lodges of the Province in commemoration of Lord Methuen having completed his twenty-fifth year of office as Provincial Grand Master of Wilts. Bro. Goldney, in making the presentation, after stating that it was a recognition by the brethren of the eminent services of His Lordship, as Provincial Grand Master, in raising the Province of Wilts to its present high position in Freemasonry, traced the progress of the Province in the last twenty-five years, which was evidenced by the increased number of Freemasons in the district, and the continually growing contributions it made in the cause of charity. Lord Methuen, who, in replying, was visibly affected, expressed his pleasure at this latest mark of their appreciation of any little services he had been able to render. When he looked on the magnificent testimonial which had been presented to him, and considered its great cost and high artistic execution, he could not help asking himself what he had done to deserve it? Although he might, to some extent, have assisted the Province, he was sure that the generous and kindly feelings which the brethren had evinced towards him that day were ten or a hundred times greater in proportion. For many generations he trusted the splendid tokens of the brethren's esteem, generosity and kindness, would be handed down to members of his family, who he hoped would, in their turn, have the same feelings towards the Freemasons of Wiltshire as he had himself. He concluded by informing the brethren that all that he had been enabled to do in Freemasonry was due to the kind instruction he had received from Sir Daniel Gooch. Brother F. R. Goldney then presented his Lordship with a History of Freemasonry in Wiltshire, which was afterwards ordered to be printed. The new Grand Officers for the year were subsequently appointed, and the proceedings of the day concluded with a banquet. A ball was given in the evening.

The Abbey Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 225, Abingdon.—The consecration took place on 30th ult., at the Abbey Council Hall. The consecrating officer was the very Worshipful Brother the Rev. P. M. Holden, Past Grand Chaplain, who performed the beautiful and impressive ceremonies in the most able manner. He was assisted by several distinguished officers from the Grand Lodge. The installation of the first Worshipful Master, Brother Walter Ballard, was then proceeded with, and he subsequently invested his Officers, the S.W. being Bro. Walter Thompson, and the J.W. E. L. Shepherd. The Lodge being closed, a splendid banquet was partaken of in the Council Chamber. The excellent rendering of several choice selections of music, by Brother Theodore Distin and others, was much appreciated. Amongst the brethren who took part in the proceedings were Bros. T. J. Pailey W.M. of the Aldershot Lodge, E Margrett W.M. designate of the new Leopold Lodge, which will be consecrated in Reading on the 25th inst., Charles Stephens, George Westall, &c., &c. The Great Western Railway Company's arrangements for the conveyance of the Visitors to and from Abingdon were very complete, and were carried out under the personal superintendence of Brother H. Stevens, the District Traffic Manager.

Ancient Carthage Chapter, No. 1717, at Tunis, in North Africa.—The first regular meeting of this Chapter after the summer recess was held on Friday, the 25th of October, at the Masonic Hall, nearly the whole of the members being present. Two of the Principals having resigned, owing to the difficulty to come from Malta to attend the meetings of the Chapter, the Bros. Principal, E. Comp Broadley, installed in their stead, and by the unanimous desire of the members, E. Comp Dr. N. Lenghi 33° G.O. of Italy and P.M. of the Italian Lodge "Caprera" at Alexandria, as H.; and Ex.-Comp. Dr. Q. Mugnaini 33° G.O. of Italy and P.M. of the Italian Lodge "Carthage and Utica" at Tunis, as J.; Comp Professor S. Soniller was elected and installed as E. On the Chapter being opened in due form, a vote of thanks was passed to E. Comp W. Kingston (R.W.D.G.M. of Malta) P.Z. 349, and E. Comp. Reichelmann J. 349 for their invaluable aid in opening the Chapter, and the consideration shown by them in resigning their posts to other eligible Companions, when it was found that their private associations in Malta would prevent their coming to Tunis to work the Chapter. It was also resolved that a letter of thanks be written to the Principals of the Melita Chapter 349, who had presented the "Ancient Carthage Chapter" with a highly finished set of sceptres. The following candidates were then unanimously elected: Bros. J. H. Stevens, H.B. Majesty's Vice-Consul at Tunis S.W 1717, A. Perini M.D. J.W. 1717, M. Lombroso Secretary 1717, A. Felice, and J. Barsotti. These brethren being in attendance, were introduced, and duly exalted to the sublime degree of the Royal Arch. There are now twenty-nine active members of the Chapter, including the W.M. of the Italian Lodge "Risorgimento," and the degree is very highly appreciated by the foreign brethren, especially as the ceremony is efficiently worked in the Italian language. The Chapter being closed in due form, was adjourned till the next regular meeting of the 23rd November.

NEW ZEALAND.

The first anniversary of the Palmerston Lodge, No. 1749, E.C., was celebrated on Friday, 16th August, in the presence of a very large gathering of the Craft. The Lodge was opened in due form at 8 p.m. by Bro. Henry Kitchener W.M., assisted by his Officers, and the following visitors were announced and received with the usual Masonic ceremonies:—The W.M., Officers, and members of Lodge Waitaki No. 1111 E.C., the R.W.P.M., Officers, and members of the Oamaru Kilwinning Lodge S.C., the W.M. Officers, and members of the Port Chalmers Marine Lodge No. 942 E.C., together with Bros. P.M.'s D. Rhodes Lodge of Otago No. 844 E.C., J. Matheson No. 1111 E.C., Crawford E.C., and J. Joyce No. 942 E.C. The Lodge of Mount Ida was represented by Bro. Bremner, and the sister Constitutions of Ireland and Scotland by Bros. Geohagan I.C., and Captain M'Bride of the barque Aline S.C. The usual routine business of the Lodge having been transacted, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. M'Kenzie P.M. Oamaru Kilwinning Lodge S.C., who had been duly elected as W.M. of the Palmerston Lodge, was presented for installation, the ceremony being performed by Bro. C. de Longueville Graham, who was ably assisted by the W. Bros. J. Joyce and J. Matheson. After the installation of the W.M., Bro. H. Kitchener, the retiring Master, was installed as P.M., and the Board of Installed Masters closed. The following brethren were then invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. Jeffreys S.W., Catamore J.W., Drapper Sec., Stephenson Treasurer; Haynes J.D., J. Bower I.G., Robins Tyler. Bro. P.M. Matheson gave the customary addresses to the newly-invested wardens, while the W.M. was addressed by Bro. P.M. J. Joyce. At the termination of the installation ceremony Bro. H. Kitchener P.M. moved that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the installing Officers. This being carried by acclamation, the Lodge was closed in due form. Appropriate music was rendered during the ceremonies by Bro. J. A. D. Adams of the Lodge of Otago No. 844 E.C. After the installation, the brethren adjourned to the Empire Hotel, where a sumptuous repast had been provided in Bro. J. Duncan's best style; fully fifty members of the Craft were present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and duly honoured; while at frequent intervals some excellent songs were rendered by several of the brethren present, Bro. Blakely presiding at the piano. Shortly before the closing toast was given, the health of the host and hostess, Bro. and Mrs. Duncan was appropriately given, and responded to; and after a brief interval the brethren separated well pleased with the enjoyable evening they had spent. From the acknowledged ability of the W.M., Bro. M'Kenzie, together with the able selection of Officers he has made, we augur a most successful year for the thriving little Palmerston Lodge.

A meeting of the P.G. Lodge of the North Island, S.C., was held on Monday evening, the 2nd September, in the Wellington Theatre Royal, for the purpose of installing the Officers who were unable to attend in Auckland last year. The Waterloo Lodge was the first opened. About 200 Masons of the various Lodges were present. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then entered, and Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker P.G.M. assumed the throne, and opened the Provincial Grand Lodge, introducing Bro. McCulloch P.P.D.G.M. as the installing Master. Bro. Brodie P.G. Senior Warden occupied his proper chair, and the other G.L. Officers were filled by deputies. The Officers installed were: Bro. A. Johnston as P.D.P.G.M., Bro. Rev. B.W. Harvey as P.G.D. Chaplain, Bro. Gillon as P.G.D. Sec, Bro. Browles as P.G.S.D., and Bro. Dale as P.A. Marshal. The ceremony was admirably conducted by Bro. McCulloch, and the musical part was supported by a splendid choir. Bro. Brodie, on behalf of the Sir Walter Scott, Thames; Bro. McCulloch on behalf of the St. Andrew's Lodge, Auckland; and Bro. Power, on behalf of the Delight of the Thames Lodge, congratulated the newly installed Officers. After the ceremony a banquet was held.

The Correspondent of the Sydney morning Herald writing from Noumea, New Caledonian, says:—After Henri Rochefort's escape a leading merchant of Noumea received notice to quit, and the Masonic Lodge was closed, through presumed complicity in the flight of the Communist leader.

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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, 9th NOVEMBER.

186—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (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.
R. A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms, Hotel, Wood Green.

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1536—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.
1544—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
1627—Unity, De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton, Middlesex.

MONDAY, 11th NOVEMBER.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
90—St. John's, 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.)
196—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
540—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.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.

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.
242—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
635—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby.
647—Rowe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
668—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
695—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
995—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Hindpert-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1215—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate.
1448—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1627—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold.
1669—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1811—Shoreham, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
1818—Headyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.

TUESDAY, 12th NOVEMBER.

46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.
65—Consentinental, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bridge, Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
66—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 3 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
186—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
758—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1456—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1607—Metropolitan, 355 Caledonville-road. (Instruction.)
1672—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
1694—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1814—Covent Garden, Ashley's Covent Garden Hotel, Henrietta-street.
1858—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
126—Silent Temple, Cruss Keys Inn, Barnsley.
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.
178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
194—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
273—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
281—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon.
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
486—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
497—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
682—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.
903—Gosport, Indian Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1300—Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Bank-street, Warrington.
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley.
1454—Unity, 301 Park Road-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1467—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey.
1614—K. on, Masonic Hall, Devonshire.
1668—Ocklendon, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1803—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1815—Tonbridge, New Public Hall, Tonbridge.
M. M. 9—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
M. M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.

WEDNESDAY, 13th NOVEMBER.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
9—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
149—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
165—Jerusalem, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Union Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, at 8. (In.
435—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Whitby-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchants' Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.

813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1076—Capper, Marine Hotel, Tidal Basin, Victoria Docks, E.
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1388—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1324—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1260—Hervey, Freemasons' Hall W.C.
R. A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe.
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
281—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
493—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1209—Lewisses, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1244—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1395—Baldwin, The 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, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1530—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannoc, Staffs.
1562—Llanidloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R. A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.

THURSDAY, 14th NOVEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
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.
720—Panmure Gen. L. of Inst., Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1331—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington.
1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1643—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke-grove-road, Notting-hill.
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 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.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
210—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
539—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
602—Humbred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
677—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
846—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
764—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1036—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
109—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, As-sur-under Lyne.
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thanet.
1426—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1467—Beghaw, Bold Faced Stag, Beckenham-hill.

FRIDAY, 15th NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
807—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
826—Hanemagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (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.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1305—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1329—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1643—K. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulburne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
[illegible]—Vitruvian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
[illegible]—Robert Burns, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Ripon.
[illegible]—Lincoln, Fox Hotel, South-street.
[illegible]—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
[illegible]—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
[illegible]—Athelstan, Midway Hotel, Leyton-stone.
[illegible]—Lord Warden, Lord Nelson, Parade, Deal.
[illegible]—Scientific, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds.
[illegible]—Hornet, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. [illegible]—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. [illegible]—Antiquity of Bath, Town Hall, Bath.
R. A. [illegible]—Union of Derby Lodge, Derby, Leicestershire.
R. A. [illegible]—Alfred, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
R. A. [illegible]—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

SATURDAY, 16th NOVEMBER.

186—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
[illegible]—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Hilda Chapter Rose Croix.—This Chapter, stationed at York, met on Friday (All Saints' Day), for the purpose of perfecting two candidates. The M.W.S. Bro. T. Cooper presided, and was supported by Bros. W. H. Marwood P.S. 31° who acted as Prelate, Thos. B. Whytehead 1st Gen., Sam. I. Middleton 2nd Gen., John S. Cumberland Grand Marshall, Mathew Millington Raphael, George Simpson D.C., Alfred T. B. Turner Herald and Recorder, Philip H. Rowland Organist, Rev. Wm. C. Lukis, Capt. Hanley (4th Dragoon Guards), Saml. B. Ellis (Sheffield), and other brethren. A ballot was taken for a candidate, and Bros. Augustus Gerald Duncome (Thirsk) and Alderman J. Terry (York) were perfected in the degree, with the usual full ceremonial, after which the Chapter was closed. Previous to the meeting the brethren dined together at the Queen's Hotel, Bro. H. Churchill providing an excellent repast, and after the conclusion of business a very pleasant evening was spent in the discussion of various Masonic questions.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 31st October. Bros. Grammer W.M., Chapman S.W., Norden J.W., Maidwell S.D., Holland J.D., King I.G., Biddle Acting Sec., Webb Preceptor, Atkins P.M. Treasurer, and other brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Benjamin acting as candidate. Bro. Grammer vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Maidwell, W.M. of the Egyptian Lodge, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation in a most impressive manner. After which a cordial vote of thanks was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously to Bro. Maidwell, for the very efficient manner in which he had worked the ceremony of installation. The Lodge was then closed.

Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37.—A meeting was held on Monday, 4th inst., at Bolton. Bros. Jas. Brown W.M., Johnson Mills J.W., Wm. Slater P.P.S.G.D. Treasurer, Gibbon Chaplain, Booth I.G., J. W. Rolley Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Isherwood P. Prov. G. Treasurer, G. P. Brockbank Past Prov. S.G.D., Walker, Knowles, Newton; Bros. Booth, Rooke Lennington, Lacey P. Prov. G. Organist (Berks and Bucks). The Lodge was opened at 6 p.m., and the members proceeded to the confirmation of the minutes of last meeting. The annual Circular from the R.M.B.I., announcing the date of Festival, also that the Prov. G.M. for East Lancashire had consented to act as Chairman of the Festival, was read. Bro. Newton and Bro. Walker consented to act as Stewards for the Lodge, Bro. Brockbank is also on the list as a Steward for St. George's Lodge 1723, Bolton.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 5th Nov. Bros. King W.M., Daniel S.W., Biddle S.D., Maidwell J.D., Moss I.G., Holland, Hill, Richards and Laroon. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by Bro. King. Bro. Richards worked the second degree, and Bro. Biddle the third. The Lodge was closed down in the third and second, and Bro. Daniel was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. The annual supper will take place on Tuesday, 19th Nov., at 7 p.m. Tickets to be had of Bros. Daniel and Maidwell.

Wynnstay Lodge of Instruction, No. 117.—A meeting was held on 5th November, at the Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at eight o'clock. Present—Bros. T. W. Thompson W.M., W. E. Litt S.W., H. C. Clarke J.W., C. L. Crump Sec., Lewis P.M. Treas. and D.C., J. Vine S.D., J. Blockley J.D., T. Royle I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Hankey, Spraggon; Bros. Salisbury, Moses, Drayton, Deakin, Beerley, Major. The ceremony of the first degree was rehearsed, after which the charge was delivered in a very impressive manner by Bro. Thompson the W.M. elect.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—A meeting was held on Wednesday last, at Railway Tavern, Railway-place, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. W. W. Metcalf W.M., Thos. B. Biddle S.W., Kennett Harris J.W., J. K. Pitt Secretary, Thos. W. C. Bush S.D., R. A. Morgan J.D., C. Butcher I.G.; P.M. Gottheil Preceptor; Saint, Walker, Smith, Moss, &c. Visitor—Bro. C. W. Meiter (Mixpah) 1071. Business—The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. E. Simmons acting candidate. The 1st and 2nd sections of the Lecture were worked by P.M. Gottheil, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Meiter became a member of the Lodge. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Wednesday next, at 6.30, by the following: Bros. S. J. Turquand P.M. 1556 W.M., T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 S.W., C. H. Webb 1607 J.W. 1st Lecture—Bros. Walker 429, Smith J.D. 860, Metcalf 1671, Andrews J.W. 1227, Lee P.M. 975, Cunningham 1707, Hogg P.M. 1349. 2nd Lecture—Bros. Moss D.C. 1275, Worsley J.W. 860, Musto P.M. 933, Webb W.M. 1607, Garrod 1707. 3rd Lecture—Bros. Harris J.D. 1728, Taylor D.C. 554, Barnes P.M. 530.

Samaritan Lodge No. 388.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the George Hotel, Sandbach, on Wednesday the 6th inst. Present:—Bros. Lewis R. Jones W.M., Le Makin I.P.M., Rev. T. Lunt S.W., E. Furnivall J.W., S. Gilbert P.M. P.P.G.P. Treas., J. C. Hilditch Sec., T. Walton S.D., R. Finlow J.D., J. Wakefield jun. I.G., S. Dickinson Tyler. Past Masters G. W. Latham P.G.D., J. Hulme, J. W. Mc Gill, T. Arden; and Bros. R. Bebbington, H. A. Remer, J. Turner, P. Jackson, A. W. Bramall, F. Hancock, T. B. Boote, J. Wakefield sen., &c. Visitors—M. Davies Freemason's Chronicle. The Lodge was opened at 6.30 in due and ancient form, and the minutes of the last meeting read, found correct and confirmed. After sundry business of a private nature had been transacted, the Lodge was closed in harmony and the brethren adjourned to banquet, the Worshipful Master entrusting the Chair to W. Bro. Gilbert, who presided in a genial and entertaining manner. The first toast proposed was the Queen and the Craft which Bro. Gilbert said required no comment on his part to ensure a hearty reception. By request of the chair, Bro. Hilditch favoured the brethren with a humorous song. The second toast—that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the Royal Family—was most heartily honoured. The third, which was given in a very happy manner, was that of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master. During the interval Bro. Walton gave a recitation. In the next toast the worshipful brother drew the attention of the brethren to their own Province. As Lord De Tabley was as much beloved in one Lodge as in another, little was needed to ensure the enthusiastic reception of the toast. Bro. Walton again kindly favoured the brethren with a recitation, after which W. Bro. Gilbert said: I rise with the greatest possible pleasure to propose a toast which I am sure you will receive with every expression of regard and fraternal feeling, we are to-night pleased to see among us a brother who is better known to me than to any one present. I had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Bro. Davies at the Prov. Grand Chapter at Birkenhead, and afterwards had the additional pleasure of meeting him in the town. He is, as most of you are aware, a thorough and hard working Mason, and the life and soul in this district of a very important Masonic Journal—the most important to the Craft—the "Freemason's Chronicle." I have the greatest confidence in stating that he has seen as much of Masonry as any one among us. He has visited many Lodges in this Province, and he can tell you from experience that this Province stands second to none. I may state for his information that this little Lodge of ours stands second to none in its good works, and we accord him a hearty welcome among us. The toast was drunk with the utmost cordiality, and Bro. Davies gratefully responded. A few other good recitations, amid social enjoyment, brought a very agreeable evening to a close.

La Tolérance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.—Meeting held at the Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., on the 6th inst. Bros. A. Ginger W.M., H. Bertram S.W., T. Cooper J.W., R. Child S.D., Pratt J.D., S. Cooper I.G., F. G. Baker P.M., C. Davis Treas., J. Hurdell Secretary, and over forty other brethren. Lodge opened and minutes were confirmed. The first and second sections were worked. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. I. Irish candidate. The next business of the evening was a notice of motion that had been given at the previous meeting by Bro. C. Davis Treasurer, "That the Lodge of Instruction meet in future at the Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., instead of the Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, as heretofore." An amendment was proposed by Bro. Ferguson, that the Lodge remain at its present place of meeting. A long discussion ensued, when the amendment was lost, and the original proposition carried. The reason for removal is the want of room to accommodate the members, the Lodge having increased to such an extent. Bro. Bertram was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Lodge closed.

Brecknock Lodge, No. 651.—A meeting was held on Monday, 4th inst., at the Castle Hotel, Brecon. Bros. Richard Webb W.M., Thos. Butcher S.W., H. St. G. Cauldfeld P.M. J.W., J. A. Whittle Sec., Frank Grundy S.D., Wm. Webb J.D., H. O. A. Maybery Steward, John Morgan I.G., James Jones Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. H. C. Rich and E. C. Phillips. A Lodge of Emergency was arranged for the purpose of passing Bro. Alfred Gwynne Vaughan. Bro. Thomas Butcher S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bros. David Evans and James Jones were respectively re-elected Treasurer and Tyler for the same period. On the motion of P.M.'s Rich and Phillips, it was unanimously agreed to present a jewel to Bro. Secretary Whittle; also to Bro. Quarter-Master Orlopp, who for many years acted as Tyler, to the satisfaction of the brethren, but who, consequent on his promotion, has recently resigned the appointment of Tyler, and become a subscribing member to the Lodge.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On 1st Nov., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge. Present—Bros. Le Grys W.M., Goss (I.P.M.) S.W., Blasby J.W., Gunner S.D., Beckett J.D., Clarke I.G.; also Bros. Roe Preceptor, Dorey, Gomm, Talbot, and Skinner. Lodge was regularly opened; minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Skinner offered himself as candidate, and the initiation ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Skinner answered the questions leading to second degree. The brethren were called to refreshment. Labour was resumed; it was decided to present Bro. Roe, at the banquet on 29 h inst., with a black marble dining room clock, and Bros. Blasby, Beckett, and Gunner were appointed a committee to select and purchase the same. A special vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Le Grys for his able working, and Bro. Goss was elected W.M. for next meeting. It was announced by Bros. Roe and Goss (P.M.'s) that they hoped to work most of the sections during the winter season, and they invited the co-operation of the brethren. Lodge was closed and adjourned till 8th Nov., at half-past seven p.m.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday evening, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. M. Christian W.M., Wardell S.W., Gilham J.W., Polak S.D., Carr J.D., Williams I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treasurer, P.M. Wallington Preceptor, Bros. McClean, Dignam, Brasted, C. Lukis, and

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others. The W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. J. Lorkin as candidate, the Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed Masonic duties. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed in due form. Bro. Wardell will preside at next meeting.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—At the meeting of this Lodge, on 6th November, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppin-court, Fleet-street, Bros. Hallam W.M., Abell S.W., Tate J.W., Brown S.D., Kidder J.D., Vizzard I.G., Long P.M. Preceptor, and others. After the confirmation of the minutes, the ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M. The sections of the first lecture were worked by the brethren. Bro. Abell S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the ceremony of passing will be rehearsed.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 959, Ipswich.—The members of this Lodge held their installation meeting on Monday evening, at the Golden Lion Hotel, Ipswich. The Lodge having been regularly opened and the minutes of last meeting confirmed, two brethren were passed. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. D. Paine, was then presented, and all the brethren below the chair having retired, he was duly installed by Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, who performed his duties in an able and pleasing manner. On the readmission of the brethren the new W.M. received the customary salutes, and then invested his Officers. After a hearty vote of thanks had been passed to the late W.M., Bro. Bennett, for the admirable way in which he had discharged his duties, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where the new W.M. presided. The usual Loyal and Craft toasts having been given, the health of the W.M. and Immediate Past Master were warmly received, and the meeting closed with the Tyler's toast. The harmony of the evening was considerably enhanced by the singing of Bros. D. D. Steele, Grayston and Abbott.

Stamford Lodge, No. 1045.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Chambers, Altrincham, on Monday, the 4th instant. Present—Bros. W. Agar Renshaw W.M., W. Alcock I.P.M., A. H. Gilbody S.W., C. H. Cook J.W., J. Siddeley P.M. Treasurer, R. Newhouse P.M. P.P.A.G.D.C. Sec., S. Sturmer Assist. Sec., T. H. Kirk P.M. P.P.G.O. Organist, J. Hamilton S.D., S. Thompson J.D., J. Ambler I.G., J. Worthington Tyler; Past Masters Bros. J. Hardy, R. Baker P.P.G.D.C., C. H. Hinde P.G.R., J. A. Birch P.P.G.S.D., and Bros. J. Henshall, J. Harrison, T. Kent, H. Balshaw, J. Lewis, G. Richardson, B. Riley, M. Stone, W. Gibson, J. Bott, D. Kinsey, J. A. Crabtree, James Byrom, J. Drinkwater, E. G. Parker, A. B. Everett, T. Dains, E. Procter, James Harrison, W. Dacre. Visitors—W. B. Pullen 175, E. Aston 941, H. Bratt 428, C. G. Bowston 163, and S. M. Davies FREEMASONS' CHRONICLE. The brethren of this Lodge have the novel and noteworthy system of partaking of refreshment before business. The Lodge room is adjoining the Unicorn Hotel, and the catering is provided by the hospitable host, who is a brother. After enjoying a bountiful tea, the brethren repaired to business, the Lodge being opened at 6.30. The minutes of the last meeting were read and ratified. The ballot was taken for Bro. Geo. F. Smith as a joining member, and proved unanimous in his favour. The ballot was also taken for Mr. Wm. Griffin and Mr. F. R. B. Lindsell, and proved in each case unanimous. Mr. Wm. Griffin being in attendance was duly initiated into our Order. The Worshipful Master deserves great credit for the efficient and impressive manner in which he performed the ceremony, especially as this was his first effort. It remains for the subordinate Officers to emulate him. In accordance with a notice of motion, Worshipful Bro. Kirk moved that bye-law No. 6 be expunged from the book of Bye Laws. The motion was seconded by Bro. Gilbody. After an earnest appeal from Worshipful Bro. Hinde, who is always zealous on behalf of our noble Charities, the word "expunged" was "expunged," and the word "suspended" substituted, which met the approval of the brethren. Other business of a formal nature having been gone through, the Lodge was closed in harmony, with solemn prayer. By request of the W.M., the brethren adjourned, to reassemble at the customary social board. Bro. Siddeley in the temporary absence of the W.M. took the chair, and availed himself of the pleasure of proposing the two first toasts of the evening, which were duly honoured. The Worshipful Brother entrusted the toast of the Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master of England to the S.W. This was cordially received. Bro. Siddeley reserved to himself the pleasure of proposing a toast which brought them nearer home, and which they all delighted to honour. The sincere regard manifested by the brethren of the Province for their Prov. G. Master, testified to the inestimable aid rendered to the Craft by Lord De Tabley, whose many virtues were known in and out of the Craft. He called upon the brethren to drink to the very good health of their Prov. Grand Master, upon whose life and health depended greatly the prosperity of the Province. The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm and with Masonic honours. Upon Bro. Cook J.W. devolved the duty of proposing the health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, which he did very ably, uniting with it the names of Bros. Hinde and Baker. This was warmly received, and Bro. Hinde returned thanks. The toast being so heartily proposed and drunk, indicated the appreciation of the brethren for the Prov. Grand Officers. The cordial manifestation exhibited by the brethren round the festive board showed the good feeling existing in the Province among all members of the Craft. On behalf of his brother Officers he expressed his sincere wishes for the continued prosperity of the Province. Bro. Baker said, I have to thank you, as one of the Prov. Grand Officers of this Province, for the very warm manner in which the last toast has been received. I deem it a great distinction and a high honour to be a Prov. Grand Officer under such a worthy and noble Master as Lord De Tabley. Bro. Lewis kindly favoured with a song. Bro. Birch next proposed the toast of the newly initiated brother; in doing so he assured the brethren that Bro. Griffin would do his duty as a Mason as thoroughly as he did in his every day capacity, in which he was honoured and esteemed. The toast was most fraternally received. The W.M. returned, and Bro. Siddeley relinquished the chair. By request of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Cook gave a very amusing recitation; after which Bro. Griffin responded to the honour conferred upon him, in a very touching manner. Bro. Hinde rose: he assumed the gavel to propose a toast which was at all times given with the deepest feeling of pleasure, and received with the utmost cordiality in the Lodge, indeed, we of the Stamford Lodge, extend a hearty greeting to all our brethren, no matter from what clime they may come; we hold the claims of all brethren to be mutual. It is a source of great pleasure to the brethren of this Lodge to welcome visiting brethren, they hope the day may be long distant when they cannot reckon on visitors in their Lodge, and round their festive board. He had pleasure in uniting with the toast the name of Bro. Davies. The toast was drunk with great cordiality. Bro. Thompson kindly responded to the call for a solo on the flute, which he gave in capital style. Bro. Davies in returning thanks for the honour conferred upon the Visitors, referred, among other matters, to a rule established in the Stamford Lodge, which required a password to be given to the I.G. before leaving the Lodge. He explained that he came armed with every weapon necessary to gain admittance to a Lodge, but the stern sense of duty of the faithful I.G. totally disarmed him, and he had to resume his seat. The brethren evidently enjoyed this episode in the evening's pleasure, and heartily applauded Bro. I.G. for his fidelity. This question was the means of opening up a lively chat, and Worshipful Brother Birch explained the practice was instituted for the purpose of maintaining regularity and order. The system is doubtless commendable in its object, as it prevents that very objectionable parading in and out of the Lodge room during business. But the question is, Whence comes it? Is it new or old? Bro. Baker kindly responded to the call for a song, after which Bro. Siddeley in a very pleasing and complimentary manner proposed the health of Bro. Birch, whom they delighted to honour as one of the fathers of the Lodge. The toast was heartily drunk. Bro. Birch on rising was received with applause, he said I cannot fail to recognize the great kindness shown me in the cordial reception of this toast. I look back with a great deal of pleasure to my connection with this Lodge, and I look forward with deep interest for its welfare. I am always ready to render every assistance in my power to advance the objects of the Craft, for which I have great regard. I should have been here to-night to witness the ceremony of the initiation of my friend Bro. Griffin, but urgent business prevented me, I am happy to meet the brethren round this social board. Bro. Lewis again kindly favoured the brethren with a song; after which the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.—A meeting was held at the Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal, on Friday, the 1st inst. Present—Bro. E. Kirby W.M., A. H. Des Barres I.P.M., T. Ayling P.M. as S.W., H. R. Botting J.W., T. T. Usher P.M. Secretary, S. Hinde Treasurer, J. S. Harrison P.M. Chaplain, F. England as S.D., W. Carterfield J.D., S. Willing I.G., J. Westaway Organist, G. Wood, G. Rivers, F. Haslip, C. Hurst. Visitors—F. Bird P.M. P.P.S.G.W., C. Corps Wellington Lodge 784, S. Holgate Tyler. Lodge opened, minutes were read and confirmed. The two candidates for initiation were unable to be present. Lodge opened up to third degree, and was closed down. A petition was handed for the signature of the brethren present from a brother who had sustained serious personal injuries, also loss of property estimated at £750, through the late whirlwind that visited Lower Walmer. The Lodge was closed in solemn form, and the brethren spent a pleasant hour together.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1365.—On the 1st November. Present—Bros. McMillan W.M., McDowell S.W., Finch J.W., Spurgeon S.D., Richard J.D., T. Birch I.G.; also Bros. Cusworth, Hobbs, Goddard, F. Badkin, Cogan, Maughan, Fowler, J. Coubro, Yates, L. Coubro, Greenwood, Latwich, and several other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, and, on the preliminary business being arranged, was opened up to the 2nd degree; the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. L. Coubro being the candidate. The Lodge was then resumed to the 1st degree, and Bros. J. Coubro of 1150 and Maughan of 19 were unanimously elected members. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, considerably earlier than usual, to enable the brethren to attend the inauguration of the Second Clapton Benevolent Association, which was commenced with nearly fifty members. The Secretary wishes to take this opportunity to inform the members of the Lodge and intending visitors that Bro. Barkin has kindly placed at the disposal of the members a most comfortably furnished room for the winter, the regular Lodge-room being considerably too large and cold; the members present on this occasion seemed fully to appreciate the change.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, at the Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road. Present—Bros. W. Rowley W.M., R. C. Read S.W., A. F. Rowley J.W., J. Osborn Sec., Pearcy Preceptor, G. S. Elliott S.D., H. Hallam sen. J.D., E. Pelican I.G.; Bros. H. Halford P.M., Wood, Hirst, C. Halford, Hallam jun., and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wood candidate. Bro. C. Halford and E. Pelican answered the questions leading to the second degree. The first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Preceptor Pearcy, assisted by the brethren. Bro. C. Halford, United Strength 228, was elected a member. Bro. Read S.W. was elected W.M. for next meeting.

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Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, 1st November. Present—Bros. Chas. E. Soppet W.M., W. E. Gordon Leith S.W., R. F. Cramer J.W., Hyde Pullen Treas., D. M. Dewar Sec., G. J. Robinson S.D., L. B. Stevens as J.D., G. R. Matthews I.G., Jos. Steele D.C., R. Potter Tyler; J. Percy Leith P.G.D., J. F. Dunning, G. W. Tustin, E. Delacoste, and John B. Bell. Visitors—Bros. Shephard 69, Glanvill 134, Butler 173, Lawson 223, Col. Peters 263, Phillips 379, Raikes 628, Reeves 1118, Soppet 1538, and J. Farley Leith 1118, Prov. Grand Warden of Bengal, the Father of the W.M. elect. After the minutes were read and confirmed, Messrs. Harvey, Fitzherbert and Waters were ballotted for and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Hyde Pullen then took the chair, and installed in his usual faultless and impressive manner, Bro. W. E. Gordon Leith. The W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers, and presented Bro. Soppet with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, in testimony of the Lodge's appreciation of his services during his year of office. After the transaction of other business, and the approval of the satisfactory report by the Audit Committee, the Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to a *récherché* banquet, served in Bro. Best's superior style, under the able superintendence of Bro. Dawkins.

Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656.—The first regular meeting of this Lodge for the present session was held at the White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick, on Monday the 4th inst. Bro. W. Hammond P.M. 201 1326 1512 P.P.G.D. W.M. presided. There were also present Bros. J. Hammond Hon. I.P.M., J. W. Baldwin P.M. 1423 acting S.W., J. Bond J.W., Rev. F. J. Champion de Crespigny P.P.G. Chap. Chaplain, A. Nuthall Treasurer, F. T. V. Honeywell P.M. Hon. Organist, T. W. Ockenden Secretary, J. Hurst P.M. 1512 and T. C. Walls P.P.G. Organist Deacons, R. W. Forge acting I.G., T. A. E. Scott W.S. C. Richer, J. Featherstone, C. R. Pitt, R. Masters, J. Piller, J. F. Duffell, A. Elphick, C. Worthington, F. L. Chandler, A. Abbett, A. Jobbins, F. Turner, W. Symons Whyte, G. R. C. Eyres, A. J. Emms, H. Handel, C. Bonell, and Drummond, and the following Visitors—Bros. E. Hopwood P.M. 141, 1512 P.P.G.S.B., J. Horne (Brownrigg Lodge), Geo. Bugles, and D. Argyle. The minutes of the last regular meeting of 4th March, and of two subsequent emergencies (13th May and 20th August) were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken with success, for Messrs. Richard Drummond, Henry Ellis, and George Edwards, as candidates for initiation, and the first named gentleman was admitted into the mysteries of the Craft. Bros. Emms, Handel, and Bonell having qualified, were advanced as Fellow Crafts, and Bro. Abbett was raised to the sublime degree. Bro. Honeywell presided at the harmonium. The adjourned installation of the W.M. elect (Bro. B. Sharp) was again postponed in consequence of his continued severe illness. Bro. J. Bond was advanced from the Junior to the Senior Warden's chair. The Rev. Bro. F. J. C. De Crespigny was invested with the Collar of the J.W., an appointment of the Worshipful Master's which gave universal satifaction. The recommendation for a Lodge at Teddington was signed by the Master and Wardens. A letter, expressing regret for unavoidable absence, was received from R. W. Bro. Colonel Burdett Provincial Grand Master. The W.M. worked all the ceremonies in his usual solemn and impressive manner, and after about three hours and a half of labour, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The cloth being removed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, Bro. Walls P.P.G. Organist responded for the Officers of the Province. Bro. Honeywell proposed the health of the Master, which was heartily received, and as heartily responded to. Bro. Drummond acknowledged the toast of the Initiate, and Bro. Horne that of the Visitors. The Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close, the proceedings being enlivened by musical contributions from Bros. Walls, Honeywell, Hurst, &c. The next meeting will take place on Monday, 2nd December.

Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693.—Held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road. Present—Bros. Trewinnard W.M., C. K. Killick jun. I.P.M., H. P. Isaac S.W., Hawkins J.W., A. W. Fenner S.D., H. Hall J.D., Bartle I.G., N. L. Western D.C., J. Thompson Assist. D.C., W. Opperman W.S.; also Bros. Wolton, W. Fysh, W. White, C. A. Hall, W. Garson. The Visitors were Bros. G. W. Millington and J. Millington of the Finsbury Lodge, No. 861. Lodge being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed; after which Mr. Charles Millington was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Notice of motion was given by the S.W., that the Rule regulating the subscription be altered, by making the fee for initiation £7 7s instead of £5 5s. Proposed by Bro. Isaac, seconded by Bro. Fenner, that the W.M. be Steward at the next Festival for the Old People, and also that the sum of £5 5s from the benevolent fund of the Lodge be placed on his list,—carried. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a cold collation, which was served by Bro. Fysh in a most satisfactory manner, and to which the brethren did ample justice. After the usual Loyal toasts had been disposed of, the W.M. proposed the health of the Initiate, Bro. C. Millington, observing that he had had the pleasure of initiating one who he knew would be an honour to the Lodge and a credit to the Craft. Bro. C. Millington responded. He would endeavour to uphold the honour and integrity of Freemasonry. Bro. C. K. Killick in a felicitous speech proposed the health of the W.M.; he congratulated the brethren on having such a brother for W. Master. The toast was received with acclamation. The W.M. observed that he was proud of the kindness shown him by the Lodge. So long as he was associated with the Kingsland Lodge he would exert himself to promote its advancement. The remaining toasts comprised the health of the I.P.M., the Visitors, the Officers, &c., and last came that of the Tyler. Some capital songs and recitations were given during the evening.

Saint Leonard Lodge, No. 1766.—The first regular meeting of this new Lodge was held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday evening last. Bro. L. Stean W.M. presided, supported by Bros. G. T. Barr S.W., C. F. Barham J.W., C. Stevens Treas., J. Cox Sec., E. Benjamin S.D., J. A. Jones J.D., A. A. Clement I.G., H. J. F. G le D.C., R. Marshall Steward, Spright Tyler. Besides the members of the Lodge the following were amongst the Visitors:—Bros. R. R. Harper S.W. 813, Benman 1249, H. Sarson 76, Roberts and Smith 193, and Mendy 177. The Lodge having been opened in ancient form, and the usual routine business transacted, the following gentlemen were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft:—Mr. James Funston, the Rev. E. G. Fendrann, Messrs. H. Waynforth, D. King and F. Matthews. The following brethren were also unanimously elected as joining members:—Bros. Dr. E. G. Pottle 869, G. Plummer 177, J. R. Burnard 1621, W. Snellgrove 907. It was then proposed by the W.M., and seconded by the S.W., that W. Bros. James Terry P.G.J.W. for Herts, James Clarke P.G.D.C. for Suffolk, and W. T. Howe G.P., who had taken the principal offices in the consecration of the Lodge, should be elected honorary members. The resolution was carried with acclamation. Bro. W. Beasley was appointed to represent the Lodge as Steward at the forthcoming Festival in aid of the Benevolent Institution, to be held in February next. It was resolved that Bro. G. C. Young (820) be elected an honorary member of the Lodge, and the W.M. thereupon appointed Bro. Young to the office of Organist. After several propositions for initiation and joining had been announced, the Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the newly initiated brethren were greeted with a hearty reception, the visiting brethren were cordially welcomed, and the W.M., in response to the toast of his health, said some good words on behalf of the Charities. The proceedings were of a very interesting character, and augured well for the future success of the St. Leonard Lodge.

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THE EATON LODGE, No. 533, CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.

THIS county, as we have remarked more than once before, must always take a foremost place among the Provinces subordinate to our Grand Lodge. We say this, not merely because it has a considerable number of Lodges on its roll, or because its local organisation for charitable purposes is as admirable as the amount of good done is considerable. We say it is entitled to the respect of all brethren not for these reasons only—though it must be admitted they would be alone sufficient—but likewise because it is one of the districts in England in which Freemasonry established itself when the system devised by Anderson and Desaguliers and their compeers, began to extend their influence beyond the metropolis. Moreover, it is as well to bear in mind—and this may have had something to do with the Royal Art so soon obtaining a foothold in Cheshire—that of the earliest non-operative Masons of whom any record exists, namely, Elias Ashmole and Colonel Mainwaring, the latter hailed from Kerthingham, in the county of Cheshire. The ceremony of initiation was not performed within the limits of the county, but at Warrington, on the borders of contiguous Lancashire. This is something to boast of, namely, that out of our two earliest gentlemen Masons, one was a Cheshire man. Then, when in 1724 the Speculative system became to spread into the Provinces, no less than three of the nine Lodges founded in different parts of England, namely, two at Chester, and one of Congleton were established in the county, the other six being at Bath, Bristol, Norwich, Chichester, Portsmouth, and Carmarthen respectively. Other Lodges were constituted some years later, namely, one at Macclesfield in 1731, and another at Chester in 1738, one of the two 1724 Chester Lodges having died meanwhile. Thus, though none of them are in existence at the present day, the oldest living Lodge in the county being the Unanimity, No. 89 of Dukinfield, which was consecrated in 1754, it is evident that Cheshire was at a very early date a favoured district of the Fraternity. Moreover, Brother Captain Astley Terry, who has compiled the history to which we are indebted for most of these particulars, includes Cheshire with North Wales, in the Province over which Hugh Warburton was appointed Grand Master in 1727 by the Earl of Inchiquin. But though established thus early, the Lodges do not seem to have had a long career, that held at Congleton being one of twenty-one Lodges struck off the roll of Grand Lodge in 1759 on the grounds that they had neither contributed to the General Fund of Charity, nor had any communication with Grand Lodge, or even, as far as could be ascertained, held any meeting for several years. For a long period Congleton appears to have been without a Lodge, and at last, in 1789, one was constituted under the style and title of Independent, No. 550. The brethren of this Lodge, with those of the Macclesfield, went, on 24th June of the same year, in procession with a band of music to be present at Divine service in the church at Congleton. In 1793 it became No. 459, and was one of twelve Lodges to the members of which Bro. Godfrey, the then Provincial Grand Orator, preached a sermon at the church of St. John, Chester, on 23rd June. In 1805 this Lodge migrated to Lane End, Staffordshire, became No. 516 after the Union, and was erased from the roll of Grand Lodge in March 1828. Then there was a second lengthened period during which Congleton was without a Lodge, nor was it till the year 1846 that owing, it seems, chiefly to the energy of the late Bro. Gibbs Crawford Antrobus, of Eaton Hall, steps were taken to establish a new Lodge. On the 27th August of that year a Warrant, bearing the signatures of the late Earl of Zetland, Lord Worsley, and W. H. White, Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Secretary respectively, was issued by Grand Lodge, constituting the following brethren into a Freemasons' Lodge, to be known as the Eaton Lodge, No. 777, now No. 539, to be held at the Red Lion, Congleton, namely, Bros. John Smith as W.M., John Dyer as S.W., Thomas Wallworth as J.W., Patrick Halpin, Robert Oliver, Charles Wilson, and Thomas Hope. A preliminary meeting having been held on the 2nd September following, Brothers E. Stocker Peter Ullivero, John McCracken and John Johnson became members in addition to those named in the Warrant, and in due course the Lodge was constituted with the following Officers over and above those designated in the Warrant, namely — Bros. G. Stocker Treasurer, Patrick Halpin Secretary, R. Oliver S.D., Chas. Wilson J.D., Thos. Hope I.G., and J. McCracken Tyler. During the remainder of the year eleven were added to the roll of members, among them being Bro. G. Crawford Antrobus, who in April 1847 was appointed S.W., and on 15th September of that year became W.M. Nine were added to the strength of the Lodge in 1847, and in 1848 eight more, while Bro. McCracken Tyler died, and was succeeded by Thos. Chaddock, who was initiated by dispensation from the Provincial Grand Master. Bro. W. Starkey succeeded Bro. Antrobus as Master for the year 1848-9. On 5th September 1849 it was agreed that the Secretary, in consideration of the duties of his office, should be a non-subscribing member. In November, a pair of globes was purchased for the use of the Lodge. Bro. John Wilson became Master in 1849-50, and Rev. Bro. J.W. N. Tanner in 1850-51, the latter and the Treasurer being re-elected the next year, though it is evident the Lodge was not in a flourishing condition, as the minutes do not contain a record of the installation or appointment of Officers. In 1852-3 Bro. G. Barlow was Master, and Bro. John Dakin in 1853-4, and several members names not recorded in the minute book were excluded from payment of dues, while new life was imported into the Lodge by the admission of sundry members. Bro. John Chapman, though elected Master in succession to Bro. Dakin, having declined to accept the honour conferred upon him, Bro. Antrobus occupied the chair for a second time; he being at the time Senior Grand Warden of the Province. During this year it was resolved to move the Lodge from the Golden Lion to the Bull's Head, its present abiding place. The annual subscription was slightly increased, and it was agreed that the quarterly supper should be paid for out of the Lodge funds. It was during this mastership also, that the Prov. Grand Lodge held its meeting in Congleton. At the installation of Bro. John Myatt W.M. 1855-6 Bro. John Smith founder and first W.M. of the Lodge, but who had resigned his membership in the meantime, was present as a visitor. A sum of £5 was voted to the Royal Free Hospital, Grays Inn Road, London, in 1856. Bro. Dr. Beales was W.M. in 1856-7, and J. H. Shepherd in 1857-8 the chief events during the latter's year of office being the presentation of an address to Bro. Antrobus Prov. G. Senior Warden and Past Master, by the Congleton brethren, on the occasion of their presenting the east window of Eaton Church; a further increase in the annual subscription; and the appointment of Bro. Antrobus to be Dep. P.G.M.

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in the place of Bro. Maddock deceased, a letter of condolence being likewise addressed to the Prov. G.M. the late Lord Combermere on the lamented death of his Deputy. Bros. W. Burghope (1858-9), Sam. F. Gosling (1859-60), and Bro. Joseph Whitehurst (1860) were the next W. Masters, and it was when the last-named presided over the destinies of the Lodge that the brethren, accompanied by Lord De Tabley and other Prov. G. Officers, as well as by brethren of other Lodges in Cheshire and Staffordshire, attended divine service at Astbury Church in memory of Bro. Gibbs C. Antrobus. In 1861-2 Bro. G. W. Hall was Master; in 1862-3 Bro. W. Bradbury. During Bro. Bradbury's Mastership it was ordered to pay £1 annually to the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution, founded in 1863. Thanks also were voted to the son of the late Bro Antrobus for his kindness in presenting the brethren of the Lodge with his father's Masonic library. In 1863, by the closing up of Lodges, the Eaton became, as it is now, No. 533 on the roll of Grand Lodge. In 1863-4, Bro. Dr. Beales a second time filled the chair of his Lodge, and the Lodge voted a sum of five guineas towards the fund for a testimonial to Lord Combermere P.G.M., while the year following, during the Mastership of Bro. William Aston, it was ordered that a hatchment in memory of their late P.G.M. should be placed in front of the Bull's Head Hotel. Three months later and the Lodge received an invitation to attend a Provincial Grand Lodge at Knutsford on the occasion of the installation by the Most Worshipful Earl de Grey and Ripon, Grand Master, of Lord de Tabley, who had been appointed to succeed Lord Combermere in the command of the Province. During the presidency of Bro. Henry Aston W.M 1865-6, and Bro. John Skerratt W.M. 1866-67, nothing noteworthy occurred, but in the Mastership of Bro. E. A. Cokayne 1867-8 Lord de Tabley, attended by his Officers, honoured the Lodge with a visit, and having observed the manner in which the three degrees were worked, "expressed his gratification with the very efficient manner" in which the ceremonies had been performed, and as a sum of five guineas had at this particular meeting been voted to the Institution for aged Freemasons "to enable the Lodge to become Life-Governors," his Lordship also expressed "his high appreciation of the vote in aid of Charity which had been unanimously passed." In 1868-9 Bro. S. F. Gosling was chosen W. Master for the second time. The sum of £1 was voted to the Zetland Commemoration Fund, and a new member, Bro. G. W. Reade, presented the Lodge with a floorcloth to serve as a memento of his connection with the Lodge. In 1869-70, Bro. Dr. Beales was W.M. for the third time, and the Lodge, in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered it during the many years of his membership presented him with a valuable P.M.'s jewel—he had joined the Lodge in 1863, and we rejoice to say that last year when Captain Terry's History of the Lodge was published, was still a member, and held the important office of Treasurer. In October 1869, the Lodge received a copy of an address presented to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales by the Masons of Cheshire, and of His Royal Highness's reply thereto, this being, it is stated, the first Masonic address to the Prince. In January 1870 a resolution expressing the regret felt by the members at the death of Bro. John Smith, "the father of the Eaton Lodge" was unanimously passed and recorded on the minutes. In the Mastership of Bro. William Blackshaw, 1870-1, the Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Town Hall, Congleton. Lord De Tabley P.G.M. presided, and there was also a large gathering of the brethren from the different Lodges in the Province. The members attended Divine service at St. Peter's Church, and the collection made at the close of the sermon was divided between the local Cottage Hospital, and the Provincial Fund of Benevolence. Bros. J. Whitehurst and A. E. Cokayne, Past Masters, W. Blackshaw W.M., and T. G. Sheldon, J. J. Horsfall, S.W., and T. W. Vandrey, S.D., were the Provincial Grand Stewards. At the next meeting a sum of two guineas was voted to the fund for a memorial window in the church at Higher Sutton, in memory of the late Bro. John Smith. Bro. J. J. Horsfall was chosen W.M. for the year 1871-2, and during his reign Bro. Beales presented the Lodge with a portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. A harmonium was likewise purchased. Bro. S. F. Gosling succeeded Bro. Horsfall in the chair of the Lodge for 1872-3, this being the third year during which he had occupied that post. In May 1873 the Lodge went into mourning for the then recently deceased Earl of Zetland, Past Grand Master. In September a subscription was made by the brethren to the fund for placing a memorial window to the late Bro. Bradbury, a Past Master of the Lodge, in Biddulph Church. In 1873-4, and again for the second time in 1874-5, Bro. Samuel Blackshaw occupied the chair. During the former year a subscription, amounting to £10, was contributed by the brethren to the fund for placing a pulpit in Chester Cathedral by the Freemasons of Cheshire. In the latter year the amount of subscription was raised to its present sum, namely, Thirty Shillings, and the initiation fee was increased from Four to Five Guineas. Bro. A. E. Cokayne, W.M. for the second time in 1875-6, presented to the Lodge a banner, the design of which was drawn for him by Sir Albert Woods (Garter) Grand D. of C., through G. E. Cokayne, M.A., F.S.A., Lancaster Herald. Two sums of £5 and £10 respectively were subscribed towards the fund being raised in Cheshire to secure to the Provincial Grand Lodge a perpetual presentation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The sum of ten guineas was also subscribed to the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution, making a total of twenty-one guineas in three years, and securing for the Lodge twenty votes in perpetuity. In 1876-7, when the record is concluded, Bro. Captain Astley Terry held the Mastership. He presented to the Lodge a Charity Box, while Bros. Cokayne and Sheldon gave, the former a silver jewel and the latter a silk collar for the Director of Ceremonies. Here ends our story, which is derived from the materials so ably, and with such care compiled by Bro. Captain Terry from the Minute Books of the Lodge and other sources. Published with this sketch will be found lists of Patrons and Grand Masters of Freemasons, of Prov. Grand Masters, of the members of the Eaton Lodge on whom Provincial honours have been conferred, and of all who have been members of the Lodge, together with a copy of the Lodge Bye-Laws, and what must prove a great convenience to members of the Lodge possessing the book, forms for filling in from year to year the names of the Officers, admissions and withdrawals, and any record of importance. The History is further embellished with Photographs of the late Bro. G. Crawford Antrobus, a Past Master of the Lodge and Dep. P.G. Master of Cheshire, and Bro. John Smith founder and first Master. Copies, by photography, of the Lodge Warrant as well as of the Warrant of a Lodge at Macclesfield, granted in 1756 by the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients," bearing the signatures of the Earl of Kelly Grand Master, Bro. W. Osborn Dep. G.M., W. Dickey S.G.W., and Laurence Dermott for himself as Grand Secretary, and for James Gibson J.G. Warden. The frontispiece is a coloured illustration of the Lodge banner with its motto, "The Lord is all our Trust" inscribed thereon. We congratulate Bro. Captain Terry on the completeness with which he has done his work, as well as the ability he has shown in the collation and arrangement of his materials, and we may add that if all other Masters were to follow his admirable example a history of the Craft in England might soon be written.

INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, No. 1557.

THURSDAY, the 7th of November, may well be termed a Red Letter Day in the history of the Albert Edward Lodge. Non-Masons would ask each other, "Why the commotion? and what brought so large an influx of strangers to the good old town of Hexham?" But members of the Craft know that these strangers were brethren who had come some long distances—from Alnwick, Darlington, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sunderland, &c., to do honour to a brother who had won for himself by indomitable perseverance a reputation throughout the Province. It was the Festival of the Lodge, and the installation of Bro. William Marr Bell, the District Supt. of the North British Railway, who had very courteously attached saloons to the 2.10 train leaving Newcastle, to convey the brethren who had intimated their intention to be present. Several who had come by an earlier train were entertained at lunch at Bro. Bell's private house, where Mrs. Bell most courteously and amiably presided. The Lodge was opened at three o'clock, by the W.M. Bro. W. Fishburn, T. Foster I.P.M., W. M. Bell S.W. W.M. elect, J. Turner J.W., Rev. G. Robinson Chaplain, J. Catherall Sec., J. Pervice as S.D., M. Robson J.D., J. Nicholson Organist, R. Humphries P.M. as I.G., J. Johnson Steward. The Lodge was so full that it looked more like a meeting of the P.G.L. than that of a private one. The minutes being confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. G. Hunter, which proving satisfactory that gentleman was duly initiated into the mysteries of our Order by the W.M. Bro. E. D. Davis P.P.S.G.W. and P.G.D.C. then assumed the chair, and Bro. Fishburn introduced Bro. Bell, the W.M. elect, to him, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. Bro. Bell having given assent to the ancient charges, all below the rank of P.M. left the Lodge; a Board of Past Masters was then formed, numbering nineteen, and the ceremony was proceeded with. Upon

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the brethren being re-admitted, the new W.M. was duly proclaimed and saluted. He then appointed and invested the following brethren:—W. Fishburn I.P.M., Rev. G. Robinson S.W. and Chaplain, J. Catherall J.W., J. Turner Treas., J. Nicholson Sec. and Organist, E. Shield S.D., J. Purvis J.D., J. Johnson I.G., F. Robinson and T. Pearson Stewards, N. Newcastle Tyler. Hearty good wishes were tendered to the W.M. by the representatives of the various Lodges who were present, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the Town Hall, where covers were laid for one hundred, and close upon that number sat down to dinner, which was provided by Bro. Pearson of the Bush Hotel. One end of the spacious hall was decorated, and bore the motto of the town, "Welcome to the Heart of O' England." Grace having been said, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted from the chair and responded to. In giving the health of the P.G.M., Earl Percy, and Officers of the Grand Lodge, the W.M. said: You all know that at the head of our Province we have a good working Mason—one who does not shirk his work. You all remember, only a few weeks ago, how he presided over us at Alnwick, and also the sumptuous banquet he set us down to, and I trust he will long rule over us. We have this day amongst us a large number of Provincial Grand Officers; they have come from far and near, and this Lodge ought and does feel very proud to see them. He would couple with the toast the names of Bros. A. Robertson Prov. Grand Senior Warden and J. Ridsdale P.G. Junior Warden, and would call on them both to reply. Bro. Robertson said, that when Earl Percy conferred on him the post of S.W., he had no idea that it would entail such responsibility; he assured them that the P.G. Officers intended to do their duty. One thing they had made up their minds to do; that was to make an official visit to every Lodge in the Province. He thanked them all for the kind manner in which the toast had been drunk, and he was sure he was expressing the feeling of all when he said that it was a pleasure to be present to do honour to the good Mason who had that day been installed. He concluded by again thanking them on behalf of the Provincial Grand Master and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge. Bro. Ridsdale also responded. The W.M. then gave the Provincial Grand Master of Durham and Officers of that Lodge, and expressed the pleasure he always felt in attending the Provincial Grand Lodge of that Province, presided over by the oldest Prov. Grand Master in England. Bro. J. E. Robson P.M. replied. Bro. E. D. Davis on rising said: We have had the pleasure of placing in the chair of K.S. this day, a brother who, from the first moment of his initiation till now, has been a lover of the noble science; his great ambition was to make Freemasonry in this town a thing to be respected. I believe you could not have put a man in the chair who would do more justice to the Lodge than the one you have selected, and I trust every prosperity will attend him and your Lodge. I, therefore, give you his health, and call on you to drink it in full bumpers,—this was done with cheers. The W.M., who was enthusiastically greeted, thanked them all heartily for the way his name had been received, he did not quite believe he deserved all the kind things Bro. Davis had said of him; he had always looked forward to the proud position in which he now stood, although at a time when he had little hope of attaining it. He was sure that although this Lodge was young, it had had good Masters, and during the past year a most efficient one; he assured them he would try his best to do his duty in the high office they had placed him, and when the time came, to hand to his successor the warrant in as unsullied a state as he had received it. Before sitting down he would call on them to drink the health of the I.P.M. who by his work that day had satisfied the Visitors that he had made Freemasonry his most careful study. A deal of the success of the Lodge was mainly due to him. Bro. Fishburn said: He believed all who took office would try and succeed, and if he had done so he was thankful. He would do all in his power to render any assistance to the W.M. if he required it, and concluded by thanking them. Bro. Turner, in giving the toast of the Installing Master, observed that it was the first time he had seen the ceremony, and had been much impressed by the way Bro. Davis had given it. They, the members of the Albert Edward Lodge, looked on him as their father, and he only hoped that he would not forget one of his children in this the Heart of O' England, Hexham. Bro. Davis, who was received with loud cheers, said it would be impossible for him to convey to the brethren his thanks, or to answer in adequate terms to the toast so kindly proposed by Bro. Turner. It was his desire to see Freemasonry flourish on the face of the globe. He need not say in this Province of Northumberland how much he had worked for that object. Brethren, I cannot tell you my feeling of joy when at Alnwick only a short time ago I saw around me over 700 Masons sitting down to a banquet where there was an abundance of wine, and every other good thing, which was only to be asked for, and to see the whole of that vast gathering rise, and quietly leave the grand old castle of the P.G.M., and like good Masons and gentlemen go to their homes. I say the result was magnificent; a thing to be proud of. Brethren, I cannot hope to address you for many years longer, but as long as I live my feeling will always be that of gratitude to the brethren for the courtesy always accorded me. The Present and Past Officers was submitted by Bro. R. L. Armstrong W.M. 406. In the course of his remarks he said he felt sure those appointed that day would do their duty. However talented a Master might be, he could do nothing without his Officers. The S.W. had received the honour of being appointed Provincial Grand Chaplain; he should couple his name and that of Bro. Robson with the toast. Both suitably replied. The W.M. then gave the Visitors, and expressed his thanks to those who had come from long distances that day, and assured them he and his Lodge would never forget the honour done them. He coupled with this toast the name of Bro. G. Thompson P.P.G.S.W., and Bro. Loflin, of the Mariner's Lodge, New York. In returning thanks, Bro. Thompson said they were all delighted with the entertainment provided them, and that they had come as a mark of respect to the W.M. He again thanked them for the reception of the toast. During the evening the W.M. received several congratulatory telegrams from brethren who were unavoidably prevented from attending. The time had now come for the Visitors to leave, and as they left the Hall, they were loudly cheered. The W.M. went to the Station with them; where again, they had saloon carriages attached for their convenience. Every one felt highly pleased with the day's proceedings.

INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE annual meeting for the installation of the W.M. elect of this Lodge took place on Monday, and was well attended, the Lodge room being well filled by the members and numerous visitors. At five p.m. the Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. T. B. Whytehead, Prov. Grand D. of C., the following officers being in their places:—Bros. T. Cooper P.P.G.D.C. I.P.M., J. S. Cumberland S.W., C. G. Padel J.W., G. Balmford P.M. Treas., J. Kay Secretary, T. Humphries Assistant Secretary, T. D. Smith as S.D., J. T. Seller J.D., G. Simpson M.C., G. H. Simpson as Org., M. Millington I.G. The first business was a ballot for Bro. W. Lawton P.M. 236 P.P.G.R., which was successfully taken, and the Lodge was then raised to the second degree, and the W.M. elect, Bro J. S. Cumberland S.W., was presented for installation, the ceremony of which was performed by the W.M., the working tools in the three degrees being given by Bros. T. Cooper P.M., G. Balmford P.M., and P. H. Rowland P.M. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers as follow:—Bros. T. B. Whytehead I.P.M., T. Cooper P.M. Lecture Master, G. Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O. Treas., C. G. Padel S.W., J. T. Seller J.W., Rev. R. P. T. Tennent Chap., J. Kay Sec., T. Humphries Assist. Sec., M. Millington S.D., T. D. Smith J.D., G. Simpson M.C. A. T. B. Turner Assist. M.C., J. Bleukin I.G., G. H. Simpson Org., P. Pearson Tyler, W. Hill and G. H. Hebblethwaite Stewards. The W.M. was then elected to represent the Lodge on the Committee of Benevolence for the Province, after which he presented to the Lodge, on behalf of Bro. J. T. Seller J.W., a framed portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales G.M., and on behalf of the Organist, a volume of Masonic music, both of which gifts were suitably acknowledged. The members and many of their Visitors afterwards partook of supper, and a toast list was gone through, interspersed with songs, &c., a very pleasant evening being spent. The annual Lodge banquet has been fixed for the 25th instant at the Queen's Hotel. Amongst the members and Visitors present, in addition to those already named, we noticed Bros. R. W. Hollon P.M. 236 P.G.D. Eng., W. Walton P.M. 734, C. Norman P.M. 123 Prov. S.J.W., C. Foster P.M. 1311, J. W. Woodall P.M. 200 P.P.G.S.W., T. B. Shaw Hellier W.M. 295 (I.C.), W. H. Prince P.M. 298, Sir James Meek P.M. 236 P.P.G.S.W., W. Paley P.M. 837, J. Todd P.M. 236 Prov. G. Reg., H. Rymer W.M. 1337, W. Lawton P.M. 236 P.P.G. Reg., W. Beanland P.M. 302 P.P.G.D., F. M. Herring 837, R. Ware 1611, W. P. Husband 1611, W. Lackenby 1611, J. Appleyard 1611, W. J. Girling 1611, J. E. Wilkinson 1611, C. Blackstone 1611, R. Walker 1611, J. Hanley 295 (I.C.), T. G. Hodgson 236, C. L. Foster 249, J. Ward 236 Prov. Grand Pursuivant, W. N. Edwards 163, W. T. Gowland 236, M. S. Tynte 295 (I.C.), M. Rooke 236, J. B. Somerset 295 (I.C.), W. Harris 295 (I.C.), &c. Amongst the many letters and telegrams of apology received for non-attendance were the following:—Bros. Rev. C. E. Camidge Prov.G. Chaplain, T. W. Tew D.P.G.M. (West Yorkshire), W. Valentine W.M. 236, W. H. Brittain (Sheffield), G. Wilkinson (Scarborough), R. Huntley W.M. 250, F. Summers P.P.G. Reg., T. Marshall P.P.G.D.C., J. Philips (Wigan), W. Reynolds P.M. 250, G. Ayre W.M. Falcon Lodge, J. E. Bingham (Sheffield), E. S. Marshall (Darlington), B. Broughton P.M. 302, T. Sissons P.M. 442, G. W. Byburn W.M. 1010, H. Mitchell 387, W. E. Franklin (Newcastle), J. C. Atkinson (Bradford), T. Wilson (Wigan), T. Cook P.M. 1605, Chas. Waistell P.M. Anchor Lodge, E. Crosby (Hunslet), R. Haywood (Bolton), H. Maddison (Darlington), J. R. Riley P.M. 387, W. Turner W.M. 1545, R. E. Harrison (Hull), E. J. Crowe P.M. 279, J. Atkinson W.M. 566, Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.M. 123 P.P.G.S.W., R. G. Smith P.P.G.D.C., H. Preston P.P.G.D., Rev. W. C. Lukis P.G. Chaplain, Rev. H. Jones (Osmotherly), C. J. Bannister P.G.S.B. Eng., W. H. Marwood (Whitby), H. Voight (Hull), S. B. Ellis (Sheffield), R. Boggett (Hull), Cheeseman (Hull), &c.

Alnwick Lodge No. 1167.—There was a large gathering of brethren present on the 6th inst. at the installation of Bro. Adam Robertson, P.G.S.W., who for the second time has been elected Master of the Lodge. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bros. E. D. Davis, P.G.D.C., &c. The W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. Hall S.W., J. Biggs J.W., Rev. G. S. Thomson Chaplain, G. Simpson I.P.M., G. Rearell Secretary, J. Bowey Treasurer, A. Ingram S.D., C. Percy J.D. and Organist, J. Ferguson I.G., J. Mulvaney Tyler, H. H. Blair P.M. Director of Ceremonies, J. J. Howley and W. Robertson Stewards. There was a large attendance of brethren. The following Visitors were also present:—Bros. Geo. Dean P.G.A.D.C. 541, W. M. Bell Hexham, W. H. Dunn, Geo. Smith, J. E. McPherson, J. Philips, and Benjamin Robertson, Newcastle; Secetary G. Ewing Alnmouth, and R. McNamara Alnwick. At the conclusion of the business of the Lodge the brethren sat down to a banquet at Mrs. Bell's, White Swan Inn.

Miss Louise Stanhope (of the principal provincial theatres) will appear at the morning performances to be given at the Olympic Theatre by Mr. Coleman during the season. Several new pieces will see the light on these occasions.

MARRIAGE.

LYONS—LEVY.—On the 13th November, at the residence of the Bride's brother, 24 Southampton Row, Holborn, W.C., SIMSON LYONS, of 7 Tavistock Place, Tavistock Square, to ROSA LEVY.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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CHARITY STEWARDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Having regard to the great importance of the question, the treatment of which has occupied, and happily continues to occupy, so large a portion of your space, I confess myself amenable to the charge of neglect in not having furnished you with the letter to the absence of which some of your correspondents have done me the honour to refer in complimentary terms.

If, however, brethren will only bear in mind the ceaseless demands upon time and attention—morning, noon *and night*—they will not withhold that indulgent consideration I venture to ask at their hands. The "fourth letter" was completed two or three weeks since, with the vital exception of statistics, which I prepared some time ago, but which I have unfortunately mislaid, and have not, at present, either the means or the leisure to reconstruct.

Meanwhile, let me offer a few remarks on the recent letters which have appeared in your columns. It was not to be expected that the *modus operandi* so actively and energetically adopted by Bro. Dick Radclyffe would pass without criticism, or escape censure. There was never yet lacking an excuse for not giving—there is nothing easier than to find a justification for your own shortcomings by condemning the action, and by misconstruing the motives of those who are persistent in their efforts in a direction you are determined not to approve. No one has ever ventured to say that the *only* merit in Freemasonry is in almsgiving. But I for one will venture to say that those who, with the means to give (I cannot fix the amount), studiously decline from year to year to contribute to our Charities, not only neglect the fulfilment of obligations they ostentatiously accepted, but prove their utter inability to recognise or appreciate the true prompter of Freemasonry! I do not deny their observance of "Truth" (but "what is Truth?") *as it is in them*; but of "Brotherly Love" and "Relief" they can have no realising conception. "If I see my brother have need, and shut up,"—I care not whether my "compassion" or my purse,—how dwelleth a real love of Freemasonry in me?

Your correspondent "DEUX ETOILES" is exceedingly hard upon those who, like Bro. Radclyffe and others, feel it their highest duty to substitute deeds for professions, acts for words, and to devote themselves to the work of inducing others to do likewise. But where is the necessity for this? where is to be found a single argument in support of a denunciation of practical philanthropy, and its zealous advocates. Surely those who, like deaf adders, wilfully stop their ears against the appeals on behalf of the aged, the widow, and the fatherless, may rest content with keeping their money, and with refusing co-operation in helping those who cannot help themselves, without thinking it incumbent upon them to denounce in strong terms those who *feel and do* differently from themselves! An appeal, however urgently pressed, is not a demand—a request, however forcibly embodied, is not a levy—concession in both cases is entirely optional.

The Brother who is "NOT TOO MUCH MUDDLED" is quite right when he speaks of "the *necessity* of harping upon the subject of donations." It is unfortunate perhaps that this necessity must be recognised, but for all that you cannot escape from it, and while no doubt it is exceedingly unpalatable to the "lofty minded," the niggardly, and the indifferent, there can be no relaxation, if the needs of our Institutions are to be adequately provided for.

I fear "A MASONIC ENTHUSIAST," who sends his communication "Charity; is it Giving?" is a type of a very large class of members of our Order. But how am I to understand his claim to be reckoned as "A MASONIC *Enthusiast*?" His own belief in himself is evidently sincere. "With me Masonry is a hobby, and I have taken it up for some years with zeal in *all its branches*, and done more work both in ritual and organization as well as official drudgery and routine than one Brother in five hundred, judging from observation." Passing over what looks to me like a tinge of the spirit of one of the "two men who went up," not the publican, I must demur to the assertion of "zeal" in *all* the branches of Freemasonry; because annually "giving charity" is one, and a very important one of the branches of Freemasonry. That your correspondent is an "enthusiast," I readily admit, he tells us of his recognition of every claim upon him except that of Masonic charity. "His church," "half a score of local societies," "private relief," having satisfied all which he, "finds that his income will not permit him to qualify in our Masonic Charities." Has it never occurred to our enthusiastic brother that it would be consistent with the character he assumes to allow these various claims in some one given year to be subservient to other claims at least *equally* deserving, and which, with the knowledge an enthusiastic study of his Masonic profession must necessarily have brought with it, he must be aware, ought to occupy more of his attention, and to share more largely in his benefactions than they evidently have hitherto done?

All Masons point with pride to our noble Institutions, though the majority do not contribute to their support. In my humble judgment, the efforts of those who labour to reduce this majority are worthy of all praise, and if persevered in will I am confident meet with reward.

Yours fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

London, 11th November 1878.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—What course of reasoning is to be followed in making comparison between the remarks of Bro. Dick Radclyffe in CHRONICLE of the 9th inst.?

Are these subdued ideas really to be read and judged with those not only in the circular letter but the epistle from our brother in yours of the 26th ult.?

In the latter he coolly suggests that Lodges be compelled to give one-third—or, as he puts it, "compelled to subscribe one-third of their subscriptions."

Add to this suggestion his crude and ill-digested words, such as "reproach and disgrace," indiscriminately applied to the Craft in the circular letter, with its general self-sufficient tone, lead me to the safe conclusion, that in correspondence it is quite possible "*Arrogance*" (the word is not my own) may with very delusive ideas be expressed without intention or knowledge of the writer. This is the only theory to be adopted in fair comparison of the letters in question, and one I am inclined to believe will be admitted by Bro. Radclyffe. These unfounded imputations against a generous Fraternity call for withdrawal, a body who, by their united aid, give freely and liberally to their Institutions, and that by voluntary effort.

These large gifts to the Charities, be it remembered, are free, distinct, and wholly independent of the monies paid by the Craft (by right) to Grand Lodge; again, be it remembered that a large proportion of this money is voted by the Board of Benevolence and Grand Lodge to suffering brethren, and to distressed members of the Craft and their belongings. To say nothing of the large sums now and again voted by Grand Lodge for purposes outside the pale of Masonry.

Evil will be the day when a Mason's charity (save the mark) is brought about by "*compulsion*."

Its teachings and very first principle are freedom of thought and action, whilst these teachings, when followed, produce the healthy and vigorous development of this freedom, and, used in right directions, are the parent of that best of all virtues, the virtue taught by Christ—viz.: "Charity of the Heart." Much could—and has been said and written on this phase; these words include so much of all that is good and noble, and makes this world worth living for; the milk of human kindness here displayed, bringing about that Charity of individual combined action, doing the largest amount of good possible for the greatest number. This I maintain is part of the good work done by the Craft. The genius of Masonry was never at any time aimed to make mere pocket Charity its first and paramount object, but charity in that sense is the outcome of its work, and follows as a moral result. Let, therefore, the first real principles of Masonry have fair play and cultivation, never will fear then exist of its Charities, as embodied by our Institutions, being in a drooping or languishing state for want of active support and the real sympathy of the Craft. Indiscriminate giving is the bane of society; enrich a charitable institution beyond its requirements, you at once tend to breed claimants, and not only claimants but a race of paupers are created. Our Institutions are doing good work, and require the energetic and earnest support of the Brotherhood to maintain their efficiency in the support of all legitimate candidates as they are elected. Funds for this purpose the Craft have hitherto ungrudgingly given. The very large accession to the ranks of the Order during late years has not been an unmixed good, at least it naturally has brought increased numbers asking aid from the Charities, but who with truth can say that Lodges, Chapters and individuals forming Masonry have not honoured this increased demand by timely and liberal donations, finding the necessary funds to enable the Institutions to meet increased expenditure, and, I maintain, supporting the Charities in their present prosperity.

This may be seen in the largely augmented annual incomes of each of the Charities year by year increasing. A time of commercial depression may,—perhaps, has come upon us,—it is but exceptional. Fear not; the Craft will ever raise sufficient to meet all claims their Charities are pledged to, with a surplus. I believe it is an undoubted fact, were the income of each of the Charities doubled to-morrow we should have the number of candidates trebled; and at least one-third of them undeserving, or, to say the least, that proposition should never have been brought forward, their only claim (unfortunately for the Craft) is in being tacked on to the skirts of Masonry, and brought forward with clamour to the exclusion of real distress, which often hides its sorrows in silence for want of the helping hand. Having had repeated opportunities of investigating cases which have been elected to one or other of the Charities, I assert, at least the proportion named ought not to have been admitted to the exclusion of those more deserving. Hence, find the funds for the liberal support of the Charities in their present state of efficiency, and allow for a natural increase. After this, leave well alone; be cautious how you hold forth a premium to—may I say, pauperism.

In conclusion, I ask why all this clamour as to the distressed state of the Charities, and alleged indifference of the Craft to their wants? Is the case so bad, as to justify the absurd theory of "compulsion." Every Mason who is a practical worker, both within and without the Lodge, knows well to the contrary; but he will also know that to accumulate the very large amounts necessary for the well-being of the Charities, the best machinery for the purpose is a Board of energetic Stewards. Honour to those brethren who, at the sacrifice of time, labour and money, fill the office with credit to themselves and profit to the Charities. Those who undertake the office from pure motives of doing good for poor suffering humanity will not stop to

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bargain as to results, or the particular advantage accruing to themselves thereupon, whether it be a present "purple collar," or a prospective place on the funds for Aged and Decayed Masons. The heartfelt satisfaction in doing what good is possible in the individual desire to illustrate one of our teachings would be, I take it, the real and pure incentive, and warm each to their work. To Bro. Dick Radclyffe, in his duplicate Stewardship, sincerely I offer my warmest congratulations, and hope he will take a double first class, by the amounts on his list exceeding his utmost expectations, but placed thereon solely by voluntary offering.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES GODTSCHALK P.M. 70 and 1255.

12th November 1878.

WARRANTS OF "ANCIENT" LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—About a month since, or it may be longer, I had the pleasure of reading in your columns of the re-appearance in a London Lodge of Bro. John Constable. Indeed, I have had the pleasure of shaking him by the hand, and congratulating him on his safe return home. I have therefore been looking forward to the completion of that task which Bro. Constable had conducted so successfully and with so much energy, but which was necessarily interrupted during his absence from England. I mean the publication of the Warrants of the still existing "Ancient" Lodges. The number of Warrants yet required to furnish the vacant dates of constitution in the Grand Lodge Calendar is under thirty—I write under correction, but I think I am not far out of my reckoning—and as, of course, no one would dream of intruding on what Bro. Constable has taken specially in charge, all that can be done is to invite him to continue, and if possible complete his important task. It may be that his time is too fully occupied for him yet to resume his labours, but it will doubtless be a source of satisfaction to him to learn that the completion of what he has commenced, and so far carried out successfully, is anxiously looked forward to by a considerable number of brethren.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

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THINGS ONE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In answer to "FORTE," allow me to state, for the information of the Craft generally—

I. An honorary member cannot take part in the proceedings of a Lodge.

II. Can neither vote nor hold office.

III. If he partake of the banquet, can only do so by invitation, or by payment if the bye-laws so provide.

The only exception is the Secretary, who may legally be an honorary member with full privileges.

Yours fraternally,

W. SMALLPEICE,

Sec. Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

P.S.—The answers I. and II. also apply to members of Lodges of Instruction, notwithstanding any bye-law to the contrary.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution took place on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Lieutenant Col. Creaton, V.P. and Trustee, presided, and the other brethren who attended were Bros. R. H. Grand, Charles Cottebrune, James Brett, W. Clarke, S. Rawson, J. M. Case, A. H. Tattershall, W. Hale, J. Newton, W. Stephens, W. Hilton, Jabez Hogg, C. G. Dilly, W. F. Nettleship, Thomas Cubitt, Raynham W. Stewart, and James Terry, Secretary, who read a letter from Bro. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Provincial Grand Master for East Lancashire, agreeing to preside at the next Festival of this Institution. Bro. Terry stated that he had twenty-six Stewards from the Province of East Lancashire, and that the brethren were taking such steps therein that he fully anticipated the list of that Province would be the largest at the meeting. Bro. Terry also informed the Committee that the lady who at last meeting resigned her annuity, because she had had some property left her on the decease of a relative, had subscribed £10 to the Institution. As ten guineas were required to give her the requisite number of votes the Committee subscribed the additional ten shillings that she might have the votes. A letter was read from Miss Norris, the Matron of the Asylum at Croydon, expressing her thanks to the Committee for making an addition to her salary. One petitioner only applied to be placed on the List of Candidates for next Election, and his petition was accepted, after which the Committee adjourned.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—None except the uncommonly hardy can brave bleak cape continents, unsettled, and unusually wet weather without some bodily discomfort or actual disease. Holloway's remedies have won a name and a fame previously unknown in medical science for their ability of successfully contending with colds, coughs, quinsy, rheumatism, and neuralgia. This formidable list of dangerous and painful affections is completely under the control of these instinctive specifics, which, used according to their accompanying directions, will soon mitigate the tortures, suppress all inflammatory tendencies, and secure the soundest health. The very moderate price charged for these never-failing remedies places them within the reach of the most humble sufferer, whose ill-health, by producing poverty, exaggerates his personal pangs.

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

Advancement of their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Connaught, K.G., and Prince Leopold, K.G., to the 33rd degree, in the presence of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., 33rd degree, Grand Patron.

A SPECIAL Meeting of the Supreme Council 33° of England, Wales, and the Dependences of the British Crown, was held at Head Quarters of the Order, 33 Golden-square, London, on Wednesday, 6th November, for the purpose of advancing to the 33rd and last degree of Freemasonry their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold, when the following members of the Supreme Council were present:—

The Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale .	Sovereign Grand Commander
Captain N. G. Philips . .	Lt. Grand Commander
M. General H. Clerk . . .	Treas. General
J. M. P. Montagu . . .	Grand Chancellor
Lt.-Col. Shadwell Clerke . .	G. Sec. General
H. D. Sandeman	G. Sec. F.C.
Colonel A. W. Adair . . .	S.G.I.G.
Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B.	S.G.I.G.
Colonel George Vernon . .	Past Lt. G. Commander

As well as the following members of the 33rd degree:—

C. J. Banister	D.I.G. N. District
S. Rawson	D.I.G. S.E. "
Genl. H. E. Doherty, C.B. .	D.I.G. S.W. "
C. Fendelow . . .	D.I.G. W.C. "
J. Percy Leith . . .	D.I.G., East Indies
R. W. H. Giddy . . .	D.I.G., South Africa
Raphael Costa	
Charles Goolden	
Lt.-Col. Hutton Gregory . .	C.M.G.
W. Hyde Pullen	Assist. Sec. to S. Council.

Letters of regret at their unavoidable absence were received from the Earl of Carnarvon 33rd degree Past Sov. G. Commander; the Earl of Limerick 33rd degree; Sir Michael Costa 33rd degree; Dr. Robert Hamilton 33rd degree, owing to absence from England, and also from H. C. Vernon 33rd degree, Past Lt. G. Commander, and Albert H. Royds 33rd degree owing to ill health.

At 4 o'clock H.R.H. the Prince of Wales 33rd degree, Grand Patron of the Order, arrived from Marlborough House, accompanied by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and H.R.H. Prince Leopold, and were received by Lord Skelmersdale and the other members of the Supreme Council 33rd degree, and conducted to the Council Chamber, where the 31st and 32nd degrees were conferred; after which the Supreme Council adjourned to the Hall, where their Royal Highnesses were introduced by Col. Shadwell Clerke 33rd degree, and Genl. Studholme Brownrigg 33rd degree, and were advanced to the 33rd and last degree in due and solemn form, the ceremony being most impressively performed by the Sov. Grand Commander Lord Skelmersdale, H.R.H. the Grand Patron investing his Royal Brothers personally.

Their Royal Highnesses were then duly proclaimed by their style and titles as "Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third and last degree of Masonry, and honorary members *ad vitam* of the Supreme Council of England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown," and were saluted accordingly. After some congratulatory remarks from the Sovereign Grand Commander Lord Skelmersdale, which were suitably acknowledged by their Royal Highnesses, the Supreme Council was closed.

It is worthy of remark that this is the only occasion on which our three Royal and Illustrious Brothers have met together in Masonry, H.R.H. Prince Leopold having been absent from ill-health on the occasion of the Instalment of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in the Albert Hall in April 1875.

H.R.H. Prince Leopold, it may be remembered, has recently served the office of M.W.S. of the Oxford University Chapter Rose Croix, while H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught is at the present moment M.W.S. of the Studholme Chapter Rose Croix, and has presided in person at two of the three meetings held this year.

SUPREME COUNCIL 33° OF ENGLAND, WALES, AND BRITISH COLONIES.

THE following changes have taken place in the Supreme Council, 33°.

Ill. Bro. Dr. Robert Hamilton having resigned his seat in the Supreme Council in consequence of his ceasing to reside in England, Ill. Bro. General John Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., has been appointed in his stead, and Bro. Dr. Hamilton has been created a Supernumerary Member, residing in the West Indies.

The Supreme Council is now constituted as follows—

GRAND PATRON—Ill. Bro. H.R.H. Albert Edward Prince of Wales, K.G., 33°.

HONORARY MEMBERS OF SUPREME COUNCIL—Ill. Bro. H.R.H. Arthur Duke of Connaught, K.G., 33°; Ill. Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., 33°.

SUPREME COUNCIL—Ill. Bros. The Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale M.P.S.G. Commander, Captain Nathaniel George Philips Pt. M.P.S.G. Cr. and M. Ill. Lt. G. Commander, Major-General Henry Clerk Grand Treasurer-General, John Montagu Pultoney Montagu Grand Chancellor, Lt.-Colonel Shadwell Henry Clerke Grand Secretary-General, Hugh David Sandeman Grand Secretary Foreign

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Correspondence, Sir Michael Costa Grand Captain of Guards. Colonel Alexander William Adair Sov. Grand Inspector-General. General John Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Sov. Grand Inspector-General. Ill. Bro. the Hon. Dr. Robert Hamilton, Supernumerary Member, residing in the West Indies.

All official letters should be addressed to the Grand Secretary-General, No. 33 Golden-square, W., at which address all information concerning the Ancient and Accepted Rite can be obtained.

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, 33°,
Grand Secretary-General, H.E.

6th November 1878.

H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD AND KNIGHT TEMPLARY.

BY special dispensation granted by the Great Prior of England, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, an emergency meeting of the Cœur de Lion Preceptory of the Province of Oxford was held on Monday afternoon, the 11th inst., at 33 Golden-square, London, for the purpose of installing H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., into the Preceptor's chair of this distinguished Preceptory. At a few minutes after four o'clock His Royal Highness, accompanied by the Eminent Preceptor Sir Knight the Rev Thos Cochrane, Grand Prelate of the Order, was received by the Sir Knights assembled under an Arch of Steel. The eminent Preceptor, having Sir Knight Hyde Pullen Past G. Superintendent of Works as Constable, Sir Knight F. Richardson as Marshal, Sir Knight the Rev. John Robbins, D.D., Grand Almoner and Chaplain as Chaplain, and Sir Knight Colonel Somerville Burney Past Grand Commander of Essex as Captain of Guards, then proceeded to open the Preceptory in due form. The special dispensation issued by the Great Prior of England for holding an emergency meeting of the Cœur de Lion Preceptory for the Installation of His Royal Highness in London instead of at Oxford was then handed by the Great Sub-Prior to the E.P., and by him handed to the Grand Chancellor of the Order, by whom it was read in full. It having been announced that the Very High and Eminent the Great Prior of Ireland, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., was without, awaiting admittance, a deputation of the Great Officers of the Order was appointed to conduct His Royal Highness into the Preceptory, where he was received with all honours under an Arch of Steel, and took his seat at the immediate right of the Eminent Preceptor, who had the Great Sub-Prior of England Sir Knight Colonel Shadwell Clerke on his left. H.R.H. the Great Prior of Ireland having been saluted in due form, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, K.G., the E.P. elect was presented to the E.P. by the Very Eminent Prior of Suffolk and Cambridge (Captain N. G. Philips), the senior Provincial Prior present. The ceremony of installation was very ably and impressively rendered by the Eminent Preceptor Sir Knight the Rev. Thos. Cochrane. His Royal Highness, after having been duly proclaimed and saluted, briefly expressed his acknowledgments to the members of the Cœur de Lion Preceptory for the honour they had done him in placing him in that high and responsible position, which he would endeavour to fill as ably as it had been by his predecessor. His Royal Highness then appointed his Officers as follow:—

Sir Knight the Rev. T. Cochrane, Pro P.
" Colonel the Hon. W. E. Sackville West, Constable.
" Reginald Bird (D.P.G.M. Oxford), Marshal.
" Walter Thompson, P.P., Treasurer.
" the Rev. G. M. Brock Arnold, Chaplain.
" J. E. C. Bodley, Registrar.
" Fentham Hedges, Sub-Martial.
" J. Sanders, Chamberlain.
" John Potts, Director of Ceremonies.
" Joseph Reade, Captain of Guards.
" E. S. Lucas, Almoner.
" R. Usher, Standard Bearer.
" W. W. Harrison, P.C., Organist.
" James Cavan, Aide de Camp.
" Tomlin, 1st Herald.
" Horatio Symonds, 2nd Herald.
Comp. W. Stephens, } Equerries.
" G. Norwood, }

His Royal Highness then received congratulations from H.R.H. the Great Prior of Ireland, and from the very Eminent Provincial Priors present, and it was somewhat remarkable that "hearty good wishes" came from such remote Provinces as "South Africa," "British Burmah," "Bengal," as well as from the home Provinces of "Suffolk and Cambridge," "Essex," "Dorset," "Kent," "Sussex," &c. &c. Amongst the distinguished Sir Knights present we noticed the following Very Eminent Priors:—Captain N. G. Philips, Suffolk and Cambridge; Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Sussex; J. M. P. Montague, Dorsetshire; C. W. Hoskins Goldy, South Africa; the following Very Eminent Past Provincial Priors:—Colonel Somerville Burney Essex; General H. Clark, Kent; H. D. Sandeman, Bengal; Colonel Duncan, British Burmah; and the following present and past National and Great Officers of the Order:—Sir Knights A. Stavely Hill, Q.C., M.P., Grand Chancellor; C. Godden, K.C.T., Grand Treas.; Raymond Thrupp, Grand Reg.; the Rev. John Robbins, D.D., Grand Almoner and Chaplain; Hyde Pullen, Past G. Supt. of Works; Colonel Francis Burdett, P.P. England and Ireland; the Rev. Canon Harford, P.P.; F. Richardson, P.P.; John Potts, Joseph Reade, Lott (Organist), &c., &c. All business being ended, the Preceptory was closed in ample form by the Illustrious and Eminent Preceptor, and their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold, accompanied by the Great Officers of the Order, then retired under the Arch of Steel. Great praise is due to the Great Sub-Prior (Colonel Shadwell Clerke) and the other "authorities" at Golden-square, for the admirable manner in which all the arrangements were carried out, which tended so materially not only to the perfect success of the meeting, but also to the comfort of those who were privileged to be present on this occasion, which will long be remembered by them in general, and the members of the Cœur de Lion Preceptory in particular, as a red-letter day in the annals of Knight Templary.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101. — The members of this Lodge met on Wednesday last, at the Masonic Hall, Reading, for the annual installation of W.M. and appointment of Officers. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Arthur Welch Prov. G. Reg. Berks and Bucks, supported by his Wardens, Bros. W. G. Flanagan and J. Early Danks. The other Officers present were Bros. C. R. Honey Chaplain, J. T. Stransom Treas., W. Ferguson S.D., E. J. Blackwell J.D., T. Newman D.C., H. R. Dowsett I.G., and J. H. Hawkes Steward. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. W. G. Flanagan was duly presented for installation, and the ceremony was carried out in his favour by Bro. P.M. Moxhay. The new W.M. then appointed the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. E. Danks S.W., W. Ferguson J.W., J. T. Stransom Treas., E. J. Blackwell S.D., R. Dowsett J.D., C. R. Honey I.G., T. Newman D.C., J. H. Hawkes Steward. The Installing Master gave the usual addresses, and thus completed the ceremony of installation. Previous to closing the Lodge, the W.M. had great pleasure in presenting, in the name of the members, a jewel to the retiring P.M., as a proof of the esteem of the brethren, and as a token of the satisfaction they had experienced during the time that he had ruled over them. Bro. Welch returned his sincere thanks for the handsome present made him. It would not only remind him of the term of his Mastership, but would call to his mind the uniform kindness he had ever received from the members of the Lodge. He regretted that his year of office had not been more eventful. He considered the principal aim of a W.M. should be to bring the work of a Lodge up to a standard that would be a credit to the brethren; he thought he could look back on the working of the Grey Friars Lodge, and say it was at least up to the average. Another important matter which should engross the attention of a Master was Charity. He considered it very difficult to make a rule as to what proportion of the receipts of a Lodge should be devoted to charity, still it could but be admitted that many Lodges fall woefully short in this part of their duty. He had seen certain balance-sheets referred to in one of the Masonic newspapers, which he could but characterise as most objectionable. In the case of his own Lodge, he was gratified in being able to state that during the past year 40 per cent. of their receipts had been spent in charity. He hoped the Grey Friars' Lodge would long be in a position to continue such support to the Institutions of the Order. Both these elements—good-working and charity—were most essential to a Lodge, but he considered they would be of very little use without good feeling. Throughout his year of office he had not heard one brother ever express himself in any thing but a Masonic manner, and it was to the perfect unanimity of the brethren that he attributed their success. He should ever look back with gratitude for the great kindness he had received. The names of three brethren having been handed in as candidates for joining. The W.M. proposed that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Moxhay for the services he had rendered to the Lodge in installing the new Master. Bro. Moxhay briefly thanked the members. It gave him great pleasure to be present. It brought the memory of past kindnesses vividly before him, and shewed the kind sentiments with which the brethren were actuated towards him. He was only too happy to be able to be among them, and assist in the working at any time his help would be of service. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Upper Ship Hotel to banquet. Among those who sat down were the following visitors:—Bros. E. Bradley Prov. G. Sec., W. Knight 141, J. Wilson P.M. 209, J. M. Dormor I.G. 340, A. M. Yette P.M., E. Baker W.M., S. Bradley J.W., T. J. Ferguson Prov. G.S. I.G., S. Wheeler jun. D.C., and C. G. Butler of 414; G. M. Knight W.M., Stephen Knight J.W., W. Cordrey and S. Tegg of 574, E. L. Shepherd W.M. 945 Prov. G.S.B., R. C. Mount W.M. 1,328, W. W. Morgan jun. 1,385, F. Williams 1399, &c. At the conclusion of the banquet, the health of the Queen having been given and heartily responded to, the W.M. gave that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. By his kind and genial manner he has won the esteem and regard of all with whom he has come into contact. We, as Masons, should especially honour him from the fact of his considering the post of Grand Master of our Order as worthy of his occupancy. Bro. Knight W.M. 574 had great pleasure in assuming the gavel for the purpose of proposing the Prov. G. Master and the Grand Officers of the Province past and present. It was quite unnecessary for him to make any comments in introducing this toast. The energy, zeal and enthusiasm of the Prov. G.M. was so well known that he felt additional praise from him was but superfluous. He was gratified in being able to call upon Bro. Bradley the Prov. G. Sec. to respond to the toast. That brother tendered his sincere thanks on behalf of Sir Daniel Gooch and the past and present Officers of Prov. G. Lodge. He felt that nothing but very important business would have kept their Prov. G. Master away from them that night. Since he (Bro. Bradley) had the pleasure of addressing them last year, considerable progress had been made by the Lodges of their Province. During the past few days a new Lodge had been added to the list, and he was convinced that by this addition the Province would not lose any of its

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good character. He referred to the movement which, twelve months since, was on foot with the object of dividing the Province, and stated that the G.M. of England had now decided that the Provincial should not be divided. He also mentioned the objects and working of the Provincial Charity Fund, pointing out that the aim of the Grand Lodge officials was to supplement the grants of private Lodges with amounts from the Provincial fund. Bro. Welch had now the pleasure of proposing the health of the W.M. He had by perseverance attained the high position of ruler of the Lodge, and from the way in which he had carried out the duties thus far required of him, Bro. Welch felt that he was in every way worthy of the distinction accorded him, and hoped that he would receive the support of the members during his year of office. The W. Master in reply assured the brethren that he deeply appreciated the great honour they had conferred on him. It would be his effort to carry out the duties of his position with satisfaction. Bro. Stephens now had the pleasure of offering a most important toast. He considered it a very good augury of the good feeling that existed between the two Lodges of Reading when a P.M. of the Union was called upon to propose the health of the immediate and other Past Masters of the Grey Friars Lodge. Most of those present were well acquainted with their character, and knew the interest they took in the Craft. He called on the brethren to drink to their continued good health. Bro. Welch I.P.M. was the first to reply. Whether the praise that had been bestowed on the P.M.'s was deserved or not was hardly a matter for him now to decide, but in any case he took their remarks as very kind. He would not, in his position of retiring ruler, act the part of ex-Prime Minister, and console himself on his loss of office by making it as hot as possible for his successor, but would do all in his power to assist Brother Flanagan in the ruling of the Lodge. Brother Margrett followed, and next proposed the health of Bro. Moxhay, the Installing Master. It was a most deserved popular toast, and needed no remarks from him to ensure a hearty reception. Bro. Moxhay, in replying, hoped that it would be his privilege to be among the guests of the Grey Friars' Lodge and assist in the work thereof for many years to come, although he could hardly expect that his health would long permit of his taking so active an interest in Freemasonry as he had hitherto done. The W.M. considered his next duty one of the most pleasing it had been his lot to perform. Nothing could be more Masonic and tend to greater enjoyment among the Masons of Reading, than the hearty good feeling existing between the two Lodges in the town. He was especially gratified at seeing so many members of the sister Lodge around the festive board, and had the greatest pleasure in proposing success to the W.M. and brethren of the Union Lodge, No. 414. This toast having been replied to, was followed by those of the Masonic Charities, the Visitors, and the Treasurer and Officers of the Grey Friars' Lodge. The Tyler's toast was then given and the brethren separated. The musical arrangements of the evening were entrusted to Bros. Hickie and Davis, and under their supervision a most enjoyable programme was arranged. Our talented Bro. Seymour Smith exercised his vocal ability to the gratification of all assembled.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill. The Lodge was opened by Bro. George Penn the W.M., assisted by Bros. S. H. Parkhouse S.W., W. Stephens Treas., W. Murlis Sec., E. M. Lander J.D., F. Delevante Organist, J. Pushman Steward, S. Smout jun. D. of C., S. Smout I.G., R. Schofield Tyler. The usual formal business having been disposed of, the Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Rutherglen was raised to the degree of M.M. Bros. Bushman and French were next passed, and then Mr. George F. Rule was initiated, the ceremonies in the two former degrees being performed by Bro. P.M. Stephens, and that in the latter by Bro. P.M. Murlis. The W.M. elect, Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, was now formally presented, and duly installed into the chair of the Lodge by Bro. Penn. The ceremony completed, the new W.M. appointed his Officers for the year. The sum of fifty guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be placed on the list of the retiring W. Master, who had undertaken the duty of Steward. The report of the Auditors' having been presented, was unanimously adopted, and then the Worshipful Master proceeded to close the Lodge. The brethren adjourned to banquet. At its conclusion, the W.M. gave the usual toasts. Our Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, he said, was not only respected by us, as Masons, but also by strangers in every part of the world. He had pleasure in proposing the next toast—that of the Pro Grand Master. The Lodge of which he (Bro. Parkhouse) was Master had especial cause to honour the name of the Earl of Carnarvon. That nobleman honoured their Lodge when he gave permission for it to bear his name. The health of the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers was the next toast which claimed their attention. It was one received in every Mason's Lodge with the greatest enthusiasm. They had the honour that evening of numbering two Past Grand Officers among their guests, and he should, with pleasure, couple the names of Bros. John Boyd and Thomas Cubitt with the toast. The first named brother in his reply expressed his regret at the absence of the Grand Secretary. As the members were aware, Bro. Hervey had intended to be present, and he felt that only unpreventible circumstances would have kept him away. He hoped that Bro. Hervey would be able to attend some future meeting of the Lodge, as he felt that the members could accord such a welcome, and give so good an account of themselves, as to make a visit most enjoyable to the Grand Secretary. Bro. Boyd congratulated the Lodge on the progress it had made; he questioned whether any other Lodge had attained such a position in so short an existence. The way in which the brethren supported the Charities was a pattern worthy of imitation; he hoped they would continue to prosper, and carry out the true principles of Freemasonry for many years to come. Bro. Cubitt also thanked the brethren on behalf of the Grand Officers. The Past Officers of Grand Lodge had by their zeal earned a reputation throughout the country, and he felt sure that the present rulers would show no falling off. Bro. Penn had now a most pleasing duty to perform; it was one he had looked forward to for the past twelve months. There present W.M. had been known to him for a considerable time, and throughout the whole of their acquaintance he had respected and honoured him. He (Bro. Penn) had the pleasure of being introduced into Freemasonry by Bro. Parkhouse, and he felt that that was one of the greatest of the many kindnesses he had performed for him. Bro. Parkhouse was one of the founders of the Lodge over which he was now appointed to rule, and throughout the whole period of their existence, as well as during the time of formation, had worked to make it a great success. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the kind reception they had accorded him. The founders and subsequent members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge had been enabled to work the Lodge up to a most successful point, and he hoped that its prosperity would continue during his term of office. He then proposed the health of the Initiate, he felt sure that their newly made brother would eventually prove a great acquisition to the Craft. Bro. Rule thanked the members for the way in which they had received him into their Lodge. He had seen the benefits of Freemasonry in almost every part of the world, and had long wished to join its ranks, he felt that he could not have done so in a better Lodge than the one he had selected. In giving the health of the Past Masters, the W.M. stated that he considered it was to them very much of the success that had attended the Lodge was due. They could not boast a long array, but what they lost in quantity they gained in quality. He had pleasure in presenting to Bro. Penn a jewel, which had been placed in his hands by the Lodge as a token of the esteem in which Bro. Penn was held by the members. Bro. Murlis here disclosed a most elaborate testimonial, consisting of a clock and two ornaments, which had been privately subscribed for among the members as further testimony of their appreciation of the late W.M.'s services to the Lodge, and also presented an engrossed vote of thanks, which had been prepared to accompany the gift. Bro. Penn heartily thanked the members for their very handsome gifts. He had scarcely left the chair, he said, before a brother had placed in his hands a very handsome set of studs, and now their W.M. had presented a jewel, and the brethren a most elaborate testimonial. He confessed that during his year of office he had endeavoured to do his duty, but he felt that his efforts had not been of such a nature as to warrant so much kindness. Much of the success he had achieved was due to the assistance he had received from his Officers, to whom he wished to tender his hearty thanks. He hoped their gifts of that day would long be prized in his family, and looked up to as a memento of a most enjoyable term of office. Bros. Murlis and Stephens also briefly replied to the toast of the P.M.'s, and then the W.M. proposed success to the Charities. The Earl of Carnarvon Lodge had in the past taken no unimportant part in promoting the welfare of the Charities. Their first effort was on behalf of the Old People, and on that occasion their list was second in amount. On the second, when they advocated the claims of the Girls' School, they had the proud privilege of heading the list. He hoped their future career would not be less gratifying. Bro. Binckes replied, thanking the Lodge for the handsome amount they had voted to head the list of Bro. Penn, and hoping he would be as successful with his Stewardship as his predecessors had been. Bro. Penn followed, and trusted the members would support him to the best of their ability. The first response to this appeal came in the form of an offer of co-Stewardship, with a donation of twenty guineas to start with from Bro. E. C. Woodward P.M., and that was quickly followed by other amounts, which, before the meeting terminated, reached considerably over one hundred guineas. The toast of the Visitors was next given, and was responded to by Bros. Harding and Roberts. Bro. Penn responded as Treasurer, and Bro. Murlis as Secretary, to the kind remarks the Worshipful Master made on their behalf. The Worshipful Master expressed, in proposing the health of the Officers, the great pleasure he experienced in having such energetic brethren to support him as those with whom he was surrounded, and the toast having been drunk, each in turn responded. Among the Visitors were Bros. T. Cubitt P.G.P., F. Binckes P.G.S., Sec. R.M.I.B., T. B. Linscott J.D. 55, J. Carr jun. 55, W. Williams 173, J. N. Frye J.W. 195, W. R. Hatton 358, S. Eborn P.M. 511, J. U Stanton 562, E. Arrowsmith I.G., J. S. Adkins, R. H. Jackson and H. A. Spencer 733, T. Browe P.M. 780, G. C. Harding 1,238, W. W. Morgan jun. 1,385, W. F. Savage P.M. 1,425, J. H. Pearson S.W. 1,567, &c. The brethren were much indebted to Bro. Delevante for the musical portion of the arrangements, which found in him a most efficient chief. The singing of the daughter of that brother being especially appreciated. We cannot conclude our report without referring to the ample accommodation afforded by Bro. Linscott, both for the duties of the Lodge and the pleasures of the banquet; we think officials of many London Lodges could with great advantage inspect his establishment, and should any of our friends have an idea of removing, we would recommend them to visit here before deciding on new quarters.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—Held at the Duke's Head, 72 Whitechapel-road, on Friday, 8th ult. Present—Bros. West W.M., Biddle S.W., Waterer J.W., Moss S.D., Hopkins J.D., McDonald I.G.; also Bros. B. Cundick P.M. Preceptor, W. Maple P.M. Hon. Sec., T. P. Cohen P.M., Wilcox, Job, Richmond, J. Taylor, Austin, Webb, Ellis and G. H. Stephens. Lodge was opened in due form at 8 o'clock, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Job, as candidate, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of passing was worked. Bro. Ellis (who will work the Fifteen Sections at this Lodge on the 22nd inst.) then worked the sections of the second lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Ellis, with the assistance of the brethren, worked the 4th and 5th sections of the first lecture. Bro. Biddle was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and Lodge was solemnly closed and adjourned.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen is still at Balmoral. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales reached Sandringham on Friday, where the thirty-seventh birthday of the Prince was celebrated on Saturday. Several distinguished visitors have during the week visited their Royal Highnesses.

The inquiries instituted with a view of settling who was to blame for the collision which occurred on the Thames between the Princess Alice and the Bywell Castle have been brought to a close. In the case of the Commissioners of the Board of Trade, a unanimous opinion has been arrived at that the calamity was brought about in consequence of the Princess Alice altering her course. The coroner's jury have given their opinion that each vessel was to blame, and suggest that more stringent rules should be enforced for the future navigation of the Thames.

Upwards of £134,000 has been received on account of the fund being raised for the relief of the shareholders of the City of Glasgow Bank.

On Friday, the 8th inst., Alderman Sir Charles Whetham, the new Lord Mayor of London, was sworn in at the Guildhall. Previous to the ceremony the courts of the Innholders, Loriners, and Leathersellers Companies, together with the Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Officers of the Corporation of the City of London, were entertained at luncheon by the then Lord Mayor and his elected successor. On Saturday the usual state procession to Westminster took place, and in the evening the customary banquet at the Guildhall. The Prime Minister was, as might be expected, the principal speaker. In the course of his remarks he pointed out that an invasion of India from Afghanistan was hardly practicable, though he considered it in the power of any foe to so far disturb the district as to compel us to keep a great military force in a state of efficiency there, at a considerable expense. The Government had taken such steps as they had thought advisable to prevent any attack through Asia Minor, from which point he considered an invasion would be more difficult to withstand. He concluded by referring to the Berlin Treaty, and stated that it was the determination of the British Government that the provisions thereof should be carried out both in spirit and to the letter. The Chancellor of the Exchequer replied on behalf of the House of Commons, and stated there was nothing in the financial state of the country to warrant any uneasiness.

Mr. John Mathieson jun., a leading merchant of Glasgow, died suddenly in the streets of that city. Mr. Massingham, a Fellow of Merton College, Oxford, was accidentally burnt to death while in a fit. Mr. Hubert Wood, a London solicitor, committed suicide on Monday. A collision occurred on Saturday, at Ardwick Station, between two trains. One driver was killed and a fireman injured, but no passengers were hurt.

The tower of the church of St. Mary, Week, Cornwall, was struck by lightning on Saturday night, and was entirely destroyed. During a violent storm on Monday, the roof of a plate-mill at the Consett Ironworks fell in, killing one man and injuring five others.

Three colliers were killed in a pit at Aberdare by the overturning of the cage in which they were descending. Two miners quarrelled in a public-house at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and one was fatally stabbed by the other. At the Sandwell Park Colliery one miner was killed, and another (his father) was dangerously injured by a fall of coal.

The Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise, accompanied by the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold, arrived in Liverpool on Thursday morning, and received a hearty welcome. At ten o'clock the distinguished party drove to the Town Hall, where addresses were presented to the noble Marquis by the Corporation and the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce. In reply, his Lordship expressed the satisfaction with which he had observed the enthusiastic feeling manifested towards Canada among all classes of the community in England and Scotland, wherever he had of late had an opportunity of hearing any expression of the public mind. After leaving the Town Hall, the party drove to the landing stage, where the Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise embarked on board the Sarmatian, which immediately thereafter set sail for Canada.

It is announced that the Ameer's force at Ali Musjid has been augmented by three guns, and that the troops are practising at ranges in the Kyber Pass. The Calcutta papers state that sixteen thousand Momunds are ready to join the British forces as soon as an advance is decided on. The guides have ascertained that the Ameer's troops are armed with muzzle-loading guns. The prospects of concession on the part of the Ameer are regarded as being more favourable. The German and Austrian papers for the most part approve of Lord Beaconsfield's Guildhall speech as indicating a pacific settlement of pending difficulties. An opinion has gained ground that Russia will adhere to the Berlin Treaty, and will exert herself to obtain an understanding with England with regard to political affairs, both in Europe and Asia. Count Schouvaloff arrived at Pesth on Tuesday, and had a prolonged interview with Count Andrassy. It is not believed at Vienna that the Austrian Government will encourage the proposition for a new Congress to revise the Treaty of Berlin. The Russian Ambassador at Constantinople has declined the Turkish proposal for the mutual appointment of Commissioners to inquire into the alleged outrages in the Rhodope district. The Turkish Government appears more disposed towards a conciliatory arrangement with Greece, but no definite arrangement has been effected. A compromise has been effected between the European

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Commissioners and the Russian authorities in Eastern Roumelia, whereby the financial administration is to be handed over to the former, while the civil administration remains in Russian hands. The insurrection in Macedonia has not abated, and, although official declarations have repudiated responsibility on the part of the Russian authorities, it is asserted that the insurgents are well supplied with arms, and the Bulgarian newspapers published under Russian censorship strongly invite the inhabitants of Eastern Roumelia to resist the decision of the Berlin Congress. The feeling in the Hungarian Parliament is strongly adverse to the occupation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, but it is not believed that Count Andrassy's position will be imperilled. The Paris Exhibition was finally closed on Sunday. Among the last gatherings which have taken place in connection with it, was one of Colonial gentlemen, who presented to Sir P. Cunliffe Owen an epergne in acknowledgment of the assistance he had rendered. Since the opening on the 1st of May, upwards of sixteen million persons have visited the Exhibition. The German Emperor, in reply to an address at Wiesbaden, expressed a hope that other States would follow the example of Germany in endeavouring to check the advance of Socialism. The Belgian Chambers were opened on Tuesday. The King in his speech referred to the satisfactory condition of the national industry; but intimated that the increased expenditure of the State would render necessary some additional taxation. The Criminal Court at Madrid has sentenced to death Moncasi, who lately attempted to shoot the King. The reply of Lord Salisbury to the United States Foreign Secretary, in relation to the Fisheries disputes, has been received at Washington, and it is believed that a satisfactory agreement will be effected. A small British force in the Transvaal was driven back by a great number of natives, but the English completely routed them in a subsequent attack they made.

We have received the early numbers of the *Masonic Newspaper*, a new candidate for favour with our American brethren. As it is published in New York, the membership of whose Grand Lodge includes some eighty thousand Craftsmen, it wil address itself to a numerous, as well as a highly influential, constituency, and though it is not in the power of man to command success, there ought to be little difficulty experienced in establishing the venture on a sure basis. At all events, the *Masonic Newspaper* is doing what in it lies to achieve success. It is well written and carefully edited, while its budget of news is highly interesting, and we can assure its proprietors and all interested in its welfare that it has our heartiest and most fraternal good wishes for its prosperity. May its career be a long as well as a prosperous one, and may it fulfil its *rôle* of exciting in the minds of our New York brethren an ever-increasing love for the Craft and its literature!

We have received a specimen of Masonic paper, specially manufactured for the Craft at the Malling Mills, Kent, and formally approved and sanctioned by our late Grand Master the Earl of Zetland. It is of excellent quality and possesses what, in our eyes, is a most important recommendation. That is, there is no showy display of Masonic emblems. Indeed, but for a most unpretentious "Square and Compass" in the left hand top corner, where usually stands the ordinary embossed stamp, there is nothing to show that it is the Masonic Paper it claims to be. But if a sheet is held up to the light, the water mark, in the shape of a five pointed star, a square and compass, the Bible, the double triangle, and "Masonic Paper, Malling Mills" will be seen. This paper is sold by Messrs. S. D. Ewins & Co., Paternoster-row, and we are sure those who purchase it will be delighted with its appearance and quality. It has the further advantage of being inexpensive.

At the next half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, which will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on the 3rd December, under the presidency of the Grand Master of the degree, Lord Skelmersdale, a scheme will be proposed for the purpose of educating the sons of Mark Masons. Without going into the details of the scheme, which of course will require deliberation, we may mention that its broad basis is that half of the annual subscriptions to the Fund of Benevolence shall be applicable towards aiding Mark Masters in educating their sons in their own neighbourhoods. The scheme is not meant for indigent or necessitous Mark Masons only, or primarily, but is designed as well for those Mark brethren who, though able to educate their families, are not sufficiently well to do to secure for them the superior education that is offered by many of the old grammar and foundation schools in their particular provinces.—*Standard.*

CONSECRATION OF THE KIRKDALE LODGE, No 1756.

THE handsome, complete, and commodious Masonic Hall, at Liverpool, named after Lord Skelmersdale, was the scene of a great event on Friday, the 8th instant. It had been announced, and fully believed until the day mentioned, that the Prov. Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, would be present to carry out the leading part; but, alas! the promise made could not be kept, in consequence of the indisposition of his lordship, and disappointment was most keenly felt. However, the genial brethren of Liverpool are not disposed to allow any disappointment to interfere with the success of any enterprise they take in hand, and especially when that event is a Masonic celebration. Consequently, long before the hour appointed, four p.m., there were gathered at the Hall over one hundred Masons We noticed among those present Bros. E. Johnston W.M. designate, H. S. Alpass Prov. Grand Secretary, H. R. Robertson P.G.J.W., Rev. J. Rees Jenkins P.G. Chap., G. Broadbridge P.P.G.D.C., Jas. T. Callow P.G. Treas., Jos. Skeaf P.G. Org., J. R. Goepel P.P.G.D.C., S. E. Ibbs P.P.G.S.B., E. B. Harding P.P.S.G.D., Hugh Williams P.G. Steward, John Hayes P.G. Steward, D. W. Finney P.G. Steward, John Wells P.G.D.C., J. Wainwright P.G.A.D.C., J. E. Jackson P.G. Superintendent of Works, John Lunt P.P.G.D.C., J. Baxendale P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, John Peters P.P.G. Senior Warden North Wales and Salop, R. C. Mellor P.P.G.J.D. North Wales and Salop, Thos. W. Serjeant P.G.J.D., B. W. Rowson P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, Peter Ball P.G. Tyler, W. H. Ball P.G. Assist. Tyler, John Jones P.M. 216, J. P. McArthur P.M. 1086, G. Soulthorpe P.M. 1035. S. Wylde P.M. 1403, P. McNiel P.M. 203, Henry James P.M. 203, G. S. Willings P.M. 667, G. E. Hanmer P.M. 1086, Wm. Sephton P.M. 1086, T. Evans P.M. 1570, T. Clark P.M. 673, G. G. Townsend W.M. 1086, Henry Ashmore W.M. 823, A. C. Morrison W.M. 1570, T. Hatton 203, T. Birch 203, J. R. Japha 203, John T. Alston 203, J. Winsor 241, S. Broadbridge 241, T. Saxon 241, J. B. Mackenzie 1609, J. P. Bryan 203, J. S. Beauford 32, R. P. Gill 216, Rev. Jas. Blake Chaplain 216, John Latta 241, A. Woolrich 1356, Dr. D. D. Costine 216, Joseph Queen 667, D. L. Parry 1299, P. Armstrong 724, D. Gabrielson 1502, M. Ansell 1502, John Ashley 1356, M. Williamson 1393, D. Saunders 1609, E. McCabe 203, S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c., &c. At 4.30 Bro. Alpass took the seat in the East and opened Prov. G. Lodge. He was assisted by Bro. Callow P.G. Treasurer as J.W., and Bro. Robertson P.G.J.W. as S.W., with Bro. G. Broadbridge P.P.G.D.C. as Secretary, and aided by Rev. Bro. Jenkins, Provincial Grand Chaplain. Bro. Alpass explained the cause of absence of the Provincial Grand Master, and at once proceeded to consecrate the new Lodge. The consecration and dedication were very ably done by Bro. Alpass, and the Prov. G. Chaplain did his work admirably. Bro. Alpass addressed the petitioners, giving them good advice, while the Prov. G. Chaplain delivered a very impressive and eloquent oration. Indeed the Province of West Lancashire must be congratulated on having brethren so able. On the completion of the ceremony Bro. Alpass relinquished his seat to Bro. Robertson, who acted as installing Master, Bro. Lunt filling the post of S.W. It is to be regretted that Bro. Lunt should take this post on such an important occasion; his memory did not prove equal to the task involved. The Lodge being lowered, Bro. Alpass introduced Bro. Johnston for the benefit of installation. The customary formalities were observed, and Bro. Johnston was duly obligated, invested, and installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months in a very able manner. The new W.M., Bro. Johnston, at once proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—T. W. Serjeant P.G.J.D. I.P.M., Wm. Gick S.W., H. Furguson J.W., J. Grierson Sec., R. E. Mitten Treas., C. Bargery S.D., T. Hay J.D., W. West S.S., H. Marshall and G. Marsden A.S., H. Alexander I.G. Bro. Robertson gave the customary charges, and the Lodge, by command of the Worshipful Master, was called off from labour to banquet in the hall below. The catering was undertaken by Bro. Casey, and everything went off with satisfaction. The menu card deserves notice, as it contained photographs of all the officers in miniature, while the bill of fare was of the most *récherché* character. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave "The Queen," which was drunk most heartily, the brethren singing the National Anthem. Toast No. 2 followed; namely, that of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family. It was cordially drunk, the brethren singing "God Bless the Prince of Wales." Bro. Senior Warden was entrusted with toast No. 3, which was that of the health of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon. Bro. Jones here favoured the brethren with a capital song. The W.M., on rising to propose the next toast, said that it brought them nearer home. After alluding to Lord Skelmersdale's exalted position in the Province, he expressed great regret that his Lordship was not present. With the toast he united the name of the Prov. Grand Chaplain. Rev. Bro. Jenkins, in returning thanks for the distinction of having his name coupled with the last toast, explained that up to the latest hour they had reason to hope that Lord Skelmersdale would be with them, but his Lordship was unavoidably absent. Bro. Bromley gave the health of the Consecrating Officers and the Installing Master, and complimented them most highly on the efficiency displayed. The Provincial Grand Secretary replied; he felt grateful for the compliment. If he knew there were some imperfections that, had he been given sufficient notice, he could have avoided. He was taken by surprise in being called on to perform the ceremony. Bro. Alpass alluded to the deplorable state of the Liverpool Masonic Temple, and drew attention to some efforts of the Dramatic Lodge to raise funds to cover the expense of embellishing it. He intimated that Lord Skelmersdale would support these efforts, and hoped that very soon the Temple would be put in a condition worthy of the Freemasons of Liverpool. In conclusion, Bro. Alpass expressed his best wishes for the happiness of the brethren in the north end of the town, and proposed prosperity to the Kirkdale Lodge, No. 1756. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. After a song from Bro. Gilfillen, Bro. Mitten

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Treasurer responded. So far the Lodge was a success, as everything was paid for, and there was a good balance in hand; and, judging from the number of applications for affiliation and initiation, it would be highly prosperous. He thanked them for receiving the toast so heartily. Bro. Alpass now rose to propose the toast of the evening. He remarked it was customary on such important occasions as the present to propose the health of the W.M., and that duty devolved upon him. He felt a pleasure to do this, as he knew that the Lodge under the Mastership of Bro. Johnston would be under the guidance of a competent Mason, who would look after its best interests, and do all he could for the Craft generally. The speaker briefly reviewed the connection he held many years ago with the Ancient Union, No. 203, and over which Bro. Johnston presided as W.M.; it was a well worked Lodge. He looked forward to a happy and prosperous career for this Lodge under the administration of that Worshipful Brother, and called upon the brethren to drink heartily to the toast. Bro. H. Gill favoured the brethren with an instrumental selection - "The Fairy Bells," which was highly appreciated, and was followed by Bro. Jones singing a song. The Worshipful Master on rising to respond to the toast, acknowledged most gratefully the honour conferred upon him by Bro. Alpass in proposing his health in such a complimentary manner, and also to the brethren, who had accepted the toast with such tokens of appreciation. He deeply regretted the absence of the Prov. G. Master, and also felt the absence of Bro. Archer, who is the founder of this building, and to whose untiring exertions they owed the great privilege of assembling here to-day. Nothing but severe illness could have prevented this respected brother from being present. He would take the opportunity of testifying to the many acts of kindness done by him, for which personally he was much indebted. He appreciated the honour of being elected first W.M. of No. 1756, and would do all in his power to advance the best interests of the Lodge. He was assured in this he should have the active co-operation of all the brethren, who he trusted would exercise every care in their selection of candidates for admission. In conclusion, he would echo the sentiments so generally expressed that day—that this Lodge might ever prosper, as it had begun, and that when its first Officers and members have passed away, it may flourish and be a credit to the Craft. Bro. J. Wells proposed the health of the subordinate Officers, a toast which was duly honoured, and Bro. Secretary replied. Bro. Quinn here favoured the brethren with a song. To Bro. Senior Deacon was entrusted the toast of the Charities; he did this duty in a really capital speech, and announced amid the applause of those present that the Kirkdale Lodge was practical in its appreciation of the noblest attribute of our Order; it would give twenty guineas to the Charities on this its birthnight among the Lodges. He had much pleasure in uniting with the toast the name of Bro. G. Broadbridge. The toast was heartily drunk, and the W.M. rose:—He had the greatest possible pleasure in supplementing the sum just mentioned with five guineas; this announcement was received with cheers. The brethren at this stage of the proceedings were favoured with a capital selection of music by Bros. Jones, Bryan, and Quinn, who were accompanied on the piano by Bro. Skeaf. The musical programme was under the able management of Bro. Skeaf Prov. G.O. Bro. Broadbridge now responded to the last toast; he said that the noble London Charities did more for the provinces than most brethren were aware of. He also referred to the Provincial Charities, and concluded some able remarks by saying he was pleased to know this Lodge had made such a good beginning, and hoped it would continue the same good work. Bro. Director of Ceremonies proposed the health of the Visitors, as Bro. Serjeant, to whom the duty was allotted, suffered from a very severe cold. All present, except the Officers of the Lodge being guests, it was not expected that all could respond to the toast; but the hospitable brethren of 1756 drank heartily to the toast, and after a song, from Bro. Hatton, Bros. Mellor and Jones replied. Bro. Donnelly sang the next song, and was followed by Bro. Jno. Warden proposing the health of the Musical Brethren, which was cordially drunk. Bro. Jones again favoured, the brethren, and replied most agreeably. Other toasts followed, and were most fraternally received; amongst them was the Masonic Press, by the W.M., to which Bro. Davies (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE) replied. After final and requisite proceeding, the brethren separated, highly delighted with the success of the day.

MADAME WORRELL-DUVAL'S ANNUAL CONCERT.

AS announced last week in our columns, this Annual Evening Concert was held, on Monday evening, at the South Place Institute, Finsbury, E.C., and Madame Worrell-Duval may, on the whole, be congratulated on its success. There was a very good attendance, and the audience was what may properly be designated an appreciative one. There was some excellent music, both vocal and instrumental, and the evening passed off satisfactorily. There are, however, one or two matters which call for some remarks. They will be made in no unfriendly spirit, but rather with a view to the avoidance in future years of what, in our humble judgment, were drawbacks, of a more or less formidable character, to the complete success of the evening. In the first place, the programme was far too lengthy a one. Even the most insatiable lover of music must have found a concert, comprising no less than twenty-four items, including two long piano solos and two violin solos, a surfeit, if not an embarras, of musical wealth. Then the opening duet for pianoforte, though a work of our distinguished countryman, the late Sir Sterndale Bennett, was not a sufficiently stirring preparative for the excellent morceaux that were to follow, while Benedict's song, "Rock me to sleep," admirably sung, as it undoubtedly was, by Miss Emma Buer, had an ominous title. This effect was no doubt counteracted by Gounod's lively "Ou Voulez-vous Aller?" spiritedly sung by Miss Bessie Stroud; but in spite of this and many other redeeming features, the concert did not go so capitally, or excite so much enthusiasm as it must have done had the programme been shorter and more judiciously selected. Again, we regard it as a conspicuous error to introduce Italian songs, however admirable, into a programme intended for an English audience. The very best of Italian music can be heard nightly at Her Majesty's, but the bulk of the English public, though well content to hear foreign operas in the houses provided for such performances, take but little interest in Italian songs when introduced at an ordinary concert. True, in the very cream of society, Italian, German, and French music is as much appreciated as are the productions of our own composers; but then the audiences are capable of judgment. They are familiar, more or less, with these languages, and understand the words as well as the music. But there is no detraction if we say that a South Place Institute audience, fashionable and intelligent though it may be, is not the best and worthiest—that is, as regards musical taste and judgment and linguistic knowledge—that could be found. Having, however, noted these blemishes, which affected the composition of the programme rather than the entertainment itself, we pass to the more agreeable duty of commenting on the performances of the several artists. All who took part in the concert may be said to have acquitted themselves well, while several of them excited among the audience a feeling not so very far removed from enthusiasm. Madame Worrell-Duval's contributions to the concert were four in number; an Italian song, by Bevignani, Blumenthal's "Love the Pilgrim," Franz Liszt's "Loreley," and a duet with Miss Emma Buer, the well-known "Quis est Homo?" of Rossini, and in all these the lady showed that she was a most accomplished artist. Miss Emma Buer sang "Rock me to sleep," and Sullivan's "Thou art passing hence," with taste and judgment. Miss Matilda Roby was very effective in "Love at the gate" and "Lovely spring." In the former song she fully merited the encore she ought to, and doubtless would, have received but for the rigidly, and in this case, we think, unwisely enforced restriction forbidding all repeats, a restriction which, by the way, was departed from in the second part of the concert. Miss Bessie Stroud sang spiritedly "Ou Voulez-vous Aller?" and "My love he is a sailor," while Mdlle. Arnim acquitted herself well in "Thou art Weary" and "Hundred Pipers," sung by desire. For the latter song, Mdlle. Arnim was vociferously applauded, and by the removal of the aforesaid objectionable restriction was enabled to comply with the wishes of the audience. As to Mr. Chaplin Henry, who contributed "I fear no foe" and "The Wolf," he was in admirable voice, and sang them both splendidly. Mr. Abercrombie rendered "The three Gifts" and "Tom Bowling" in a manner which delighted the audience, who were especially taken with his delivery of the former. Mr. Bamber is a violinist of no mean repute, and was applauded as well for his faultless execution as for the delicacy of his playing, and both Mr. Osborne Williams and Mr. Turle Lee, with Herr Trousselle, were very effective in the pieces allotted them for the piano. In short, the artists, one and all, gave satisfaction, and, as we have said already, had the programme been less crowded the pleasure of the audience would have been without alloy.

Lodge of Antiquity No. 146, Bolton.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 13th November, at the Bulls Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton. Present: Bros. John Duxbury W.M., R. Horridge S.W., Jas. Dooley J.W., M. Burgess Sec., W. Cooper S.D., R. Duxbury I.G., P.M.'s Jno. Morris and Jno. Wild, also Bros. F. Williams, Constantine, Heywood, A. Morris, Broughton, Kennedy, Galloway, Rimmer, &c. Visitor—Bro. James Newton P.M. 37, Bolton. The Lodge was opened at 6.30 p.m. and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. Hird was passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M., who also delivered the lecture on the second tracing board. The W.M. informed the brethren that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. had been pleased to grant a warrant authorising the members of the Lodge to wear a centenary jewel. The warrant was then read, as also the instructions from Grand Lodge as to the wearing of the jewel. The W.M. intimated that Bro. Jas. Newton P.M. 37 had kindly consented to deliver a lecture on the history of the Lodge which he had compiled from the Lodge records. At the call of the W.M., Bro. Newton then proceeded to deliver the lecture, tracing the existence of the Lodge from its foundation on 24th June 1776 to the present time, and quoting from the records numerous interesting extracts respecting the Lodge and the Craft in general. The lecture, which occupied upwards of an hour in its delivery, was listened to with marked attention by the brethren, and at its close a cordial vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. Newton, not only for his kindness in compiling and delivering the lecture, but also for the valuable services rendered by him in making the necessary researches into the records and preparing the memorial for the centenary warrant. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and the Lodge was closed at 9.30 p.m.

Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place on 6th November, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Bro. R. L. Armstrong in the chair, supported by the following Officers:—Bros. John Page S.W., R. G. Salmon J.W., G. W. Lax Secretary, S. M. Harris S.D., G. Bamford J.D., Macdonald as I.G., W. Monday P.M. D.C., W. S. Hughes P.M., J. Rundale P.M. P.G.J.W. The Lodge being opened and the minutes confirmed, the W.M. called on the brethren to salute the P.G.S.W., which was done according to custom. The ballot was then taken for a candidate, which proving successful, he was initiated into our Order in a most efficient manner by the W.M. After routine business had been disposed of, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, the usual toasts following. The Visitors were—G. Thompson P.M. 451, J. Wood S.W. 48, Church Manchester, and W. Auther, Mother Kilwinning Lodge, Scotland.

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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, 16th NOVEMBER.

186—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

MONDAY, 18th NOVEMBER.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
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.
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
1305—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1435—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1658—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
363—Royal Union, Belmont Hall, Uxbridge.
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
632—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
934—Mera, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
965—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1305—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Dover.
1448—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1505—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 33—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

TUESDAY, 19th NOVEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
68—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.
142—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
194—St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
454—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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1430—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1807—Metropolitan, 26a Fenchurch-street. (Instruction.)
1825—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
R. A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
117—Wynstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
313—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
342—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
346—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading.
657—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1008—Tregallow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1033—Calender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1069—De Sherland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni.
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1346—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6.0. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.

WEDNESDAY, 20th NOVEMBER.

General Committee G. Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Grand Stewards' Lodge, Freemasons' Hall.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Ora, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
192—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Juvenile, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden Town at 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Wansey-street, W., at 7.45. (Instr.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30. (Instruction.)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Waddington, Red Lion, 7 Upper Seymour, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1158—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1160—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1300—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1554—Duke of Connaught, Hawleck, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1593—Duke of Connaught, Fairoak Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1613—Langton, London Masonic Hall, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C.
1707—Kilwinning, Anglia Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 17—Kilwinning, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction
R. A. 1366—Clapham, White Hart Tavern, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
29—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
141—Mount Sinai, Private Building, Penzance.
142—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich.
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
224—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Leeds Bridge.
241—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
253—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
942—Rowland, 56 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
981—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw.
991—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
992—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
994—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
632—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
681—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
874—Holmesdale, Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1040—Byke, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks.
1066—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, near Man.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1341—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.
R. A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire.
R. A. 256—Amphibolos, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.

THURSDAY, 21st NOVEMBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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. Mar , 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.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
720—Panmure Gen. L. of Inst., Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, N.W.
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)
42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lanc.
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
208—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn.
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge.
533—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
630—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford.
1043—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.
1347—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town.
1352—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1424—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.
1512—Hemming, Lion Hotel, Hampton.
1613—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Market-place, Hadingden.
R. A. 1214—Scarbro, Scarbro Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.

FRIDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER.

House Committee, Boys' School, 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.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Kensington, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (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, 156 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1300—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1366—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1369—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1643—K. Carnarvon, Mare Hotel, Bourborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Instruction.)
1383—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1713—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
R. A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
K. T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.

SATURDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER.

186—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
954—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.
A. A. 300—Alnwick, Station House Hotel, Bothams, Stansfield.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on 12th November. Bros. Brown W.M., Maidwell S.W. Moss J.W., Hollands S.D., Roberts I.G., Daniel, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Daniel candidate. The Lodge was closed down to the third and second degrees. Bro. Brown, W.M. of the Prosperity Lodge, was elected to fill the chair at the annual supper on Tuesday, 19th November, Bro. I.P.M. Daniel vice. Bro. Maidwell will rehearse the Installation Ceremony on Tuesday, 26th November.

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St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Present—Bros. Alfred Green W.M., Alfred Withers S.W., William Radcliffe J.W., W. W. Morgan Sec., Dr. Waters S.D., Usher Back J.D., W. E Young I.G., T. C. Speight P.M. Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. J. Lavers, T. H. Lavers, Parsons, Drysdale; Visitors—Bros. R. Best 3, George King P.M. 172, W. W. Brown W.M. 214, Prov. G. Organist Essex, Charles Best 907, Robert Chamberlain W.M. 1122; and a fair attendance of members of the Lodge. The Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Alexander Henry Hitch as a candidate for initiation, and the result was unanimous. Bro. Henry Martin was examined as to his proficiency, and entrusted. Lodge was then advanced, and the ceremony of passing was ably performed by the W.M. Lodge was closed down, the candidate for our mysteries was introduced, and Bro. Green initiated him, performing this, as he had the previous ceremony, in an eminently satisfactory way. The Officers also were most painstaking in order to make the proceedings as impressive as possible. After routine business the Lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a capital banquet, which was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Jennings. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the Loyal toasts, which received full honour. In proposing the health of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, the W.M. remarked that the P.G.M. had rendered very great service to the Craft; whatever he did had a tendency to advance the interests of the Order. Bro. P.M. T. H. Lavers proposed the health of the W.M. He would call on the brethren to drink the toast most heartily. Bro. Green had now filled the chair of the St. Michael's Lodge for nearly two years, and it might truthfully be said that he had almost resuscitated the Lodge. He (Bro. Lavers) trusted that Bro. Green would remain with them many, many years, and continue his career of usefulness. The W.M., in acknowledging the compliment paid him, remarked that if he had accomplished anything at all, it had been done from a love of duty and from a sincere regard for the Craft. He had been stimulated by the kind assistance he had received from his Officers and the Past Masters of the Lodge, and he hoped a bright future was before them. He sincerely thanked them one and all for their kindness. The toast of the P.M.'s was the next given by the W.M. Bro. T. H. Lavers said: If one thing more than another was gratifying to a parent, it was to know that his children were doing well. His year of Mastership had been a very fruitful one, and he was proud to know his offspring in the Craft were all prospering. He was especially gratified in having been the means of introducing so worthy a Mason as the present W.M., whom he had initiated. Brother Drysdale thanked the members for the honour he had received at their hands; he assured them he fully appreciated the kindness they had specially exhibited at the last meeting. Bro. John Lavers and Bro. Parsons also acknowledged the compliment that had been paid them. The health of the Initiate was the next toast the W.M. introduced. Bro. Hitch was a personal friend; from what he had seen that night, he (the W.M.) was assured Bro. Hitch would come to the next meeting with a firm resolve to make himself more thoroughly conversant with our mysteries. After the E. A. Song, which was given with his accustomed vigour by Bro. P.M. Speight, the initiate briefly replied. The W.M. assured the Visitors it was the wish of the members that they should be accorded a hearty welcome; if the business of the Lodge had appeared somewhat of a heavy character, he trusted it had been lightened by the pleasure they had endeavoured to throw into the proceedings at the festive board. He would ask the members heartily to drink to the health of the Visitors. Bro. G. King P.M. replied. He was pleased at the admirable way in which the proceedings of the evening had been conducted. Amongst the Officers he recognised one or two of his boys, and he was gratified to see the skill with which they performed their duties. Bros. Brown and Chamberlain also bore testimony to the pleasant evening they had spent; Bro. Chamberlain remarking that he belonged to a far distant Lodge, but the members were ever ready to extend the right hand of fellowship to their brethren of the Craft. The several Officers then next came in for their meed of praise, and after due acknowledgments had been offered, the Tyler was summoned. During the evening the brethren vied one with the other to promote harmony, and valuable assistance was afforded by the brilliant accompaniment of Bro. Brown.

Brixton Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 234.—Saturday, the 9th instant, the great day of the year in the City, was an important one in South London with the Masonic fraternity. Hitherto there has been no Lodge of Mark Masters in the neighbourhood of Brixton or Camberwell; but, in response to a petition addressed to the Grand Mark Master, Lord Skelmersdale, a warrant was granted for the Brixton Mark Lodge, No. 234, to meet at the Surrey Masonic Hall. Bros. T. Poore, C. P. McKay and H. Lovegrove were named as principal Officers. The ceremony of consecration took place on Saturday, and was performed by the Grand Mark Secretary, V.W. Bro. F. Binckes, in the presence of R.W. Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, Provincial Grand Mark Master Middlesex and Surrey, and a number of distinguished Mark Masons—Bros. Levander, Dewar, Brighten, Dubois, Shackleton, Stevens, Putman, Latham, &c. The following were appointed Officers of the new Lodge:—Bros. T. Poore P.G.J.G. P.M. W.M., C. P. McKay (W.M. 720) S.W., H. Lovegrove (S.W. 1777) J.W., G. Cook (J.W. 1777) M.O., J. Curtis S.O., W. H. Barber J.O., H. Baldwin Sec., Dr. Pearce S.D., Potter Tyler. At the close of the ceremonies the brethren adjourned to a banquet provided by the proprietors of the Masonic Hall, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Perseverance Lodge, No. 455.—A meeting was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Kettering, Northants. Present—Bros. Wm. Hanger W.M., John Henry Hale S.W., Edward Hale J.W., Benjamin Genner Sec., W. Hitchman Treas., W. Stanley S.D., W. B. Parke J.D., R. Harrowdine Steward, J. Marlow I.G., J. Haines Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Mark, Coles, W. Chapman and W. Hitchman. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Henson was passed to the rank of F.C. by Bro. John H. Hale, S.W. and W.M. elect of the Wentworth Lodge, No. 737. The Lodge being closed down, a P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M. Bro. W. Hitchman, by the W.M., as a mark of respect from the Lodge for the efficient way in which he had performed his duties during his year of office. Bro. Hitchman returned thanks in a very appropriate manner.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On 8th inst., at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. Goss I.P.M. 780 W.M., Blasby S.W., Gunner J.W., Costelow S.D., Kyezor J.D., Pearson I.G., Roe P.M. Prec., Tucker Treasurer, Skinner, Talbot, &c. Lodge was regularly opened. Bro. Skinner answered the questions leading to 2nd degree, but was not entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Kyezor having kindly consented to act as candidate, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising. Lodge was then closed down, Bro. Skinner re-admitted, and the W.M. delivered the addresses which form part of the Installation ceremony. Bro. Tucker announced that the brethren of another Lodge of Instruction to which several members of this Lodge belong had instituted a Benevolent Fund, and invited the co-operation of all present in forwarding the matter. This may, we hope, lead to the establishment of a similar Fund in this Lodge of Instruction. The S.W. was elected W.M. for next meeting, and Lodge was duly closed and adjourned till 15th November, at 7.30. The Secretary has to request that the brethren will reply to the circular invitation to the Annual Banquet, as he desires to make the meeting a success, in connection with the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. Roe.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its meeting on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bro. Wardell W.M., Gilham S.W., Polak J.W., Brasted S.D., Forss J.D., Bonner I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treasurer, P.M. Wallington Preceptor. Bros. McClean, Smyth, C. Lorkin, Carr, &c. The minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. McClean as candidate. Bro. McClean answered the questions and the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment. On resuming, Bro. C. Lorkin worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was then closed. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Tuesday evening next. Bro. Gilham will preside on Tuesday, the 26th inst.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No 861.—At the weekly meeting of this Lodge, held on Wednesday, 13th, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street. Bros. Abell W.M., Tate S.W., Brown J.W., Welsford S.D., Hallam J.D., Vizard I.G., Long P.M. Preceptor, and others. After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Drury offered himself as a candidate for passing, and the Lodge being opened in the second degree the ceremony was ably performed by the W.M. The lecture of this degree was then worked by the brethren. Bro. Tate was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the ceremony of raising will be rehearsed.

Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 917.—A meeting was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on 12th November. Bros. G. W. Taylor W.M., A. Lamarque S.W., L. Stean Sec., J. F. Van Raalte J.D., W. Pitt D.C., S. J. Corke I.G., Gullick Tyler; P.M.'s T. W. Jones, A. F. Rowley, Lovell, Keays; also Bros. W. Rowley, H. Van Raalte, J. Field, G. Pott, G. Ridding, M. E. Goldstein, R. Prince, Mullett, &c. Visitors Bros. W. J. Hunter W.M. Crusaders 1677, A. Thermans P.M. Faith 141, A. W. Fenner S.D. 1227 and 1693. Lodge being opened the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Stean now took the chair, and Bro. Lemarque was presented to him to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. After the obligation Lodge was advanced, and a Board of Installed Masters formed. Bro. Stean performed the ceremony, and, considering his advanced age, the work was done in a very impressive manner. On the readmission of the brethren below the degree of Installed Masters, the ceremony was completed, the addresses being given in a manner which elicited the approval of all. The following brethren were then invested as Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. Abbott S.W., J. F. Van Raalte J.W., F. Jones Treas., L. Stean Sec., W. Rowley S.D., S. J. Corke J.D., W. Pitt I.G., after which Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served by the manager of the hotel in his usual satisfactory style, and to which the brethren did ample justice. Grace having been said, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to; the I.P.M. proposed the W.M.'s health, wishing him a happy and prosperous year of office. The W.M. in returning thanks assured the members he would exert himself to the utmost to promote the welfare of the Lodge. He then proposed the health of the I.P.M., and presented him with a P.M.'s jewel; he hoped the worthy brother would live many years to wear it. Bro. I.P.M. thanked the W.M., brethren, and his Officers, for the able assistance he had received from them during his year of office; also for the handsome jewel they had presented to him; he would always strive to uphold the dignity of the Lodge. The health of the Visitors was next given, in a very happy speech. The W.M. trusted they would depart with pleasurable recollections of the evening

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they had spent in the Cosmopolitan Lodge. After the Visitors had replied seriatim, the health of the P.M.'s was given by the W.M. and this toast was duly honoured and responded to. Each congratulated the Lodge in having Bro. Lamarque as W.M. The Masonic Charities was next given, and was followed by the Officers. The Tyler was then summoned, and he brought the evening's duties to a close. Some capital songs were given during the evening.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044.—A meeting was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., Bro. J. Frost being the W.M. There were also present—Bros. J. Featherstone S.W., A. B. Walker J.W., J. J. Holland S.D., F. Reed J.D., W. J. Huntley I.G., J. G. Carter P.M., A. Mason, P. V. Denham, W. A. Blackmore No. 1485, and A. A. Denham Secretary. The three degrees were well worked, Bro. Blackmore being the candidate in each. At the conclusion of the business, Bro. Blackmore was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Featherstone will be the W.M. for next meeting.

Lewis Chapter, No. 1185.—A meeting was held on Saturday, 9th November, at the King's Arms Hotel, Wood-green. Present Comps. Captain A. Durrant M.E.Z., G. Newman H., G. J. Row Scribe E., Berrie J., C. B. Grabham Scribe N., H. T. Thompson Principal Sojourner. Visitors—Companions Atkins, Pretans, and others. Bro. Goddard, of the Lewis Lodge, was exalted. The ceremony throughout was worked most efficiently by the various Officers, and each did his work, which is saying a good deal, considering the Chapter has only been two years in existence. The Chapter was adjourned till second Saturday in February. A capital banquet was served, where the usual toasts were proposed. The M.E.Z. alluded to it being the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The health of the new exaltee was proposed by the M.E.Z., and Comp. Goddard expressed the great pleasure it gave him in being admitted to the R.A. degree. Comp. Row I.P.Z. proposed the health of the M.E.Z., and spoke in high terms of the manner in which he had performed the ceremony, and of the great interest he took in everything appertaining to the prosperity of the Chapter. Comp. Durrant, in reply, expressed his pleasure at the kind reception accorded him; it would be a greater incentive to promote the welfare of the Chapter and the happiness of the Companions. The other toasts were duly given and ably responded to, the Visitors speaking warmly of the admirable working of the Chapter.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Thursday, the 7th inst. Present—Bros. Giesecke W.M., Peacock S.W., Abrahams J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townshend Sec., Moss S.D., Hine J.D., Bolton I.G.; also Bro. A. W. Smith and others. All preliminaries having been observed, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Peacock, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bolton acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the second and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Giesecke was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

St. Eleth Lodge No. 1488.—This flourishing and well conducted Lodge held its installation meeting on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at its Lodge Room, Castle Hotel, Alnwick, N. Wales. The Lodge was duly opened by the W.M. Bro. the Rev. Henry Lloyd, at 1 p.m., for the purpose of initiating a candidate, Mr. W. F. Jones, surgeon, which ceremony was performed in an able manner by the W.M.; Bro. J. Treweek S.W. presented the working tools, and Bro. the Rev. J. Smith delivered the charge. The following Officers were present, viz.—Bros. B. Roose I.P.M., C. S. Dyer J.W., E. M. Jones Treas., T. Prichard Sec., O. Rowlands S.D., Wm. Jones J.D., J. Hughes acting as I.G., and O. Roberts Tyler. The ceremony of initiation being concluded, the Lodge was "called off" from labour to refreshment. The Lodge having been "called on" at half-past two, the brethren reassembled for the event of the day, when a deputation, consisting of Bros. Roose I.P.M. and Peters P.P.G.S.W. was sent out to receive two very distinguished brethren, Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., R.W. D.P.G.M. of the Province, and Bro. Captain Hunter P.G.M. of East Aberdeenshire, and P.G.S.W. of Greece, who upon their entrance into the Lodge were duly saluted in accordance with the honours of their exalted position. The gavel was presented to the R.W. D.P.G.M., who, after a few complimentary remarks to the W.M. returned it to him. The Lodge then opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect Bro. James Treweek was commenced, the Installing Master being Brother the Rev. H. Lloyd, the retiring W.M. Bro. Roose presenting the Master elect. All below the rank of M.M. having been asked to retire, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, after which brethren who were not Installed Masters were asked to withdraw, when the Board of Installed Masters was opened. Bro. J. Peters P.P.G.S.W. acting as S.W. and Bro. Dr. Evans P.M. 1113 as J.W. The board of Installed Masters was closed, and Bro. J. Treweek having been formally inducted into the chair, the brethren were called in, and at the request of the Installing Master saluted the new W.M. in due form. Before the Lodge was finally closed Bro. J. Smith read a note from Bro. Mercier 606, offering to present to the Lodge the painting of any distinguished brother whom the brethren might select. This kind offer was gladly accepted, and the unanimous and sincere thanks of the Lodge were accorded to Bro. Mercier, and ordered to be placed on the minutes. It was resolved to form a committee to select the fortunate brother who is to be thus honoured. After hearty congratulation from the representatives of various Lodges who were present, the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren now adjourned to the banquet, which was served in excellent style by the host, Bro. John Hughes. After grace was said by H. Lloyd I.P.M. the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and duly honoured; the W.M. in responding to the toast of his health expressed a hope to be able to keep up the efficiency of the Lodge; and those who know the true Masonic heart of Bro. Treweek have every confidence that they will see his hope realised. The last train leaving at 7.30 p.m. necessitated the departure of many brethren who had come from a distance. It should have been stated that the address to the Wardens was delivered by Bro. Peters, and the concluding address by Bro. Dr. Evans, in a most impressive manner. The new officers invested on the occasion were Bros. H. Lloyd I.P.M., J. Smith S.W., W. Jones J.W., O. Rowlands S.D., W. Jones J.D., T. Lloyd Evans I.G., E. M. Jones Treas., James Hughes Sec., T. Jones S.S., John Jones J.S., Rev. H. Lloyd Chaplain, Rev. J. Smith Org., and O. Roberts Tyler. The Visitors present were the following; viz.—Bros. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., R.W. D.P.G.M. N. Wales and Salop, Captain Hunter P.G.M. East Aberdeenshire and P.G.S.W. of Greece, John Peters P.P.G.S.W. N. Wales and Salop and P.M. 597, T. Ll. Kyffin P.P.G. Chaplain P.M. 1113, J. Sidney Boucher P.G. Chaplain P.M. 606, Dr. Evans P.M. 1113, Dr. Evan Williams P.M. 1113, T. H. Warrington W.M. 1113, John Ellis P.M. 597, D. Wynne Williams W.M. 384, E. W. Thomas P.M 384, T. Pritchard W.M. elect 1113, G. J. Hughes S.W. 1113, Herbert Ellis Independent Lodge, Chester, 721, W. James J.D. 597, Boucher jun. J.D. 606, W. E. Thomas, J. R. Brown, John Hughes, and F. Bloom, all of 384, E. R. Hughes St. Tudno, Mercier 606, &c.

Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507.—A convocation was held at the Metropolitan Club, King's-cross, on Thursday, 7th November. Present—E. Comps. J. Willing jun. M.E.Z., J. R. Stacey H., W. J. Ferguson J., T. A. Adams I.P.Z.; Comps. W. M. Stiles Scribe E., C. W. Hudson N., J. Douglass P S, H. Stiles 1st Asst. S., Barnes Janitor, and Comps. W. Cook, S. Beattie, T. C. Edmonds, T. J. Clare, &c.; Visitor—Comp. J. J. Michael, High Cross Chapter 829. The Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous convocation read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Comp. W. Cook, United Strength Chapter 228, for joining, and for Bro. T. J. Hyland, J.D. Royal Savoy Lodge 1744, and Bro. R. Tuck, Metropolitan Lodge 1507, for exaltation, which was unanimous. Bros. Hyland and Cook were introduced, and regularly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. Three brethren were proposed and seconded for exaltation at next convocation, and the Chapter closed in ancient form and adjourned. Business over, the Comps. sat down to an excellent banquet, served in Bro. Cox's best style. The usual Loyal and complimentary toasts were given, and elicited some graceful replies.

Unity Lodge, No. 1637, West Drayton.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the De Burg Hotel. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Varley W.M., and a ballot taken for Bro. Geo. Penn W.M. of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, which proved unanimous in his favour. Bro. Wm. Stephens P.M. 1365 and 1489, the W.M. elect, was then duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Geo. Penn, in a most impressive manner, although this was the first time that he (Bro. Penn) had attempted the ceremony. The W.M. received the usual salutes and congratulations of the brethren, and proceeded to invest his Officers for the year as follow:—Bro. Varley I.P.M., Davis P.M. 382 S.W., Wm. Grist J.W., E. C. Woodward P.M. Treasurer, Wm. Coombes P. Prov. G.S.B. Middlesex Sec., Cooper sen. and jun. Deacons, Atkins I.G., Slyman D.C., Penn Steward, Dutton Tyler. Before closing the Lodge the W.M. intimated his intention to represent the Lodge as Steward at the forthcoming Festival for Aged Masons. At the banquet the W.M. presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Craft toasts. Bro. Murlis P.M. 1489 responded for the Visitors, and Bro Penn for the Masonic Charities. All the Officers seem well up in their work, and we have no doubt a most prosperous year will ensue.

Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717, at Tunis, North Africa.—A meeting was held on 4th November. Present—Bros. A. M. Broadley D.G.S.W. Malta W.M., J. H. Stephens S.W., Dr. A. Perini J.W., M. Lumbroso Secretary, A. Blanch Treasurer, G. Pentecost S.D., P.M. Paleologo J.D., V. C. Clement D.C., Dr. Casanello and A. Bokobsa Stewards, M. Le Gallais I.G., H. Haylock Tyler; Past Master Bro. Siera, of Leghorn. Visitors—Bros. Captain R. Sanderson No. 1244, Captain Dabner No. 949, Darmon, Salema, and nearly forty members. The Lodge duly opened, Si Furhat Ben Reschid, who was elected at the last regular meeting, was duly initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry. The candidate is a younger brother of General Muhammed Ben Si Reschid, who was initiated in this Lodge last month, and who is a cousin of the reigning sovereign of, Tunis. The ceremony was performed in the Arabic language with the able assistance of the interpreter, Bro. Souiller, whose services were rewarded with a hearty vote of thanks from the assembled brethren.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction.—Held at the Penbury Tavern, Amhurst-road, on Monday, 11th November, at 7.30 o'clock. Present—Bros. McMillan W.M., Cox S.W., L. Coubro J.W., P.M. McPherson S.D., Spurgeon J.D., P.M. Wright I.G., P.M. Lee Preceptor, Slaiter Hon. Secretary; also Bros. McDowall, P.M. Hobbs, P.M. Cusworth, Cracknell, G. Ferrar, W. Ferrar, Baddeley, A. R. Olley, Blunt, C. Lorkin, and other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and after the preliminary

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business, Bro. G. Ferrar answered the questions leading to the degree of Fellow Craft, was entrusted and duly passed. Bro. Preceptor Lee worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. Ferrar, of the Liberty of Havering Lodge, No. 1437, was elected a member. Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the ensuing two weeks. A committee was then appointed to revise the Bye-Laws of the Lodge, to meet after the usual business on Monday next. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed with prayer, and adjourned to Monday, 18th November, at 7.30 o'clock.

The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.—This well-known and deservedly popular Lodge held its regular monthly meeting at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, appropriately enough on the day when "The Great City's" new Lord Mayor was formally installed into his office, and presided at the grand banquet given on the occasion in The Great City's Guildhall. The Lodge was opened by Bro. James Freeman W.M., supported by G. W. Blackie S.W., W. H. Catchpole J.W., E. Moody P.M. Secretary, T. Hamer S.D., C. Taylor J.D., W. H. Hook D. of C., R. Hooker and F. C. Keeble Stewards, W. Kibble I.G., W. Steedman P.M. Tyler. Past Master Bro. John Seex. Visitors—Bros. Frank Erier St. John's 3½, T. West 1641, G. H. Palmer 63, J. Smith jun. Industry, G. Smith sen. Industry, C. J. Perceval S.W. Loyalty, Baker 1708, Richards Sir Hugh Myddelton, Webber Royal Albert, A. Wing W.M. 45, W. W. Morgan 211., &c., &c. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ballot was brought into request in favour of Mr. Geo. Gwyn Parker; the result was satisfactory, and that gentleman was introduced, and the W.M. performed the ceremony in his behalf greatly to the instruction and approval of the brethren. After the discussion of several matters in reference to promoting the welfare of the Craft, Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to banquet. On the removal of the cloth, the W. Master gave the accustomed Loyal and Masonic toasts—"The Queen and the Craft," "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master," &c., &c. Bro Seex then rose and proposed, in highly eulogistic terms, the health of the W.M., and in doing so he remarked that it was most gratifying to those on whom from time to time had devolved the duty of proposing this health to know that the toast was one that always commended itself to the members. The present occupant of the chair was eminently qualified for his position, and he (Bro. Seex) trusted he would enjoy health and strength, not only to fulfil the duties of his present office, but likewise to remain for many years to come an honoured member of the Lodge. Due honour having been paid to the toast, the W.M. acknowledged in grateful terms the kindly manner in which his health had been proposed and received. He admitted that he was fully sensible of the difficulties under which he laboured. He could invariably say a good word for others, but he found himself at sea entirely when he was called to speak for himself. He was well assured he had the hearty good wishes of the members generally, and he was gratified at the large attendance. The health of the initiate, Bro. Parker, followed, and the W.M. said that, having known Bro. Parker for many years, he was confident his admission into the Lodge would prove serviceable to the Craft, and he both hoped and trusted he would in time become an experienced officer. Bro. Parker thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kindly greeting they had extended towards him on this his first appearance in a Masonic Lodge. He was glad to have already met several with whom he was personally acquainted, and should do all in his power to attain that position in the Craft which he felt must be an object of just ambition to every one in the position he then held. The health of the Visitors followed, the terms in which it was proposed being most cordial, and the manner in which it was responded to by Bros. Wing and Perceval equally so. The toasts of the Treasurer and Secretary, and of the Officers, were then in due order honoured and appropriately acknowledged, and shortly afterwards a most agreeable evening was brought to a close in a very satisfactory manner. The intervals between the toasts were devoted to singing, and this greatly enhanced the pleasure of the meeting.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At the Old Rodney's Head, No. 12 Old-street, on Monday, the 11th inst. Bros. Symons W.M., Halle S.W., W. Rowley J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Wing S.D., Stock J.D., J. Smith I.G.; also Bros. J. Millington, Halford, Pearcy, Hallam sen., A. Rowley, Bigg, Willson, Trewinnard, Hallam jun., Gyer, and others. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed in an able manner, Bro. Bigg candidate. The sections of the second lecture were worked. Bro. Bigg of the mother Lodge was elected a member. Bro. Halle was appointed W.M. for ensuing week. A vote of thanks was cordially awarded the W.M. for the very efficient manner he had filled the chair of K.S. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on the last Monday in the present month, when it is hoped a strong muster of "strong men" will assemble.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, November 12th, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Present:—Bros. Miroy W.M., Tate S.W., Bramham J.W., Dickens Sec., J. H. Dodson S.D., Tranter J.D., Sanders I.G., Bingemann P.M. Prec., T. B. Dodson, Abell, Brown, Gilruth, Corns, Scott, Watts, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of preceding meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Baker, a candidate for the second degree answered the questions, and was passed. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Tate, second by Bro. Brown, third by Bro. Bingemann, fourth by Bro. Watts. Bro. Tate was unanimously elected W.M. for ensuing week. The Installation ceremony will be rehearsed by Bro. T. J. Maidwell, W.M. of the Egyptian Lodge, on Tuesday, 26th November. Lodge will be opened at 7. Brethren are invited to attend.

Hemming Lodge, No. 1512.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was summoned for last Tuesday, 12th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. In the absence of the W.M. (Bro. C. W. Fox) the chair was taken by Bro. Wm. Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex, the senior Past Master and Secretary of the Lodge, supported by Bros. D. B. Raw P.M. formerly Treasurer of the Lodge as I.P.M., J. C. Jessett S.W., T. W. Ockenden J.W., E. Hopwood Treasurer, T. C. Walls S.W. 1381 S.D., Crunden J.D., Hiscox I.G. There were also present—Bros. Past Master Hurst; Day, Toser, T. C. Murphy, &c., &c.; and visitor Bro. McNaught (Scotch Constitution). A ballot being taken and declared unanimous for the admission of Mr. Prime, that gentleman was duly and regularly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. A passing was also on the agenda, but the candidate was not present. Further business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to supper, ably supplied by Bro. Murphy, the host. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, the W.M. proposed the health of the initiate. Bro. Prime, in responding, expressed his gratification on being enrolled a member of our ancient fraternity. He proceeded to say that during recent continental travels, being overtaken by sickness, he had experienced great kindness at the hands of a comparative stranger, whom in course of time he found, on enquiry, to be a Mason. A friendship sprang up between them, and ultimately he solicited his newly found friend to grant him an introduction to Masonry, and he rejoiced that his object had that day been accomplished. His preconceived notions in favour of Freemasonry had been exalted by the beautiful ceremony he had lately heard and witnessed, and he felt that another existence had dawned upon him, on the threshold of which he was now standing. The response, which was listened to throughout with rapt attention, evoked considerable applause at its conclusion, and we may add occasions are very rare when an initiate delivers his maiden speech with such eloquence, and can command appropriate language to convey the first impressions formed on a man's mind when admitted to the bosom of Masonic light. Bro. McNaught having responded to the visitor's toast, the proceedings terminated. The next meeting will be held on Thursday next, 21st inst.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Wednesday, the 13th of November, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, E.C. Present—Bros. S. J. Turquand P.M. 1556 W.M., T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 S.W., C. H. Webb W.M. 1607 J.W., J. K. Pitt Sec., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, Walker S.D., Holland I.G.; P.M.'s Bloomfield, Hill, Hogg, Musto, Levy, Posener, Lee. Visitors—Bros. M. Ayres 95, E. T. Worsley 860, W. J. Smith 860, Geo. Johnson 860, J. Roberts 65, Saml. Levy Hiram 70 (New Orleans), F. Ware 1178, Patmore 228. The Fifteen Sections were worked, to the gratification of the brethren generally. Bros. P.M. Levy, Worsley, Smith, Dixon, Spencer, Ware, Roberts, Slaiter, and Patmore S.D. 228 were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. The usual votes were passed to the W.M. and workers, and able responses were made. The proceedings throughout were conducted admirably, and as a result a most instructive evening was passed. Bro. Biddle was elected W.M. for next Wednesday.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—The regular meeting was held on Saturday, 9th November. Bros. Bedwell W.M., H. Hall S.W., Mallord J.W., J. Lorkin S.D., Fenner J.D., Gilham I.G., Pearcy Preceptor, Halford Treasurer, Killick Sec., and about thirty members. The Lodge having been duly opened, and minutes confirmed, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed; the sections of second lecture were also worked. Bros. J. P. Parkes 1538, and E. M. Adams 1685, were elected members. Bro. H. Hall will preside this (Saturday) evening.

King Henry VIII. Lodge No. 1757.—This new Lodge for the province of Herts was consecrated on Monday evening, at the Town Hall, Hemel Hempstead, by Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Herts. The Lodge is appointed to meet on the Thursdays nearest the full moon in the months of January, April, July, and October. When the Lodge had been consecrated the Rev. W. Oswell Thompson, Vicar of Hemel Hempstead, Prov. G. Chap. was installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge, by Bro. Halsey. The consecration and installation had the advantage of a beautiful musical accompaniment by a choir of professional brethren. The ceremonies were witnessed by a large number of Freemasons, among whom were many of the Grand Officers of the Province of Herts.

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ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN PENNSYLVANIA.

WE have received, and fraternally acknowledge the receipt of copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania during the year 1877, and we rejoice that this section of Freemasonry is in so exceedingly prosperous a condition. The Quarterly Convocations were held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on the 1st February, 3rd May, 2nd August, and 1st November respectively, and the Annual Convocation on the 27th December. At each of these meetings Comp. Alfred P. Potter, Grand High Priest presided, and was well supported by his Grand Officers, and the representatives of very many of the subordinate Chapters. At the May Convocation a communication from the Grand Chapter of Quebec, requesting recognition by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, was referred to the Committee on Correspondence. At the Convocation in August, a full and exhaustive report as to the state of Royal Arch Masonry in the jurisdiction was presented, and from this we glean the following interesting particulars. There are, or rather were at the time the Report was submitted, exactly one hundred Royal Arch Chapters in the jurisdiction, three of which were constituted in 1876, and three Mark Lodges. The number of Companions in the former on the 27th December 1876 was 10,457, there having been 684 admissions, &c. in the course of that year, and 548 resigned, suspended, expelled, or died. The members of the three Mark Lodges mustered together 2,044, as against 2,114 at the corresponding date in 1875, two only having been marked in 1876, while seven resigned, nineteen died, and forty-six were suspended or expelled, or together seventy-two. At the November Convocation the Committee on Finance presented their Report, and the Resolutions attached thereto were adopted. From this we learn that for the year ended 29th October 1877, the receipts, including a balance from previous year of 1,510 dollars 35 cents, amounted to a little over 7,992 dollars. The expenditure reached over 5,481 dollars, leaving a balance of not quite 2,511 dollars. But of this close on 1,300 dollars were needed to pay balances due on appropriations to 27th December 1877, so that the balance was reduced to 1,011 dollars, and if to this sum the 423 dollars due to Grand Chapter were added, then the surplus of receipts over expenditure and appropriations showed the satisfactory total of 1,434 dollars. The investments of Grand Chapter were stated to be all in the Six per Cent. Redemption Loan of the Grand Lodge, and to have reached 17,000 dollars. The estimated receipts and expenditure for the current year were set down—the former at close on 8,731 dollars, and the latter as under 6,750 dollars, leaving a surplus of about 1,981 dollars. The Committee on Correspondence then delivered their report on the request for recognition by the Grand Chapter of Quebec, which report, for reasons which must commend themselves to all, was to the effect that the said Grand Chapter should not be recognised. The other business having been disposed of, the election of principal Grand Officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—M.E. Comps. Alfred R. Potter Grand High Priest, William C. Hamilton, M.D., Grand King, Hibbert P. John Grand Scribe, Thomas R. Patton Grand Treasurer, and John Thompson Grand Secretary. These companions were formally installed into their respective offices at the Annual Communication on the 27th December, on which occasion the other Grand Officers were appointed and invested, thus bringing the proceedings of the year to a satisfactory conclusion. The Appendix contains a mass of very interesting information, from which, if we had time and space, we should have great pleasure in making several excerpts. As it is, we must content ourselves with only a few remarks. Thus from that portion of it which treats of Canada we learn that the position of Arch Masonry in the Dominion is eminently satisfactory as to the number of its members, while the finances show a cash Balance in hand, and in 5 per cent. Dominion Stocks amounting to over 6,082 dollars. The number of Chapters at date is set down as seventy, and the number of Royal Arch Companions at 3,115. The Report on Maine contains an excellent *résumé* of the history of Mark Masonry in England, and the remarkable progress it has made since the establishment in 1856 of our Mark Grand Lodge. Under the head of New Jersey is a long and instructive address by Comp. the Rev. James Murray, Grand Chaplain, on the occasion of the annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of that State, the subject being "The Effects of the Captivity and the Second Temple." The treatment is very able, and our reverend Companion has displayed much erudition in the course of his remarks. We may add that we trust the next Report of Royal Arch Freemasonry in Pennsylvania will be as interesting and as satisfactory as the one we have just been commenting upon.

"IT IS EASY TO PROMULGATE AN ERROR, BUT VERY HARD TO ERADICATE IT."

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

WHENEVER an error originated, from an ignorant or learned man, when once it was accepted as an article of faith, additions were generally made to it, and learned men in the course of time did not disdain to aid and defend its perpetuation. No one, for instance knows who, or when, originated the notion of witchcraft; and that itself was a strong argument for perpetuating that notion. In 1736, Parliament abolished the law of burning witches, and the repeal of that law horrified the then pious ones, including John Wesley, just as much as Grand Lodges were horrified at the G.O. of France for having erased from its constitution a certain law.

The history of Masonry furnishes several facts to illustrate the truth of the heading of this paper; thus, in the fifteenth century the author of the Halliwell MS. introduced (as he alleges), from hearsay, the story of King Athelstan and his son Edwin having called an assembly of Masons, to whom Prince Edwin gave a charter. The MSS. says neither *where* nor *when* the said assembly was held. Matthew Cooke's MS., written in the sixteenth century, is also silent as to the *where* and *when* the said assembly was held. "Haghan's Old Charges," written in the seventeenth century, gave a location to the Athelstan assembly, viz., "York," and in 1738, Dr. Anderson added the year when that assembly was held, viz., 926. Everybody received the story with the additions as a fact, and Dermott began each Lodge Charter with the article of faith, that he derived his authority from Prince Edwin of 926. Dr. Oliver asserted that the Athelstan charter was still preserved at York. At last Bro. Findel exploded the Athelstan story. Since then, all the efforts of the legend defenders, including Bro. Paton's pamphlet, have failed to resuscitate the old faith in the Athelstan legend. This story is, however, not entirely abandoned; and it is curious to see to what expedients our legend sticklers resort to, in order to prop up a legend. The old story being no longer tenable, our Bro. Woodford brought forward Dr. Drake's discovery, that a Prince Edwin was baptized in 627 at York, who afterwards built a stone church. Now remember, that our earliest MSS. make no reference to York, but they do affirm that Prince Edwin was the son, or as some say, the brother of King Athelstan.

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The Edwin of 627 was neither son nor brother to a King Athelstan, but because he was baptised at York, and his name was Edwin, and he built a church, therefore Bro. Woodford wants us to believe that the legend is mainly true, but that it refers to the said Prince Edwin of 627.

Dr. Oliver was not only a supporter and defender of old errors, but was also a promulgator of new errors; thus, in his "Revelations of a Square," he says, that D.G.M. Dr. Manningham was very much offended at learning that some W. Masters, to please Jewish Masons, omitted the name of Jesus from the prayers; thereupon, the D.G.M. consulted Dr. Anderson, and the two Doctors conjointly composed a prayer ending with Jesus; and the G.L. (between 1752 and 1754) approved of the said prayer, and the prayer was printed in the Pocket Companion of 1754. This story has been repeated many times by our American advocates of Christianised Masonry, and Dr. Mackey even embalmed it—prayer and all—in his Masonic Cyclopædia. At last, I wrote to the R.W. Bro. Hervey for information as to whether there was any evidence to sustain the story. Bro. Hervey answered *most decidedly* in the negative. In the meantime I found in the *Gentleman's Magazine* of 1739, that our Dr. Anderson died 28th May of that year; this settles the question about Anderson's composing a prayer in 1754, or fifteen years after he died. The truth is, with the exception that such a prayer was printed in 1754, all the rest of the story is a *pure fiction*—the invention of Dr. Oliver. But as Dr. Mackey repeated the story that Dr. Manningham "was the author of the prayer . . . which was presented by him to the Grand Lodge and adopted as a form of prayer to be used at initiation of candidates,"* the defenders of our Christianised ritual, may yet again and again quote the Oliver fiction, backed by Mackey, and palm it off on their uninformed audience as a historic fact.

The antiquity of our ritual, is another error believed by our "bright Masons." Some believe that King Solomon composed it. The late Dr. Winslow Lewis ever used to say, "they believe that King Solomon worked in the English language." Others suppose that the ritual has come down to us from the Lodge of the holy St. John at Jerusalem. This Masonic *St. John's Superstition*, is still rampant in our midst, for instance, ask an American Mason "Whence come you?" and he will answer "From the Lodge of the holy St. John at Jerusalem." To be sure, everybody knows that it is not true; nay, he himself knows it is not true, because he was never near Jerusalem, and, perhaps, never outside of his State. But it is still more ludicrous when you put the above question to one who has been to Jerusalem—such for instance as the famous Bro. Bob Morris, who knows no such a Masonic Lodge in Jerusalem exists, and who is not so foolish as to believe that there ever was such a holy Lodge of St. John at Jerusalem. But yet, when Bro. Morris is asked "Whence come you?" he answers, with a most serious, reverential, and sanctimonious face, "From the Lodge of the holy St. John at Jerusalem." This St. John's nonsense, was very justly ridiculed in a poem in 1751. The poem begins as follows:—

> "Freemasons, as the story goes,
> Have two saints for their patrons chose,
> And both SAINT JOHNS—one the *Baptist*,
> The other the *Evangelist*.
> The Baptist had a *Lodge* which stood,
> Of old, by Jordan's ancient flood,
> But for what secret cause the other
> Has been adopted for a *Brother*,
> They cannot, and I will not say.†

In 1851, I petitioned the G.L. of Massachusetts to discard sectarianism and the St. John's from the ritual, the petition was referred to a learned Rev. D.D., who reported in 1852. Among other matter, he quoted Dr. Oliver's statement, that the earliest ritual contained the following question and answer, viz.:—Q. "Whence come you?" A. "From the holy lodge of St. John." (The word "Jerusalem" has evidently been added since). The Rev. Brother's report satisfied the G.L. that it was "*sound on the goose*" as far as "ancient landmarks" were concerned, and therefore, Massachusetts Masons still continue to come from the Lodge of the holy St. John at Jerusalem.

The writings of Bros. Findel, Lyon, Hughan and others, disabused the minds of some brethren; the majority, however, are still grovelling in Egyptian darkness; and it is no wonder they are so, for, first, not more than four per cent. (if as many) subscribe for a Masonic publication; second, as a rule, American editors are averse to publish truth whenever it conflicts with their prejudices or vanity; and, third, there is a want of candour combined with courage on the part of those who know the truth to make it known in the Lodges and Grand Lodges; and hence, as long as the present ritual continues to be repeated in our Lodges, the ninety-six per cent. of our Masons who never trouble themselves with reading anything but newspapers, will continue to believe in the ritual as "gospel truth."

But with all these drawbacks, the dawn of reason is gradually looming up; a visible change has come over the scene in quarters where it was least expected; for instance, our learned Dr. Mackey, who has promulgated and defended more Masonic moonshine than any other writer, except Dr. Oliver, has become sceptical about the Solomonic origin of Masonry, and about the Templar legends. His change of opinion is plainly indicated in two articles printed in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, 31st August. The article on page 148 is from Dr. Mackey's pen.

Again, in his Lexicon, printed some twenty years ago, Dr. Mackey asserted that the Saints John were "eminent Masons," but in his Masonic Cyclopædia, the Masonry of the Saints is ignored. True, our Doctor halts half-way, he still hankers after legends, he pats Bro. Woodford on the shoulder for bolstering up a legend, he still believes ancient landmarks, and he still pretends to come from the Lodge of the holy St. John at Jerusalem; the truth is, it is hard to part with long cherished errors. We cannot, therefore, expect more from Dr. Mackey; he did, however, make some progress, and we ought to be thankful for a little.

The change of opinion for the better among a few prominent Masons has, for reasons already given, produced no corresponding change in the rank and file of the brotherhood. As an illustration of this, I was amused to read in the *Masonic Review*, Cincinnati, the sarcastic remarks of Bro. E. T. Carson, who probably owns one of the largest, if not the largest, Masonic library in the world. Bro. Carson refers to the Cincinnati ritual worshippers as "consciectious Masonic mules," who are discussing in the Lodge of Instruction as to whether, according to the "Preston-Webb work," it is more proper to say, "Come out here, Pat Maroney," or "Pat Maroney, come out here!"

Another instance of gross ignorance may be seen in the criticism of the Editor of the *Canada Craftsman* (see FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, 31st August, p 147). Dr. Mackey dared to state, in the *Voice of Masonry*, that "the Templar Order of the present day is not identical with the old Order of the Crusades." There is no doubt that Dr. Mackey was, within a few years, a firm believer in the Templar legends, but he has changed his mind, and dares to come out with the truth; and thereupon the editor of the *Craftsman* pitches into poor Bro. Mackey right and left. Of course, our readers of the *Craftsman* are persuaded that its editor is far more profoundly learned in Templar and other historic lore than Dr. Mackey. But the fact is, our Canadian Knight Templar editor knows no more of the history of the Templars than what he heard on the night when he was invested with the *cocked hat*, or what the vain-glorious Grand Priors and *Grand Prutors* have palmed off on him; *and this he calls history!*

It is a curious fact, that while Dr. Mackey was groping in darkness, such writers as our Canadian editor used to look up to him as a Masonic oracle. But since our Doctor began to manifest some common sense in his writings, he lost caste among the orthodox. And this experience itself of Dr. Mackey furnishes an additional illustration to the truth of my text at the head of this paper, viz.: "It is easy to promulgate error, but very hard to eradicate it."

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* Dr. Mackey says that Anderson died in 1746, *which is incorrect*. He also says, "Before that period [1754] no prayer was used on such occasion" [at initiation]. Invocations are found in all the pre 1717 rituals, but it seems that no prayers were used at initiation after 1717, for I have before me a reprint from a pamphlet published originally in 1750 (the preface does not indicate that any additions were made to the reprint), wherein I found the following:—"The ancients made use of a prayer, inserted in the apprentice lecture, but the moderns leave it out when they make a Brother." So Dr. Mackey may be right in this case; and the *moderns* may have borrowed the custom of praying from the *ancients*.

† I have read about sixty or more Masonic sermons, addresses, &c., ranging between 1725 and 1808, and not a solitary one refers to the Evangelist being made G.M. when upwards of ninety, or of his having been a Mason. This nonsense about the Evangelist's Masonry was not invented before this century, and it was not known to the oldest Masons in America before C. W. Moore, in Boston, began to print Masonic matter, that is, after 1824; hence, in 1751, the brethren could "*not say.*"

THE LADY FREEMASON.*

(HONOURABLE MRS. ALDWORTH).

THE Hon. Elizabeth St. Leger claims a place in the annals of noted Irishwomen, from the strange circumstances which have concurred to hand down her name to posterity. In the only portrait of her ever known to have been taken, she is represented as wearing her Masonic jewels and apron. The face is that of a woman of about five-and-thirty, with a pleasing Madonna-like cast of countenance. Benevolence and strength of character are striking features in what—considering the details we have of her life—must be a faithful likeness.

The subject of this memoir was the youngest child and only daughter of the Right Honourable Arthur St. Leger, created first Viscount Doneraile, 23rd June 1703, and of his wife Elizabeth, the daughter and heiress of John Hayes, Esq., of Winchilsea. She was married to Richard Aldworth, Esq., of Newmarket, County Cork, who was the son of Sir Richard Aldworth, Provost Marescbal of Munster; but the date of the marriage is uncertain.

Lord Doneraile, the father of the Hon. Elizabeth St. Leger, was a zealous Freemason. He held a warrant, which empowered him occasionally to open Lodge at his own residence, Doneraile House, where, it is recorded, the duties of Freemasonry were never more rigidly performed than by the Masonic brethren of Lodge 150—the number of the warrant.† In the performance of these rites, Lord Doneraile was usually assisted by his son and by some intimate friends. The meetings were sometimes held in the town of Doneraile, but more frequently at Doneraile House, as in the instance about to be related.

Either in the year 1732 or 1733, when Elizabeth St. Leger was about nineteen or twenty years of age, the Lodge was held one night at her father's residence. Whether by design or accident cannot be confidently affirmed, but the fact remains that she certainly was in the room adjoining the one where the Lodge was being held on this particular occasion. This room was at the time undergoing some alterations. Amongst other things, the wall had been considerably

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* From "Illustrious Irishwomen," by E. Owen Blackburne. London: Tinsley Brothers, 8 Catherine-street, Strand.

† Another account says the number of the warrant was "44."

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reduced in one part, for the purpose of making a saloon. The young lady, having heard the voices of the Freemasons, and being giddy and thoughtless, felt a most intense desire to gratify her curiosity, and to witness this mystery so long, so faithfully, and so secretly locked up from public view. She made her arrangements accordingly, and, with a pair of scissors, removed a portion of a brick from the thin part of the wall, placing herself so as to command a full view of everything that passed in the next room. So situated, she witnessed the two first steps in Masonry, which was the extent of the proceedings of the Lodge for that night. Curiosity satisfied, fear now took possession of her mind; for, from what she heard, she concluded that the brethren were about to separate. For the first time she became tremblingly aware of the awkwardness and danger of her situation, and hastily began to consider how she could retire without observation.

There was no mode of escape except through the very room where the concluding portion of the second step was being performed. The apartment was a very large one; the ceremony was being performed at the very far end of it, and the brethren were all deeply engaged. Quick as thought, Miss St. Leger had resolution enough to attempt to escape. She glided along unobserved, laid her hand on the handle of the door, and gently opening it, to her dismay saw, standing on the lobby outside, a grim and surly "tiler," with his long sword unsheathed. With a shriek that pierced through the apartment, the terrified girl fainted, whilst the indignant brethren gathered around her.

Their first care was to resuscitate Miss St. Leger without alarming the house, and then to endeavour to learn from her how much she had witnessed. She confessed the whole truth, and, many of the members being furiously enraged at the transaction, she was placed under guard of the tiler and a member, in the very room where she had lain hidden. The members of the lodge re-assembled, and deliberated as to what, under the circumstances, was to be done. For two long hours the wretched girl listened to the angry discussion, and heard her death deliberately proposed and seconded. It is said that she was only saved from immediate death by the moving and earnest supplication of her younger brother. At length the good sense of some succeeded in calming, in some measure, the irritated feelings of the majority. When, after much more had been said, and many things had been proposed, she was given the option of submitting to the Masonic ordeal to the extent she had witnessed; and, if she refused, the brethren were again to consult. Being waited upon to decide, Miss St. Leger, exhausted and terrified by the storminess and earnestness of the debate, gladly and unhesitatingly accepted the offer.

She was accordingly initiated, and went through the ordeal, without any of the inmates of the house, save those present, being aware of the transaction. Thus vanishes the traditional story that the lady had hidden herself in a clock-case, her presence being betrayed by the whirring of the works, which she had inadvertently set in motion, and was unable to stop.

As Miss St. Leger, and as Mrs. Aldworth, she never made any secret of belonging to the Masonic body. On the contrary, she was rather proud of the distinction, and it is equally certain that the brethren held her in the highest esteem. By her marriage with Mr. Aldworth she had unlimited command of money, and the poor in general—and the Masonic poor in particular—had good reason to record her numerous and unostentatious acts of kindness.

The *Dublin Evening Post* and the *Dublin Weekly Oracle*, the two chief papers of the period, have some quaint advertisements respecting the performances given at the Smock-alley and the Aungier-street Theatres, for the benefit of the Dublin Masonic Orphan Schools. Upon these occasions the brethren walked in procession to the theatres, with Mrs. Aldworth at their head, wearing her apron and other Masonic insignia. Performers such as Mrs. Woffington, George Anne Bellamy, Barrington, Sheridan, or Garrick, usually gave their services for the sake of the charity; but they were scarcely noticed upon these nights, the Lady Freemason seated in front of the stage-box being the chief attraction of the evening. The house was always crowded when it was announced she would attend.

In the annals of the craft there is not a more esteemed name than that of Elizabeth Aldworth. Her conduct was unimpeachable in every relation of life. She was an excellent practical Christian, and most punctual and scrupulous in the performance of her Masonic duties. The brethren generously admit her many admirable qualities, and are unanimous in declaring that far from regretting her admission into their society, they consider her name and good deeds reflect a lustre upon the Masonic body.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of a very admirable photograph of sundry relics of the Grand Lodge of *all* England, held in the ancient City of York, during last century, and defunct about 1792. These, which were recently exhibited in the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, on the occasion of the visit of the American brethren from Philadelphia, United States, consist of a Bible with:—"This Bible belongs to the Freemasons' Lodge at Mr. Howard's, 1761," inscribed on the fly-leaf; a gauge about eighteen inches in length, bearing the names "John Drake," "William Baron of Yorke," and "John Baron," with the date "1663," and two emblems—interlaced triangles; a square of modern manufacture, and a cup—a very antique piece of silver work, which, though having nothing to identify it with its former possessors, came into the hands of its present owner, Mrs. Newstead of Selby, from an ancestor, who was a member of the old Grand Lodge at York, and set a high value on it, as the "Loving Cup" of that body.

MARK MASONRY.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the County Palatine of Lancaster was held on Monday, the 4th November 1878, in the Town Hall, Bury, the M.W. Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale presiding. R.W. Deputy Colonel Starkie, R.W. Bros. G. P. Brockbank Past Grand Warden Prov. S.G.W., E. S. Heywood Prov. J.G.W., and a large number of Present and Past Officers; also R.W. Thos. Entwisle Past Prov. G.M.M. Lancashire, C. F. Matier P.G.W. and Past. Prov. D.G.M.M. Lancashire. The Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, at 3 o'clock, the Roll of Lodges was called over by the Prov. Grand Secretary, and also the Roll of the Prov. Grand Officers. Apologies were read from the absent Officers, which were deemed satisfactory. The minutes of the proceedings of the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting held at Bolton, 22nd October 1877, were read and confirmed. Bros. Brockbank and Newton, Auditors, presented their report on the Treasurer's accounts for the past year, announcing a balance to the credit of the Prov. Grand Lodge of £118. Bro. Brockbank, on behalf of himself and colleague, drew attention to the fact that the Prov. Grand Secretary had discharged the arduous duties of his office for seven years without any remuneration, and recommended that some step should be taken to rectify this omission. Bro. Woodall (of Manchester) was then elected Provincial Grand Treasurer. The Officers for the ensuing year were then duly invested. Bro. Matier Past Grand Junior Warden moved, and it was seconded by Bro. John Duffield Prov. S.G.W., and resolved unanimously, that the P.G. Secretary's salary be £25 per annum, and that this resolution date retrospectively for one year. On the motion of Bro. G. P. Brockbank Past Grand Warden, seconded by Bro. Thomas Entwisle P. Prov. G.M. Lancashire, it was resolved, that the sum of £52 10s (fifty guineas) be voted from the funds of this Prov. G. Lodge in the name of the Provincial Grand Master for the time being to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in equal proportions, Old Men and Women. Applications were made from Wigan and Ashton-under-Lyne respectively as suitable places for holding the next Provincial meeting. All business being concluded, the Prov. G. Lodge was closed at 5 p.m., and the Prov. G. Officers retired.

MASONIC HALL AT CANTERBURY.

ANOTHER "Red Letter Day" has to be recorded in the annals of Freemasonry in Canterbury, inasmuch as the long cherished wish of the brethren to have a building of their own in which to hold their meetings has at length been realised. A joint committee of the three Canterbury Lodges—31, 972, 1449—have secured the lease of a suitable house (No. 38 St. Peter's-street), it has been readily adapted to the requirements of the Craft (which has rapidly increased of late years), and with the ready co-operation of the several Lodges and Royal Arch Chapter, and the generous liberality of various brethren, a very suitable Lodge room, &c., has been provided. The premises were inaugurated as a Masonic Hall on Thursday, 14th November, the occasion being the installation of Bro. John F. Cozens as W.M. of Lodge St. Augustine, No. 972. The ceremony took place at three o'clock, in the presence of about fifty brethren, including Visitors from several Lodges in the Province. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. Vile S.W., E. Beer J.W., Pilcher P.M. P.G.S. Treasurer, Blake P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. Sec., Pierce P.M. D. of C., Miskin S.D., S. F. Pringuer J.D., Higgies Organist, Rossiter I.G., Adsett and Crump Stewards, Harnett Tyler. The Installing Master was Bro. Welsh P.M., who went through the impressive ceremony in a very able manner, and received a unanimous vote of thanks. Bro. Secra I.P.M. having been elected as delegate to the Charity Committee, the Lodge was duly closed, when the brethren adjourned to Bro. Shaxby's, Guildhall Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them, and to which ample justice was done. Amongst the other brethren who were present at the installation, or who supported the W.M. at the banquet, may be mentioned:—Bros. Dean W.M. 31, Plant I.P.M. 31, Dr. Longhurst J.W. 31, Holtumn P.M. 31 P.P.G.S. of W., A. J. Beer P.M. 972 P.P.G.J.W., E. Beer W.M. 1449, Naylor P.M. 1449 P.G.S., Greenwood P.M. 1449 P.P.G.P., Higham P.M. 31 P.G.J.W., Taylor W.M. 1110, Head I.P.M. 1110, Sutton S.W. 1110, Eve W.M. 1209, Clarkson W.M. 1089, &c., &c. The usual toasts were duly honoured and responded to, the proceedings being enlivened by some excellent songs and glees, well rendered by Bros. Plant, Moulding, and Higgins, of the Cathedral choir, accompanied by Bro. Dr. Longhurst.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. Bros. J. M. Clabon President, Joshua Nunn Senior Vice President, and James Brett Junior Vice President, held the three chairs, there was a crowded attendance of brethren, among others, Bros. John Hervey G.S., H. G. Buss Assist. G.S., S. Rawson P. Dist. G.M. China, James Glaisher P.G.D., Thos. Fenn P.G.D., Dr. Rhys Williams P. Assist. G.D.C., Thomas Cubitt P.G.P., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., E. P. Albert P.G.P., W. T. Howe G.P., John Constable, A. A. Pendlebury, A. Middlemas, Chas. Atkins, H. Garrod, H. Bartlett, Griffiths Smith, J. W. M. Dosell, George Phythian, C. F. Hogard, the Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette, Geo. Plucknett jun., and C. B. Payne G. Tyler, were present. After the Board of Masters had disposed of the business before them, the Lodge confirmed the grants of last Lodge of Benevolence, and then took up thirty new cases. After sitting three hours, the brethren made grants to twenty-five of these cases, of a total sum of £582, and then closed the Lodge.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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"CHARITY;" IS IT "GIVING?"

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Binckes in his haste to demolish your series of correspondents has not given himself time to read my letter of the 4th November in an intelligent manner, or he would not have accused me of a "recognition of every claim except that of Masonic Charity." In that letter I said that no one in my Province experienced greater pleasure than myself in subscribing his annual mite to the Masonic Charities. But I contend that to give one's contribution to the list of one's Lodge Steward, and to serve as a Steward oneself are two very different things. It is all very well for Bro. Binckes and his friends in town, who at the cost of a sixpenny 'bus can attend a Festival, and simply have to pay the fees; but I, like many other brethren, live at such a distance from London that the expenses of the journey and a night in town make a big hole in a £5 note, which, when added to Steward's fees and qualification as L.S. or L.G., is an important consideration to most men of limited means. Charity, let me remind Bro. Binckes, begins at home, and I do not regard it in the light of Charity at all to give what one cannot afford.

I have not unfrequently seen in the statements of particulars of cases of candidates for the Schools that the applicant's father was a Life Governor or Subscriber, or had served so many Stewardships to one or other of the Institutions, and I have thought, and shall continue to think, that it would have been much better and more Masonic if those brethren had made provision for their families, before giving away their small means in such a manner. I know of one case in which a brother enjoying a comfortable life income of over £1000 per annum, and possessing more than one charity jewel, left his family at his death almost wholly unprovided for, and they have been compelled to seek Masonic assistance. I call this "bad form," and an infraction of our elemental teachings, in which we are told that we should assist our brethren, "the same not being detrimental to ourselves or connections."

It certainly never *did* occur to me, as Bro. Binckes suggests, to make the claims of my church or other local calls "subservient in some one given year" to my serving a Stewardship or making myself a Life Governor of the Charities. Neither do I think such a course would be consistent with any character I have assumed, or even with common-sense justice.

At the dire peril of again being called Pharisaical I will venture even to say that I wish sincerely I *were* (as Bro. Binckes says) "a type of a large class of members of our Order," because in such case Masonry in the provinces could claim a very much larger number of effective workers than it does at present.

I do not quite understand what Bro. Binckes is driving at in his letter, save that he has been possessed by an uncontrollable impulse to have a shot at us all round. The principal object of my former letter was to combat the suggestion made by a doubtless very worthy brother, with whom I regret to say I am personally unacquainted, that a kind of money standard should be fixed to be attained by every brother before he should be suffered to receive any Masonic honours. This notion I urged was utterly wrong, and opposed to all Masonic teaching, to say nothing of common-sense fairness, and I still maintain this. It is not clear to me whether or not Bro. Binckes wishes for the "money qualification," but I repeat my former assertion, that the five shillings, half-sovereign, or sovereign contributed by a brother of narrow means to the list of his own Lodge Steward is as valuable and acceptable in the sight of the G.A.O.T.U., and probably as great a personal sacrifice, as the hundred guineas of the brother of large wealth, and that the poor Brother is much better discharging his duties as a faithful Craftsman by laying by in store for his family than by covering his breast with charity jewels and leaving his wife and children as a heavy legacy for the Craft to provide for.

When I wrote my former letter I had not the slightest intention or expectation of "drawing" Bro. Binckes, and I hope he will not misunderstand me if I suggest that I scarcely think him qualified to discuss impartially the question at issue, his own point of view being necessarily very different from nearly all the rest of the Craft, and whilst I receive as an article of faith the dictum of our ancient Bro. S. Paul, that "Dominus ordinavit iis, qui Evangelium annuntiant, de Evangelio vivere," yet I must submit that we are not *all* Secretaries of Masonic Schools, and are not prepared to go the length of "Fiat a Big Steward's list, ruat coelum," which appears just now to be the dominant idea amongst a few energetic Metropolitan brethren.

I am, yours fraternally,

18th November 1878. A MASONIC ENTHUSIAST.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think Bro. Godtschalk is wrong in assuming that Bro. Radcliffe has suggested every Mason should be *compelled* to give a certain amount to each of our Institutions. This would not be Charity, but a kind of poll-tax, which I for one, and I assume every other Mason, would resent. Bro. Radcliffe—as I read his letters—I understand to have suggested that, considering brethren rarely experience any difficulty in finding guineas for subscriptions, joining fees, banquets, &c., &c., they ought to experience no difficulty in contributing a guinea to each of our Charities. This is far from being an unreasonable proposition, but it has nothing of *compulsion* in it. It is painfully suggestive of a lack of charitable consideration on the part of large numbers of brethren, but it does not lay it down to each Craftsman, "You *must* give something," instead of "It is your duty to give something if it is in your power to do so." It is quite true that large sums are raised annually for our Charities. This has come to be a necessity, and reflects the highest credit on those who contribute and help to raise the amounts, but as was once said by the Marquis of Ripon, when Grand Master of our Fraternity—not in so many words, but in effect—those who do not contribute have no share in the credit. His Lordship suggested that many brethren failed in their duty in regard to our Charities, and that it would be far better if the subscriptions consisted of a number of small sums, contributed by a vast majority of the Craft, than of a number of large sums—the contributions of a small minority. This it strikes me is the gist of the whole matter, and is, in another form, exactly the same kind of suggestion as Bro. Radcliffe and those who are of his way of thinking advocate.

As for the number of unworthy cases which find their way into the lists, and ultimately perhaps into the School, this is a serious allegation which Bro. Godtschalk has brought against the General Committee, to which all applications are submitted, and by which they are approved or rejected on their merits. I must leave him and them to discuss this matter.

Fraternally yours,

OLD FILE.

CHARITY STEWARDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am doubtless chargeable with the deliverance, both in speech and writing, of more than a fair average of nonsense, but let me be judged by what I *do* say or write, rather than by what I am often *made* to say and write. Pray correct in your next the following errors in my letter in your number of this date, for which perhaps my caligraphy may be to blame:—

Line 24, *for* "cannot" *read* "care not to."
" 27, *for* "ostentatiously" *read* "voluntarily."
" 28, *for* "prompter" *read* "promptings."
" 67, *for* "annually" *read* "actually."

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

London, 16th November 1878.

WARRANTS OF "ANCIENT" LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to your correspondent "Q." I may state that his surmise as to my time being fully occupied is the cause which has prevented my continuing the preparation of the Old Warrants for your pages. I am gratified at this evidence that my endeavours to supply a missing link in our records has met some approval, and hope ere long to continue the series. I may add that I am still in want of transcripts of Warrants from the following Lodges, and hope that some of your readers will be able to supply same:—

LONDON.

No. 1 Grand Masters, 3 Fidelity, 143 Middlesex, 193 Confidence, 222 St. Andrew.

PROVINCIAL.

Essex:—214 Hope and Unity, Romford.

Lancashire West:—220 Harmony, Garston.

South Wales, Eastern Division: 36 Glamorgan, Cardiff; 110 Loyal Cambrian, Merthyr Tydvil.

Districts, &c.:—115 St. John's, Gibraltar; 153 Inhabitants, Gibraltar; 196 Albion, Barbadoes; 218 True and Friendship, Calcutta; 224 Atlantic, Bermuda; 229 Humanity, Calcutta; 232 Marine, Calcutta; 233 Prince Alfred, Bermuda; 234 Anchor and Hope, Calcutta.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN CONSTABLE.

OLD LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In continuance of my former letters on this subject, I note the following Lodge, which is still in existence under another jurisdiction, and must be regarded therefore as another among the yet remaining links which connect Freemasonry in other countries with the Grand Lodge of England, the Mother Grand Lodge of the whole world.

"No. 272, S. John's Lodge, Ann-street, New York, 2d & 4th Wednesd. Dec. 27, 1757." The Lodge thus described in Cole's List for 1763 still exists, and is No. 1 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of New York. In the introductory Chapter of the recently published "Early History and Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, 1781-1815," we learn that this Lodge was constituted 7th December 1757, by R.W. Bro. Geo. Harison, who received his deputation as Prov. Grand Master of New York in 1753, from Grand Master Lord Carysfort, and con-

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tinued to preside over the district for eighteen years, during which period he consecrated several Lodges. On the cover of the Washington Bible in possession of the Lodge is the inscription: "St. John's Lodge Constituted 5757; burnt down March 8, 5770; rebuilt and opened Nov. 28, 5770; officers then present, Jonathan Hampton Master, William Butler Senior Warden, Isaac Heron Junior Warden." At the close of the war in 1783, that part of the Lodge which had left in 1776 returned. In that year the Worshipful Master announced that a Lodge calling itself St. John's (No. 4) had become possessed, during the war, of the properties of the Lodge, and refused to restore them. An attempt was made to bring about a coalition between the two, and succeeded, in spite of the opposition of Senior Warden Frean, who had got hold of the warrant and retained it. Meanwhile a Grand Lodge had been constituted under the authority of our Grand Lodge Ancients (by warrant of Grand Master the Duke of Athol, dated 5th September 1781), and in 1784 the St. John's Lodge surrendered its warrant and was placed on the roll of Lodges. In 1789, when a committee, consisting of one member from each of the Lodges in New York City, was appointed for the purpose of determining the order and precedence of the different Lodges, St. John's Lodge (No. 2 Provincial) was assigned the premier place on the roll, and this rank it still holds.

Yours fraternally,

"Q."

ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

A Warrant of Confirmation having been granted by Lord Skelmersdale R.W.G.M. to the Mount Horeb Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners attached to the St. Johns Lodge of Mark Masters (Time Immemorial) Bolton, this Lodge was consecrated by Bro. C. F. Matier (who had been specially appointed for the purpose), on Saturday, the 9th November. The brethren assembled at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at 4 o'clock, when Bro. Matier, assisted by Bros. Brockbank, Entwisle, Harwood, Morris, Boggett, Preston, Hine, Horrocks and others, proceeded with the usual ceremonial to consecrate the Lodge in form, and afterwards admitted the following brethren into the Order:—Bros. J. H. Greenhalgh, N. Nicholson, J. Heywood, J. W. Bolley, Arthur Middleton, W. H. Alcock, H. Greenwood, John Barrett. The brethren named in the Warrant, viz.—Bros. G. P. Brockbank, Entwisle, and Thomas Morris, having been duly invested, and Bro. Newton appointed Secretary, the further appointment of Officers was postponed, with a view to an entire change on the occasion of next meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bros. Matier, Boggett, and Preston, for their attendance and support, and they were elected honorary members. The Lodge closed in peace and harmony at 5 p.m.

Royal Order of Scotland.—The Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter of the Counties Palatine of Lancashire and Cheshire was held at Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, the 8th November, R.W. Bro. Rob. H. Hutchinson Prov. Grand Master presiding. Bros. C. F. Matier Deputy Prov. G.M., G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.W. as S.G.W., and John Gibb Smith Prov J.G.W., John Chadwick Prov. G. Sec., John Duffield Prov. G. Treasurer, J. F. Hoffgaard Organist, S. Spratley, J. Hall, Thos. Chorlton, S. B. Ellis, W. H. Prince Taylor, being also present. Several brethren were balloted for and approved. Bro. Geo. Lamb Campbell, of Wigan, having presented himself, was inducted into the Order with the usual ceremonial. The office of T. was filled by Bro. Matier, the Wardens being Bros. Brockbank and Gibb Smith; Conductor Bro. Hall; and Warder of the T. Bro. Spratley. The full ceremonial was recited, and the lectures worked in ample form. It was resolved that ten guineas be voted to the Royal Benevolent Institution, the same to be placed on the list of Bro. Matier, in name of the Prov. G. Master. The brethren subsequently dined at the Hall, and several complimentary toasts were given and responded to.

Cryptic Rite.—The St. John's Council of Royal and Select Masters, No. 8, was consecrated by authority of the W.P.G.M. Rev. G. R. Portal, on Saturday, 9th November, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, by R.W. Bro. C. F. Matier P.G.W., assisted by R.W. Bro. G. P. Brockbank, P.G.W. and R. W. Br. Thomas Entwisle, P. Prov. G.M.M. Lancashire, and Bro. Rob. Harwood P. Prov. G.D. The customary solemnities having been observed, the Council was declared duly constituted, and Bro. G. P. Brockbank installed Thrice Illustrious Master, Bro. Thomas Entwisle Deputy Master, Brother Rob. Harwood Conductor of Works. Bro. James Newton was appointed Recorder to the Council. The beautiful ceremonials of the Order were carefully and correctly rendered by Bro. Matier, with his accustomed ability, and the following brethren were admitted members of the Council, in addition to the brethren previously named: Bros. Thomas Morris, George Ferguson, Richard Boggett (Hull), Arthur Middleton, J. W. Bolley, H. Preston (Hull). Bro. Matier was elected an honorary member, and the thanks of the Council duly accorded to him for his services on the occasion. At the conclusion of business the brethren partook of refreshment, and the proceedings closed at an early hour, several of the members having to travel a considerable distance.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Limb and Life.—Not many years ago some ulcerations and diseases in the joints placed in peril the affected limb when one less was recommended to spare the risk of life—now the discovery of these noble remedies has made the cure of the worst maladies no longer a matter of doubt. Holloway's treatment preserves the condemned limb, and in its course of cure improves the general health and vigor of the frame. Holloway's Ointment and Pills heal all sores and ulcerations, and extirpate scrofulous sores. Ulcers, bad legs, scrofulous discharges, swollen or gathered glands, contracted sinews, enlarged joints, rheumatic and gouty concretions are readily remediable by the proper and persevering application of these cooling, healing, and purifying preparations, which are as powerful as they are harmless.

THE GAIETY RESTAURANT.

THOSE who can call to mind the few facilities which existed in London some five-and-twenty years ago for obtaining refreshment at reasonable cost and in anything like comfort, will appreciate the enterprising conduct of Messrs. Spiers and Pond in adding one more, and on the most magnificent scale, to their already formidable array of establishments, where men and women may lunch or dine like civilised beings. Once a restaurant was a dingy lane of boxes, which would have evoked the maledictions of a bullock had he been placed in one of them to have his feed, and had it been in his power to utter maledictions after the manner of an infuriated human being. Those boxes were narrow, far too narrow indeed for the number they were intended to accommodate. Then the sitting accommodation was the very reverse of satisfactory—a hard and narrow bench, while a long-legged individual must have experienced no small difficulty in disposing of his nether limbs. The intermediate table being, like the benches aforesaid, a fixture, could neither be pushed further away if it seemed too close, nor brought nearer if it were too far removed. The room was dimly lighted, the floor sanded, the pervading odour by no means satisfactory and deprivative—if there be such a word—rather than promotive of appetite. The waiters generally were a seedy-looking lot, with an oiliness of facial surface suggestive of rare ablutionary exercise, and a look which, when not conveying a certain insolence of tone and manner, was invariably expressive of a hankering after the customary fee. The table-linen and cutlery well matched the general appearance of the place, the former being of a dull yellowish white, freely dotted with patches of spilt gravy and sauces, &c., &c. The plates were ordinarily of the commonest ware, and the tankards of dirty looking pewter, which all the waters in all the rivers in the world could never have made to look clean and pleasant. The viands were, with the exception of a few well-known houses, remarkable rather for their quantity than quality. Chops and steaks were the principal items on the bill of fare, but if a joint of roast or boiled beef or mutton were served, it was presented to the hungry visitor in uninviting slabs instead of slices, with a mass of vegetables crowded on the plate, the whole lying in a tepid liquid which the guest was expected to look upon as gravy, but which, if it were not the washings of the dripping pan, was mostly coloured water. The cheese that followed was hard, stale, and generally unprofitable as a digester of what had been swallowed before, and if the cost was not outrageous, it was unquestionably excessive, considering the roughness and crudeness of the entertainment generally. Such, reader, is a description, by no means highly coloured, of a chop house five-and-twenty years since, and such were the only houses then existent where the London men of business, professional men, and clerks, were able to obtain the necessary refreshment during the day. But "other times, other manners;" and now we rejoice to say we have changed all this, most decidedly for the better. Then a man was served as we have described, now he may lunch or dine comfortably, and even daintily and delicately, if he is so minded. Then a lady, who felt faint during her shopping expeditions, had but one resort which she could visit — the pastrycook's — where, always excepting such well-known *restaurateurs* as Verry in the West, and Birch in the East, her choice of viands was limited to meat patties—mostly crust, lined thinly with a suspicion of veal or beef—puffs, buns, and similar dyspeptic delicacies, while the liquids comprised the inevitable lemonade or ginger beer, infragrant tea and muddy-looking coffee, or cherry brandy. Now she may, indeed, frequent the pastrycook's as of old, and have her chop and a glass of sherry or bitter ale; and besides, she may, without the slightest fear of being thought singular, adjourn to one of the many elegantly appointed buffets or restaurants with which the metropolis is now furnished. What these are like, our readers know full well already, for are not Messrs. Spiers and Pond an institution of the age? Are not their establishments all over the metropolis? and is it not a well-known fact that a well-served lunch or ordinary can be had in any one of them at moderate charges. The surroundings are comfortable, and often elegant. The tables are neatly furnished with clean linen, and with plate and glass of excellent quality. The attendance is good, the waiters civil without being servile, and not regulating their attentions by the extent of the fee you are likely to "tip" them. To these inestimable benefits we are indebted to the energy and enterprise of Messrs. Spiers and Pond, and among the chief monuments heretofore erected to their fame are unquestionably the Holborn Viaduct Hotel and the Criterion, Piccadilly. But recently they have surpassed themselves, and the latest addition to our London *restaurants* is also the most magnificent. Be not frightened, reader, at the use of this word magnificent, for we naturally associate it with what is costly. This is not the case, however, with the Gaiety Restaurant, which was opened on Monday to the London public. Costly the building has been, it is true, and costly must have been the appurtenances thereof. Richly, and, at the same time, artistically decorated walls can only be built and fitted after a large outlay of money; but thus far the cost falls on the proprietors. The thousands and thousands they must have expended in making the Gaiety Restaurant what it is are solely their venture. At the same time, it will be the duty of the London public to show they are not unworthy of the conspicuous public service which Messrs. Spiers and Pond have just rendered. Men may say what they will about this kind of speculation, but it is a public service which any firm renders when it opens a grand establishment where ladies and gentlemen may lunch or dine in comfort from a well-served table at moderate charges. We claim to speak with some authority on this subject, as we were present at the private view on Thursday last of this new restaurant, and it is beyond question that a finer establishment does not exist in London. The grand entrance is from the Strand by a vestibule, in which is the grand staircase, the walls of which are splendidly decorated. To the right are the Grand Luncheon Buffets, in a noble apartment one hundred feet long and thirty-three feet wide, and proportionately high. The walls and ceiling are beautifully painted, the designs being most artistic, while all the appoint-

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ments—the buffets themselves and their fittings, the marble tables, the morocco settees, &c., &c., are excellent. On the floor below is the Grill room, not so lofty, but otherwise of the same dimensions as the Buffet room, and less elaborately decorated; below this again are the cellars and other offices, on a scale which may be better imagined than described: for example, the large beer cellar alone contains two hundred hogsheads. Above the Buffet room is the Gaiety Table d'Hôte, furnished like an ordinary dining room, in good taste and well carpeted. Here the public may dine at the same rate as at the famous Criterion Table d'Hote, that is, for three and sixpence, the menu including soups, fish, *entrées*, joints, sweets, &c., &c. Ladies' cloak rooms are within convenient reach, and hats, umbrellas, &c., &c., are taken in charge by the attendant in the lobby provided for their reception. Above is the Smoking and Coffee room, both this and the Table d'Hôte being of the same superficial area—one hundred feet by thirty-three feet—as the Buffet room, and therefore capable of accommodating a very large gathering of people. Above them, on the top floor of all, are the kitchens and other offices required in the culinary department. In short the arrangements of the Gaiety Restaurant must be pronounced as being as perfect as modern skill and science, backed by enterprise and money, can make them. That such an establishment, in such a thoroughfare as the Strand and under such management, will prove an inestimable benefit to the public is certain. That Messrs. Spiers and Pond may reap the full reward of their generous energy is the smallest of the good wishes we feel called upon to offer them!

PYRAMID MASONRY.

From the "Keystone."

THE received traditions of Freemasonry place the origin of the Fraternity at the building of King Solomon's Temple, and notwithstanding the fact that literal archæologists and iconoclasts deride this as pure fiction, others have not been deterred from finding even an earlier origin for the Craft, viz: at the building of the Great Pyramid of Egypt. Not a few modern savants would persuade us, that this wonderful structure was erected for divers weighty reasons, such as, for example, to monument a divine standard of weights and measures. Bro. William Rowbottom is the latest interpreter of the meaning of the Pyramid, and he finds it to be a chronological monument, indicating events both past and future, and erected by the first organized Fraternity of Freemasons. He has stated his views, somewhat briefly, in a well-written work just published, entitled "The Mystery of the Bible Dates solved by the Great Pyramid."*

According to Sir John Herschel, and other received authorities, the Great Pyramid was built four thousand and forty-eight years ago, in other words in B.C. 2170. Bro. Rowbottom accepts this date, and alleges that the architect and builder of the pyramid was no other than Melchizedec, King of Salem, whom he identifies with Shem as an inspired architect, the great work of whose life was intended to be a prophecy in stone of the world's history.

We will state Bro. Rowbottom's theory:

The Pyramid dates are obtained by measuring backwards from commencement of the Grand Gallery, which is assumed to represent the year 1 of the present dispensation—in other words, the birth of Christ. The first ascending passage from its junction with the entrance passage to the commencement of the Grand Gallery, measures 1542 inches, and since a Pyramid inch is taken to represent a year, this distance signifies 1542 years. Now 1542 years B.C., Moses was born—hence this measurement, we are told, monuments that historical fact. But the first descending passage is 986 inches from the entrance to the commencement of the first ascending passage. This being added to the previous 1542 inches, makes 2528 inches, or years, and therefore represents the B.C. 2528, which was the date of the Flood. Other measurements give the year B.C. 2170, the date of the birth of Abraham, and also of the erection of the Great Pyramid; and the year A.D. 1882, which we are led to believe may be the year of the consummation of all things.

We confess we should be more inclined to place some confidence in this scheme of chronology if we saw any basis for the assumption of its starting point. Bro. Rowbottom does not enlighten us as to how he arrives at this corner-stone of his assumption; we suppose, however, that he fixes it solely on the hypothesis that it falls in, in the line of the other coincidences, with the dates of leading Biblical events.

Bro. Rowbottom next considers the evidence of Freemasonry's identification with the building of the Great Pyramid. We will quote a few passages from his book in this connection:

"It is not necessary that Freemasonry shall have always existed as at present constituted, nor that in all ages and climes that it shall have presented identical features. It the rather appears to me that the claims of the Order to antiquity should rest on the preservation of certain knowledge from remote periods, and that if it has any real connection with Sacred History, that it should have retained the power of securing its record from loss or irreparable mutilation; in fact, that it should possess the means of keeping the records *square*. Some might call it a fancy, and yet to me it is a belief as certain as knowledge, that Freemasonry has some such or equally important mission, for I do not think it credible that such an institution could have retained its influence over men of keen intellect, and oftentimes of great piety, had it been nothing more than a cunningly devised fable.' Genuine Freemasonry would thus consist in every age of the *preservation of knowledge among the faithful*, and this view would explain its original title of 'Light.'

That Masonry cannot be opposed to, or detract from, the authority of the Scriptures, is evident from the fact that their study is inculcated as the duty of every true Mason, and that the open Bible occupies a prominent place in every properly furnished Lodge.

Among Masons true Art found its original home, and to them we owe our noble Gothic Cathedrals, whose harmonious proportions are so pleasing to the eye. In those days, as in the days of ancient Rome and Greece, artists carved and built to certain well known—though secretly preserved—laws of proportion. This has led some to regard Masonry as purely operative in its origin, but the weight of evidence is decidedly in favour of the equal antiquity of speculative Masonry, and that the laws governing the ancient guilds of skilled workman are not the foundation, but the outcome of the principles of true Masonic government. The building of Solomon's Temple is evidenced as the first occasion on which operative and speculative Masonry were united in a common object; but many and mighty reasons may, and have been, adduced in favor of a much earlier event, viz: the building of the Great Pyramid.

If then Masonry had its origin at the building of the Great Pyramid, and also had a contemporary existence with the sacred annals; and if the record of these two witnesses is in truth inspired, then it will follow that Masonry should be in agreement with both. I trust that I have shown that it is so in historic import and philosophic teaching."

Bro. Rowbottom concludes his volume with the statement, that the English nation—the Anglo Saxon people, are the descendants of the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel, and hence to them are all the promises of Scripture vouchsafed. Others have stated and ably argued this case, and we must confess there appears to be strength in the argument.

This volume will interest Freemasons, and all students of the Bible. The coincidences to which it invites attention are certainly remarkable, and if they are only fancies, they are philosophic fancies, which lend a charm to the most remarkable edifice in the world, and one which is now attracting anew the attention of scientists, scholars, and Freemasons.

* The Mystery of the Bible Dates solved by the Great Pyramid. By Wm. Rowbottom, author of "The Chosen People; Israel and England." London: W. H. Guest, 29 Paternoster Row. Alfreton: S. Rowbottom & Son; *Journal* Office.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN.

FREEMASONRY has lately had a singular ally in teaching the doctrine of the brotherhood of man—no less a one than the fearful scourge that is now devastating large sections of our national territory. For once men ignore their politics, their religion, their prejudices and prejudgments of all kinds, and unite in liberally contributing of their means for the relief of the sick, the dying, the bereaved, and the helpless, in the fever cities of the South. All Americans appear to be learning Freemasonry, and to be exemplifying in their actions the noble doctrine of the brotherhood of man.

We have often thought that if the State, the Church, and society had done their *whole* duty to the individuals composing them, there would have been little, if any, room for Freemasonry, and possibly the Fraternity might never have existed, or might even now come to an end. The State *should* labour for the welfare of all its citizens; the Church likewise for all of its members; and society for the smaller circle of which it, in various localities, is composed—but they each and all do *not*. The State is not a unit, but, owing to the existence of divers parties in it, is ruled in turn by factions, as one or the other for the time predominates. The church has grown rich and eminently respectable, and while still accomplishing great good, and acting as a civilizer all over the world, it has practically sadly neglected the doctrine of fraternity or brotherhood, and its members are often as far apart as the poles. Society is segregated into "sets," as the Church is into denominations, and the State is into parties. Thus all degree in ignoring the brotherhood of man. It requires something akin to an earthquake's shock to awaken them to a sense of their responsibilities. Such a shock they are now receiving, and the result is, an unqualified acknowledgment that they *are* their "brother's keeper." Man is linked anew to man all over our land. The North and the South, the East and the West, are one. The political hatchet is buried, sectarian animosities are ignored, and the "hard times" are even lost sight of, in view of the terribly harder times of our stricken fellow-countrymen. These are now truly the United States of America, and may they continue so, long after the cementing cause has ceased to be the death-blood of the disease-stricken thousands who now fill the grave-yards of the South!

Freemasonry has always exemplified the doctrine of the brotherhood of man, for it is the very corner-stone of our Fraternity. Nowhere, however, does the Freemason feel the full force of this glorious doctrine so fully, as when he is associated, either in the Lodge or elsewhere, with his Brother Masons. He is then with those who, with him, have learned all of its meaning, and are continually exhibiting its teachings in practice. We unhesitatingly affirm that Freemasonry often puts the Church, the State, and society, to the blush, by its whole-souled and universal exemplification of the noble truth of brotherhood. We *are* our "brother's keeper," and we glory in the thought and the fact. We admit our responsibility most unqualifiedly—it requires no earthquake shock to wake us to it. No Freemason in good standing need suffer long from sorrow, need, sickness or any other infirmity. We care for our members, and not by any specified stint or measure of obligation, but as we have ability, from a full heart and a ready purse.

The American people may do well to ask themselves, whether one of the purposes of the Almighty in sending, or permitting, the Yellow Fever scourge to devastate our cities and towns, is not to awaken us as individuals to a fuller apprehension of the high and holy truth of human brotherhood. It cannot be an accident; it must be a teacher. Its methods are novel, radical and terrifying, but we would fain

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believe that there is a silver lining to even this leaden cloud. At all events men everywhere may become scholars, with benefit to themselves and also to their fellows, in the great school of the Almighty that teaches brotherly love. Their field is the world, and school never closes. There is suffering, death, bereavement and sorrow on earth, everywhere and always. Man is ushered into the world with a cry, and tears are his companions until after he passes through death's dark valley. He needs a brother—he must have a brother, or else he is often left comfortless. Brotherhood is the world's want, universal Brotherhood. Freemasonry supplies it as far as it may. We set the world an example—let it be followed. We cannot, we would not, make all men, such as they are, Freemasons, but we would have them educated up to the capacity for eligibility to the Fraternity. A man must have all of the elements of Freemasonry in his nature, must be a Mason at heart, before he is made a Brother, or else it is useless for the Craft to endeavour to mould him after its model. It is not every Mason in name who is a Mason indeed. Hence we do not look for the speedy Masonization of the world—unless it should be converted to Masonry by some such radical method as a Yellow Fellow scourge! Such an event would inaugurate the millennium. Imagine, if you can, a world of Brethren—all linked together by the Mystic Tie, all forming one loving family, all acknowledging the brotherhood of man! Where then would be differences or strife? where the need for criminal laws or penitentiaries? The Grand Lodge above would surely open below, and the Great Grand Master might preside in it in the presence of a united world, all acknowledging the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God! We do not expect to live to see that day, but it may arrive, and that sooner than we think. The winnowing processes are in operation; the Great Schoolmaster of the Universe is abroad, teaching mankind lessons of charity and brotherhood; and the happy day may speedily dawn when all men, from the least to the greatest, shall love their neighbours as themselves, and worship in spirit and in truth the Father of all.—*Repository*.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked as under:

At the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45, Old Rodney's Head, Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday 25th November. Bros. R. G. Tolmie W.M., R. Pearcy S.W., A. Wing J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. W. H. Brand, H. Cleverley, J. Millington, R. Pearcy, Hallam jun., C. K. Killick, and E. Legg. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. R. H. Halford, J. A. Powell, Hallam sen., Sadler, and A. W. Fenner. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. A. Wing, Symons, and A. Trewinnard. Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock.

At the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, Royal Hotel, corner of Burdett-road, Bow-road, E., on Monday, 25th Nov., at 7 o'clock precisely. Bros. J. Berry P.M. 554 W.M., T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 S.W., I. P. Cohen 205 J.W., Cundick P.M. 1421 I.P.M.. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Anderson, Frankel, Andrews, Harvey, R. Durell, Cundick, Yetton. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Campbell, Musto, Myers, Hogg, Barnes. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Cohen, C. H. Webb, and Ellis. Bro. G. Hollington W.M. 1421 Hon. Sec.

At the Great Northern Lodge of Instruction, No. 1287, Berwick Arms, Berners-street, W., on Thursday 5th December, at seven o'clock.

THE Saturday morning performances of the *Two Orphans* at the Olympic have been discontinued for the present, in favour of a new play entitled *Marie de Courcelles; or, a Republican Marriage*, the leading characters being played by Mr. Henry Neville and Miss Marian Terry. The revival of the *Two Orphans* at this theatre has turned out an immense success, and the policy of its withdrawal when produced a few years ago is questionable, for it was the most successful piece the Olympic ever produced, and there is no reason why it should not have even surpassed the run of *Our Boys* at the Vaudeville (over 1,200 nights), which is still playing. Mr. Neville has been fortunate in being able to secure some of the originals of the principal characters, and filling the others with equal talent.

ONE of the nuisances of the age arises from the use of rank and inferior tobacco. Go where we may, we are liable to meet with the nauseous fumes generated in the pipe of some inexperienced or palateless smoker. In the streets, the air is redolent of the foul exhalations, and the sweet atmosphere of the country and seaside is too often tainted by the unsavoury whiffs of inconsiderate or ignorant smokers. But in railway carriages especially is the nuisance prevalent, and it appears strange to us that so many persons are still to be found, willing not only to vitiate, and render the air offensive to themselves and others, but who are ignorant or careless enough also to undermine their constitutions by the consumption of a coarse and unpalatable article. It is true that difficulty may have been experienced hitherto, in obtaining good tobacco, but at the present time this article—fresh and wholesome—may be readily obtained. We would recommend to the favourable notice of our brethren of the Craft the "Mellow Smoking Mixture" manufactured by Murray, Sons and Co., of Belfast, which has become so deservedly popular among all classes of smokers as to be readily obtainable from almost any respectable tobacconist. It is sold in neat, sealed packets bearing the name and trade mark (a pipe) of the firm; is uniform in quality, and, unlike other mixed tobaccos, is popular among smokers who usually eschew "mixtures." The popularity of the pipe at our social gatherings is so great that our readers will doubtless appreciate our drawing attention to the high class character of the "Mellow Mixture."

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E. C.

After the Turtle. Thirty-one Years' Ministerial Policy as set forth at Lord Mayor's Day Banquets, from 1848 to 1878. Collected by Richard Seyd, F.S.S. London: Houlston and Sons, Paternoster-square; J. and W. Rider, 14 Bartholomew-close. Manchester: J. Heywood, 141 Deansgate. 1878.

THOSE who take an interest in the political changes which have taken place in England during the last thirty years, will find this a most instructive compilation. As our readers are aware, Lord Mayor's Day of late years is looked forward to by people of all classes, not so much on account of the show and the feast as for the political utterances of the chief Minister of the Crown for the time being, or his representative. This is owing to the fact that Lord Mayor's Day is about midway between the close of the previous session and the opening of the next. Ministers have, as a rule, enjoyed complete rest from their arduous duties, and are on the eve of meeting in council together for the purpose of arranging the Parliamentary programme for the coming year. But in times of great excitement, such as we have witnessed for the past three years the anxiety to hear what Ministers have to say is intensified. Thus, the speech on Lord Mayor's Day, in response to the time-honoured toast of "Her Majesty's Ministers," is always looked forward to, and Mr. Seyd has done no slight service in collecting those which have been delivered in the course of the last thirty-one years. He might, perhaps, have added a few words where necessary or desirable, but the collection itself is well worth the shilling charged, and we trust *After the Turtle* will have a large and remunerative sale. It is worthy of note that these thirty-one speeches have been delivered by nine statesmen, of whom only three are still living. These nine are the late Marquis of Lansdowne, who replied to the toast in 1848, in the absence of his chief Lord John Russell; the late Lord John Russell, who has spoken four times, in 1849, 1850, and 1851, and again as Earl Russell in 1865; the late Earl of Derby (three times), in 1852, 1858, and 1866; the late Earl of Aberdeen twice, in 1852 and 1853; the late Lord Palmerston eight times, in 1855-6-7 and 1860-1-2-3-4; the late Sir G. C. Lewis, in the absence of his chief Lord Palmerston, in 1859; Mr. Disraeli, now Earl of Beaconsfield, seven times, namely: in 1867-8 and 1874-5 as plain Mr. Disraeli, and in 1876-7-8, as Earl of Beaconsfield; Mr. Gladstone four times, in 1869-70-1-3; and Earl Granville, in the absence of his chief (Mr. Gladstone) in 1872. It is likewise to be noted that the names of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs are given for each year, and the names of the principal guests.

Practical Rules of English Syntax. Interspersed with Critical Notes and Explanatory Observations. Intended for the use of Schools, Private Teaching, and Self Instruction. London: E. Martin and Co., 3 Paradise-road, Clapham, S.W.

WE have seen in our time many works on English Grammar or its constituent parts, but we can honestly say that we have rarely seen one which for clearness, excellence of arrangement, and soundness of teaching has surpassed this most useful little book. That we are not alone in our estimate of its merits is shown by the fact that this is already the third issue or edition to which it has attained—proof undoubted that these *Practical Rules of Syntax* fully answer the description which the author claims for them. It is a book which should find its way into all schools, and likewise into those families in which attention is paid to the instruction of the children in English grammar.

We have great pleasure in noting two entertainments, at Lower Sydenham and Upper Norwood respectively, the former of which took place on the 19th inst., while the latter is fixed for Friday next, the 29th inst. In both, the burden of the entertainment is borne by Bro. Magnus Obren and his family, assisted by the Misses Mahood. That which was held on Tuesday passed off most satisfactorily, and we should say must have resulted in a very handsome addition to the funds of the Choir Fund, to which the proceeds were to be devoted. The programme commenced with a well-played duet for pianoforte by Mrs. Charles M. Obren, and Miss A. Mahood. Mr. Aubrey M. Obren followed with a song, "When the Birds have gone to Rest," in the chorus of which the audience joined. A reading "An Heirloom," by Bro. Magnus Obren came next, and then songs "The old Cottage Clock," by Miss Mahood, "Fair is my Love," by Bro. Charles M. Obren, a duet—"The Elphin Call"—by Mrs. Hunter and Miss Mahood, a piano solo by Miss Adelaide Hunter, another reading by Bro. M. Obren, and then songs, duets (instrumental and vocal), a third reading by Bro. M. Obren, and lastly a recitative song by him, "Try, try again," which injunction, by the way, will be fulfilled next week. All who took part in the entertainment not only evinced a deep interest in what they did, and for that reason alone would have commanded the applause of the audience, but they likewise displayed artistic ability of a very high order, and the commendations of those present must be taken as indicative of their appreciation of the talent displayed, as well as of the sacrifice of time, &c. for the purpose of benefiting a local institution. The entertainment which is fixed for Friday next will be held in behalf of the Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind, at the College, Upper Norwood, and is given by Bro. Magnus Obren and family, and the Misses Mahood. With the exception of a few items, the programme is the same as that of last Tuesday. We shall certainly make every effort to be present, as we are aware that a good treat is in store for us.

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HAYMARKET.—At 8, THE RIVALS.

STRAND.—At 7, OUR CLUB. At 9.15, NEMESIS.

GAIETY.—At 7, HAPPY FAMILY. At 7.45, PAUL PRY. At 9.15, YOUNG FRA DIAVOLO.

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STANDARD.—At 7, JANE SHORE, FAMILY JARS, &c.

DUKES.—At 7.15, AN AWKWARD AFFAIR. At 7.45, THE OCTOROON.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

HER Majesty the Queen and Princess Beatrice were expected to reach Windsor Castle from Balmoral on Friday evening. Intelligence was received on Saturday of the death of one of Her Majesty's grandchildren, the Princess Mary of Hesse, youngest daughter of Princess Alice.

The London School Board, at their weekly meeting, resolved to establish classes at certain centres for the instruction of the blind. Under the presidency of the High Sheriff of Lancashire, a meeting has been held to promote the formation of a national fund for the relief of sufferers from disasters in mines.

The Lord Mayor presided on Monday at a meeting of the Council of the Hospital Sunday Fund. Wishing to remove the feeling which seemed to prevail that he was not favourable to the movement, he expressed his approval of the Fund. As Lord Mayor, however, he was bound to consider the feelings of all parties connected with approved charitable agencies, and he thought the Mansion House was not the place where such an office should be established for a longer period than twelve months.

From various parts of the Provinces reports have been received that the late heavy storms have caused several of the rivers to overflow their banks, and thereby flood the neighbouring country.

The Locked-out Agricultural Labourers of Kent and Sussex assembled on Wednesday night at Exeter Hall to the number of between five and six hundred, with the view of enlisting the sympathies of the London working classes by making known their grounds of complaint against the farmers. The hall was densely crowded from platform to gallery; Mr. Auberon Herbert occupied the chair. Resolutions condemnatory of the action of the farmers and of the existing land laws, and expressing a determination to support the men in their endeavour to uphold the Union were passed.

Upwards of a quarter of million sterling has been received on behalf of the shareholders of the City of Glasgow Bank.

At an inquiry into the death of a youth of eighteen, named Nolan, which occurred while he was serving a term of three months' imprisonment in the House of Correction, it was shown that for eleven days he was supplied with bread and water only—the bread consisting of sixteen ounces, supplied once in twenty-four hours. After some further evidence the inquiry was adjourned.

The indictment which Mrs. Rousby, the actress, had preferred against Herr Bandmann, for assaulting her on the stage of the Queen's Theatre in April, has been tried before the Lord Chief Justice. The defence was a denial of the assault, and the case resulted in a verdict of not guilty.

On Sunday an attempt was made on the life of the King of Italy, who at the time was entering the city of Naples. A man, who it is stated gives as his reason for the attempted crime that he was poor, and therefore entertained feelings of hatred towards the king, approached the Royal carriage, and attempted to stab His Majesty. The Prime Minister, Signor Cairoli, was wounded in the thigh, and the King received a slight scratch. The man has since undergone some examination. Letters written by Internationalists were found at his house, in consequence of which some arrests have been made. This event has caused a profound sensation throughout France and Germany. At Florence, during a meeting of workmen to demonstrate their loyalty, a bomb was thrown from a window into their midst, and two men were killed. It is said that the king had received two letters, warning him that an attempt would be made on his life.

The Indian Government has learnt from a Cabul merchant that the suspicion they entertained that for some

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years past secret agents have been sent from Russia to the Ameer is substantially correct. As no satisfactory answer was expected from the Ameer, the Indian Government prepared a Proclamation declaring that the Ameer had left them no resource but to assert the power of England. Orders to advance have been issued, and the British troops have crossed the frontier. The enemy, who were in possession of Fort Kapion, retired on the approach of the English, and it was found on reaching Kapatyanga Fort that it had been evacuated. Both were at once taken possession of by our troops. Count Schouvaloff, after several days' stay at Pesth and interviews with the Emperor of Austria and Count Andrassy, left for Paris, whence he is expected to return immediately to London. It is generally believed that he has not succeeded in obtaining support to the proposition for another Congress to revise the stipulations of the Berlin Treaty. Prince Dondoukoff, the Russian Governor of Bulgaria, has been summoned to Livadia, where the Czar is staying. An agitation is going on in Bulgaria for the election of Prince Dondoukoff as the future head of that State. The insurgents in Macedonia are still active, and reports are received daily at Constantinople of Mussulman villages burnt and their inhabitants driven away. The object of these attacks is assumed to be to expel the Mahomedan population, and to occupy the province with Bulgarian immigrants. The communications between the British and United States Governments upon the Fisheries question are believed to be closed in a satisfactory manner. The amount of compensation awarded by the Commissioners will be paid this week. From Canada we learn that great preparations are being made to accord a fitting reception to the Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise on their arrival there.

INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE LODGE OF ISRAEL, No. 1502.

THE regular monthly meeting of this influential and prosperous Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Monday the 18th inst. Present:—Bro. Alex. Jones W.M. in the chair; Bros. S. Schönstadt S.W., Rev. H. D. Marks J.W., H. A. Tobias as S.D., S. J. Henochsberg J.D., Maurice Hart P.M. Secretary, J. Defrece Treasurer, Ralph Robinson P.M. P.G.R. D.C., A. J. Henochsberg P.M., Alpass P.G. Secretary, Bowes P.M. 148 P.P.G.S.D. West Lancashire, P.P.G.J.W. Westmoreland and Cumberland, P. Macmuldrow P.M. 1299 P.P.G.S.D., G. Broadbridge P.M. 241 P.P.G.D.C., D. Lavenstein W.M. Lodge of Israel, Birmingham, 1474, J. Windsor W.M. 241, F. Barnett W.M. 249, Evans W.M. 1350, Rev. T. W. Richardson P.M. 1380, Dr. Bailey S.W. 786, H. Gabriel 241, Mackenzie S.W. 1609, &c. &c. The W.M. opened the Lodge in the usual form. The minutes being read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. Phillips, Mamelock and Robell; it proved favourable in each case. This being the evening for the installation of the W.M. elect, the Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bros. S. Schönstadt was introduced to receive the benefit of installation; the necessary questions being put to him and answered, he was duly obligated. The Lodge was then opened in the Masters' Degree, when all those present below the rank of Installed Officer, were requested to withdraw. The W.M., who acted as Installing Master, then opened the board of Installed Masters, and inducted the new W.M. into the chair, after which the brethren were re-admitted and saluted their W.M. The following brethren were invested as Officers of the Lodge:—Bros. Alex. Jones I.P.M., M. Hart P.M. D.C., Rev. Prag Prov. G.C. Chaplain, Rev. H. D. Marks S.W., H. A. Tobias J.W., Isaac Defrece Treasurer re-elected, S. J. Henochsberg Secretary, Maurice Aronsberg S.D., M. P. Tuseki J.D., Veale Organist, Joseph Saber I.G. by proxy, H. W. Wright S.S., D. Gabrielsen J.S., W. Ball Tyler re-elected. After which the W.M. initiated Messrs. Phillips, Mamelock and Robell into the mystic Order in a manner that reflected great credit on him. The brethren were then called from labour to refreshments and partook of an excellent and récherché banquet. Grace having been said by the Chaplain, Bro. Prag, the W.M. proposed the toasts. The first on the list is one which is at all times received by Masons with enthusiasm; I need not further commend it to your notice, I ask you to drink to the health of H.M. the Queen. This toast was received with eclat, and God save the Queen was ably given by Bro. Solomon Jacobs. The second toast the W.M. felt sure would be equally well received; the ability of our sovereign head of the Craft H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. of England, as a Mason, is well known. The G.M. has often proved, by the interest he takes in Masonry, that he has it at heart, he is consequently entitled to our fullest regard and esteem. He would therefore ask them to respond to the toast, with which he would associate the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. This toast was heartily responded to by the brethren, and God Bless the Prince of Wales ably given by Brother Veale the Organist. The next toast comprised the Earl of Carnarvon Prov. G.M., Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M. R.W.P.G.M. of Lancashire, and Prov. Grand Officers, all of whom were esteemed in proportion to the important duties they discharged. In Lord Skelmersdale we, as Prov. G.M. as man, and as Mason, we have no superior, if any equal; there must be the opinion of all who have witnessed the excellent way he discharges the business of Grand Lodge; more particularly at the Grand Lodge meeting recently held at the Philharmonic Hall, the largest and most successful ever held in this Province. The great interest he takes in Masonry fully entitles him to the esteem in which he is held by the Craft in general. We have the honour of having present here this evening various P.G. Officers, amongst others the P.G. Secretary Bro. Alpass, who has fulfilled that important office in this Province for a number of years, and he (the W.M) well knew he had discharged his duty with zeal and assiduity, and is therefore held in the highest respect, not only by those with whom he comes in close connection, but by all the Masonic brethren in the Province. The next P.G. Officer it afforded him particular pleasure to mention on this occasion was one from our midst, who had lately had the distinguished honour of being appointed P.G.R., an honour which he had justly earned. By this appointment, the members of the Lodge of Israel feel highly favoured. The brother referred to is P.M. Robinson. He need not here eulogise the excellent qualities he possesses, they are well known to all. He—as the first Master of this Lodge (to whom the members owe a debt of gratitude, and to whose exertions the success of the Lodge is mainly due)—set such an admirable example by his well ruling, that it could not fail to have the desired effect. His conduct has been emulated by all those brethren who have succeeded him. He hoped that Bro. Robinson might be spared many years to afford Masonry in general and the Lodge of Isreal in particular that support and assistance which at all times he is so willing to give. Without further remarks, he would ask them to drink to the Officers of Grand Lodge, supreme and subordinate, coupling with the toast the names of Bro. Alpass and Bro. Robinson. Bro. Alpass P.G.S. in responding to this toast complimented the W.M. and members on the successful and prosperous condition of their Lodge, also on its admirable administration and working since its formation four years ago. He doubted not that under the leadership of the present W.M. it would not lose its lustre. Bro. Robinson P.M. P.G.R. also acknowledged the toast at considerable length; he felt himself highly flattered by the eulogium passed upon him; he also intimated that he had been appointed President of the Hamer Benevolent Fund, and trusted that the brethren, who were never behind others in charity, would give their hearty support to this Fund. The next toast was that of the newly installed W.M., very ably proposed by the I.P.M. Bro. Jones, the Installing Master, who congratulated the members of the Lodge on the selection they had made in placing such an excellent and worthy brother at their head. He had known Bro. Schönstadt for many years, and proposed him as candidate for Masonry in his mother Lodge, the Pembroke 1299, some five years ago; ever since they had followed each other step by step; therefore he was more than pleased at having had the honour and pleasure of installing him. He felt sure that the Lodge would be managed by Bro. Schönstadt as well as by any of the preceding Masters, more particularly as he had been for three years the chairman of a most influential body. Bro. Schönstadt on rising was received with acclamation. In returning thanks for the hearty and cordial manner in which his health had been proposed and responded to, he begged to express his deep sense of gratitude to the members of the Lodge of Israel for having elected and placed him by their unanimous vote, in the high and exalted position of W.M. for the ensuing year, an honor which he much appreciated, and of which he felt proud. He was fully sensible of the difficulties under which he had to labour in the discharge of his important duties, but he would endeavour, as far as his humble and earnest exertions would permit, to do his best to gain the approbation of the members, uphold the dignity of the Lodge, and further its interests and prosperity. When the time came that he had to vacate the chair, he would hand the warrant over to his successor in the same pure and unsullied condition he had received it. In the discharge of the important duties devolving on him, he required the support of the members of the Lodge, and trusted they would afford him that kindness which they had so readily shown his predecessors. In the Officers appointed he placed every confidence; they would faithfully discharge their respective duties, and render the necessary assistance that he required of them in the well ruling and governing of the Lodge. He hoped and trusted that, under the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, his year of office would be a pleasant and prosperous one. The W.M. next proposed the health of the I.P.M., Installing Master Bro. Alex. Jones, who he complimented on the energy with which he had brought to a satisfactory close his year of office; also upon his crowning effort of so successfully installing him in his stead; it gave him great pleasure to place upon his breast a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which the Lodge had voted him in recognition of his merits, and as a memento of the respect in which he is held by the members. He wished him many years of health to wear it, and to continue his valuable services to the Lodge of which he was now a P.M. and honoured member. Bro. A. Jones in responding thanked the brethren for the great kindness and forbearance shown him during his year of office, also for the handsome jewel with which they had presented him. He would look upon it as an incentive to further efforts. In giving the health of the Visitors the W.M. remarked this toast was one that required little comment; it recommends itself at all times. In the Lodge of Israel it is received on all occasions with pleasure and cordiality. He could assure the visiting brethren, one and all, that the members were happy to see them, and were ever ready to welcome them. He hoped and trusted the Lodge might never be without Visitors. Around were many distinguished brethren, amongst others the W.M. of their namesake the Lodge of Israel, Birmingham; this worthy friend and brother came from a distance to do him honour, for which he felt deeply thankful. He assured their guest that the brethren were delighted to see him. We have in the W.M. of the Merchants, and the W.M. of the Mariners Lodges; both these brethren bear the highest reputation as Masons, and for their ability as Masters; to the W.M. of the Merchants Lodge, Bro. Windsor, he felt deeply indebted for his kindness and courtesy, also for his having at all times given him (the speaker) valuable assistance in his Masonic career. He hoped that the other visiting brethren would forgive him if he did not

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mention their names, as time was much advanced. He called on the members to honour the toast of the visiting brethren, coupling with it the names of Bros. Windsor, Lavenstein, and Barnett. Bro. Lavenstein W.M. Lodge of Israel, Birmingham, acknowledged the compliment paid him, and expressed himself highly gratified with his visit. The brethren of his Lodge looked with considerable interest on the doings of No. 1502; he had come from a distance to witness the installation of his friend and brother the W.M., in whose hands he felt sure the Lodge was safe, and would be conducted with dignity. He wished Bro. Schönstadt a hearty, happy, and prosperous year. Bro. Windsor W.M. 241 and Bro. Barnett W.M. 249 also returned thanks, expressing their high opinion of the Lodge, and the hearty reception they had received from one and all of the members. Bro. P.M. Robinson P.G.R. very ably proposed the Benevolent Fund in connection with the Lodge; he appealed to the members for their continued support of this excellent charity. Afterwards the handsome amount of £10 was collected, and this was thankfully acknowledged by Bro. B. Levy, President of the Fund, who informed the brethren that the aggregate amount now in the possession of this charity was £200. The next toast was that of the newly initiated brethren, ably proposed by Bro. P.M. A. J. Henochsberg, who congratulated the W.M. and members on the choice they had made in the admittance into the Craft of such worthy members as Bros. Philips, Mamelock, and Robell, who he felt sure would prove worthy members of the Craft. This toast was briefly acknowledged by the newly initiated brethren. The toast of the P.M.'s of the Lodge was given by the S.W., who remarked, in a few well chosen words, that the P.M.'s of the Lodge would ever stand high in the opinion of the members, for the zeal each had displayed during his year of office. Bro. B. Levy proposed the Officers of the Lodge, whom he eulogised for the zeal and ability with which they discharged their respective duties; he also congratulated the W.M. on having appointed such a worthy brother as H. A. Tobias J.W., who he felt sure would prove an ornament to the Lodge, and would in due time ably fill the position of W.M. The Senior and Junior Wardens thanked the brethren for their kindness. The Tyler's toast closed the meeting.

Sincerity Lodge, No. 174. — A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Guildhall Hotel, Gresham-street, City. The Lodge was opened by Bro. John Appleby, who was supported by Bros. G. T. H. Sedden S.W., C. H. Webb as J.W., John Newton P.M. Secretary, Jones J.D., F. Brown I.G., Verry Tyler. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. William George Cane, and Mr. William Cecil. In each case the result was satisfactory. Bro. W. Giller, of the Loyalty Lodge, No. 1607, a candidate for the third degree, was then examined. He exhibited sufficient knowledge of what was required of him to warrant his claim for preferment, and the W.M. worked the ceremony of raising, in the candidate's behalf, in an eminently satisfactory way, deriving much assistance by the competency displayed by the Officers of the Lodge. The agenda paper bore the names of three brethren as candidates for the second degree—Bros. Bellman, Mustart and Marshall; in addition to these the W.M. of the Loyalty Lodge, which our readers will remember is an offshoot of the Lodge of Sincerity, had requested Bro. Appleby to pass two candidates for him, as the Loyalty Lodge would not meet again till April next. These candidates—Bros. Garden and Burton—with the three named above, were then examined, entrusted, and in due course passed to the degree of F.C. The ceremonial portion of the day's proceedings was then brought to a close by the initiation of Mr. William Cecil. Routine business now commenced, and this proved to be as heavy as the previous work, that had been transacted. Bro. Newton earnestly pleaded the claims of the son of a deceased member—Bro. Arthur—who is desirous of being placed on the list of candidates for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Several members supported Bro. Newton, and the Lodge pledged itself to adopt the case. A letter was read from the members of a Colonial Lodge, soliciting funds for building a Masonic Hall; this was discussed, and the consideration of the letter was—we think wisely—postponed *sine die*. The next feature requiring notice was a petition that had been presented by a brother who urged he was in distressed circumstances, and a most exhaustive discussion resulted; in the end, however, it was decided that the Lodge could not take action in this case. £10 was then voted from the Benevolent Fund for the assistance of a brother who needed temporary help. Bro. Seddon S. Warden pressed the claims of the Benevolent institution, for which he has accepted a Stewardship; and Bro. C. J. Perceval intimated that he would act as Steward at the next Festival of the Girls' School. Lodge was then closed. There was no banquet, but some of the members spent an hour most pleasantly together. The following were the Visitors:—C. V. Falkner 41, W. W. Morgan 211, R. Shephard 861; Bros. Giller, John S. Burton, and John J. Garden, of 1607. We regretted to find that the Lodge was in mourning,—in consequence of the lamented death of Bro. J. W. Dunstan Junior Warden.

Palatine Chapter Rose Croix, Manchester.—A meeting of this Chapter was held on Wednesday, the 6th November, at the Palatine Hotel, Manchester. Present—S. P. Thomas Rose 30° M.W.S., supported by Illus. Bros. Stephen Smith 31°, G. P. Brockbank 31°, John Duffield 31°, Geo. Higgin 31°, Jas. A. Birch P.M. W.S., J. Gibb Smith 30°, R. H. Hutchinson 30°, R. McD. Smith 30°, J. F. Heffernan 30°, B. S. John Joule 30°, P. Royle M.D. 30°, John Chadwick 18°, W. Gibb 18°, and others. Four candidates were balloted for and approved, three of whom presented themselves for perfection, which ceremony was performed by S.P. James A. Birch, S.P. Contracting as Raphael. Col. Le Gendre Starkie, Prov. G. Master East Lancashire, was balloted for and elected at this meeting, and it is expected he will shortly present himself for perfection. At the conclusion of the business the S.P.'s adjourned to banquet, which as usual was of a most recherché character.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—The Annual Supper took place on Tuesday, at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. The chair was taken by Bro. Brown W.M., of the Mother Lodge, who was supported by his I.P.M. Bro. Daniel; the Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction Bro. Hollands the Preceptor Bro. Sparrow, and the following members and Visitors—Bros. Kearney, Lewis, Coe, Strode, James, Brown, Pattison, King, Richards, Biddle, Sayer, Moss, Hamilton, Wall, Terry, Maidwell, Main, Quincey, Morgan, &c. The Lodge having been formally opened and closed, the brethren adjourned for the purpose of enjoying the repast, which had been capitally prepared, and was so liberally served by host Maidwell. On the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were given and replied to, the general tone of the remarks testifying to the happy feeling which exists between the Mother Lodge and the Lodge of Instruction. In the course of the evening a presentation was made to Bro. Hollands, of some articles for table use, also of a pair of glasses; and Bro. Brown, who handed the testimonial to the worthy Secretary, happily remarked that he trusted Bro. Hollands would thereby the better be enabled to see the faces of the members who entertained for him such deep feelings of esteem.

King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday last, at the Metropolitan Club, 239 Pentonville-road. Bro. J. J. Michael W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. W. M. Stiles S.W., J. T. Briggs J.W., H. Stiles S.D., H. Higgins P.M. J.D., F. Saintsbury Secretary, L. Solomon I.G., and Daley Tyler, as well as by several members, and the following Visitors, namely—Bros. J. N. Thompson J.D. 1695, T. Gilbert 1507, T. C. Edmonds 1507, Louis Bamberger S.W. 1366, and W. W. Morgan Sec. 211. The Lodge was opened as usual, and in the course of the business Bros. H. Cashmore, J. Patterson, and F. Fletcher were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., while Bros. A. Hubbard and W. Pope were passed. When the duties of the evening were concluded, the brethren sat down to a modest dinner. The bill of fare included two sorts of fish, joint, vegetables, cheese, and celery—well-dressed and admirably served, at a charge of half-a-crown. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair. Bro. Knight, acting I.P.M., gave the health of the W.M., and in doing so spoke in terms of well-merited eulogy of the manner in which their president had worked the ceremonies that afternoon. The W.M. acknowledged the toast in suitable terms, thanking both Bro. Knight for the handsome manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren present for the cordial manner in which they had greeted the proposition. Bro. Michael added that he was desirous of fulfilling his duty to the satisfaction of the Lodge, and he should leave no stone unturned in order to achieve a success. The toast of the Visitors having been duly acknowledged, that of the I.P.M. Bro. Knight was proposed and most cordially received. Other toasts, such as are customarily given on these occasions, followed, and in due time the meeting came to an end, the brethren separating with a sense of pleasure at the very agreeable evening they had spent together. This is a young Lodge, but it is a promising one. It has no debts; its officers work well together; perfect harmony reigns among the members, and though it is by no means strong in numbers, King's Cross, No. 1732, is one of the nicest and most genial to visit that we have been privileged to make acquaintance with. During the evening Bro. Stiles exerted himself to induce the members to contribute towards his list for the next Festival of the R.M.B.I., and from what we know of the charitable proclivities of the brethren present, we doubt not his appeal will be freely responded to.

Crusaders Lodge, No. 1677.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Wednesday 13th, at the St. John of Jerusalem. Present—Bros. W. J. Hunter W.M., Simmons S.W., T. Goode J.W., P.M. J. Maples Treasurer, P.M. Defries Secretary, Rushton Organist, Rothschild S.D., Millward J.D., Calderwood I.G., Verry Tyler; also Bros. J. Knight P.M., W. B. Kidder, Gilbert, Farr, Mackie, Carnly, Chandler, Taylor, A. Goode, W. Jackson, P. Jackson, F. Goode, W. Goode, W. Gay, Moorhouse, Garrod, W. Cook P.G.S. Herts, T. Hyland, J. Callegari, Cummings, Parr, and others. The Visitors were Bros. C. Reuter P.M. Cornwallis 1107 P.P.G.D.C. Kent, T. H. Simmonds J.W. Cornwallis 1107, A. W. Fenner S.D. Upton Lodge 1227, W. Hopekirk P.M. 179, J. E. Carpenter P.M. Urban Lodge 1196. All preliminaries having been observed, Bros. Gilbert, Farr, Mackie, and Carnaby were examined, entrusted, and duly passed to the second degree. On the Lodge being resumed, a ballot was taken for the following gentlemen, who were initiated into the mysteries of the Craft:—Messrs H. Parry, Charles Hayward, and Edwin Creed. The ceremonies were performed by the W.M. in a very efficient manner. In pursuance of notice of motion by Bro. Secretary, the No. 3 Bye-law of the Lodge was altered, to the effect that the subscription be paid annually, in October, instead of half-yearly as hitherto. After which Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, which was admirably served by Bro. Gay. The loyal and patriotic toasts were ably given; that of the W.M. receiving a most hearty greeting. On the health of the visitors being drunk, Bro. Carpenter responded, congratulating the brethren on their having such an efficient W.M. to preside over them. The initiates also responded. The brethren were highly pleased with the singing of Bros. Millward, Parry, Carpenter, and Callegari. Bro. P. Jackson favoured the brethren with a recitation—"Little Jim." The Tyler's toast brought the evening's duties to a close.

Mrs. Dion Boucicault has commenced an engagement at the Dublin Theatre Royal, and will produce a new play written for her by Edmund Falconer, entitled *The Banshee*. At the termination of her Dublin season, Mrs. Boucicault sails for New York, and starts on her farewell tour of the United States, Canada, and Australia.

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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, 23rd NOVEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

69—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
169—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.
R. A. 206—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

MONDAY, 25th NOVEMBER.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
140—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1206—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
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. (Inst.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.

49—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
146—Lights, Masonic Hall, Warrington.
754—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
998—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
1448—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, York, at 5.30. (Installation Banquet.)
R. A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.

TUESDAY, 26th NOVEMBER.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
93—Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
554—Tarborough, 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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
1461—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1466—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1625—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
1746—Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden.

34—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
117—Wynstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
385—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
709—Kmulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford.
819—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
857—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
873—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1356—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.
1428—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1475—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 156—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
R. A. 731—Grosvenor, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.
R. A. 1004—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 27th NOVEMBER.

188—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
213—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8. (In.)
257—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30. (Instruction.)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1248—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1366—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1648—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
1728—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1366—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury.
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, St George-street, Leeds.
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
754—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
996—Soudes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1059—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1063—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester.
1119—St. Bede, Mechanic's Institute, Jarrow.
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1283—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
1293—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire.
1311—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1366—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead.
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton.
R. A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
R. A. 903—Belvidere, Star Hotel Maidstone.
R. A. 1038—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-st., Newcastle.
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.

THURSDAY, 28th NOVEMBER.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Checquers, 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.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
720—Panmure Gen. L. of Inst., Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1340—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston.
1663—City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
1655—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

78—Imperial George, Assheaton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street Darlington.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
296—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
346—St. John, Bulls 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.
1355—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1506—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1628—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple street, Newcastle.
R.A. 293—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
R. A. 1066—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
K. T.—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale.
K. T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley.

FRIDAY, 29th 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. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1360—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1296—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 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 78—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Instruction.)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
1385—Gladamair, Red Lion, Barnet.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 342—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.

SATURDAY, 30th NOVEMBER.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R. C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent-street, W.

69—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

To Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Scribes of Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c.

BROTHER M. MILLINGTON, 25 Colliergate, York, S.D. of Eboracum Lodge 1611, is making a collection of Lodge Circulars, Toast Lists, Menu Cards, &c., and would feel grateful to the officers above named if they would forward him copies of the same.

York Mark Lodge (Time Immemorial).—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Tuesday last. Present—Bros. T. B. Whytehead W.M., T. Cooper P.M. as S.W., G. Balmford P.M. as J.W., J. Hollins M.O., J. Tissiman S.O., W. P. Husband as J.O., Rev. W. C. Lukis Chaplain, G. Garbutt Secretary, T. G. Hodgson as S.D., M. Millington J.D., A. T. B. Turner I.G., T. Camidge Organist. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Major Shaw. Hellier, Captain Healy, and Lieut. Richey, R.A., Quarter-master Sergt. Somerset, &c. A successful ballot was taken for Bro. G. H. Hebblethwaite Eboracum Lodge, George Ayre W.M. Falcon Lodge, and C. L. Foster Mariners Lodge 249, and these three brethren being in attendance were duly advanced to the honourable degree. Bro. Millington presented to the Lodge a set of candidate's aprons; two candidates were proposed; Bros. Hollins and Husband were appointed Auditors; and the Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards met at an excellent supper, for the skilful serving of which the Stewards, Bros. J. F. Taylor and T. Humphries, received great praise. An exceedingly pleasant evening ended harmoniously.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, No. 25.—Held at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, on Friday, 15th November. Present—Bros. F. G. Baker P.M. as W.M., C. A. Woods P.M. S.W., Belfrage J.W., D. Haslett W.M., Wood I.G., and a large number of other brethren, this being the evening appointed for working the Fifteen Sections, the W.M. gave an introductory address, and the sections were worked by the following brethren. First Lecture—

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Bros. Boulton, Waugh, Green, J. Boyd P.G.P., Belfrage J.W., C. A Woods S.W., J. Holden. SECOND LECTURE — Bros. Hunt P.M., Hoslett P.M., Collins, Coulton P.M., Docker. THIRD LECTURE—Bros Wynne, Wood I.G., Smallpeice P.M. A vote of thanks to the W.M was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the able and efficien manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair. The W.M. thanked the brethren for having supported him on the occasion, and congratulated the brethren who had assisted, on the excellent manner in which each section was worked. The W.M. then gave a very impressive address on the general duties of Freemasonry. The Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, 119 Leadenhall-street, on Thursday evening. Present—Bros. Biddle W.M., Norden S.W., Chapman J.W., Grammer (Hon. Sec.) S.D., Nemo J.D., Ellis I.G., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed, Bro. Phillips as candidate. The Lodge having been resumed to the second degree, the first three sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Ellis, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Phillips of the Israel Lodge, No. 205, was elected a member.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—On Tuesday, 19th instant, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings. Bros. Tate W.M., J. H. Dodson S.W., Tranter J.W., Sanders S.D., Abell J.D., Linscott I.G., Bingemann P.M. Preceptor, Corne, Dickins, Sandle, Richards, Gilruth, and others. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. T. B. Dodson being the candidate. The three sections appertaining to the lecture were worked by the W.M. The Lodge was then closed down, and Bro. J. H. Dodson unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday week; Tuesday 26th November being set apart for the Installation Ceremony to be worked by Bro. T. J. Maidwell, W.M. of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27.

Elias Ashmole Chapter, No. 148. — The regular convocation of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Chambers, Warrington, on Monday, the 11th inst. Present—Comps. R. Brierley M.E.Z., P. J. Edleston P.Z. as H., T. Tunstall J., J. H. Galloway Treas., W. H. Robinson P.S., J. H. Galloway S.E., W. Richardson P.Z. as S.N., T. Domville Janitor, and Comps. D. W. Finney P.Z., S. Wallhead, John Knight, T. Hutchinson. The Chapter was opened in ancient form at 6.30, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot having proved favourable for Bro. C. E. Hindley, he received the benefit of exaltation to the supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch, from the most Excellent Chief, assisted by E. Comp. Edelsten. In consequence of the unfavourable state of the weather there were fewer Comps. present on this occasion than usual. The business of the evening being ended, Chapter was closed in harmony, and the Companions dispersed at an early hour.

Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.—This Lodge met on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-street, E.C., under the presidency of Bro. David Posener W.M. There were also present Bros. Geo. Pare S.W., Bailey J.W., J. D. Barnett I.P.M., P. Levy Sec., F. Croaker S.D., Bush I.G; Past Masters M Harris, Bloomfield, N. Moss, J. Constable, J. H. Ross, N. Gluckstein, Gottheil, and a most unusually small number of brethren. In the course of the evening Bro. B. S. Woolf was passed to the second degree. The brethren then adjourned to partake of supper, the frugality of which—could they have witnessed it—would have rejoiced the hearts of Bro. Dick Radclyffe, "Union Jack," "Old File," and the rest, who hold that the Masonic Charities would best be served and supported by impracticable self-denial, and a policy in Lodge arrangements calculated to hinder Masonic human nature from being occasionally made glad by the enjoyment of the good things which a gracious Providence, in His goodness and mercy, has deemed fit to bestow upon his but too frail and erring creatures. Even Sir Wilfrid Lawson himself might have sat at the board and gazed with complacency on the abstemious assembly of Craftsmen, among whom there was nevertheless no lack of sociability and merriment, but, on the contrary, great good humour prevailed, lively chat being interspersed with pleasant songs, given, by some, with remarkable taste and skill. The brethren who favoured with their vocal efforts were Constable, Ross, Woolf, Barnett, Bailey, and Smith. Just as the assembly was about to separate, at the early hour of 9.45, the Worshipful Master in feeling terms informed the brethren that the genial and very highly esteemed Bro. John Peartree P.M. and Treasurer had met with a rather serious accident, and although no bones were broken, it is yet likely to materially affect a not over robust constitution. He fervently hoped and trusted that at the next meeting of the Lodge Bro. Peartree might be so far recovered as to be able to be among them, in something like his former health and strength. Most sincere and heartfelt regret was expressed by all present, and if wishes could produce the effect, Bro. Peartree's restoration would be swift and sure.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—This Lodge held its meeting on Wednesday, the 20th of November, at the Railway Tavern, Railway-place, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. T. B. Biddle W.M., Harris S.W., Bush J.W., J. K Pitt Sec., E. Gottheil P.M. Treas., Butcher S.D., Morgan J.D., Metcalf I.G.; also Bros. Moss, Gardiner, Smith, Simmons, Walker, Parker, Christopher, Woodward. Visitors—Bros. Geo. A. Milne 182 Montrose, Thomas B. Meyrick 5 Leith and Canongate. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. James candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Gottheil, assisted by the brethren, Lodge closed down in the third and second degrees. Bro. Harris was elected W.M. for the ensuing Wednesday. A distressed brother was relieved, the sum of one guinea being voted.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—On Saturday last. Present—Bros. Halford W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., Brand J.W., Brazel S.D., Gibb J.D., J. Millington I.G., Fenner Asst. Sec., R. Pearcy, Prec.; also Bros. C. Lorkin, G. W. Millington, Stock, Bidwell, Dallas, Parkes, Mackey, Ross, H. Hall, Hallam sen., Simpson, Calderwood, Adams, McDowell, Killick sen., &c. Lodge opened to second degree. Bro. Stock was entrusted and raised. Bro. Pearcy worked the first section of the Lecture, assisted by Bro. Bidwell; Bro. Stock the second, assisted by Bro. Pearcy, and Bro. Pearcy the third, as initiated by the brethren. Bros. Simpson, of Jordan Lodge, No. 201, and Bro. Dallas, of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, were elected members. Bro. J. Lorkin was appointed W.M. for the next meeting. The sum of £5 5s was voted to be placed on Bro. Stock's list as Steward for the Old People. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

St. John's Lodge, No. 221.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 20th November, at Commercial Hotel, Bolton. Present—Bros. James Richardson W.M., Thos. Whitaker S.W., Henry Stead J.W., Jno. Mitchell Prov. G. Tyler Sec., G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D. Treas., John L. Aldred S.D., Wm. Sparling J.D., James Smith and E. Melrose Stewards, J. Boothroyd I.G., Thos. Higson Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Thos. Entwisle P. Prov. G.R. of W., J. Martin Ratter, Thos. Morris, W. H. J. Jones. Visitor—Bro. C. S. Jones 433, Brooklyn, New York; and Bros. Bradburn, Isherwood, Nicholson, Jno. Mitchell, Booth, Wadeson, Roiley, J. Seel, Court, Sagden, Hall and Staton. Opened at 7 p.m. Confirmed minutes of last Lodge. Passed Bro. Walter K. Booth to second degree. Read circular from Bro. Terry, announcing date of Festival of the R.M.B.I.; also from Prov. G. Sec., announcing that the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Friday, the 29th November, at four o'clock in the afternoon prompt. Bro. Thomas Entwisle P. Prov. G.S. of W. announced that he had agreed to act as Steward at the Festival of the R.M.B.I.

St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 295 (I.C.)—At the regular meeting of this Lodge, attached to the 4th Dragoon Guards Regiment, at York, on Wednesday. The S.W. Capt. J. Hanly was unanimously elected W.M. Capt. Murphy was elected S.W. and Capt. Tyrie J.W.

Hertford Lodge, No. 403.—The Fiftieth Installation Meeting was held on 12th inst., at the Town Hall, Hertford. Among the brethren present were:—Bros. S. Austin P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works W.M. Elect, J. Terry P.M. Prov. G.J. Warden, J. R. Cobb P.M. P.P.G.J. Warden, R. T. Andrews P.M. P.P.G.J. Warden, C. Drummond P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works, E. A. Simson P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works, J. D. Medcalf P.M. P.P.G.J. Deacon, T. S. Carter P.M. P.P.G.S. Deacon, H. Campkin P.M. P.P.G.S. Deacon, W. P. Wilkes P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., W. Warrener M.D., C.C. Dick P.M. P.G. D. Dcns. S.W., J. E. Cussans P.M. J.W. Visitors—Bros. J. Waller P.M. 149 P.P.G.D., R. Freer Austin, &c. This being the Fiftieth Installation meeting the brethren of the Lodge thought it advisable to place the oldest P.M. (Bro. Austin) in the chair of K.S. Bro. Terry installed the W.M. in his usual effective manner, and intimated to the brethren assembled that Bro. Austin had been nearly fifty years a member of the Lodge, having been initiated in October 1829, a fact unparalleled in the history of Freemasonry; it is proposed to celebrate the jubilee about October next, when a large gathering is expected. The W.M. appointed as his Officers Bros. the Rev. Lewis Deedes P.P.G. Chap. S.W., The Hon. Baron Dimsdale J.W., R. B. Croft S.D., J. Harrington J.D., J. R. Cocks Treas., R. T. Andrews Sec., J. E. Barnard I.G., F. Taylor and R. Harrison Stewards, T. Wright Tyler. The brethren afterwards partook of a capital banquet at the Shire Hall, supplied by Mr. E. M. Davis of the Salisbury Arms Hotel, and which gave great satisfaction; the W.M., who is in his seventy-fourth year, presided. The usual Masonic toasts followed. Bro. G. T. Carter P.M. undertook the musical arrangements.

Devonshire Lodge No. 625.—This Lodge held its annual meeting on Wednesday the 13th of November at the Norfolk Hotel, Glossop. Present—Bros. Thos Dearnaley W.M., J. Collier S.W., D. A. Davis J.W., G. E. Cox P.M. P.P.G.S.D., W. Thorpe Treas., W. Booth S.D., J. Hadfield J.D., J. Garlick I.G., W. Fielden Tyler; Past Masters Jas. H. Casper P.P.G.S.D., R. A. Grundy P.P.G.S.D., J. Hardman P.P.G. Org. Works, Josh. Stafford P.P.G.R., Wm. Dawson P.P.G.D.C., John Hall P.P.G.S.B., Dr. Rhodes, Merry, and about 60 members and visitors, amongst whom we noticed Provincial Officers of neighbouring Provinces. The minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in second degree, and Bro. Collier W.M. Elect, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Beaton P.M. for Installation. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Collier was inducted into the chair of the Lodge. The brethren were then admitted, and having saluted their new Master, the W.M. proceeded to invest the Officers—Bros. T. Dearnaley I.P.M., D. A. Davis S.W., W. Booth J.W., J. Hadfield S.D., J. Garlick J.D., W. H. Hodgson I.G., W. Fielden Tyler; S. Collier Secretary, W. Thorpe Treasurer (re-elected). Bro. Beaton performed the Installation ceremony in a most efficient manner, the sum of ten guineas was voted for the Girls' School; and after some other business the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to their new Lodge-room for the banquet, to which about 70 sat down. On the removal of the cloth the usual Loyal and

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Masonic toasts were proposed; these were interspersed with a choice selection of glees, songs, recitations, &c., and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

Wentworth Lodge, No. 737.—A meeting was held on Monday, at the Hind Hotel, Wellingborough. Present—Bros. John Hy. Hale W.M., N. S. Hewens S.W., John Perrin J.W., L. C. Knight Sec., E. Hensted S.D., W. Renshaw J.D., P. Dainty D.C., J. Wallis Steward, C. Matthews I.G., W. Matthews Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. B. R. Aris, Rev. Bro. Hall Chaplain. Visitor—Bro. T. Brown, of La Tolerance. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was successful for Bros. Jos. Ackroyd, of Witham Lodge, No. 297, and J Baille, of Pomfret Lodge, No. 360, as joining members; and for Mr. William Brown Oldham, as a candidate for our mysteries. Mr. W. B. Oldham was present, and was initiated by the W.M. Bro. John H. Hale. The Lodge was then closed. The brethren afterwards supped together, and spent a jovial evening.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction. No. 813.—Held at Bro. Pyah's, Jolly Farmer's, Southgate-road, on Wednesday the 20th inst. Present:—Bros. S. George W.M., Cogan S.W., Trewinnard J.W., Cosworth Precentor, Sparvin S.D., Elliston J.D., Main I.G.; also Bros. Fenner, Stock, Whale, Powell, &c. After the usual preliminaries had been observed the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Whale as candidate. Bro. Fenner gave proof of his proficiency and was entrusted. Lodge being advanced, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Fenner candidate; both ceremonies were ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro Stock worked the first section of the second lecture, assisted by the brethren. On the proposition of Bro. Fenner, seconded by Bro. Stock, a sum of five guineas was voted out of the Lodge funds to be placed on the list of Bro. Trewinnard, W.M. of the Kingsland Lodge No. 1693, who will act as a Steward on behalf of the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Trewinnard returned thanks. Bro. Cogan was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned until Wednesday at 8.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 19th inst., a great number of brethren, admirers of our beautiful lectures, assembled at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, to hear the rendering of the Fifteen Sections. An invitation had been given to the Percy Lodge of Instruction to send the requisite number of brethren—which invitation was cordially accepted, and the following selected as representatives:—Bros. Tolmie W.M., Pearcy S.W., Killick J.W. The first lecture was worked by the following brethren:—Bros. Gibbs, Brand, Millington, Hallam sen., Stock, Killick, and Byng. Second lecture—Bros. Braated, C. Lorkin, Hallam jun., Hallam sen., and Fenner. Third lecture—J. Lorkin, Pearcy, and Trewinnard. It need hardly be said the working was good, the names of those who assisted being sufficient guarantee. Bro. P.M. Wallington Preceptor, in moving a vote of thanks to the Percy brethren for their attendance, made a few pertinent remarks as to the desirability of these friendly visits to Lodges; social good feeling amongst the brethren was thereby cultivated. These remarks were afterwards endorsed by Bro. Tolmie and the worthy Secretary Bro. Dallas. After a hint had been given by Bro. Pearcy that a return visit would shortly be expected—a hint he may rest assured will be promptly taken—Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until Tuesday next, at eight o'clock, when Bro. Gilham will preside.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—On Wednesday, 20th November, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet-street. Present—Bros. R. P. Tate W.M., J. S. Brown S.W., Welsford J.W., Vezard S.D., Drury J.D., Knill, Abell I.G., Long P.M. Preceptor, and others. Lodge was opened to the second degree. Bro. Tompsett having offered himself as a candidate for the third, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of raising completed by the W.M. in his usual impressive manner. The sections were then worked by the W.M., who afterwards closed the Lodge down. Bro. J. S. Brown was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge was closed.

St. Barnabas Lodge, No. 948.—A meeting was held on 5th November, at the Masonic-rooms, Linedale, Leighton Buzzard. Present—Bros. Daniel Forbes W.M., Holland S.W., P.M. McCubbin as J.W., P.M. Poynter Secretary, Fountaine Treasurer, Willis S.D., McDowall J.D., Yates I.G., Gibbs Tyler; Past Masters McCubbin, Fountaine, King, Poynter, Forbes; Bros. Bushell, Bradshaw, Nelson, Eames, Smith, Knight; Visitors—Bros. Sills and Gotto P.M. Business—Lodge opened. Minutes read and confirmed. A letter was read respecting a testimonial to the widow of the late Bro. Wentworth Little; also a letter soliciting a Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Messrs Smith and Knight were balloted for, and the result was unanimous in their favour. These gentlemen were then admitted, initiated, and invested. The tools were presented, and their uses, operative and speculative, explained. Lodge opened up, and Bros. Poynter Prov. Grand Reg. Berks and Bucks explained the third tracing board to Bros. Bushell and Eames. Lodge closed down. It was proposed by Bro. Nelson, and seconded by Bro. Eames, that Bro. Sills become a joining member of this Lodge. After which Lodge was closed.

Wandsworth Lodge No. 1044.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., Bro. J. G. Carter P.M. in the absence of the W.M. Bro. W. A. Morgan being in the chair. There were also present:—Bros. Boddy S.W., A. B. Walker J.W., H. Francis S.D., F. Wardroper J.D., T. J. Holland I.G., H. R. Jones P.M., P. V. Denham, J. Tucker, F. Reed, H. Wilson, J. Frost, H. P. Goodchild, W. Marshall, Field, A. D. Newens, W. A. Blackmore Industry 1485, and M. Chamberlain Corinth 1122, Nagpore, Bombay. Bro. Tucker was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., and Bros. Marshall and Field were passed. Bro. J. Frost the Secretary, was presented with a jewel and a purse of five guineas, for his past services.

Hartington Lodge, No. 1085, Derby.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Derbyshire Masonic Hall. Present—Bros. G. Pipes W.M., J. O. Manton Sec. as S.W., W. B. Hextall J.W., M. H. Bohart P.M. Past Prov. Senior Grand Warden Treas. as Sec., S. Steele S.D., G. Arnold as J.D., W. L. Dodd as Organist, W. Butterfield I.G., J. Worsnop P.M., &c.; Bros. Hart, Wallis, Coulthurst, Popplewell, Walters, Lane, Carr, Belfield; and visitor Bro. Hudson. The ballot was taken in favour of Bros. Richardson of the Philanthropy Lodge, Stockton-on-Tees, Cadman of the Callender Lodge, Rusholme Manchester, Wagstaff of the Unanimity Lodge, Penrith, and Chas. Osborne, a London resident but frequent visitor to Derby. Bros. Belfield and Carr were respectively advanced to the second and third degrees, the able work of the W.M. being excellently supported by his Officers. A supplementary grant from the Lodge funds was voted to the nearly exhausted funds of the Town Almoners. Sundry communications were read, and other business disposed of. After which the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room; there, in the "fourth degree," to promote the genuine good fellowship which exists among them, and to welcome a contingent of visiting brethren to the mysteries of the "advanced step."

Lord Warden Lodge. No. 1096.—A meeting was held on Friday, 15th November, at the Lodge-room, St. Georges Hall, Deal. Present:—Bros. John Laggett S.W., H. R. L. Botting J.W. T. J. Usher Sec., F. Haslip S.D. *pro tem*, W. Carterfield J.D., F. England Steward, S. Willey I.G., S. Holgate Tyler; Past Masters Bros. A. H. Dee Barres, Thos. J. Usher P.P.G.R. Visitors—Bros. John Arnold and Jas. Corps, of No. 784, Wellington, J. Miles, C. J. Hurst, H. Webb, G. Rivers. In the absence of the W.M. the Lodge was opened by the Immediate Past Master Bro. A. H. Dee Barres. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Messrs. H. Abram and H. V. Shaw, being candidates, and having at a previous meeting been duly balloted for and approved, were then duly and regularly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The charge was given by Bro. J.W., and the Lodge closed. The whole of the work was satisfactorily performed. The meeting was adjourned until the first Friday in December. The brethren afterwards spent an hour socially; the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured.

Anglesea Lodge. No. 1113.—The annual Installation took place on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Bull Hotel, Llangefni, and the following brethren were present—Bros. John Peters P.M. 597 P.P.G.S.W., W. L. Banks P.M. P.P.G.S.W. and P.G.M.C.; T. H. Warrington W.M., Thos. Pritchard S.W., George Jones Hughes J.W., Dr. Wm. Evans P.M., Evan Williams I.P.M., Hy. Lloyd I.P.M. 1488, James Treweek W.M. 1488, John Ellis P.M. 597, Owen Rowlands 1488, Joseph Crewdson 1113, C. S. Dyer 1488, Th. Evans I.G. 1488, Wm. H. Jones 1113, B. Roose P.M. 1488, Wm. Jones J.W. 1488, Wm. Pritchard 591, Sharp 597, Wood 597, W. P. Elliott S.W. 597, Jas. Smith S.W. 1488, D. Wynne Williams W.M. 384, W. Price 755, Cross 914 Phœnix Lodge, Jamaica, Thos. Owen 332 Union Lodge, Glasgow, Bodgehen, Sparrow, Williams, Fred Jones 1113, Owen Roberts Tyler. The Lodge was opened at 1.30 by the W.M.; as no business excepting that of Installation was to be transacted, the Lodge was opened to the second degree, and the chair taken by Bro. John Peters, who acted as Installing Master, and Bro. Thomas Pritchard the W.M. Elect was introduced by Bro. Evans P.M. and obligated. The usual ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. Peters, assisted by Bros. Dr. Evans, Hy. Lloyd, and all the above-named Masters. The following were the Officers appointed:—Bros. Thomas Pritchard W.M., George J. Hughes S.W., Wm. Tregevin Hughes J.W., Dr. William Evans P.M. Treas., Dr. E. Williams P.M. Sec., Fred. Jones S.D., W. H. Jones J.D., O. E. Owen I.G., R. H. Williams P.M. Chaplain, James Treweek Org., Crewdson Steward, Owen Roberts Tyler. At 4.30 an excellent banquet was served by Bro. Crewdson. The usual loyal and other toasts on these occasions having been gone through, the brethren dispersed at an early hour.

Gilbert Greenall Lodge, No. 1250.—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, Warrington, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. Present—Bros. D. W. Finney W.M., J. Armstrong I.P.M., T. Auckland S.W., T. Sutton J.W., Spencer Wallherd Sec., J. H. Galloway Treasurer, G. Mackey as S.D., G. O. Brian as J.D., J. Galloway as I.G., T. Domville Tyler. P.M.'s W. Wood, P. Eiclsten, W. Richards, and Bros. Wm. Reid, Wm. Taylor, Jas. Farrington, T. Speakman, R. Heaton, Wm. Bolton, &c. Visitors—A. Harries 318, Scotland, &c. The Lodge was opened at 7 p.m., the minutes of last meeting were read, found correct, and ratified. This Lodge, under the able Mastership of Bro. Finney, is very happy and prosperous, and the brethren are working up a musical service, for which there is plenty of talent in the Lodge. There was work anticipated, but through unforeseen circumstances, it was postponed. It is to be regretted that the Senior and Junior Deacons, as well as the I.G., were absent. It looks unfavourable to have three Officers of a Lodge away; each night they miss they lose much beneficial instruction. The brethren of Warrington are very desirous of building for their Lodges a Temple, and there can be no doubt

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that they will do this; and when completed they will wonder why it had not been done long ago. The Lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction, No. 1306.—A meeting was held at Bro. Mortlock's, the Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping, on Monday, 18th Nov. Present—Bros. Veal W.M., Banks S.W., Moss J.W., Mortlock P.M., Greely J.D., Goldstein, Brame Sec., and several others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was worked by the W.M., Bro. Goldstein candidate. Bro. Goldstein answered the usual questions, Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Banks was elected W.M. for ensuing week. Lodge closed in due form and adjourned.

Bagshaw Lodge No. 1457.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 14th inst., at the Princes Hall, Princes road, Buckhurst hill, Essex. Present—Bros. W. Holloway W.M., C. J. Edwards S.W., J. H. Crowther J.W., J. Tanner P.M. Sec., J. Clarkson P.M. Treas., S. Fuller S.D., J. H. Challis J. ., W. H. Mestin I.G., R. W. Goddard Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Reed, Nicholson; Whitehead, Smith, D'Oyley, Dr. Roberts. Visitor—Bro. Egan P.M. 453. Lodge was opened in due form; after the minutes were read the W.M. proceeded to pass Bros. Whitehead, Smith and D'Oyley, which ceremony was performed in a satisfactory manner. Several motions as to joining members and other business was then gone through, and the Lodge was closed. A supper was afterwards served in the Banqueting Hall, and the customary toasts followed, bringing the evening to a close. The inclemency of the weather induced but a small attendance.

Bootle Lodge, No. 1473.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 7th November, at the Town Hall, Bootle. Bros. J. P.McArthur W.M., W. H. Clemmey S.W., J. C. Paterson J.W., R. A. Hough Secretary, S. E. Ibbs P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer, F. J. Mortleman S.D., Dr. Young J.D., R. Harley I.G., and W. Blake Tyler; Past Master Bro. Ibbs. On Lodge being opened to the third degree, Bro. Richd. Roberts I.P.M. took the chair, and raised Bros. Henry Howe, Arthur Beale, and James Smith.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. Lodge was opened by Bro. John Douglass W.M., supported by the following Officers:—C. J. Scales S.W., W. Side J.W., J. Willing P.M. Treas., W. M. Stiles Sec., H. Stiles I.G., G. Clark D. of C., H. Lovegrove W.S., R. T. Kingham I.P.M. The ballot was taken for three gentlemen for initiation, after which Lodge was advanced, and Bro. W. F. Bates was duly raised. Lodge resumed, and Bros. A. Mellon, J. Markie, L. Hollingsworth, D. Morgan, G. F. Hall, and J. Detrax were passed, the latter brother, who was initiated in the Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145, receiving the second degree in this Lodge by request of the W.M. of No. 145. Messrs. G. W. Pauley, J. Sheppard, Charles Sheath, Arthur John Thompson, and W. Parker were now introduced, and duly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Bro. Kingham announced his intention to act as Steward for the Boys' School. One proposition for initiation, and one for joining were handed in, and the business of the evening being thus completed, the W.M. closed the Lodge.

Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, Hampton.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge took place at the Red Lion Hotel on Thursday last, 21st inst. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M. Bro. C. W. Fox, the chair was taken by Bro. John Hammond P.M. 201, 1512, Provincial Grand Steward Middlesex. The I.P.M.'s chair was ably filled by Bro. D. B. Raw P.M., late Treasurer of the Lodge, Bros. J. C. Jessett and T. W. Ockenden were at their respective posts as Wardens, Bros. E. Hopwood P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex Treasurer, William Hammond P.M. and W.M. 1656 Secretary, T. C. Walls Deacon, T. Moody I.G. and W. J. Day Steward, W. C. Davey, D. Papworth, F. J. Prime, W. Kay, T. C. Murphy S. Hanlon, W. Bartlett, E. Russell, R. M. Axford, and Visitors Bros. Scott and Handel, both of the Wolsey Lodge 1656. The minutes of the installation meeting, 17th October, and emergency meeting 12th November were read and confirmed. Brothers Bartlett, Russell and Axford were advanced to the second degree, and Brother Hanlon was raised to the sublime degree. The ceremonies were excellently rendered by Bro. J. Hammond. The important question of a representative for one of the Metropolitan Charities was brought under the notice of the Lodge, and it was gratifying to find there were several brethren willing to serve as Stewards. The appointment, however, will be definitely made at the next meeting. Apologies for absence were read from the R.W. Prov. G.M. Bro. Colonel Burdett, the W.M., Bros. Hurst, J. W. Hiscox, Kent, and others; the further business of the summons being completed, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A well supplied supper, carefully prepared by the host (Bro. Murphy), met with ample justice, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the intervals being considerably enlivened by vocal contributions from Bros. Raw, Walls, and W. Hammond. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 16th January 1879.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 20th inst., at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Weige W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., McDowell J.W., E. Dietrich Sec., G. Ferrar Treas., Jones S.D., Woolley J.D., R. Olley I.G.; Bros. W. Ferrar, J. Williams, Dignam, McMillan, H. Myer, McCann, C. Lorkin. Lodge opened in the second degree, and Bro. H. Meyer was entrusted. Lodge advanced, and Bro. Meyer was raised. The three sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. C. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down, and Bro. J. Lorkin was appointed W.M. for the next meeting. An invitation was sent to the Royal Standard Lodge to work the Fifteen Sections on the second Wednesday in December.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1801.—On Tuesday, at the Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road. Present—Bros. E. G. Sim W.M., Read S.W., Hirst J.W., J. Osborn Sec., Cook S.D., Godolphin J.D., Green I.G. Past Master Bro. Wood; Elliott, Goode, Pelican, Hollidge, Holt, and others. All requirements complied with, Bro. Hollidge was passed. Bro. Hollidge answered the questions leading to the third degree and retired. The Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Godolphin acting as candidate. Bro. Godolphin, of the Friars 1149, and Hollidge, of the mother Lodge, were elected members. Bro. Read will preside at next meeting.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1611.—At the weekly meeting of this Lodge on the 14th inst., at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, Present:—Bros. Le Grys W.M., Kanner S.W., Ray J.W., Tucker Treas., Burr Sec., Rickwood S.D., Clarke J.D., Johnson I.G., Beasley P.M., Stephens, Tink Brown, Dyer, Gasson, &c. &c. The usual preliminaries having been satisfactorily gone through, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Gasson being candidate. The Lodge was then called off for refreshment, no smoking or drinking during the ceremonies being now permitted. On resuming, the Treasurer referred to the discussion at the previous meeting in regard to the formation of a Benevolent Fund, and after some conversation a Committee was appointed to prepare Bye-Laws and submit them to the next meeting, when it is hoped there will be a numerous gathering to consider the rules, and to further discuss the question of erecting a Masonic Hall. The Lodge was closed in due form.

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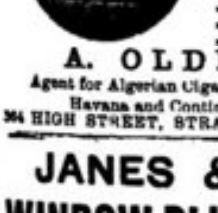
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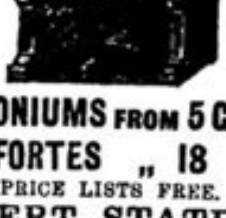
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THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ORGANISATION.

HAD we consulted our own wishes, we should have abstained from offering any remarks on this subject. We do not wish people to think we view with disfavour the scheme now being attempted, because it has emanated from another quarter. Quite eighteen months have elapsed since we gave it our best consideration—the article appeared on the 9th June 1877—and the conclusion we arrived at was not favourable to the establishment in London of an association for voting purposes, such as is to be found in very many of our Provinces. We stated, indeed, at the time that we did not see how our Lodges could be brought together, and that we thought a greater display of energy on the part of the supporters of London candidates would ensure the success of a greater number of the latter. The occasion which induced us to offer these remarks, was a discussion which had taken place some time previously in the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction. Bro. C. Lacey had proposed the establishment of some such association, and Bros. Barnes and Stevens had pointed out that in all the cases they had taken up they had succeeded in carrying their candidates; there having been only one candidate in which success was not achieved at the first attempt. We pointed out that if two brethren, working in combination, had done so much, the efforts of half a dozen were likely to be even more profitably employed, though at the same time anything beyond this, in the way of organised canvassings, would be undesirable, and even impracticable. Since then we have studied the question more minutely. We have been furnished with copies of the regulations of several Provincial Associations of the same character, and the more we examine the matter, the more firmly are we convinced that such an association in London will sooner or later prove a failure. We pointed out that, while a combination of Lodges in this or that Province is a matter of no great difficulty, our Metropolitan Lodges, numbering over two hundred and fifty, "are distributed over an immense district. Assuming it is possible to induce the Lodges east, west, south, and north to combine together, it would be well nigh an impossibility to canvass them." In the Provinces combination is comparatively easy, because the Lodges "are so located as to be come-at-able without much difficulty," and moreover the average number in each Province is about twenty. Again, "A Province is enabled to concentrate its efforts in order to secure the election of one, or, it may be, at the outside, of two of its candidates, whilst the voting strength of London is necessarily distributed among a large number, all presumably of equal merit." Under these circumstances we suggested that if brethren in the locality from which the case emanated bestirred themselves, it was probable that London would have its fair proportion of success, while a combination to carry a certain number of candidates might, in the anxiety to distribute the voting power so as to ensure the success of all, prove fatal to the success of any. That London might do a great deal better we admit. It fared indifferently at the October elections, and may do so again, if its efforts are not guided more skilfully; but when we have it on the authority of two brethren that they have carried every election in which they interested themselves, and all with a single exception at a first attempt, we do not think more is needed in the way of organisation for voting purposes than that other brethren in the metropolis shall bestir themselves with equal energy. It rarely happens that any of our largest and most influential Provinces send up more than three or four candidates, while it is no uncommon thing for London to have as many as fifteen or twenty. It is comparatively an easy task for a Province like East Lancashire to carry one or two candidates. It has several hundred votes for each Institution, and the latest lists of Governors and Subscribers to the two Schools show that at the time they were issued it had seven girls and nineteen boys at Battersea Rise and Wood Green respectively, while London, which contributes about one-half of what is annually raised, had seventy-two girls and fifty-four boys. At the same time London sends up by far the largest number of candidates, and any organised attempt to carry an undue proportion might turn out disastrously. From the fact that Metropolitan Lodges are distributed over so wide an area, from the extreme improbability that east and west, and south and north, will league together, and place their respective votes in the hands of a Committee, and because we believe the well-directed efforts of a few are likelier to succeed than those of a more extensive combination—for these reasons, we should regret to see a permanently established voting organisation in the metropolis.

FREEMASONRY IN MASSACHUSETTS.

THE proceedings of the Grand Lodge of this State in respect of the regular Quarterly Communication on the 11th September, and of three Special Communications, one anterior and two subsequent to that date, have reached us, and accordingly we give them that brief, but fraternal recognition in our columns which all such publications deserve at our hands. The purpose of the first Special Communication in Holbrook, Mass, on the 20th July, was to lay Masonically the foundation stone of a new Town Hall. In the absence of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master Bro. Abraham H. Howland jun. presided, and Bro. Tracy P. Cheever was acting Grand Secretary *pro tem*, in the absence of the Rev. C. Titus, who we regret to say, has since died. The meeting was held, owing to an invitation from the Municipal authorities of Holbrook, and the ceremony appears to have been most imposingly as well as impressively carried out. Bro. Howland, when the ceremony of laying the stone had been completed, delivered an address, and he and his Grand Officers were then conducted to an adjoining building and there entertained at lunch by the brethren of Norfolk Union Lodge. The object of the Special Communication on the 13th September, at which Grand Master Welch presided, was the performance of Masonic funeral services over the body of the late Honourable Frank Welch, Past Grand Master of Nebraska, and in order to participate in this mark of respect to their distinguished brother, several Nebraskan brethren had journeyed to Boston in charge of the remains. These having accordingly been introduced, a procession was formed, and after the religious services had been performed in the First New Jerusalem Church, the body was received by Grand Lodge and conducted to the cemetery, where our Masonic Funeral Service was most impressively rendered by the Grand Master and the acting Grand Chaplain. The other Special Communication, held on 3rd October in the Masonic Temple, Boston, under the presidency of Grand Master Welch, was to pay the last tribute of respect to their deceased Brother John McClellan, who for the long period of seventeen years had held the

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important office of G. Treasurer. The Lodge Burial Service having been performed, the funeral service was rendered in St. Paul's church, and the body then escorted to the cemetery at Mount Auburn, and there consigned to its last resting place with the customary Masonic rites, the family and relatives of the deceased being present. At the regular Quarterly Communication on the 11th September, Grand Master Welch presided, and was supported numerously by his Grand Officers and the representatives of subordinate Lodges. In the course of the proceedings the Grand Master announced that anticipating his action would be confirmed by Grand Lodge, he had remitted to Memphis, New Orleans, Vicksburg, Jackson, and Port Gibson one hundred dollars each, or a total of five hundred dollars, towards the relief of the sufferers by the yellow fever. On the motion of Past Grand Master Nickerson, the action of the G. Master was confirmed, and a sum of five hundred dollars voted to replace the amounts so forwarded by him. Bro. Sutton in approving of the G.M.'s action, was pleased to add that he would increase the sum thus appropriated by another hundred dollars. With the exception of noting that arrangements were made for Grand Lodge to attend the funeral of Bro. Welch, Past G.M. of Nebraska, as already described, we need add nothing as to the other business which took place, as the interest attached to it is of a purely local character.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 4th December 1878.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 4th September 1878 for confirmation.

2. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.

3. Appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

4. Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

5. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the year ensuing.

6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz.:—

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The Orphan Daughter of a Brother of the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, Brighton	100	0	0
A Brother of the Royal Athelstone Lodge, No. 19, London	100	0	0

7. 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 15th November inst., shewing a balance in the hands of the Trustees of the late Grand Treasurer of £3,542 18s 9d; in the London and Westminster Bank £985 1s 10d; in the Bank of England £1,822 10s 3d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £96 15s.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, *President.*

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8. Proposed Motions.

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(8.) Alter "three pounds" to "five pounds" and add at the end, the words "or to any country in which they have been established or have friends."

(10.) After the words "Certify in Writing" add "on a form to be from time to time settled by the President and Vice-Presidents of the Lodge of Benevolence and the Grand Secretary.

(16.) Alter "two pounds" to "five pounds."

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THE CONSECRATION OF THE ETHELBERT CHAPTER ROSE CROIX.

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

A SPECIAL Meeting of the Supreme Council, 33°, of England, Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown, was held at the Masonic Rooms, St. Peter's-street, Canterbury, on Monday, 18th November, for the purpose of perfecting candidates in the 18th degree, and to consecrate a Chapter Rose Croix, under the title of the Ethelbert Chapter, to be held at Canterbury, when the following members of the Supreme Council were present:—Capt. N. G. Philips 33° Lieut. Grand Commander, J. M. P. Montagu 33° Grand Chancellor, Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke 33° Grand Secretary General, H. D. Sandeman 33° Grand Secretary Foreign Correspondence; as well as Samuel Rawson 33° Deputy Inspector General S.E. District, Lieut.-Col. Somerville Burney 32° Director of Ceremonies to Supreme Council, Dr. W. Deamer 30° M.W.S. of the Excelsior Chapter, New Zealand, R. Joynes Emmerson 30°, Professor E. M. Lott 30°, Rev. J. Branfill Harrison 18°, Alex. H. Dee Barres 18°, Horatio Ward 18°, and Capt. Charles J. Hamilton 18°.

The Supreme Council Chapter Rose Croix having been opened, the following brethren were perfected by Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke 33° Grand Secretary General:—Herbert T. Sankey P.M. No. 31 P.P.G.S.W. for Kent, F. Hughes Hallett P.M. No. 709 P.P.G. Reg. for Kent, John Hemery P.M. No. 31 P.P.G.J.W. for Kent, Philip Higham P.M. No. 31 P.G.J.W. for Kent, Francis F. Giraud P.M. No. 133 P.P.G.J.D. for Kent, John M. Goldfinch P.M. No. 133 P.P.G.J.D. for Kent, James D. Terson P.M. No. 199 P.P.G.S.D. for Kent, George Page P.M. No. 1209 P.G.J.D. for Kent, Charles Holttum P.M. No. 31 P.P.G.S.W. for Kent, Major Philip H. Knight P.M. No. 31, Frederick Leith P.M. No. 483, Robert L. Harrisson No. 1206, Richard Harrisson jun. No. 1206, Rev. F. G. Jagg No. 133, Arthur C. Plater No. 1206, Edward Lokey No. 199, and James S. Harris No. 1209.

The Consecration and Dedication of the Ethelbert Chapter was then proceeded with. The brethren having assembled in the Hall, and formed the Arch of Steel—the Supreme Council 33° entered in order. The Lieutenant Grand Commander (Capt. N. G. Philips) assumed his seat, and the Warrant of the Ethelbert Chapter having been read, he gave the Declaration of Constitution, and Consecration and Dedication Address, and the Grand Marshal proclaimed that the Chapter had been consecrated.

The Ceremony of Installation then followed. Illustrious Bro. R. Joynes Emmerson 30°, Most Wise Sovereign Designate, was presented, and very ably and impressively installed by Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke 33° Grand Secretary General; after which the Most Worshipful Sovereign appointed and invested the Officers of the Chapter:—Rev. T. Branfill Harrison High Prelate, Lieut. Alex. H. Dee Barres First General, Horatio Ward Second General, James D. Terson Grand Marshal, Arthur C. Plater Raphael, Charles Eaton Herald, Francis F. Giraud Captain of the Guard, Richard Harrison jun. Recorder, George Page Director of Ceremonies, John Wilson Outer Guard.

Bro. Herbert T. Sankey was unanimously elected Treasurer of the Chapter.

The Most Wise Sovereign then expressed the acknowledgements of the Chapter to the Illustrious Brethren present, members of Supreme Council, for the honour conferred in their attending to consecrate the Chapter, and a proposal that a vote of thanks be entered upon the minutes, and that for their excellent and valuable services they be elected honorary members, was carried by acclamation. Also that the thanks of the Chapter be given to Illustrious Bros. S. Rawson 32°, Lieut.-Col. Somerville Burney 32°, Dr. W. Deamer 30°, and Professor E. M. Lott 30°, for their services in assisting in the ceremony of consecration, and that they be elected honorary members of the Chapter.

A committee was next appointed to draw up the Bye Laws; and propositions were made for reception of candidates at the next meeting of the Chapter. The ceremony was then concluded. All business being done, the Chapter was closed in due form. After which the brethren adjourned to the Fleur-de-lis Hotel, where the members of the Supreme Council, the visitors and members of the Chapter, numbering thirty-three, were hospitably entertained at a handsome banquet by the Most Wise Sovereign Illustrious Bro. R. Joynes Emmerson 30°, and where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed.

The Lieut. Grand Commander, in returning thanks for the health of the Supreme Council, congratulated the Chapter on the very admirable way in which it had been fitted up, and in the excellency of all the arrangements; results which were chiefly attributable to the skill and energy of the Most Wise Sovereign, and of Bro. Horatio Ward 18°, one of its founders.

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CONSECRATION OF THE CASTLEMARTIN LODGE, No. 1748.

INSTALLATION OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

UNDER the genial reign of the present Provincial Grand Master South Wales Western Division, Bro. Col. Lloyd Philipps, and his worthy Deputy, Bro. Lord Kensington, M.P., Freemasonry is making progress in the Western Counties, and this progress is not confined to an increase in the number of those belonging to the various Lodges, but the members of the Craft in the Western Counties of South Wales are awaking to their duties in supporting the Charities, which are the glory of our Order. It is not long since Bro. J. Beavan Philipps took up the onerous duty of Steward for the Boys' School; although he only received proper encouragement from the members of his own Lodge, he still held on, and took up a fair sum, when the condition of the Province is considered. The following year he not less successfully advocated the claims of the Girls' School, and he has been worthily and successfully followed in the good work by Bro. Aaron Stone, a brother whom to know is to admire, while he in turn is followed by earnest and serious Bro. Margrave, who this year is working for the "Old Folks." But it is not to chronicle the doings of these brethren that we write, it is simply to place on record that if they found a little difficulty in stirring up the men of Pembrokeshire at first, these latter brethren are now pushing forward; they give their subscriptions, and not content with that, they open Chapters, for was not the Hwlferdd recently consecrated at Haverfordwest? Have not the Tenby brethren obtained a Charter to open another at that delightful watering place? And on Thursday, the 21st, Bro. Col. Lloyd Philipps had the pleasure, assisted by Bro. Lord Kensington, his Deputy, of consecrating the Castlemartin Lodge. The day was delightfully fine, and brought a large number of brethren into the pleasant old town of Pembroke, which, in the neighbourhood of the Assembly Rooms, where it is intended to hold the Lodge until a building of their own is built, was gaily decorated with banners. At the hour of twelve the brethren assembled, and those who were not members of Provincial Grand Lodge entered the Lodge room, when Lodge was opened by Bro. Edwin Thomas, Worshipful Master of the Loyal Welsh Lodge, held at Pembroke Dock, in the same borough, but separated by about a mile from Pembroke. The Prov. Dir. Cer. having marshalled the Prov. G. Officers, the Prov. G. Tyler announced the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy and Officers, who were received in proper form, by those in the Lodge. The chair was taken by Bro. Col. Philipps Prov. G.M., supported by his deputy Bro. Lord Kensington D. Prov. G.M., Bros. W. J. Morgan Prov. S.G.W., Howell Davies Prov. J.G.W., J. Jenkyn Jones Prov. S.G.D., and a very large number of other Provincial Grand Officers Past and Present. Bro. Szlumper P. Prov. S.G.W., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. E. Hamer Prov. G. Sec., having read the warrant of the new Lodge, the Prov. G.M. directed his Deputy to withdraw with the W.M. designate to prove his fitness for the office. Bro. Kensington having declared Bro. the Rev. D. Bowen duly qualified, the Prov. G.M. consecrated the Lodge in ancient form. He then proceeded with the installation of Bro. the Rev. D. Bowen as the first W.M. of the Castlemartin Lodge. In the course of the ceremony the Prov. G.M. took the opportunity of remarking that this was the first time he had had the pleasure of installing the first W.M. of a Lodge in his Province, and he very cordially wished the Castlemartin Lodge a prosperous career, and the W. Master a happy year of office. Bro. Bowen having been duly saluted in the three established degrees, and addressed by the Installing Officer, then appointed Bros. John A. P. Adams S.W., W. Murray J.W., R. Millar Sec., Ward Davis S.D., R. George J.D., J. W. Penny I.G. The brethren unanimously appointed Bro. R. E. Morgan Treasurer, who was duly invested by the W.M. Bro. G. Tracy was appointed Tyler. Several nominations were made, and the congratulations of a very large number of visitors were showered upon the new W.M., with the best wishes of all present, Nothing further having been proposed, the Lodge was closed. There was a dinner afterwards, at the Lion, capitally served by the host and hostess, to which about ninety brethren sat down, and where brotherly love and kindness prevailed until the breaking-up, caused by the departure by train of the Prov. G.M. and his Officers. It transpired during the day that a charter had been granted about forty years ago to another Castlemartin Lodge, but this, for some reason, had never been consecrated. Many were the warm wishes expressed that the present Castlemartin should be as long-lived and prosperous as the former was premature and unfortunate.

BRO. WOOLF LYONS, a well-known inhabitant of Margate, died suddenly of heart disease on Saturday, 16th November, at his residence, 4 King-street, Margate. He was initiated into Freemasonry by his friend, Bro. John Thomas Moss P.P.G.R. Middlesex, at the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, Hampton, Middlesex, on 15th February 1872, and continued a subscribing member to his death. He steadily refused all solicitations to take office in the Lodge. However, he did good suit and service last July by representing the Lodge as its Steward at the Boys' School, and making himself a Life Governor of that noble Institution. He was a popular brother, and was well liked by all who knew him. He leaves a widow to deplore his loss. He was about to serve as Steward to all the Masonic Charities, and become a Life Governor of each. He was buried in London. A large circle of relatives and friends were there to pay their last sad respect to him.

CONSECRATION OF THE LANDPORT LODGE AT PORTSMOUTH.

IN the presence of a large number of the members of the ancient Craft, the interesting ceremony of the constitution of this Lodge, and the installation of the W.M. Bro. Richard J. Murrell, was performed on Wednesday, 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, which had been kindly lent for the occasion by the Portsmouth Lodge. The brethren assembled in the spacious Lodge at 2.30, and shortly afterwards the R.W. Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., with the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. Hickman, and other Grand Officers past and present took their seats on the dais, Bro. H. M. Emanuel P. Provincial G.S. Warden being appointed to the Senior Warden's chair, and Bro. Dr. Wilks, of Ryde, Provincial G. J. Warden, taking the other chair. The Lodge having been duly opened, the P.G.M. said they were met together on a most interesting occasion, and he availed himself with great pleasure of the opportunity of attending, because it was not the first or second time that he had had the honour of being in Portsmouth for a similar purpose. Before he had the privilege of presiding over that province he was called upon by the late Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis to assist him in constituting a Lodge in this locality, and he had also then been entrusted with the power of conducting the ceremony. Since he had been P.G.M. he had also had the gratification of constituting a new Lodge in the town of Portsmouth, and he was glad to be able to say that both Lodges were thriving and flourishing. He had, therefore, unusual pleasure in attending to constitute another Lodge, which he had little doubt would flourish in a similar manner. He knew full well that Portsmouth was a large and important focus for Freemasonry. The energy and ability of Freemasons in this town were so great that they naturally felt that there was further scope needed for the exercise of those qualities, and as their numbers increased from time to time it necessarily followed that new Lodges should be required. It was always gratifying to a Provincial Grand Master to constitute a new Lodge, especially one which he was convinced would be properly and efficiently supported. In the present day, as in the past, it should be the aim of brethren to do all that lay in their power to support a Lodge after it had been constituted. That was best done by holding fast to the principles of their Order, and not by adopting principles disassociated from the past, or by thinking that through their own exertions they could introduce some new system of Freemasonry. That had recently been done in another country, to the great sorrow of those who had been Freemasons for a long time, and who loved and revered the traditions of the past. He strongly deprecated tampering with the fixed principles of the Craft, and the introduction of innovations. This would be a rash proceeding, and one which could not commend itself to them. Those Freemasons who were assisting in the foundation of a new Lodge had a serious duty to perform, and they should deliberately consider what were the leading principles of Freemasonry, take them to heart, and put them into practice with the greatest sincerity and energy. He commended to them, in the first place, reverence for the Great Architect of the Universe, and in the next place, unity and brotherly love, based upon that principle of charity which exists to such a great extent in their institution. Charity, they were told, consisted not merely in relieving distress or in assisting the widow, the orphan, or the aged in their time of need, but also in that spirit of brotherly love pervading all their relations in life and assisting them to become better members of society. Such, he trusted, would be the principles that would govern all their public and private relations in life. The Prov. G. Secretary Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre then read the petition and warrant for the new Lodge; and an oration upon the nature and design of Freemasonry was delivered by the Prov. G. Chaplain the Rev. S. Scott. The ceremony was afterwards proceeded with, Bro. Pillow presiding at the harmonium, and the consecration hymn being "Great source of Light and Life." The imposing ceremony completed, the P.G.M. installed Bro. R. J. Murrell as W.M. The W.M. then appointed Bros. John Clark S.W., C. G. Adames J.W., E. S. Main P.M. Secretary, J. Lillywhite P.M. Treasurer, and G. A. Green P.M. Director of Ceremonies. In the course of the proceedings the P.G.M. said that they were reminded of the uncertainty of life by the fact that one of the founders of the Lodge, Bro. E. G. Holbrook, had departed from amongst them. The P.G.M. added that he was a most respected brother, not only amongst the Masons of Portsmouth, but also in the Provincial Grand Lodge, where he had held office; and it was a source of deep regret to them that he had gone from amongst them. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the P.G.M. for his kindness in attending, and for the ability with which he had conducted the ceremony.

In honour of the event the W.M. of the new Lodge, Bro. R. J. Murrell, entertained the Prov. G.M., the Provincial Officers, and a number of the brethren at a banquet, which was served in the hall under the Lodge. The catering was entrusted to Bro. George Bond P.M., by whom an excellent bill of fare was provided, the wines being also of the first quality. The "founder of the feast," Bro. R. J. Murrell, occupied the chair, and the vice chairs were filled by Bros. Clark and Adames.

The chairman in submitting the toast of the Queen and the Craft, said that in assemblies of good and true-born Englishmen the toast was one which required very few words to commend it. When he spoke of their beloved Sovereign, the mother of their Grand Master, it was a name they all revered, for during her reign of many years this country had been prosperous and happy. The Chairman next proposed the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Knowing the interest which his Royal Highness manifested in their Ancient Order, the toast required few words by way of introduction. While they hoped that the day might be far distant when the Prince of Wales would be called upon to rule over this country, they knew that when that time came he would do his duty to their satisfaction. (Applause.) The Chairman afterwards gave the R.W. the P.G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Bro. W. W.

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B. Beach, M.P., Constituting and Installing Officer, and the V.W. the D.P.G.M. Bro. Hickman, and the Officers of P.G. Lodge past and present. He regretted that the P.G.M. had been obliged to leave in order to catch a train, and expressed his obligations to him for his kindness, and also to the Officers in coming there to constitute the Lodge. The toast was received with great enthusiasm. The D.P.G.M in response, said that it had afforded the P.G.M. considerable pleasure to constitute the new Lodge under such auspicious circumstances. Indeed he (the D.P.G.M.) did not remember any Lodge which had been constituted with such favourable prospects, and the gratification felt by the P.G.M. was therefore shared by every brother present. (Hear, hear). The P.G.M. had been confined to his house through indisposition, and that had been the first time he had left it on any business purpose for some time past. It must have given an exceptional degree of pleasure to the P.G.M. to have added to the number of his Lodges in the province one that came into working under such circumstances as did Lodge 1776. The province was steadily increasing, not only in the number of its Lodges, but in the number and importance of the brethren; and he trusted that satisfactory state of things would long continue. He hoped and believed that the new Lodge would work in harmony and in the true spirit of Masonry with the Lodges in the neighbourhood, as well as with those of the Province generally. It was a great happiness to him to be able to come among the brethren in that district, for he had had experience in past times of their uniform kindness towards those in positions of authority, which might at times be accompanied with a certain amount of anxiety to fulfil their duties in a way not only beneficial to the Craft, but acceptable to the brethren in their particular province. He felt satisfied that the W.M. would have a happy year of office, heartily wished every success to the Lodge, and, in conclusion, expressed his belief that the W.M., at the end of his term of office, would receive the congratulations of the brethren, as he most heartily deserved them. (Applause). Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.S., replying for the Provincial Officers, expressed obligations to the W.M. for the magnificent entertainment he had provided. For years past Portsmouth had been pre-eminent in its devotion to Masonic principles, which he hoped were not confined within the four walls of the Lodge, but were, to the best of their ability, extended outside. In a short time that would not be the junior Lodge, for one was about to be constituted in Southampton, and it would be very gratifying to the Southampton brethren who were present to have the Portsmouth brethren with them on the 12th of December, to assist them in carrying out those fraternal feelings which they were associated together to promote. The W.M. was well known in Portsmouth for his ability in another Lodge, and the higher rank he had assumed would afford gratification to the brethren over whom he presided. Bro. Murrell would prove a useful addition to the long and honourable list of Masters and Past Masters, and he was proud to be the mouthpiece of the Provincial Officers in wishing him a prosperous year of office, and in hoping that the new Lodge might succeed, even beyond their expectations, in disseminating the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. (Applause.) The Mayor of Portsmouth Bro. W. D. King, who was received with great cordiality, said that he was very pleased to be present that evening and regarded that first meeting of the new Lodge as a happy augury of a number of pleasant reunions. He proposed the toast, the Worshipful Master Bro. R. J. Murrell, and success to the Lodge (Applause), expressing his conviction that the W.M. would occupy his position in a dignified yet humble spirit—dignified, in that he would maintain order in the Lodge, and humble, in that he would be always ready to receive advice from his seniors. The toast did not need many words to commend it to their hearty approval, especially to those who knew Bro. Murrell as intimately as he did. He was a sterling friend and possessed great energy, and he had no doubt that those brethren who had been the means of inaugurating the Landport Lodge had selected him as the most fitting brother in the town to fill the important position, because they knew that if he took a thing into his head he would carry it out. He was sure that Bro. Murrell would retire into the Past Master's chair with all the honour and credit that would most certainly be his due. (Loud applause.) The chairman made a feeling response, trusting that the Lodge would work harmoniously, prove a centre of Masonry, and extend its beneficent influence far and wide. The other toasts were the W.M.'s and representatives of neighbouring Lodges; the Visitors; the Officers of the Lodge; and the Tyler's toast. During the evening some capital harmony was contributed by several of the brethren.

The Provincial Grand Master was attended by the following Prov. Grand Officers:—Bros. W. Hickman 130 D.P.G.M., Dr. A. Platt Wilks P.M. 698 G.J.W., Rev. W. Scott 394 P.G. Chaplain, G. Dymot P.M. 394 P.G. Reg., M. E. Frost P.M. 487 and 1069 P.G. Treasurer, J. E. Le Feuvre 130 P.G. Secretary, J. Harrison P.M. 804 P.G. Superintendent of Works, G. Bond P.M. 487 P.G. Sword Bearer, G. Pack W.M. 175, and J. Whale P.M. 309 P.G. Sts., J. Excell Tyler.

On Thursday evening the first regular meeting of the new Lodge was held, under the presidency of Bro. Murrell, when the usual routine business was discussed, and numerous propositions for initiation and joining were made.—*Portsmouth Times and Naval Gazette.*

La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, has removed from the Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, to the Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, Regent-street, where the members have secured very commodious and comfortable quarters.

Special Advent Services will be held at St. Anne's Church, Soho. Bach's "Magnificat and My Spirit was in heaviness," will be sung, with orchestral accompaniments, under the direction of Mr. Barnby, on Friday, 6th, 13th, and 20th December, at 8 o'clock. Tickets may be obtained of the Churchwarden, Bro. J. E. Shand, 2 Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, S.W.

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"CHARITY;" IS IT "GIVING?"

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to the strictures of "A MASONIC ENTHUSIAST," on my letter to you under this heading I can assure him that I neither was, nor am, desirous, either "in haste" or at all, sure, to "demolish your series of correspondents," or any one of them. On a subject so important as that under discussion, I am gratified at seeing so many brethren communicating their views and notions, and while claiming the free expression of my own opinions, I am fully prepared to accord a respectful consideration to those of others with whom I fail to agree. The fault I ventured to find with "A MASONIC ENTHUSIAST"—and with the large number of whom I cannot help accepting him as a type—was, not that he absolutely ignored Masonic Charity, but that he placed it on a level much lower than that of charity in connection with the popular world. This I gathered from his previous letter, and his second only confirms the impression I formed. He says that no one in his Province experiences greater pleasure than himself in subscribing his annual mite to the Masonic Charities; and, lower down, he gives it as his opinion that this is as acceptable to the G.A.O.T.U. as the hundred guineas of the brother of large wealth. Now, surely that unfortunate "widow's mite" has been made to do duty long enough. I should like to know on how many occasions it has been tendered in lieu of sterling coin; how many times it has been quoted, and pleaded in justification of the most limited exercise of practical benevolence? But, apart from this, I contend that your correspondent proves my case; that there is a very large class in Freemasonry which regards every other charitable claim as paramount to that of Masonic Charity—the outer world first, Masonry next—whereas I, and those who think and feel with me, reverse the order. I do so for this, to me, extremely simple and cogent reason—I became a Mason voluntarily; in the earliest stage, I was informed, in plain terms, what I ought, and ought not, to expect, and was closely examined as to the motive by which I was actuated. I was then told that above all other virtues there was that of *Charity*; that the rich abounded in the Craft, but that there were also many who were reduced to a state of poverty and misfortune, and that in *their behalf* appeals would be made, &c. Pleading inability, I made certain promises, which I have ever since felt bound to do what in me lies to fulfil them—to what extent is a question to settle with my own conscience, as it is for every brother Mason. Of course, no one is called upon or expected to do anything that may prove detrimental to himself or connections, or more than his circumstances in life may fairly warrant. The little I have been enabled to do has been the result of my having always regarded, as a *Mason*, all other charitable claims as subservient to those of Masonry, and I continue to do so. Herein is the point of contention between the class of which I am one, and that class with which "A MASONIC ENTHUSIAST" associates himself, and it may be that these will go on in parallel lines with no possibility of ever meeting.

My ability to discuss this question impartially shall be matter of opinion, but I altogether demur to the statement that my point of view is *necessarily very different from nearly all the rest of the Craft.* My experience has fortunately proved that I can claim the concurrence of a very large minority at all events, and I hope to live to see this minority converted into a majority. I conceive it to be my duty to enlist support by all legitimate means, from every quarter to which I have the privilege of appealing, and no less my duty fairly and dispassionately to combat the arguments of those who do not give themselves, and who, by example may influence others.

Whether St. Paul was a "brother" or not I have not the slightest idea, but that he was eminently cute and practical is proved by his "dictum" as quoted by your correspondent, to the general applicability of which I have no possible objection.

"Big Stewards' Lists" *are* most desirable, and I believe are attainable without peril, such as that pointed at. May their realisation be a dominant idea amongst energetic brethren, both Metropolitan and Provincial.

If Charity begins at home, there is no reason why it should end there, and I applaud those who, *while they possess the means*, extend their bounty to others not so fortunately situated as themselves. Should unforeseen adversity overtake them, they are not to be censured for the generosity they exhibited in happier and more prosperous days, and in such instances as alluded to by "A MASONIC ENTHUSIAST," more ready sympathy and assistance will be forthcoming than in the cases of those who, resolutely setting their faces against appeals, when it was in their power to contribute, may by accident or misfortune be placed on the lowest spoke of Fortune's wheel, and compelled to seek aid from the very Institutions the claims of which they never recognised. Many such cases have occurred within my own personal knowledge!

As to the prominent instance adduced of a Brother "enjoying a comfortable life income of a £1,000 per annum, possessing more than one Charity jewel" (there must be some mistake here), "leaving his family almost wholly unprovided for, they having to seek Masonic assistance," I should like to know to what extent Masonry is to be held responsible for a state of things so deplorable. The services necessary for the attainment of a Charity jewel *and Bars* would not involve an

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outlay that could be considered as approaching extravagance in a man with an income of £1,000 per annum.

To the question "Charity; is it Giving?" I emphatically answer "Yes." Most certainly there is a Charity apart from giving, but that sublime attribute we are not discussing. To answer the question in the negative would be destructive of all efforts to mitigate the effects of that evil which we are told shall never cease out of the land, and which when endured by Masons must be relieved by the aid of Masons!

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

25th November 1878.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—"OLD FILE," in issue of CHRONICLE for 23rd November, says he *thinks* Bro. Godtschalk is wrong in assuming that Bro. Radclyffe had suggested compulsion in reference to subscriptions to the Charities.

'Tis a pity "OLD FILE" only thinks when, with a little more trouble, he might be assured.

A sentence placed between inverted commas should mean a quotation. The words quoted by me in CHRONICLE were so placed, the full text of this quotation is as follows:—"Would it not be an easy matter to *compel* every Lodge to subscribe, say, one-third of their subscriptions." The original of this quotation, here rendered *verbatim*, can be seen in Bro. Radclyffe's letter in CHRONICLE of 26th October last, and which "OLD FILE" evidently has overlooked. However, he will find it under the head of "Correspondence," and will then, I hope, admit, in this matter, nothing has been assumed.

"OLD FILE" refers to another portion of my letter, in which attention is called to cases I mildly termed undeserving; but this he is pleased to describe as a *serious allegation* against the General Committee.

I take the facts to be these; then point to another little error that, in some unaccountable manner, has crept into "OLD FILE'S" letter—Provided the petition of a candidate for one of the Charities is in accordance with the laws of the Institution; that it is in every way regular, vouched for and signed, the General Committees do not specially investigate each case on its merits. This function they possess, doubtless; but to exercise the power would be an endless, unthankful, and impossible task.

The real executive is the Secretary of the Institution. He it is who would act and promptly take steps to have a case removed should falsehood or unworthy motives be detected after a petition had been accepted, or he would cause it to be removed from the list, even after the election, if such was the case. But the undeserving cases I referred to were not of this class, but cases in which the mischief is done before the petition reaches the General Committees, by the injudicious action of those who first get up the petition and bring the case forward, irrespective of whether the candidate stands in need of the aid of the Charity, but simply because they happen to be qualified, and that to get on the Fund, or into the Schools would be so much gained, and this possibly to the detriment and exclusion of the really deserving and sometimes nearly penniless who happen to be without influence or friends.

It is to the former class reference is made, *as the undeserving cases*. To no neglect of the General Committee or the Secretaries—they are wholly blameless. How is it possible for them to judge of individual merit? Cases coming as they do, not only from the United Kingdom, but from all parts of the world. To give some idea of the watchful care of the Secretaries of the Institutions, that no case gets elected or placed on the lists if misstatements or falsehoods in a petition can be detected, I here relate the circumstances of a case which came under my own knowledge.

A petition had been sent up for the Benvolent Fund. It appeared all regular, and was duly signed, &c., &c. It passed the General Committee, and the petitioner was placed on the list. The usual election was approaching; in fact, so close was it, that voting papers had been sent to the Secretary's office filled in for this candidate, and signed for polling; when it came to the knowledge of the Secretary of the Institution, that this candidate was in receipt of a Government pension far exceeding in amount the annuity sought, and that the petition which had been accepted in good faith by the General Committee contained a gross falsehood. The Secretary promptly and thoroughly investigated the matter, and found the petitioner had been for some time, and was then, in receipt of a pension largely in excess of the annuity, rendering this person ineligible as a candidate. I need scarcely say, the Secretary at once took steps to remove the case from the list. Now, say the candidate was ignorant of the law of the Institution that declares an applicant must not be in possession of an amount of more than a given sum to be eligible for the fund, what are we to think of the brethren, the *friends* of the candidate who got up the case and forwarded the petition. They surely knew the particulars as to the position in life of the petitioner. *Their own status* in Masonry necessitated the knowledge on their part of the law of the Institution,—that a person in receipt of a certain sum per annum could not be eligible for the annuity. Had this case not been detected, the candidate would in all probability (from the influence at work) have been elected, and would have received the annuity at the expense of perhaps some poor and deserving candidate to whom it might mean the annuity or absolute want. Comment is superfluous; but the facts I vouch for. I am, however, charitable enough to believe cases of the character described do not often occur. My allusion, therefore, to undeserving cases getting elected to one or other of the Institutions has nothing to do with the General Committees or the Secretaries. The onus is not with them, but with those injudicious brethren who get up petitions for wrong candidates; those who from social position could do *without* the aid of the Charity, but from influence or clamour get to the front, whilst the really deserving in some cases go to the wall.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES GODTSCHALK,

P.M. 70 and 1255.

CHARITY STEWARDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am at a loss to understand why the above could not be reduced to one guinea, charging the brother who acts as Steward for his dinner, the same as any other visitor. Thus reducing his expenses, and, in the case of provincial brethren unable to attend, doing away with the feeling that they were wasting money. I believe if our three worthy Secretaries were to take this into consideration they would find more brethren anxious to represent their Lodges.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

WM. C. PARSONS P.M. 180.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Excuse me again trespassing on your valuable space, but I am sure you will give me the opportunity of removing what appears to be a misunderstanding on "OLD FILE'S" part. I had no wish or intention to limit the subscriptions of all Masons to a standard,—as there are many better able to give 100 guineas than others to spare one. I wished it to be understood how small a sum would be required from each, and that it should be every Mason's duty before "refreshment" to consider it a virtue to give, according to his ability, and to recollect that "a Mason's Charity" should know no bounds, save those of prudence. Nor do I wish to exclude poorer brethren from the honors of G. Lodge rank, this is not my intention, as I should regret to see a Mason's worth measured by the length of his pocket. I simply suggested—if Grand Lodges were to take the services rendered into consideration, it would be an inducement for many poorer brethren to serve; as, although poor, much good is done by working. No brother should decline undertaking the task of seeking to induce others to give, because he is not able to head his list with a round sum. I have frequently observed that the best lists come from the poorer brethren, who, knowing their own inability, make up for the deficiency by hard work, and inducing others to give. I think the good these brethren do, by making the wants of the Institutions known to many, far greater than the Steward who serves and simply gives sufficient to qualify himself as a Life Governor. I point this out here, as I intended all my remarks should tend to show that no Mason need shirk the duties of Steward on the ground of expense; what he is unable personally to give, he may make up for by inducing others to do. I am afraid I have not succeeded in pointing out my intentions so clearly as "OLD FILE'S" letter leads me to desire; I thank him for his friendly remarks, and I would ask "A MASONIC ENTHUSIAST" to peruse these remarks of "OLD FILE."

Apologising for this encroachment on your space,

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

DICK RADCLYFFE.

23rd November 1878.

AN "OFF" NIGHT AT THE TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your report of the meeting of this Lodge on the 18th instant, it is stated that the frugality of the supper would have rejoiced the hearts of Bro. Dick Radclyffe, "UNION JACK," "OLD FILE," and the rest, who hold "that Masonic Charities would best be served and supported by impracticable self denial and a policy in Lodge arrangements calculated to hinder Masonic human nature from being occasionally made glad by the enjoyment of the good things which a gracious Providence in His goodness and mercy has deemed fit to bestow on His but too frail and erring creatures." I leave Bro. Dick Radclyffe and "UNION JACK" to speak for themselves, but, as far as I am personally concerned, I must repudiate any such notion as that hinted at in the above quotation. On the contrary, I am convinced it is man's duty to enjoy the good things which Providence has deigned to bestow on his creatures. In a letter you did me the honour to publish in your columns of the 19th October, I wrote:—"I rejoice to say I am very partial to good living. I should be a fool if I were not. I hold that the good things of this life which a benign Providence has bestowed upon us should be enjoyed, and enjoyed freely—though not to excess—as well as thankfully." Herein lies the gist of the whole matter. In that letter I had been criticising three balance sheets sent you by "UNION JACK" for publication, the result being that I found £650 had been spent in "Refreshment, &c." and £20 in Charity. Well, supposing the three Lodges had limited their expenditure under the former head to about two-thirds of their receipts from all sources, I can hardly imagine they would have enjoyed themselves less, while there would have been £150 available for our Institutions or for other Charitable purposes. There was nothing mean, or of which I need have any reason to be ashamed,

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..when I drew attention to the huge disproportion between £650 spent in feasting and merrymaking, and £20 voted for Charitable purposes. Any attempt to deprive Freemasonry of its festive character would be a capital mistake, and would do incalculable injury, but let the festivity be kept within modest limits, instead of absorbing all, or nearly all, our Lodge Funds, as would seem to have been the case in the three Lodges whose balance sheets I criticised.

It is not a little amusing that while your report speaks of the "frugality" of the supper, the *Sunday Times* reporter remarks that those who remained to partake of it, had no reason to complain, "as the 'off' night at the Tranquillity would be esteemed a 'gala' night at many of our Masonic gatherings." However, it is satisfactory to know the brethren enjoyed themselves, and as Tranquillity has a considerable Benevolent Fund of its own, I for one begrudge them nothing.

Fraternally yours,

OLD FILE.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There are two subjects to be brought forward at the meeting of the Grand Mark Lodge, on Tuesday next, which have attracted a good deal of notice, and I ask a small space to remark on them.

The proposed alteration in clause 63 of the Book of Constitutions will, I am sure, act prejudicially upon the Order. At present we are almost certain of a good class of men to rule over our Mark Lodges, and we feel that this is especially necessary in an Order which has not the status of the Craft, and of some other Masonic degrees. The proposed alteration, to do away with the qualification of a candidate for the Chair, having previously been installed Master in a Craft Lodge, if carried out, will open the door to a worse qualified set of brethren to fill the Mark Chair. Observation convinces me that if the "Recommendation (a)" is confirmed, we shall soon have brethren ruling some of our Mark Lodges who would never be elected to the chair of a Craft Lodge, simply because Masons, as a rule, think the Mark Degree comparatively of no moment. This will be a fatal mistake on the part of our rulers, who should do all in their power to elevate, or at least maintain, the ground we hold.

The other proposed step to which I take exception is the plain for establishing an Educational Fund for the children of necessitous Mark Masons. We are told that this is not for the purpose of aiding "indigent" brethren. For whom then? It seems to me that this will be pauperizing the Order. If a brother is so needy as to be unable to pay for his children's education, at such a time as this, when excellent educations can be procured throughout the length and breadth of England for merely nominal payments, I do not think he ought to have indulged in the expense of taking the degree. Would it not be better to expend the money in establishing foundations or scholarships at one or both of the Universities, or even book prizes, open for competition to boys in the Masonic Schools, who are sons of Mark Masons?

I am sorry to be unable to attend Grand Lodge on Tuesday, where I should have been glad to have heard these questions discussed, but I do hope nothing will be done in haste, especially as regards the alteration of Constitutions.

I am, yours fraternally,

27th Nov. 1878. A MARK W.M.

LORD CARNARVON'S MARRIAGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The approaching marriage of our Pro Grand Master having been announced in the papers, would it not be well to take steps to enable the Craft to present to his Lordship some tangible token of their high appreciation of his services? I would, with all deference, suggest that a list be opened with a subscription limited to 5s, so as to bring it within the means of every brother on the Roll, and that the result be expended in the purchase of a piece of plate, of suitable design, to be presented to our Pro Grand Master in open Grand Lodge, or at a special banquet in his honour.

I am, yours fraternally,

T. B. W.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked as under:

At the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, Westbourne, 1 Craven-road, Paddington, on Monday, 2nd December. Bro. George Davis J.W. 167 W.M. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Heath, Nevitt, C. Powell, West, J. Powell, Maillard and Reynolds. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Coop, Micklethurgh, Redderforth, G. Read, Dutton. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Eborn, Gellion, Sones. Bros. G. Read Preceptor; G. Davis Sec. The Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock precisely.

At the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, the Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, on Tuesday, 3rd December. Bros. Collings 1585 W.M., Passford 1158 S.W., Whitley 946 J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Fane, Stevens, Fortune, Holloway, Leaper, Griffiths and Cull. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Carter, Wise, Collings, Farwig and Passford. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Radcliffe, Smith and Collings. Bro. A. Withers 211 Hon. Sec. At 7 p.m. precisely.

At the Great Northern Lodge of Instruction, No. 1287, Berwick Arms, Berners-street, W., on Thursday 5th December, at seven o'clock.

CAPPER LODGE, No. 1076.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 14th ult., at "The Marine Hotel," Tidal Basin, Victoria Docks. The Lodge was opened shortly after 2 p.m. by Bros. J. White W.M., P. Brien S.W. W.M. Elect, P. McCarthy J.W., B. Brayshaw P.M. Treas., J. Mitchell Hon. Sec., H. Taplay S.D., J. T. K. Job J.D., W. Dorton I.G., M. Sherwin Organist; also Bro. E. West P.M., Holliday P.M., and numerous brethren. The minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. A committee was elected for the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge. Bro. P. Brien, W.M. Elect, having been presented by Bro. J. Dorton I.P.M. to the W. M. J. White, for the benefit of Installation, was installed into the chair of K.S. in a very able and impressive manner. On the return of the brethren the W.M. invested as his Officers Bros. J. White I.P.M., P. McCarthy S.W., H. Taplay J.W., B. Brayshaw P.M. Treas., J. Mitchell Hon. Sec., J. T. K. Job S.D., W. Dorton J.D., P. Nevins I.G., A. Mann D.C., R. Brown and W. Harvey W. Stewards, and M. Sherwin Org. The W.M. then, in appropriate terms, presented the I.P.M. Bro. White with a P.M.'s jewel. Bro. White briefly thanked the brethren. Bro. White announced his intention of acting as Steward. He spoke as follows:—Worshipful Master and Brethren,—"For the good of Freemasonry in general and this Lodge in particular" I would like to say something about this Lodge becoming a Vice-President of the Aged Freemasons' Charity. I would like each brother to give me 7s 6d between this and February; 2s 6d this month, 2s 6d next month, 2s 6d in January, or the whole amount now, or a promise to pay this small sum. Brethren, this Lodge can become V.P. of the R.M.B. Institution. Reflect on this; for 7s 6d either of you who might require them would have *ten* votes, whereas, for a member to get two votes only it would cost *five pounds*. Ten votes every year at the disposal of this Lodge! Brethren, you remember my speaking to you and asking you for your votes and interest on behalf of the child of Mrs. Priestley. How many votes do you think I obtained from this Lodge? *Two* from our W.M., and *one* from our J.W.; only three votes from this large Lodge! I know that P.M. Holliday is a thrice-told Governor; that P.M. Dorton is the same; that the wife of one of our P.M.'s gave five pounds for a Life Governorship. Now, I joined the London Masonic Charity Association, to further Mrs. Priestley's child's case. After I had laid it before the committee I noted that a brother on my left stated that, although pledged to support the Committee's "last chance" selections, still, he could not give up some 300 votes he wielded. On this he was assured his case should be carried at the next election if he lent those votes. Now, brethren, what votes could I promise? None. At the Board of Benevolence there is no case comes before it but the question crops up, "What has the applicant done for our Charities?" You may be sure that there is a considerable difference made between the one who has done something and the one who has done nothing. Now, I want you, not only to give me these three half-crowns, but to give me one each quarter-day until such time as this Lodge is V.P. of each of our great Charities. Only think, brethren, that there are nearly 1,800 Lodges, and of these Lodges and Chapters but 200 rank as V.P.'s. In four years we should have cleared off the three Institutions, and by that time I venture to think we should count our Life Governors by the score. Your good example may ultimately be followed by other Lodges; in fact, a V.P.'s Wing to the Royal Benevolent Institution might be the result of such an effort; and the time may come when the candidates for our Order might qualify for the "three degrees" more fully by taking up three Life-Governorships. The effort can hardly be elevated into a sacrifice, the sum being so trifling; yet how noble the result! Lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to the Milk-street Restaurant, Cheapside, for the banquet, to which about seventy sat down. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the toast "The Queen and the Craft;" "God Save the Queen" was sung by Bro. Sherwin Org. The toast "H.R.H. M.W.G.M." then followed. Song—"God Bless the Prince of Wales." The other Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. P.M. White then proposed the "W.M." He alluded to the earnest manner in which Bro. Brien had always worked for the Lodge, and the excellent impression he had made upon the brethren, as evinced by his unanimous election. He had joined the Lodge at a most opportune time, and had ably filled a gap, year by year, to his own credit and the welfare of the Lodge. The W.M. briefly replied, and then proposed the toast of the P.M's., naming White and J. Dorton, who replied in suitable terms, as also did P.M. Gaskell, at considerable length, and P.M. West, Holliday, Day, &c. The W.M. next gave The Masonic Charities, which the Capper Lodge was proud to have at all times recognised as worthy of its utmost support. He coupled the name of Bro. J. Terry P.M. P.G.J.W. Herts, Sec. R.M.B.I., with the toast. Bro. Terry, who was received with cheers, said he would recall to the memory of the brethren those beautiful words of our Lectures, "That Charity is the best test, and the surest proof of the sincerity of our religion." No doubt this was deeply impressed upon the hearts of all, especially when Bro. White I.P.M. made so earnest an appeal that afternoon for support for the Masonic Institutions. Brethren, our Masonic Institutions are, as you will readily perceive, most unique in themselves. Any other charitable institution can plead, and often successfully, over an unrestricted area, for support, whereas those of the Craft cannot appeal to the general world, and have, in consequence, a far less extended circle from which to enlist support. We are limited to the benevolence of the Craft only, for the support, clothing, and education of 220 boys, 200 girls, and 295 aged people. Now, as business men, let us try and estimate what amount of capital ought to be supplied, year by year, by the generosity of the Craft, for the daily support of over 700 souls in our Institutions. Each girl costs to educate and clothe £30 per annum, each boy £44. There are 150 annuitants at £40 per annum, 135 at £50 per annum, and 13 widows are receiving £20 per annum for three years. Thus we are committed to an annual expenditure of over £10,500 for the aged people, £9,000 for the boys, and £7,000 for the girls. Such is the magnitude of the work to be done each year; and, speaking of working expenses,

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I am happy to inform you that an independent actuary has declared our working expenses to be low; indeed, upon a lower scale than any other collecting charitable institution you can name. Our Charities, brethren, are not only unique in their deriving support from the Craft alone, but are unique in that they are unfortunately dependent upon the generosity of a small minority only for support to carry out their good work. Of the Craft we may estimate 100,000, who, allowing a deduction of one quarter to cover duplication of membership, if they would subscribe only 5s per annum to each of our three Institutions would yield £50,000 and upwards. If they gave only 5s to one, which I think within the range of all, what a noble increase would be made to our resources. It is, indeed, only the minority who support us, for out of 210 or 215 candidates, I find only 18 of the parents had subscribed, and yet they were admitted, being deserving. Brethren, could I tell you, or could you witness what I do, I feel you would remember the lesson taught us at our initiation, when our ability to assist the cause of charity was so forcibly brought home to us; and now that you are possessed of the means, give as you are able, and the Masonic Institutions would never have to refuse admission to a candidate, and would become a pattern to all charitable institutions. An opportunity now presents itself. Place in Bro. White's hands what you have to give, that he may give a good account in February next. He has to-day appealed to the Capper Lodge for the support of each brother. He asks each of you to give 2s 6d a month till January, so that by February he may take up sufficient money to the R.M.B.I. to constitute the Capper Lodge a V.P. of that Institution. The idea is good, and likely to increase in good works. You can, by this simple means—1st, place your W.M. a member of the Committee of Management, and thereby aid your candidates, and then make your Wardens *ex officio* V.P.'s of the Institution. Brethren, is not this something worthy of the Capper Lodge, to have the great credit of starting so excellent an idea? The means of attaining this object are simple—a glass of beer less occasionally will afford sufficient to carry out the suggestion of one you are all so justly proud of, and enable him to continue the good work the Capper Lodge has done. I remember Bro. Holliday P.M. brought up nearly £100 from the Capper Lodge. The golden opportunity is now yours; do not let it slip, or the credit of it be taken away by others. In response to this appeal, £30 was guaranteed by the brethren at the table to Bro. White's list. The health of the Visitors was next given, and received with enthusiasm. After several had replied, the Officers was given, and met with a bumper. Each of the Officers having spoken, the Tyler's toast brought a very memorable evening to a close. During the proceedings some excellent songs were sung by Bros. Catchside, Stephens, and Sherwin Organist, who greatly enhanced the pleasure of the evening by his accompaniment of the songs and selections. The Visitors were Bro. J. Terry P.M. Sec. R.M.B.I., Wren 50, Balls 77, Ives 781, Jolly 913, Catchside 1063, Reeves 1437, Clapp 1437, Stephens 1623.

PORTLAND LODGE, No. 576.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge and installation of the Worshipful Master, on Monday, the 9th ult., was the occasion of a large gathering of the brethren of the "mystic tie." Upwards of forty members of the Craft were present, including visitors from the Grange, Wannon, and other Lodges. The Lodge was opened in due form, Bro. J. L. Archer P.M. presiding. Masonic business was transacted, including the "passing" of a Brother. The ancient charge having been read, and all brethren under the rank of P.M. having retired, a board of Installed Masters was formed. There were present Bros. Archer, Browning, Hayward, McConachy, Portland Lodge; Bro. Kinch, Grange Lodge, Hamilton; Bro. Bailey, Wannon Lodge, Coleraine; Bro. J. J. Martin, All Nations' Lodge, Clones; and Bro. Liddle. The ceremony of installation having been performed, the newly installed Worshipful Master Bro. Ednott Barbank was greeted by his Fellows, and the Board of Past Masters closed. Master Masons and Fellow Crafts were then severally admitted, and the brethren saluted the Worshipful Master according to ancient usage. Bro. Barbank then proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing twelve months, as follows:—Bros. Hayward I.P.M., Lowe S.W., Beath J.W., Jones Treasurer, Browning Secretary, Barton S.D., McEachern J.D., Chapman D.C., Tattersall and T. McConachy Stewards, Hayden I.G., Hayward Tyler. The ceremony of installation was very ably performed by Bro. Archer, the several charges being given in an impressive and perfect manner. The Lodge having been closed the brethren and their visitors sat down to the customary banquet, which was catered in excellent style by Mr. Lewis, Percy-street. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. Barbank; the vice-chairs being occupied by the Senior and Junior Wardens. Due justice having been done the "good things" provided, the Worshipful Master gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, including the Queen and the Craft, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England. Song—Bro. Hayward—"The British Lion." The S.W., Bro. Lowe, very briefly proposed the District and Provincial Grand Masters, to which Bro. Kinch responded as a Past Provincial Officer. Song—Bro. Brown—"Gentle Annie." Bro. Hayward gave The Sister Lodges throughout the world. Bro. Thurman, Wannon Lodge, replied to the toast in a very appropriate and pithy speech. Masonic Song—Bro. E. Barbank. Bro. Archer proposed the Health of the newly installed Worshipful Master of the Lodge. He spoke very highly of the exertions made by the W.M. on behalf of the Lodge, and all agreed that he would discharge the duties of his high and important office in a most commendable and efficient manner. Masonic Song—Bro. S. McConachy. Bro. Barbank, in reply, said it gave him confidence when he found he had the assistance and good-will of all the brethren. During his connection with the Lodge he had been assiduous in the discharge of his Masonic duties, and he hoped that under his rule the Lodge would continue to prosper. He urged a regular attendance at meetings, more particularly at Lodges of Instruction, as every brother should endeavour to render himself competent to hold office in the Lodge. Bro. Barbank pointed out the benefits and advantages accruing from a strict adherence to the tenets and usages of Masonry, and strongly deprecated the admission of unworthy men into the ranks of the Masonic Order. Kindly reference was made to the services of Bro. Browning, Secretary of the Lodge, whose Masonic knowledge was not equalled in the district. Bro. Chambers, with capital effect and spirit, gave the hunting song, "My Pet Horse." The health of the Retiring Officers was very warmly drunk, and Bro. Hayward, the I.P.M., acknowledged the toast on their behalf. Comic Song—Brother Bailey—"Studying Economy." Bro. Barbank proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. Archer. He said although the lateness of the hour prevented any long introduction to the toast, yet it required none. The zeal and ability displayed by Bro. Archer in the working of the Lodge, and the able and impressive manner in which he that evening conducted the installation ceremony, were noted and duly appreciated by the brethren, and he (Bro. Barbank) hoped that the Officers and members would long continue to have the benefit of Brother Archer's advice and assistance. Song—Brother Barbank—"Let us speak of a man as we find him." Bro. Archer made a capital speech in reply to the toast, which was very heartily received and drunk. He tendered good advice to the Officers as regards their duty, if they desired the Lodge to prosper and be regarded with respect, always inculcating the great principles of Masonry, brotherly love, truth, and charity. He sincerely thanked them for the manner in which his health had been drunk, and would strive to aid in every measure for the good of the Lodge. Masonic song—Bro. Hayward. Bro. S. McConachy gave the Visiting Brethren, a toast always well received at the Portland Lodge. Bros. Brown Grange Lodge, Bailey Wannon Lodge, and J. J. Martin All Nations' Lodge, returned thanks for the kind attention shown them that evening. Bro. Beath gave the Ladies, which it is needless to state was received enthusiastically. "Here's a health to all good lasses" being sung by the company. The Tyler's toast was then honoured, and the brethren separated after spending a pleasant evening.—*The Portland Guardian*, 12th September 1878.

DEATH.

At the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. S. Hurdle, Greenwich, on the 25th ult., Bro. H. T. FISHER, P.M. of the St. George's Lodge, No. 1152.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Thomas W. White in the chair. There were also present Bros. Griffiths Smith, E. Letchworth, H. Massey, W. Bailey, Henry Muggeridge, F. Adlard, W. H. Farnfield, Charles Lacey, John A. Rucker, R. B. Webster, J. B. Scriven, E. H. Hewitt, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. The petitions of nine candidates were accepted, and three deferred. A letter from Mrs. Jardine was read, thanking the Committee for their condolence with her on the loss of the late Bro. Charles Jardine, her husband, who was drowned in the Princess Alice. Bro. Hedges reported the receipt from the Mansion House Committee of the purchase money for one of the orphan girls of Bro. Grinstead, the captain of the Princess Alice. The Committee afterwards adjourned.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE P.G.L. OF ARMAGH.

DUNDALK, Thursday.

YESTERDAY, pursuant to due notice, the Quarterly Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Armagh, which embraces representatives from about thirty Lodges, comprised within the counties of Armagh, Louth, and Monaghan was held under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master. The Most Worshipful Maxwell C. Close, D.L., M.P., Drumbanagher Castle, Representative in Ireland of the United Grand Lodge of England, at the Masonic Hall of this town. He was supported by V.W. Bro. Francis Scott, M.D., as Senior Warden, V.W. Bro. Andrew K Young, J.P., as Junior Warden, and Worshipful Bros. Sydney Jackson, John Galbraith, William Shimeld Young, J. Hease, Past Grand Officers, and a fair attendance of the brethren of the Province. V.W. Bro. Geo. Hill Smith Grand Secretary read the minutes of last meeting at Clones, Co. Monaghan, which were confirmed. After which the installation of the following Grand Officers for 1879 was proceeded with by the Grand Master:—

V.W. Andrew K. Young, J.P., Monaghan, G.S.W.
" Robert Heron, Castleblaney, G.J.W.
" Richard Harvey, Drogheda, G. Treasurer.
" Geo. Hill Smith, Armagh, G. Secretary.
W. Bro. Rev. Aug. R. Young, Rector of Ballybay } G. Chaplains.
" Rev. E. M. Holden }
" Arthur Wynne Horne, G. Organist.
" John Galbraith, Dundalk, G.S.D.
" M. M. Rutherford, Ballybay, G.J.D.
" C. M. Tranter, Armagh, G.I.G.

Very Worshipful Bros. R. Harvey and W. Leonard were re-elected Representatives at the Board of General Purposes, Grand Lodge of Ireland; and Bros. J. Hease and R. Turner on Board of Instruction. After routine business, some very interesting matters to the Craft were introduced, and decisions arrived at, after which the Grand Lodge closed in peace, love, and harmony, and the brethren subsequently dined together at the Hotel of Bro. Williams, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master.

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GLOBE.—At 7.15, DELICATE GROUND. At 8.5, LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE.

HAYMARKET.—At 8, THE RIVALS. On Monday, THE CRISIS.

STRAND.—At 7, OUR CLUB. At 9.15, NEMESIS.

GAIETY.—At 7, HAPPY VILLAGE. At 7.45, PAUL PRY. At 9.15, YOUNG FRA DIAVOLO.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, A WHIRLIGIG. At 8.0, OUR BOYS, and A FEARFUL FOG.

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ADELPHI.—At 7.0, SARAH'S YOUNG MAN. At 7.45, PROOF, &c.

PRINCESS'S.—NUMBER TWENTY; or, the BASTILLE OF CALVADOS.

OLYMPIC.—At 7, THE RENDEZVOUS. At 7.30, THE TWO ORPHANS.

ROYALTY.—At 7.30, CHECKMATE. At 9, OVERPROOF. At 10.30 FARCE.

STANDARD.—At 7, JANE SHORE, FAMILY JARS, &c.

DUKES.—At 7.15, AN AWKWARD AFFAIR. At 8, MISS MULTON.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.45, CUPS AND SAUCERS. At 8.30, H.M.S. PINAFORE. At 10.30, BEAUTIES ON THE BEACH.

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GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND THE *COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE BRITISH CROWN.*

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THE HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION OF THIS GRAND Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Tuesday, the 3rd of December 1878, when and where all Grand Officers (Past and Present), W. Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Overseers of private Lodges are hereby summoned to attend, and at which, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be present.

Grand Lodge will be opened at five o'clock p.m.

By Command, FREDERICK BINCKES, Grand Secretary.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

HER Majesty the Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice and suite, reached Windsor from the North on Friday morning. The Premier paid a visit to Her Majesty during the afternoon. On Saturday H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught arrived at the Castle, and left on Sunday evening for London. On Monday Her Majesty conferred the honour of Knighthood on Mr. F. Leighton, having previously invested him with the Gold Medal and Chain of Office of President of the Royal Academy. On Tuesday the Queen and Princess Beatrice paid a visit to the Duchess of Cambridge at St. James's Palace. On Wednesday several gentlemen, including the ex-Lord Mayor of London, were introduced to Her Majesty by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, and received the honour of knighthood.

Three Cabinet Councils have been held. The first on Friday afternoon, at which it was decided to recommend the Queen to summon Parliament for Thursday the 5th December, the second on Monday, and the third on Thursday. It is stated that the Queen will not open Parliament in person.

The Sarmatian, with the Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise, arrived at Halifax on Saturday night. The passage had been a rough one, and the Princess was very sick. The patent births were a failure. The vessel was three days out when the Marquis and the Princess made their first appearance on deck for a short time. On arriving off the York Redoubt, on Saturday, the Governor General and his wife landed to enjoy a short rest at the Admiral's house. The official landing took place on Monday. The Royal party stepped on shore at exactly the same spot at which the Prince of Wales landed eighteen years ago. They were received officially by the military and naval authorities, and with much enthusiasm by the public at large. The Duke of Edinburgh was in the procession by which the Princess and the Marquis of Lorne were accompanied from the dockyard to the Provincial Hall, where the ceremony of administering the oaths of office was gone through. Salutes of guns from the Citadel, the forts, and the ships made generally known the interesting fact that an heir of the Argyll family had for the first time become the actual ruler of British America. In reply to the address which was presented to him the Marquis of Lorne thanked the people of Halifax for their devotion to the Throne, and mentioned the fact that there the Duke of Kent had passed many years of a soldier's life, and there two of his grandchildren had come that day. The Governor General of Canada and the Princess Louise left Halifax on Wednesday morning for Montreal, which it was expected they would reach on Friday, as they will stop at two places for the night on the journey.

Another terrible disaster has occurred off Dungeness, where, about midnight on Monday, a collision took place

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between the German mail steamer Pommerania and an iron barque, the Moel Eilian, which was in ballast. The night was dark and foggy. The steamer was so badly injured that she gradually filled and sank; the Moel Eilian had a large hole stove in her bows; but she made for Dover, where she is now in dock. The Pommerania had boats sufficient to save all who were on board, who are believed to have numbered 220, but one of them was swamped, and two others were crushed. Others were floated, and 172 persons were saved by a Scotch steamer, the Glengarry, which was passing and saw the rockets from the mail steamer. The captain was supposed to have gone down with his vessel, but a telegram states that he was picked up by the City of Amsterdam and taken to Holland. In a dense fog on the Mersey a ferry-steamer was carried against a vessel anchored in the river, and several passengers were thrown overboard. It is believed that fifteen lives were lost in consequence.

Julius Heizburg, a wholesale jeweller, has been committed for trial on a charge of fraudulent trading. The prisoner commenced business in 1874 with a capital of £100, and in July last failed for nearly £10,000. He appears to have obtained large quantities of goods from various London jewellers, and to have immediately pledged them.

On Friday three men were buried alive by the falling-in of the top of a tunnel near the new station at Fairlie on the line of railway which is to connect Glasgow with the watering place at Largs. Two more men were seriously injured.

A summons taken out by Mr. John Balieff, charging a police sergeant with an assault in Piccadilly on the evening of Lord Mayor's Day, has been decided at the Marlborough-street Police Court. The evidence of Mr. Balieff was corroborated by Mr. Thompson, a law student, who declared that the conduct of the police outside the Criterion was perfectly scandalous. The magistrate did not consider the charge substantiated, and dismissed the summons, remarking that it would be impossible for the police to do their duty in a crowd if every person who happened to be roughly used had the right to render the police liable for the injury caused to him.

Several members of the Metropolitan Board of Works went down the river, on Saturday, in order to collect samples of the water at the time when it would be most likely to be contaminated with sewage from the Outfall Works at Crossness. Their object is to decide the question raised by Captain Calvert in his report to the Thames Conservators, and by others, whether the discharge into the River is injurious and offensive. The specimens taken, which are reserved for chemical examination, were turbid, but without swell. A meeting of watermen and lightermen of the Thames was held on Saturday to protest against the report of the Wreck Commissioners in the Princess Alice case. Resolutions were passed denouncing the report made by Mr. Balguy, and his assessors, and instructing an opposition to be presented to the proposed new Thames Navigation Bill.

The British troops are rapidly continuing their advance in the Khyber Pass. They occupied the Chagai Height, commanding Ali Musjid, without opposition; and after an engagement, chiefly with artillery, the fort of Ali Musjid was occupied, the enemy having evacuated the place some time before, leaving behind the tents, guns, and war material. General Browne reports that the British loss was not serious. It is stated that the place was a scene of great confusion on the entrance of our troops. Considerable additions had recently been made to the forts, and the garrison appeared to have been prepared for a long siege, but when their position was turned the Ameer's troops took to flight, most of them leaving their arms behind them. Behind the fortress was a standing camp, which was taken as it stood. A number of the Afghans have been captured, including many officers, but they have since been released. A telegram has been received from the Viceroy, stating that Dacca has been occupied without opposition, and telegrams from other sources state that the tribes from Jumrood to Jellalabad have revolted against the Ameer. The Khurum Fort has been occupied by the British forces. The garrison fled to Peiwar, and the English troops encamped in the Valley. The principal inhabitants welcomed our soldiers, and brought them provisions. Another message states that supplies are being received on all sides. The Maharajah of Cashmere has offered to send a contingent to our help, but has been told that the greatest service he can render will be to watch the Afghan frontier of his territory. The occupation of Pisheen is confirmed, and two English officers have visited the largest villages, where they were received in the most friendly manner.

A remarkable scene was presented by the City of Rome on Sunday, in its reception of the Royal Family on their return from Southern Italy. The enthusiasm of the people was very warmly expressed, and the King and Queen, full of emotion, again and again came on the balcony at the Quirinal to bow their acknowledgments to the crowds in the streets who hailed them. Prince Charles opened the Roumanian Chambers on Wednesday with a speech, in which he remarks upon their newly-acquired independence, and the steps taken to occupy the Dobrudscha. He hopes that the Constitution will be remodelled, and tells the Deputies that "posterity will remember accomplished facts." The Emperor William in reply to the Address of the Prussian Chamber of Deputies, after thanking them for their devotion to his person and the Royal House, says he intends to return shortly to his Princely vocation, to which he will the more readily devote himself as he is certain of finding in the Chamber a clear comprehension of his efforts for the tranquil development of the Fatherland.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—The regular Convocation and Installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Monday, the 25th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Comps. W. Littaur M.E.Z. in the chair, P. Dickinson J., S. N. Abrahams P.Z. Treas., W. H. Gulliford S.E., L. Lazarus S.N., H. P. Isaac P.S.; P.Z.'s Comps. J. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, S. Lazarus, E. P. Albert, S. Pollitzer. After preliminaries, ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. Simmons No. 1017, G. Hobinstock 1017, F. Gianelli 167, W. Howard St. Barnabas, E. Goeberon No. 193, and J. E. Walters (previously accepted), who were duly exalted into R.A. Masonry by the M.E.Z., whose working was perfect; he was assisted by the Companions, who rendered the ceremony solemnly and impressively. The Installation of Principals then took place, and Comp. W. Littaur (who had been re-elected) was inducted into the chair. The M.E.Z. invested the Principals and Officers:—Comps. P. Dickinson H., L. Lazarus J., S. N. Abrahams Treas., W. H. Gulliford S.E., I. P. Cohen S.N., H. P. Isaac P.S., Smith P.Z. Janitor. The M.E. in investing his Officers addressed pertinent remarks to each. The report of the auditors was read and adopted; it showed a balance in favour of the Chapter of a goodly amount, this being without the fees for exaltations of the evening. Propositions were handed in to the S.E. Comp. S. Pollitzer P.Z. said he had great pleasure in being the medium for a presentation to the M.E.Z., who had been re-elected that evening for the third time to the chair, which he so worthily occupied. The presentation consisted of an elegant watch with suitable inscription. The M.E.Z. in eloquent terms suitably acknowledged the valuable gift, and also the kind expressions uttered by the P.Z. and endorsed by the brethren. The resignation of two Companions was tendered, and accepted with regret. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions—forty-seven in number—sat down to a sumptuous and *récherché* banquet, provided by Bro. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. Silver. The M.E.Z., after grace had been said, proposed the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts. Comp. S. N. Abrahams proposed the health of the M.E.Z. Whatever had been said of him he deserved; they had seen how he had impressed the Companions who had been exalted, and they also must have seen how ably he had performed his duties. All were gratified to see him for the third time in the chair. The M.E.Z. thanked Comp. Abrahams for his kind expressions; he hoped at the expiration of his third year of office to merit their continued approbation. The M.E.Z., in proposing the health of the Exaltees, remarked it was a red letter day in their Chapter to have so many candidates, all of them respected and introduced by tried Companions; he was sure each would be a credit, not only to Freemasonry, but to the higher degree they had just entered. Comp. J. Walters responded to the toast. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, and Comp. A. M. Cohen P.Z., late 188, returned thanks, followed by Comps. W. Stevens, Kidder, Gardner, and Max Littaur. The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of the P.Z.'s, with it he would associate Comp. J. Lazarus, whose name was on their Warrant, and Comp. E. P. Albert, who had filled the chair two consecutive years; the others had done every duty required of them. Personally he had to thank Comp. J. Lazarus, to whom he was indebted for the position he then held Freemasonry. After a reply from Comp. S. M. Lazarus, the remaining toasts, comprising the Treasurer, H. and J., P.S., and the rest of the Officers, were given and acknowledged; the Janitor was then summoned, and the Companions separated after passing a very agreeable evening. The visitors were Comps. W. B. Kidder 12, W. Stephens P.Z. 862, A. M. Cohen P.Z. late 188, J. O. Gardner, M. Littaur late 188, Wolf No. 21.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 27th ult., at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. K. Harris W.M., T. W. C. Bush S.W., D. Moss J.W., Gotthelf P.M. Prec., J. K. Pitt Sec., T. B. Biddle S.D., Woodward I.G. The usual preliminaries having been arranged, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Walker as candidate; this was followed by the ceremony of passing, with the same candidate. Bro. Moss worked the first section of the lecture. Bro. Bush was elected W.M. for next Wednesday, at 7 o'clock.

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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, 30th NOVEMBER.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R. C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent-street, W.

920—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1463—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 2nd DECEMBER.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 13 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
846—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.)
1435—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Trafalgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1969—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

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.
155—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
361—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, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
623—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1008—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1060—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
1061—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1064—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1134—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1280—Skelmersdale, Queens Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
1575—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick.
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 605—De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
R. A. 874—Holmesdale, Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.

TUESDAY, 3rd 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, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
179—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.)
788—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
909—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1301—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
1393—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, N.
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
1656—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1693—Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N.

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
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.
148—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.)
244—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Bridgham, Devon.
293—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
403—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
454—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
473—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
505—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.
702—Eastbourne, Subscription Rooms, Strand, Gloucestershire.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
804—Carnarvon, Mason's Hall, Bryneglwys.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Liverpool
908—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
914—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Leighton Buzzard.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
1004—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Bedcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1346—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Pontefract, 156 Derby-street, Bootle, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1486—St. Elen, Castle Hotel, Amlwch.
R. A. 209—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M. M. 181—Walton, Assembly Rooms, St. Anne-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 4th DECEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, at 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30. (Instruction.)
815—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1365—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney.
1687—Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields.
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot.
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham.
295—Harmony, Masonic Room, 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.
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
580—Harmony, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction.)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno.
756—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy-bridge, Devon.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick.
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester.
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. (Instruction.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.
R. A. 677—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
M. M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 5th DECEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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. (Instruct.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
730—Panmure Gen. L. of Inst., Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, S.E.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1340—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruct.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
36—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire.
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
266—Naphtalia, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Haywood.
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden.
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.
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire.
360—Pomfret, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
536—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
559—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.
795—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.
816—Rose, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale.
915—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland. (Instruction.)
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1301—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster.
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1544—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkies Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stanley Trafford, Bucks.
R. A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
R. A. 561—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-street, Openshaw, near Manchester.
R. A. 754—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
R. A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
M. M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 6th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
21—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
167—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instructive.)
186—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
444—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
812—Burgoyne, Red Lion, Hampton Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 78 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)

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1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1296—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1428—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road, N.
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (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, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.
650—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Instruction.)
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
966—Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool.
1005—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh.
1335—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1529—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1964—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.

SATURDAY, 7th DECEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
92—Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
141—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
185—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1372—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1822—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Final Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

To Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Scribes of Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c.

BROTHER M. MILLINGTON, 25 Colliergate, York, S.D. of Eboracum Lodge 1611, is making a collection of Lodge Circulars, Toast Lists, Menu cards, &c., and would feel grateful to the officers above named if they would forward him copies of the same.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 25th inst. Present—Bros. Tolmie W.M., Pearcy S.W., Wing J.W., Fenner Sec., Powell S.D., J. Millington I.G. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—FIRST LECTURE—Fenner, Pearcy, Millington, Pearcy, Hallam jun., Sadler, and Powell. SECOND LECTURE—Hallam jun., Powell, Hallam sen., Sadler, and Fenner. THIRD LECTURE—Wing, Pearcy, and Trewinnard. On the resumption of the Lodge, Bro. McClean, of the Confidence Lodge, No. 198, was elected a member. A vote of thanks was cordially voted to the W.M., and those brethren who had so ably assisted him in working the sections. After which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 26th November. Bro. Sparrow W.M., Moss S.W., Daniel J.W., Roberts, Hollands, Hamilton, Brown. Bro. Brown answered the questions leading to the third degree, and was duly raised, the W.M. giving the Traditional History and the lecture on the Tracing Board. The second degree was worked, Bro. Hamilton candidate. Bro. Moss was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. Bro. Sparrow was unanimously elected Preceptor for the ensuing year. Bro. Maidwell Treasurer, and Hollands Secretary, were re-elected. An Audit Committee was appointed; it will consist of the following:—Bros. Daniel, Brown, and Hamilton.

Prudent Brethren, Lodge No. 145.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 26th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Bros. D. Haslett W.M., J. Leggott S.W., Lister J.W., G. S. States P.G.S. Sec., C. A. Woods J.D., J. Chinnery I.G., A. D. Kerrall D.C., J. Read Steward, T. Bull P.M., &c., E. H. Thiellay P.M. Visitors—Bros. W. H. Fraser Prov. Grand Chaplain Dublin, J. Turner 907, Hayes 619, Hirsch, H. M. Levy. After the minutes were confirmed, the resignation of two brethren was accepted with regret. Pursuant to notice of motion previously given by Bro. J. Boyd P.G.P., who was unavoidably absent, Bro. T. Bull P.M. proposed, and Bro. G. S. States seconded, that the sum of ten guineas be given to the Wentworth Little Memorial Fund. The election for W.M. resulted in Bro. Leggott S.W. being unanimously chosen. Bro. J. Boyd P.G.P. was re-elected Treasurer (16th time), and Bro. Grant Tyler. After an acknowledgment from Bro. Leggott, the Audit Committee was appointed. Bro. T. Bull P.M. proposed that the sum of 10 guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge for the purpose of presenting the W.M. with a P.M.'s jewel for the able manner he had discharged his duties in the chair, as an appreciation of the regard and esteem in which he is held by every Bro. in the Lodge. This was seconded by Bro. Kerrell, and carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed until the fourth Tuesday in January, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The W.M., in genial terms, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts; he regretted the absence of Bro. J. Boyd. Bro. T. Bull proposed the health of the W.M., who gracefully replied. Bro. Bull responded for the P.M.'s, and Bro. G. States for the Treas. and Secretary. The Officers were in due course complimented, and after other toasts had received attention, the proceedings were brought to a close. The harmony of the evening was enhanced by the excellent singing of Bros. Porpe, Curtis, Turner and Hall, and Bro. Fraser P.G.C., who gave a very excellent reading.

Lodge of Lights, No. 148.—A meeting was held on Monday last, at the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington. Present—Bros. Joseph Pickthall W.M., J. Rymer Young S.W., C. E. Hindley J.W., John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Sec., John Armstrong P.M. Treas., James Paterson S.D., Thomas Grime J.D., Arthur Peake I.G., Thomas Domville Tyler, P.M.'s Bros. William Sharp P.P.G.J.W., Thomas Tunstall, W. H. Robinson, John Harding; and Bros. Ferguson, Dr. Young, Dr. Joseph, Dr. Mackie, Wallhead, Kinsey, W. Burn, Thomas Jones, John Laithwaite, Morris, Gibbon, G. F. Carson, &c. Visitors—Bros. James Kenworthy S.D. 1565 and James Farrington 1250. After due observance of formalities the W.M. called upon Bro. Secretary to read the bye-laws according to annual custom. The choice of W.M. for the ensuing year fell unanimously upon the Senior Warden, Bro. J. Rymer Young. Bro. Armstrong was re-elected Treasurer. Auditors and Tyler having been elected, a Ball and a Banquet Committee was formed. A Past Master's gold jewel was unanimously voted to the outgoing W.M. After some further routine business the Lodge was closed with the usual solemnities.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 168.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington N., Saturday, 23rd November. Bros. H. Hall W.M., Brand S.W., Brasted J.W., Gilham S.D., J. Millington J.D., Spencer I.G., Killick Sec., Pearcy Preceptor. A large number of the members were present to do honour to Bro. H. Hall, he being an old member of the Lodge, and it being his first appearance in the chair. During the evening a well-deserved vote of thanks was unanimously accorded him. The business consisted of the rehearsal, in a very satisfactory manner, of the initiation ceremony. The first four sections of the degree were afterwards worked by Bros. C. Lorkin, Hallam sen., Fenner, and Hallam jun. Bro. Brand will preside this evening.

Caveac Chapter, No. 176.—The installation meeting was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, City, on Saturday. J. B. Sorrell Z., W. M. Goss H., C. Browne J., and others opened the Chapter. Afterwards Comp. P. A. Nairne P.Z. installed W. M. Goss Z., C. Browne H., the J. elect being absent through illness. The ceremony was well done. The Officers are F. Walters P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex P.Z. Treas., J. B. Sorrell jun. S.E., A. Middlemass S.N., R. P. Tebb P.S., S. Powcooby 1st A.S., H. Boyson 2nd A.S., C. T. Speight Janitor. Bros. R. Strong, J. Soper and H. Soper were exalted. The ceremony was beautifully rendered. A Past Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. J. B. Sorrell P.Z., for his able services rendered to the Chapter. Business ended, the Chapter was closed, and adjourned to meet on 22nd February 1879. Banquet followed. The Visitors were Comps. W. A. Barrett and W. J. Stride.

Beaconsfield Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 205.—The brethren of this Lodge met at "The Chequers," Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Saturday, the 16th November. Bro. D. M. Dewar P.G.M.O. opened the Lodge for the W.M., and the minutes of the last Lodge and audit meetings were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for six brethren, which proved unanimous in their favour. Four of the candidates being present were regularly introduced and advanced into the Order, according to ancient form and custom. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, Bro. Binckes G.S. being the Installing Master, Bro. W. T. Christian, the W.M. elect, was then installed, proclaimed, and saluted in due form. The W.M. appointed the following brethren his Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. J. Pinder I.P.M., W. C. Claridge S.W., W. Groome J.W. and Treasurer, W. G. Hallows M.O., T. Franklin S.O., J. S. Badkin J.O., F. Hallows Secretary, E. Laverack R.M., E. Brown S.D., J. M. Hunt J.D., J. H. Cambridge I.G., T. Upward Organist, E. Lane D.C., E. Shephard W.S., W. Gilchrist Tyler. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that a vote of thanks be tendered and recorded upon the minutes of the Lodge to Bros. Binckes and Dewar for their able and efficient services as Installing Officers. The Lodge closed in due form with solemn prayer, and adjourned until the third Saturday in February 1879. After the labours of the evening were ended the brethren sat down to a banquet, at which the usual Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. Bros. Binckes and Dewar responding for the Grand Officers. The toast of the I.P.M. Bro. J. Pinder was ably given and heartily responded to by the brethren, and for his able and efficient services as first W.M. of the Lodge, the brethren, through the W.M., presented him with a very handsome Past Master's Jewel; Bro. Pinder replied, thanking the brethren for so highly appreciating his services, and wishing the Lodge prosperity and success. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Pinder, and responded to. The remaining toasts were then given, and the brethren seperated after spending a pleasant evening.

Lodge of Israel, No. 205.—A meeting was held on 26th November at Canton-street Hotel. Present—Bros. A. M. Cohen P.M. W.M., A. Basington S.W., H. J. Philips J.W., C. F. Hogard P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Essex Sec., C. Cook P.M. P.P.G.O. Middlesex Treas., L. Norden S.D., J. Da Silva Steward, H. Smith I.G., J. Rawles Tyler; P.M.'s W. Silam, M. J. Emanuel, I. P. Cohen. The ballot was taken for Mr. James Millbourn; it proved successful, and that gentleman was initiated. Bro. Elwin John Ward was raised to the sublime degree.

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United Strength Chapter, No. 228.—A convocation of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern. Comp. Jas. Terry M.E.Z., J. A. Winsland H. M.E.Z. elect, Robert Griggs J. H. elect, J. Hillhouse S.E. J. elect, John While S.N., R. H. Halford P.S., C. K. Killick Second Assistant, Thomas Janitor; T. W. Haselgrove, W. J. Pandall, W. G. Hunter, J. Woodman, T. Woodman, J. B. Green, R. Pearcy, Jas. Hill, T. Goode, W. Rowley, A. W. Fenner, A. J. Timothy, J. Stock, W. Moseley, John Gibbs, Jos. Crump, C. Davies, W. Fysh, and H. Paine. The Visitors were Comps. W. J. Cawdell P.Z. 948 St. Barnabas, J. Pigot Hervey Chapter, A. F. Rowley Prudence 12, W. Clarke Royal Savoy. Chapter being opened the minutes of last convocation were read and confirmed. The following brethren were duly exalted:—Bros. H. Paine United Strength 228, George Calderwood Crusaders 1677, Auguste Rose Salisbury 435, Henry George Flaws United Strength 228; the ceremony being impressively performed by the M.E.Z. Comps. Winsland, Griggs, and Hillhouse were then installed as M.E.Z., H., and J. Comp. While being appointed S.E., Halford N., Killick P.S. The latter appointed Comps. Davies and Pearcy his Assistants. Comp. Thomas was re-elected Janitor. The auditors' report was read and proved satisfactory, after which the Chapter was duly closed, and the Comps. adjourned to an excellent banquet, served by the managers of the Guildhall Tavern in their usual excellent manner. The routine toasts were proposed and severally responded to. During the proceedings a handsome P.Z.'s Jewel was presented to Comp. Terry P.Z. by the M.E.Z. in the name of the brethren. The gift was gracefully acknowledged by Comp. Terry. A very handsome pair of vases was also subscribed for, and presented to Comp. Terry by the Comps. The M.E.Z. made some remarks on the kindness of feeling exhibited towards Comp. Terry by all who knew him. He hoped he would live long to enjoy the honours he had so well earned. Comp. Terry made an excellent reply.

Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 22nd instant, at the Head Quarters of the Hon. Artillery Company, Finsbury, Bro. R. G. Webster W.M. presiding. The following Officers were present:—Bros. A. D. Everingham S.W., Captain Durrant P.M. acting J.W., Captain R. Helsham P.M. Treasurer, Captain J. Eglese P.M. Hon. Sec., Quarter Master W. G. Brighten S.D., W. Birdseye P.M. I.G., W. Jolliffe D.C., Lieut. W. I. Spicer I.P.M., and W. H. Honey P.M. The minutes of the last Lodge having been read and confirmed, Bros. Captain Jacobs and James Quarm were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The Lodge was then resumed in the first degree, and the following members of the Regiment were ballotted for, viz., Thomas Blashill, of No. 4 Company; Henry Salaman Harris, of No. 1, Company; Edward Harrison, of No. 1 Company; and Charles Haynes, of the Artillery Division. The ballot proving unanimous in their favour, they were severally initiated into the mysteries of the Order. A ballot was taken for Bro. W. H. Bateman, of the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, which also was unanimous in his favour. Bros. A. D. Everingham S.W. was then elected W.M., and Captain R. Helsham P.M. Treasurer for the ensuing year. A Past Master's jewel was voted, to be presented to Bro. R. G. Webster W.M. on his retirement from office. Several members of the Regiment were then proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and after some other formal business had been disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper. Among the Visitors present were—Bros. J. D. Matthews W.M. Canonbury 657, P. Baylis Eastern 751, F. C. Pelton Lewis 1185, W. F. Gunnell Ivy 1441, and A. B. Cownie St. John's 795.

Buckingham Lodge, No. 591.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 20th November, at the George Hotel, Aylesbury. Present—Bros. J. Adams W.M., T. W. Robinson S.W., G. A. Jeffries J.W., John Williams P.M. Sec, L. Poulton S.D., R. B. Bateman J.D., Rev. W. T. W. Lang I.G., T. Cheshire Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. O. J. Grace, John Lawson, &c., &c. Visitors—Bros. G. Tottle 1501, Rev. H. G. Layton P.P.G. Ch. Gloucestershire. The Lodge was opened, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. H. Martin, a candidate for the third degree, was examined, entrusted, and duly raised to sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. Rev. O. J. Grace P.M. The Lodge was resumed, and Bro. John Williams took the chair, and examined Bro. J. E. D. Ostrehan, who, in due course, was passed to degree of Fellow craft. A petition to the Lodge of Benevolence was signed, and all business ended, the Lodge was closed in ancient and solemn form and adjourned.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On 22nd November, at Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. Gunner (Hon. Sec). W.M., Cuerlow S.W., Goss I.P.M., Cox J.W., Gomm S.D., Tucker Treas. J.D., Talbot I.G., J. C. Roe P.M. Preceptor; Bros. Kyezor and Skinner. After preliminaries, Bro. Kyezor kindly volunteered to act as candidate, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, at the close of which he was called away to attend to a little business connected with Bro. R—'s testimonial, which is ready for presentation at the banquet on 29th instant. Bro. Skinner answered the questions leading to the third degree. The brethren were called to refreshment, after which labour was resumed, and a short discussion took place relating to house affairs. Lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned till 29th inst., at half-past six, when a strong muster of Bro. Roe's admirers is anticipated.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening last, at Bro Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Gilham W.M., Polak S.W., Carr J.W., Braxted S.D., C. Lerkin J.D., McUhan I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor. Bros. Wardell, Weige, J. Lorkin, Collins, and others. The W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Collins as candidate. The Preceptor then occupied the chair, and opened the Lodge in the second degree; Bros. Weige answered the questions, the Lodge opened in the third degree, and Bros. Weige was raised to the degree of M.M., Bro. Braxted giving the traditional history. The W.M. resumed the chair, and Bro. C. Lorkin worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was regularly closed down. Bro. Polak will preside next week.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—On Wednesday, November 27th, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street. Bro. J. S. Brown in the chair. Welsford S.W., Abell J.W., Tate S.D., Knill Abell I.G., Long P.M. and Preceptor, and others. After the confirmation of the minutes the first three sections of the first lecture were worked. Bro. Kidder offered himself as a candidate for passing; was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was then opened up and the ceremony of the second degree ably performed by the W.M. Some of the sections of the second lecture were worked. The Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Welsford elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the ceremony of initiation will be rehearsed.

Whittington Chapter, No. 862.—A convocation was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on 22nd inst. Present—Comps. Thos. Kingston Z., Tinney H., Murlis J., W. Stephens P.Z. Treas., J. Waters P.Z. Scribe E., Jno. High Scribe N., J. Glaskin P. Soj. The Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous convocation confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Bro. Pike of the Master Lodge, which being unanimous in his favour, he was regularly exalted to the degree of a Royal Arch Mason. This being the annual convocation, Comp. Wm. Stephens regularly installed Companion Tinney First Principal for the ensuing year, after which Comp. W. J. Murlis was installed into the chair of H. The installation of Comp. Moore, who had been duly elected to the Third Chair, he being prevented by business from attending, was deferred until a future meeting. The Officers were then invested as follow:—Comps. Wm. Stephens (re-invested) Treasurer, Jas. Weaver (re-invested) Scribe E., Jas. Glaskin Scribe N., W. Grist P. Soj., Geo. Penn First Asst., S. Patterson Second Asst. The business being over, the Companions sat down to a very excellent banquet, and the usual toasts were honoured. Comp. Kingston presided, in the absence of the M.E.Z., who, from professional engagements, had been compelled to leave. The duty of presenting the retiring First Principal with a valuable jewel was entrusted to Comp. Wm. Stephens P.Z., who, in complimentary and feeling language, in the name of the Chapter, placed on the breast of Companion Kingston the insignia of a Past Principal. He, in grateful sentiments, acknowledged the honour. Comp. Massey returned thanks for the Visitors, and the Janitor's toast brought an enjoyable evening to a close. The sum of five guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Masons.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—At the Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road. The Fifteen Sections were worked on the 22nd November, at this Lodge. Bros. Ellis 933 W.M., Barnes P.M. 933 and 554 S.W., Durell S.D. 1349 J.W., Cundick Past Master 1421 I.P.M. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Stamp, Durell, Field, West, Musto, McDonald and Barnes. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Stephens, Berry, Job, Williams and Webb. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Cohen, Maidwell and Taylor. Bro. William Musto P.M. 1349 Hon. Sec. The other brethren present were P.M.'s Bros. Butters, Calverley, Hill, Hogg and Morlock; also Bros. Phillips, Moss, Goldstein, S. Moss, Bone, Saunders, Nurden, Slater, Waterer, Clayton, Lorkin, Hayes, Graveley, Richards, Richmond, Knight, Furness, Burr, Holland and Prestridge. The work was done in the admirable manner for which this Lodge is famous. Afterwards Bros. Saunders 33, Knight 95, Phillips 205, Bone 760, Graveley 598, Goldstein 898, Hayes 898, Holland 1321, Simkins 1421 and Furness 1621 were duly elected members. Bro. B. Cundick P.M. and Preceptor proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded upon the minutes, and that the W.M. be elected an honorary member. He was sure this mark of respect was richly deserved. Individually he had derived very much pleasure from the excellent working of Bro. Ellis, and felt it reflected credit both upon him and upon the Lodge,—carried unanimously. Bro. Barnes P.M. and S.W. in announcing this to Bro. Ellis, expressed his entire concurrence with all Bro. Cundick had said. He had no more pleasurable recollection of the working of the Fifteen Sections than on the present occasion. Having occupied the S.W. chair on very many similar occasions, he was sure that Bro. Ellis had acquitted himself most ably; it moreover, was his first time of working the Fifteen Sections. He also alluded to the perfect working of the brethren, without exception, and felt it a great compliment to hear his own system so ably rendered. Bro. Ellis having replied, votes of thanks to the working brethren followed, and the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044.—A meeting was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Wednesday, the 27th inst., Bro. J. Featherstone was the W.M., Bro. J. J. Hotland S.W., and Bro. F. Read J.W. There were also present—Bros. H. B. Jones P.M., J. G. Carter P.M., C. Digby, W. A. Blackmore, H. C. Newens, J. Frost, P. V. Denham, and A. A. Denham Secretary. The three degrees were worked, Bro. Newens being the candidate for the first and second, and Bro. Featherstone (who resigned the chair for the third degree to Bro. Digby) going through the ceremony of raising. Bro. J. J. Hotland will be the W.M. at the next meeting.

Stamford Chapter, No. 1045. — The regular convocation was held at the Masonic Rooms, Altrincham, on Wednesday, the

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30th inst. Present—Ex.Comp. H. Kenyon M.E.Z., J. Siddeley P.G.S.B. H., H. Goodacre P.P.G.P.S. J., T. H. Kirk P.Z. as S.E. W. H. Wakefield as P.S., Dr. W. Agar Renshaw S.N., J. Worthington Janitor, and Comps. E. G. Simpson P.Z., J. R. England, C. H. Hinde W. Gibson, G. Barker, T. A. Compton, Jas. Hervey, &c. Chapter was opened at 6.30, and the minutes of last regular convocation read and ratified. The ballot was taken for Comp. F. Smith as a joining member, and it proved unanimous. The ballot was taken for Bro. J. Drinkwater, as candidate for exaltation. This also proved unanimous. The Second Principal gave the ancient lecture peculiar to his office, for the benefit of a young Companion, in a very able manner. We have been told that this Chapter works equal to any in the Province, and if this is so, we shall be pleased at some future time to witness its efforts, as we consider it a pleasure to visit where talent is displayed. The business of the evening being ended, the Chapter was duly closed with ancient charge and solemn prayer at 7.30, and the Companions adjourned to refreshment. The toast list on these occasions is short, but the importance of all is felt and duly honoured. The M.E.Z. proposed the first toast, The Queen, followed with that of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family, which were heartily received. To Comp. Dr. Renshaw was entrusted the toast of the Prov. Grand Supt. and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers; with it he united the name of Comp. Siddeley, who replied: He felt proud to respond for the Prov. Grand Chapter of Cheshire and his fellow Officers. He informed the Companions that he had been pleased to receive the distinction he had from their noble chief at last Provincial Grand Chapter at Birkenhead. He expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing the Prov. Grand Supt. Lord De Tabley looking so hale and hearty on that important occasion. He hoped the day would be far distant when His Lordship could not be at the head of the Craft in this Province. Comp. Simpson also returned thanks. Comp. Siddeley, by courtesy of the M.E.Z., assumed the gavel. He had now the pleasing duty to propose the health of the newly elected joining Comp. Smith. He welcomed him warmly into the Chapter, and trusted the work done in it would be to his satisfaction and edification. The toast was warmly received. Comp. Smith, in reply, thanked the Comps of No. 1015 for their kindness in electing him. As he was Third Principal in another Chapter, he hoped his services, which were at their disposal, might be brought into requisition, as at all times he would do his best to promote the interests of the Chapter. Comp. Goodacre proposed the health of the Visiting Companions. He regretted that unforeseen circumstances had prevented Comp. Davies, who had come a long way for the purpose, seeing the Chapter work that evening. He assured the Visitors that there was always a cordial welcome extended to all in the Stamford Chapter. The toast was received very heartily. Comp. Davies, in replying, touched upon many topics interesting to all; the subject of his remarks evoked a lively and pleasing chat, which ushered in the hour for separation.

United Brothers' Lodge, No. 1069.—Bro. Capt. G. Haldane, 33°, P.P.G.D.C. Monmouth, was lately installed as Worshipful Master of this Lodge for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. Mark E. Frost P.M. P.G. Treas. Hants and Isle of Wight, and amongst the brethren present on the occasion were Bros. H. Cawte P.M. P.P.G.W., H. M. Emanuel P.M. P.P.G.W., G. Bond P.M., Starkey P.M., J. Maltby P.M., C. B. Whitcombe W.M. 1705, T. P. Hall W.M. 801, H. Townsend P.M. &c. The newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers as follow:—Bro. J. E. Ivimey I.P.M., R. J. Murrell S.W., M. H. Emanuel J.W., H. J. Guy P.M. Director of Ceremonies, E. Groves P.M. Sec., H. M. Emanuel P.M. Treasurer, J. Gieve S.D., Albert Wendover J.D., W. E. Atkins I.G., D. Whitehall and F. E. Knott Stewards.

De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1161.—A meeting was held on the 20th inst., at the Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester. Present—Bros. James Hargreaves W.M., Sturm S.W., James Burgess J.W., Thos. J. Cowen Secretary, John Hayes Treasurer, R. Dottie S.D., A. Radford J.D., E. H. Bland I.G., J. Meadows Tyler; Past Masters Bros. S. P. Bidder, John Hayes, W. H. Anderton, Julius Aremberg, and W. T. Norton I.P.M.; Visitors—Bros. George Mellor R.W.D.P.G.M. of East Lancashire, Edwin Simpson Provincial Lodge of Cheshire, John Chadwick Provincial Lodge of East Lancashire. The Lodge being duly opened the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed; the E.A. charge was then impressively given to two initiates by Bro. Jas. Burgess J.W. The Lodge was raised, and the ceremony of passing was worked by Bro. James Hargreaves W.M. in a very able manner; the charge being given by Bro. Wm. Sturm S.W. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous respast provided by Bro. W. Y. Smith, of the Zetland Lodge, of the above address, at which Bro. James Hargreaves W.M. presided. After the usual Loyal toasts, Bro. S. P. Bidder P.M. proposed the health of Bro. George Mellor R.W.D.P.G.M. of Masons in East Lancashire, and the rest of the Provincial Officers. He said that every Lodge in the Province rejoiced when the R.W.P.G.M. selected Bro. Mellor for the high position of his Deputy; and the great esteem in which Bro. Mellor was held, not only by the brethren of the Province, but by his fellow-townsmen of Ashton-under-Lyne, who had several times elected him to the highest municipal honours they could bestow, was a sufficient guarantee that he was well worthy of holding the high position he did in the Craft. In response Bro. Mellor complimented the W.M. and his Officers upon the excellent and efficient manner of working in their Lodge, and remarked that during his forty years' experience in Freemasonry, he had seldom seen and heard the ceremony of passing so well done. He urged the brethren to copy the example of their W.M. and his Officers, in being prompt and regular in their attendance. Bro. Simpson, Provincial Lodge of Cheshire, proposed success and prosperity to the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, which was duly responded to. The other toasts usual at Masonic gatherings brought a very enjoyable evening to a termination.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—At Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Thursday, 21st ult. Bros. Abrahams W.M., Hine S.W., Pearey J.W., Fenner S.D., Bolton J.D., Townsend I.G., and others. Bro. Townsend gave ample proof of his proficiency, and was entrusted. Bro. Abrahams vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Fenner. The Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed in a very excellent manner. Bro. Townsend as candidate. Bro. Abrahams resumed the chair. Bro. Fenner worked the first three sections of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hine was appointed to preside at the next meeting.

Burdett Coutts Lodge.—The regular meeting of the brethren of this prosperous Lodge was held on Thursday last, the 21st instant, under the presidency of Bro. C. K. Crouch, the W.M., who was supported most ably by Bros. Sayers S.W., Dr. Defriez J.W., and the rest of his Officers. The muster of members and Visitors was large, numbering in all 34, the majority of whom were in time for the opening ceremony. The business consisted of initiating two gentlemen, Messrs. Johnson and Harrison, and this over the brethren adjourned to banquet. Among the guests present were P.M.'s Brayshaw, Brookes, Finch, Robertson, Hodges, Hughes, Anglis, Tandgrove, Hogarth, and Edwards. The Lodge unanimously agreed to a petition for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be located at the Victoria Tavern, which will be its nearest neighbour. The banquet to which the brethren adjourned was done ample justice to, and the usual toasts were given and heartily responded to.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—The members met on Wednesday, at the Salmon and Ball, Bethnal-green-road, where, in spite of the depressing influence of the weather, there was a fair attendance of members. Bro. Sturtevant, an earnest worker of the mother Lodge, presided, and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. The Lodge was opened up to the third and closed down. Several interesting matters were discussed, and Bro. Chiron was appointed to preside on Wednesday next. We can recommend brethren to pay this Lodge of Instruction a visit; they will find good workers, comfortable quarters, and a fraternal greeting awaiting them.

St. John of Wapping. No. 1306.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Bro. T. Mortlock's, Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, on the 13th ult. Lodge was opened at 6.30 p.m. by Bros. A. W. Coleman W.M., W. H. Hayward S.W., G. Hamilton J.W., R. Hayward Treas., H. T. Hardy Sec., C. Veal S.D., C. Wells I.G., W. Beck P.M., J. W. Dawson P.M., T. Mortlock P.M.; also Bros. J. Horseley, C. Bate, J. Carroccino, H. Harbert, T. Howard, and J. Magrath. Visitors—G. H. Stephens and C. Kuraber. The minutes of previous meeting were read, and after discussion confirmed. The other business comprised the balloting for a gentleman for initiation, and the discussion of several subjects of interests to the Lodge. Lodge was closed with prayer, and the brethren went from labour to refreshment, and spent a very pleasant evening together. The usual toasts were enlivened with some capital songs. By permission of the W.M., Bro. G. H. Stephens introduced the claims of the Masonic Charities upon the Craft. He explained the immense good to be derived from the brethren forming Masonic Charity Funds, the proceeds of which would be devoted to the purchase of Life Governorships in the names of members. After an interesting discussion, eighteen names were given to start a fund, as explained by Bro. Stephens, and it was arranged that endeavours should be made to enlist the support of brethren of the Lodge of Instruction.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1365.—On Friday, 22nd November. Present — Bros. L. Coubro W.M., Bell S.W., Spurgeon J.W., Yates S.D., Birch J.D., MacMillan I.G.; also Bros. P.M. Cosworth, Goddard, and several other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Goddard candidate. The Lodge was then opened in the second, and Bro. Coghan was passed. The Lodge was closed down, and the thanks of the members unanimously voted to Bro. L. Coubro for the very able manner in which he had rendered the first and second ceremonies, for the first time. The increasing attendance at this Lodge shows that the brethren appreciate the comforts of the new room.

Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777.—An emergency meeting was held at the Town Hall, Hounslow, Middlesex, on Saturday last. The Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. Bro. H. A. Dubois P.P.S.G.D. P.M. P.Z., supported by the following Officers:—Bros. H. Lovegrove S.W., George Clark jun. J.W., H. Clark S.D., C. C. Cruikshanks J.D., Dr. Whitmarsh I.G., W. Ramsey I.P.M., G. J. Dunkley Organist; Visitors—Bros. C. P. McKay W.M. 720, F. Perks 1507. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Horace Marshall, C. C. W. Heelis, C. J. Axford, T. G. W. Brown, and F. W. Gritten; it having proved unanimous, the four first were duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. A letter from the Duke of Cumberland was read, thanking the brethren for naming the Lodge after his illustrious father, King George V. of Hanover, and giving permission for the Hanover Arms to be used by the Lodge. Bro. Marshall announced that he had much pleasure in presenting a copy of the "Sacred Law" for the use of the Lodge. The W.M. announced that had offered himself as Steward for the coming Festival of the Girls' School. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a slight repast, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

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William Preston Lodge, No. 766.—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 28th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. Lodge was opened by Bro. S. D. Ewins W.M., assisted by Dr. C. R. Cutmore S.W. W.M. elect, E. Kidman J.W., W. Drake S.D., W. J. Roberts J.D., W. F. Smart I.G., W. J. Collens D.C.; Past Masters Bros. Captain Kain Treasurer, W. Worrell Secretary, W. J. Miller, G. Newman, B. Abbott, A. Braun, J. Pringle, and several Visitors. Lodge having been opened by the W.M., and the minutes having received confirmation, the ballot was taken for Messrs. E. D. Jerrold and J. G. Appell; in each case it resulted in their unanimous election. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Dr. Cutmore was introduced to Bro. J. W. Miller, who had assumed the chair, by Bro. P.M. Newman, for the benefit of installation. Lodge was regularly advanced, and the ceremony completed. At its conclusion the W.M. appointed his Officers as follow:—S. D. Ewins I.P.M., E. Kidman S.W., W Drake J.W., Capt. Kain Treas., W. Worrell Sec., J. R. Roberts S.D. (by deputy), W. F. Smart J.D., W. Collens I.G., E. B. Broomhall D.C., G. Newman P.M. Std. Mr. J. G. Appell was introduced and most impressively initiated by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a very perfect manner. Before closing the Lodge the W.M. had the gratification of presenting to his predecessor in office, Bro. S. D. Ewins, a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the Lodge. He considered that the jewel had been well earned, and trusted that Bro. Ewins might live long to wear it. The inscription on the jewel was as follows: "Presented by the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, to Bro. Samuel Daniel Ewins P.M., in appreciation of his eminent services as W.M., and as a token of fraternal regard and esteem. 28th November 1878." Bro. G. Newman announced that he had undertaken to represent the Lodge at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and on his asking the Lodge to support that Institution, the sum of five guineas was immediately voted to head his list. Lodge was now closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. At its conclusion, after grace, the W.M. gave the usual toasts. Bro. Ewins in introducing the toast of the W.M., referred to Bro. Cutmore in very kind terms. He considered the health of their new W.M. was the principal toast of the evening. The members had seen how well Bro. Cutmore had been able to work the ceremony of initiation on this the first night he had occupied the chair of the Lodge, and he (Bro. Ewins) considered his conduct in the chair thus far augured well for the future prosperity of the Lodge. The W.M. thanked the brethren for having placed him in his present position. It would be his endeavour to carry out the duties of the Lodge in a most perfect manner. His object would be to make the working as impressive as it was possible to be, and with this in view he hoped for the support and co-operation of the brethren. Brother Abbott here sang "The Fine Old English Gentleman." The next toast given was that of the Initiate. All must know that anything in Nature, as well as in Masonic Lodges, must die unless fresh blood is infused into it. The W.M. had great pleasure in welcoming the newly initiated Brother among them, and hoped he would be the means of stirring the members up to renewed effort. Bro. Appell replied in a neat little speech. He felt fully sensible of the great honour that had been paid him that night. He should ever retain a memory of the beautiful and impressive ceremony he had that night taken a part in. The health of Bro. Miller, who performed the ceremony of installation in a most impressive manner, was, we are pleased to announce, specially proposed by the W.M.' who in fitting terms called to the memory of the brethren the perfect way in which the whole of that ceremony had been carried out. Bro. Miller thanked the brethren. He was always most heartily received in the William Preston, and as a consequence felt more at home there than in any Lodge it was his good fortune to enter. Since the Lodge meetings had been held at their present quarters, the Lodge had considerably increased. He hoped that its prosperity would continue, and that it would always occupy the high position it at present enjoyed. He was gratified at thinking he had been of service in installing the present Master. Bro. Newman, by command of the W.M., gave the health of the Visitors, tendering them a hearty welcome, and trusting it would be long before it was necessary to omit the toast at the meeting of the William Preston. Each of the guests replied. After which the W.M. gave the health of the Past Masters; replying to which Bro. S. D. Ewins I.P.M. considered it a great honour to have the opportunity of responding to so important a toast, and then delivered the following speech:—I am desirous of doing my duty in every state of life in which the G.A.O.T.U. has called me. I confess I am glad to be relieved from the distinguished post I have just left. The poet talks of "the fierce light that beats upon a throne," but in my opinion it is nothing to the nervousness I felt on taking the distinguished office to which you appointed me." He tendered his hearty thanks for the handsome jewel which had been presented him, and hoped he would be able to attend the meetings of the Lodge for many years to come. The health of the Officers was next given and acknowledged. The Tyler was summoned, and the brethren dispersed.

City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.—The installation meeting was held on Thursday, 28th inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W. Report will appear in our next issue.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602.—A meeting was held on 22nd November, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. Present—Bros. P. M. Sim, Acting W.M., Rowley S.W., Western J.W., Osborne Sec., Poulton J.D., Parslow D.C., Field I.G. P.M.'s Bros. Somers, Lee; W. Payne, E. Payne, Percy, Rimell, J. Francis, W. Francis, Hollidge, Pelikan, Kitchener, Greenfield, and others. Visitors—Bros P.M. Brain, Rühre, Hirst, Rowley, Pearcy, Fenner, and others. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M. Bro. Coombes, Lodge was opened in due form by P.M. Sim, and advanced to the third degree, to which Bro. Hollidge was raised. Bros. J. Kitchener and E. Pelikan were passed to the second degree. Pursuant to notice of motion, the brethren then proceeded to the election of a Treasurer, that office having become vacant by the much-regretted resignation of Bro. W. Payne. The candidates were Bros. P.M. Somers, and J. Greenfield. After a ballot, duly taken, Bro. Greenfield was declared elected, by a considerable majority, and was invested by the Acting W.M. with the collar of office. The names of several joining members, including one from a Scotch Lodge, were announced. Petitions for relief were presented, and in two cases refused. The Craft will do well to look carefully into and remember these petitioners, who make claims from time to time, which they cannot sustain. Lodge was closed in solemn form, when the brethren proceeded to partake of slight refreshment, and spent a very happy evening. Bro. Parslow and others sang some excellent songs, and the brethren dispersed at an early hour. We are gratified in being able to state that this young Lodge is making satisfactory progress, and that the members conduct their proceedings with perfect harmony and good feeling.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction. No. 1612.—At the meeting of this Lodge on Thursday, the 21st instant, there was a very numerous attendance of brethren to support Bro. H. Kaner, the S.W. of 1612, who was W.M. for the night. The Officers were Bros. Rickwood S.W., Seward J.W., Burr S.D., Gasson J.D., Wright I.G., Tucker Treas.; and Bros. Beasley, Kingston, Dyer, Stephens, Maling, Clarke, Fernee, Jones and others. The Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, after which the Lodge was advanced to the third degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M. (Bro. Maling candidate), in a manner reflecting the highest credit, and affording a most enjoyable treat to the brethren present. At the conclusion of the proceedings, a special vote of thanks was carried by acclamation to Bro. Kaner for his able rendering of the most impressive of our ceremonies, which that brother suitably acknowledged, and after the transaction of some formal business, relating to the formation of the Benevolent Association, and to the erection of a Masonic Temple, which we understand is to be seriously considered at the next regular meeting of the mother Lodge, the proceedings were closed in the usual way, and the brethren retired, feeling thoroughly satisfied that when, in the course of events, Bro. Kaner fills the chair of W.M. in Lodge 1612 he will ably discharge the duties of the post, and in every way keep up the high reputation which that Lodge has for careful, accurate, and impressive rendering of the ceremonies.

West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623.—The regular meeting of the Lodge was held on Thursday, 21st November, at Bro. T. Batt's, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield. Bro. G. S. Elliott W.M. presided, supported by his Officers—Bros. J. Howes P.M. S.W., J. Johnson J.W., F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. Treasurer, E. Mallett P.M. Secretary, W. Pennefather P.M. S.D., W. Malthouse J.D., T. McButt I.G., Lardner D.C., G. Stephens W.S., and others. The W.M. in an able manner initiated three gentlemen into the Order. It was unanimously resolved to present the Treasurer, Bro. F. Walters, with a testimonial from the Lodge Funds. Banquet was well served. There were thirteen visitors.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—Held at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, on Monday, 25th November, Present—Bros. Berry W.M., Barnes S.W., Yetton J.W., Gottheil I.P.M.; also about 40 other brethren. After the usual preliminaries, the fifteen sections were worked by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Moss, Barnes, Andrews, Musto, Durell, Candick, Yetton, Moss, Musto, Myers, Hogg, Taylor, Job, Webb, and Ellis. The thanks of the Lodge were given to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had presided, considering he was labouring under great mental trouble, hourly expecting the death of his father; this called forth the sympathies of the brethren. The thanks of the Lodge were voted to those who had assisted the W.M. in the working of the sections. Bro. Hollington was elected W.M. for the next meeting, which will be held on the 9th December, as the mother Lodge meets on the first Monday, in the same room. Visitors—Knight 184, Smith 1278, Hodge 1278, Gravely 898, Haynes 898, Oldacres 898, Moss 1275, Addison 1349, Howcroft 1349, Saad 1349, Ward 1349, Hodges 1382, Macdonald 1445, and Walter 1579, all of whom, with the exception of the first three, became members.

Hilda Chapter, Rose Croix.—At the regular meeting of this Chapter, held at York, on Wednesday, Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett was elected M.W.S., and Bro. T. Cooper, the present M.W.S., was elected Treasurer for the coming year.

St. George Lodge, No. 1723.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, at Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton. Present—Bros. J. H. Greenhalgh W.M., Nat. Nicholson S.W., Harrison Veevers J.W., G. P. Brockbank P.M. and P. Prov. S.G.D. as Sec., Geo. Ferguson Treas., James Heywood S.D., William Court J.D., J. W. Taylor P.M. D.C., John Barrett Steward, Robert Latham I.G., J. W. Roiley Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Thos. Morris, Jas. Richardson W.M. 221, Thos. Entwisle P. P.G. S. of W., W. H. J. Jones, Chas. Stanley, W. Hewitt, John Bromley, R. Hough. Visitors—Bros. Robt. Harwood 37 and 348 P.P.G. S. of W., H. Greenwood 348 P. Prov. G.P., Thos. Holme P.M. Ellesmere, E. Garstang S.D. 37, John Collins 678, J. Horrocks 348, A. Cosgrave 221, R. Duxbury I.G. 146, J. F. Skelton 146, Bradburn 221, Rooke Pennington 37, Jas. Hall 221; and Bros. H. Stead, W. H. Alcock, Jas. Smith, Wm. Blain, M. Fielding, P. Staton Organist, S. Brierley. The members confirmed minutes of former meeting, and then balloted for the following gentlemen as candidates:—Messrs. E. G. Harwood, J. Priestley, T. T. Holt. All were approved. Mr. Robt. Ramwell, who was accepted at the last

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meeting, was initiated by Bro. James Richardson W.M. Lodge 221; E. G. Harwood, by Bro. G. P. Brockbank; T. T. Holt, by Bro. Chas Stanley P.M.; and J. Priestley, by Bro. T. Entwisle P.M. P.P.G.S. of W. A letter was read from Bro. Terry, announcing Festival for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, and soliciting Stewards from the Lodge. Colonel Starkie, our Prov. G.M., was announced as chairman. Bros. Ferguson Treasurer, J. Martin Rutter Secretary, and J. W. Taylor Director of Ceremonies, together with Bro. Brockbank, who had previously given in his name, all consented to act as Stewards on the occasion. A circular from Prov. Grand Secretary was then read and considered. Bro. Dr. Hall was proposed as a joining member, and a gentleman was also proposed for initiation at the next meeting. Hearty good wishes were given by the Visiting Brethren, and the Lodge was closed at 8.30. At this meeting, which was the first, from the establishment of the Lodge, from which formal invitations had been issued to the Past Prov. Officers and others, the master was unusualy large, and the appearance of the Lodge Room very brilliant. Thirteen of the members sat under their own banners, and the Lodge banner of the Mother, 221, together with that of St. George, were suspended from the walls. The Officers were punctual, the ceremonies were given with great care and accuracy, and at the close of the proceedings the W.M. was highly complimented by the Visitors for the treat which had been afforded them. Three old P.M.'s and the W.M. of the Mother Lodge respectively performed the ceremonies of initiation. The working tools of the degree were explained by the W.M. in a highly effective manner, and the founder of the Lodge delivered the charge to the initiates. The Master of Ceremonies, Bro. J. W. Taylor, and the Organist, Bro. Staton, with Bros. Collins and Garstang, enhanced the proceedings by their rendering of the musical programme, and altogether the evening's proceedings in the Lodge were of a most enjoyable character. Dinner succeeded, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Bros. Skelton, Holt, Nicholson, Collins, Pennington, Spead, and others, contributed materially to the pleasures of the evening, the proceedings of which were conducted under the able management of the Master of Ceremonies, Bro. J. W. Taylor.

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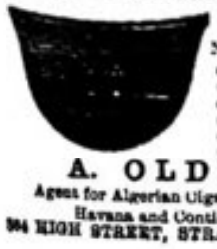
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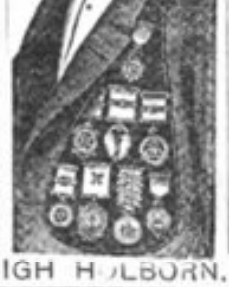
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ÆSCULAPIUS.

"L'honneur acquis est une caution de celui qu'on doit acquerir."

ONCE before have we presented our readers with a pen and ink sketch of a worthy brother holding high office in the Craft who was likewise a distinguished member of the medical profession. There are many reasons perhaps why medical gentlemen should become Craftsmen. Those who are fond of playing upon words may see a natural connection between medicine and Freemasonry, in respect of what is known in the latter as well as in the former, as the "healing" process, while others with a great degree of justice will see in the love and affection of medical men for the Royal Art merely another illustration of those genial and kindly qualities of heart and mind by which the profession is distinguished. There are, indeed, few classes of men who do so much good for their fellow creatures. We do not refer simply to their professional avocations, though the good they do in their medical capacity is incalculable. Rather do we incline to speak of that large-hearted kindness which impels them to assist the poor to so considerable an extent. The good they do is not generally known, but it is very generally and most deservedly appreciated. Under these circumstances there is every reason why a profession so philanthropically inclined should evince more than usual regard for Masons, and so account for their presence amongst us in such considerable strength, speaking numerically. However, be the reason what it may, there is little doubt that Freemasonry numbers in her ranks many who are highly distinguished in the medical profession. One of our Senior Grand Deacons is an instance. He whom we have described as "Hippocrates"—a contemporary, by the way, of the immortal Pythagoras—is another, and the brother whose portrait we present this day to our readers, under the designation of "Æsculapius," is a third. Doubtless, if we pressed the point still further, we should find some difficulty in enumerating in our columns the names of all the prominent physicians and surgeons who are likewise Craftsmen, but such a triad of eminent brethren is sufficient for the purpose either of argument or conjecture.

"Æsculapius," who is of honourable descent, and can trace back his pedigree to warlike ancestors who flourished in the county of Devon in the thirteenth century, after undergoing the customary general training which all youngsters undergo, entered upon that special course of study which is necessary in the case of men about to enter the medical profession. In this he distinguished himself, and closed the educational portion of his career by graduating in honours. During his professional career he has fulfilled the promise of his early days. He has at different times held medical appointments of importance, and is now settled in the county town of one of our northern Provinces as a physician in large practice. But his medical are not the only duties he has had to fulfil, and has fulfilled with such distinction. He is a most successful lecturer on various subjects connected with science and natural history. For many years he was curator of the local museum, and had almost the sole charge of the local science classes. He has the additional honour of being a Fellow of the Linnean Society, and is a member of the London Literary Union. But though his numerous avocations have necessarily made the most serious demands upon his time, nevertheless he has for the last thirteen years been a member of the Craft. He was initiated in the year 1865, in Lodge No. 1051, then newly warranted in the town he then, as now, resided in, and in a very few months, thanks to the zeal and ability displayed, was honoured with the appointment of Senior Deacon. So rapid, indeed, was his progress in the study of the Royal Art, and so great the esteem in which he was held by his fellow members, that in little more than two years from the time of his initiation he was elected to fill the chair of his Lodge. To this office he was unanimously re-elected, a circumstance which reflects credit alike on the recipient of the honour as well as on those who conferred it. Men are not elected for the second time to fill an important position unless they have given irrefragable evidence of merit, nor do people confer such high distinction unless they are capable of appreciating such worth. It was during his Mastership—whether for the first or second year we know not, nor is the point of material importance—and chiefly through his instrumentality, that the late Earl of Zetland, the then M.W. Grand Master of England, consented to lay the foundation-stone of the "Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots and Imbeciles of the Northern Counties," one of the noblest charities we have in this country for those whose mental faculties have never been fully developed or have failed them, and who consequently are unable to obtain for themselves the necessaries of life. So great was the confidence reposed in our worthy brother, that, notwithstanding his entrance into our fraternity was of such recent date, the local conduct of the preliminary arrangements was placed entirely under his direction, and as a meet reward for his exertions, he had the supreme satisfaction of hearing from the Grand Master and his executive Officers that the assemblage of brethren on the occasion was more numerous than they had ever seen before, and that the subsidiary arrangements were entirely to his Lordship's and their satisfaction. It may well be imagined that merit such as our worthy brother had shown would be speedily recognised, and that no long time would elapse ere Provincial honours were bestowed upon him, but something further in the way of recognition was in store for him, and the high distinction of Grand Sword Bearer of England was conferred on him in 1871, when only six years had elapsed from the time of his initiation. Twice since then has he occupied the chair of a Lodge, the latter occasion being in the year 1875, when the Morecambe Lodge, No. 1561, was consecrated by Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, in person, and "Æsculapius" had the great honour of being inducted into the chair of K.S. by his Lordship. He may thus be spoken of as virtually the Father, as well as first Master of this Lodge. But not alone as an Officer is he known in his Province. The members of the several Lodges to which he belongs have frequently enjoyed the advantage of his teaching in Lodges of Instruction, and have again and again had opportunities of hearing him, both in sectional and other lectures. He has also occasionally given original lectures on different subjects connected with Freemasonry, several of which have been published in Masonic journals. He has likewise enacted very favourably the part of Installing Master; in fact, his services in this capacity are in constant request, both in the town in which he resides and its immediate neighbourhood, while it is very recently that he was deputed by the Grand Master of his Province to take the chair at the consecration of a new Lodge. He has, too, held the post of Secretary to his mother Lodge for eleven years, and early in the present year his retirement

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therefrom was made the occasion for giving him a complimentary dinner, and presenting him with a handsome epergne as a testimonial of the appreciation in which his many and great services to the Lodge were held. The dinner was given under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, who, in presenting the testimonial, described at some length the valuable services which our brother had rendered to Freemasonry, and closed his remarks, almost word for word, to the following effect: "I have great pleasure in giving to you the sincere thanks of the brethren of this Lodge for the many and valuable services which, from time to time, you have rendered them, and at their wish, and on their behalf, present you with this epergne, which I hope you and yours may long enjoy, and I hope also that you may have a long, prosperous and happy life." He is also the recipient of a solid gold Past Grand Officer's jewel, which another Lodge of which he is a member presented to him, and of a silver goblet, by no means of lilliputian size, the gift of a third Lodge. But his services have not been limited to Craft Masonry. As soon as he was qualified to do so, he was exalted to the R.A. degree, and diligently served the office of Scribe E. in a Chapter situated at a considerable distance from his home. Appreciating, however, the great inconvenience arising from there being no R.A. Chapter in the town where he lived, he and sundry other R.A. Masons petitioned Grand Chapter for a warrant of Constitution. This was at once granted, and, in 1869, Chapter 1051 was consecrated, and our eminent Companion installed in the chair of the First Principal. On retiring from his office, the Companions presented him with a Past Z.'s jewel set in diamonds. Subsequently he became Second Principal in his Province, and another year having elapsed, he was further honoured by being appointed Standard Bearer to the Supreme Grand Chapter. He has likewise, as in the case of Craft Masonry, acted again and again as Installing Officer of Principals; and one of his latest Masonic acts was the consecration of a new Royal Arch Chapter and the constitution of a new and separate Provincial Grand Chapter. In the Mark Degree to which he was advanced shortly after the union of the English and Scotch Rites in the North of England, he is the founder and Past W. Master of a Lodge named after him. He has also occupied the position of a Grand Warden in his Province, and that of Grand J.O. in the Mark Grand Lodge. He has also distinguished himself as a Knight Templar and Knight of Malta, and not only has he filled the office of E. Commander of his Encampment, but he has likewise had high rank conferred upon him both in his Province and in the Grand Priory of England. He is an enthusiastic member of the A. and A. Rite, has devoted considerable time and energy to the promotion and progress of a Rose Croix Chapter, which has the reputation of being one of the most efficient in the Northern District, and has recently taken the 32° S.P.R.S.—a proof that his zeal and attention are fully recognised in Golden-square. He is a Knight of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, and after filling the office of M.P.S., he was appointed Intendant General of a Division, and has acted as Consecrating Officer at the foundation of two very flourishing Conclaves. As regards other degrees, he is a member and Prov. Grand Officer of the Royal Order of Scotland, Commander of Ark Mariners, a Past Celebrant of the Rosicrucian College, a member of the Order of High Priesthood, and a Master of the St. Lawrence degree. But, numerous as are the distinctions he has received in the branches of Masonry to which he belongs, there is yet another for which he is indebted to himself alone. This we are accustomed to regard as the highest distinction which a Mason can possibly gain, and is worth, in one sense, all the rest put together. He is a loyal supporter of all our Charitable Institutions—a Life Governor, we believe, of each of them, and the number of bars and clasps he is entitled to append to his Charity jewel—some twelve or fifteen—suffice to indicate the amount of labour he has undertaken in order to promote their welfare.

We are now approaching the close of our sketch. We have shown what he has been, the offices he has filled, and the many and well-merited distinctions which have been showered upon him, or which, as a practical exponent of true Masonic Charity, he has won for himself. We will simply add that in the midst of all his numerous engagements he is but seldom absent from his Masonic duties, be they in connection with Lodge or Chapter, Conclave or Encampment, and those among his juniors who desire his assistance always find him ready and willing to impart instruction and afford them aid in the discharge of their several duties. May he, in the words of the Worshipful Master of his mother Lodge, when presenting him with a testimonial—as quoted above—"May he enjoy a long, prosperous, and happy life!"

REMARKS UPON "Q.'s" CRITICISMS ON THE DUNCKERLEY QUESTION.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

In the Freemason's Chronicle of 28th September Bro. "Q." lectured me for endeavouring to upset the "Masonic version" of Dunckerley's parentage ere I had read the article in the *Freemason's Magazine* of 1796. Bro. Q. is evidently *hot headed*, and hence he is apt to pay no attention to an article which conflicts with his received faith. My good brother has certainly misconstrued or magnified my offence. In my letter printed 15th July I have not committed myself one way or the other, as the following paragraph will show:—

"I propose to reproduce both accounts about Dunckerley, and though it is impossible to demonstrate which is true, yet the reader will have a chance of judging for himself."

I have acknowledged *the impossibility of demonstrating* which is *true*, but yet the printing of both accounts has enabled Bro. Q. to learn that Mrs. W. was *Lady Walpole*, and it also compelled me to read the article in *Freemason's Magazine* for 1796. I did indeed know of its existence some years ago, but we have not got the volume of 1796 in Boston. However, Bro. Carson, of Cincinnati, kindly copied it for me. I have the whole of it now at heart, and am therefore now prepared to say what I shall say.

To do full justice to the subject, I would have to reproduce all the evidence *pro* and *con*, but as, for obvious reasons, that cannot be done, I must refer the reader to the previous papers in the Freemason's Chronicle upon this question.

"Q." says, "There is no antecedent improbability against the truth of the Masonic version of Dunckerley's parentage." *I thought so too*, when I sent my letter, headed "Conflicting Accounts," &c., but since I have read the sequel of Dunckerley in the volume of 1796, I have changed my views. There are some facts in the second narrative of the *Freemason's Magazine* that one could not readily believe, but yet, to any one who had read the history of the two first Georges there is really nothing in the *Masonic version*, that is either impossible or improbable. For instance, I firmly believe *as probable* that Lady Ranelagh consented to make her residence a place of assignation for the Prince of Wales's amours, that she even sent her own carriage to bring his favourites to her house, and kept them there, and treated them on a perfect footing of equality, during the Prince's pleasure; and even afterwards, for her Ladyship to visit the Prince's favourite at Somerset House, or anywhere else. I can believe, that Lady Walpole was cognizant of her servant's intrigues with the Prince of Wales during his visit at Houghton. I could even believe that Sir Robert Walpole and his lady could provide a pretty girl for the entertainment of the Prince during his stay at their house. Nay, I should not be astonished to hear that the Princess of Wales, afterwards Queen Caroline, had sent her own carriage for Mrs. Dunckerley for the same purpose that Lady Ranelagh did. (For farther information I refer to the Appendix at the end of this letter).

But while the immoral state of the court, the courtiers, and the court parsons (as will be seen in the Appendix), would favour the probability of the "Masonic version" of Dunckerley, yet, paradoxical as it may appear, this very looseness of morality among the highest classes forms an insuperable reason for disbelieving Dunckerley's story. Thus, Mrs. Dunckerley had certainly been a servant in the house of Sir R. Walpole; the man she was married to was also a servant; and Mrs. Dunckerley's mother was a midwife. Mrs. Pinkney informed Dunckerley that his mother told her that she was the daughter of a physician. It is very strange that Dunckerley had never heard of it before. It is not, however, improbable that her father may have been a barber, who performed bleeding and cupping—and may have administered some physic too; such "surgeon barbers," were common in England in those days, and are still to be found in Poland and Russia, and this may account for the statement in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, that his grandmother had bound young Dunckerley to a barber. But be this as it may, it is certain that his mother and his grandmother were poor, and hence I cannot understand why a woman in Mrs. Dunckerley's circumstances should have felt ashamed to acknowledge herself the favourite of the Prince of Wales, at a time when the idea of shame was unknown among the highest ladies in the realm. It is alleged by Dunckerley that his mother told Mrs. Pinkney, five days before her (Mrs. D.'s) death:—

"My son might have been known to his royal father, and I might have lived in as elegant a manner as Mrs. H. [Howard] or Mrs. B., but my dear mother reclaimed me from so criminal a passion, and dread of public shame prevented my making it known."

According to the "Masonic version," the secret was known to Dunckerley sen., to Lady Ranelagh, to her servant or confidant, Mrs. Meekin, to Mrs. Dunckerley's mother, and the said mother informed Mrs. Pinkney in 1724, at the birth of Thomas Dunckerley, that the Prince of Wales was the child's father. Besides which, the secret of the Prince's intrigues with Mrs. Dunckerley is said to have been known to Lady Walpole, and to Mr. L——y (probably Lumley), who is said to have been the Prince's *go-between* in love affairs. When so many knew it, it is rather strange that it was unknown to Sir Edward Walpole. But presuming that her mother was really conscientiously religious—yet, for the sake of the boy and his future prospects, a mother, even a religious mother, should not have scrupled to make the parentage of the child known to the Prince

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—it seems contrary to human nature for a mother to suffer her only child to be brought up in ignorance, or very nearly so, and to subject him at the tender age of ten to the hardships of a man of war, when a solitary note from her to the Prince might have been the means of raising that child to a very high position in society.

Again Bro. Dunckerley was certainly no fool. He possessed the art of ingratiating himself into favour, and he was known to Sir Edward Walpole, who was willing to promote his interest in an honourable way. Mrs. Dunckerley died 9th January 1760. George the Second died 25th October following, at the age of seventy-seven. Now, why did the shrewd Bro. Dunckerley waste those precious nine-months or more? Why did not he at once make himself known to the king? He was not (he says) acquainted with manners or forms of the Court, but why did he not candidly make known all he knew to his friend Sir Edward Walpole, who surely had the means of making it known to the king? And again, why did Dunckerley make no effort to give his information to any of the members of the royal family, until after the death of Mrs Pinkney, the only witness he had to verify his singular story. And I may further add, as Mrs. Pinkney was the only one to whom Mrs. Dunckerley revealed the parentage of her son, why did not Dunckerley take Mrs. Pinkney before a justice of the peace, and cause her to make an affidavit to the fact? I am aware of his excuses, but to me they seem insufficient. When, therefore, the above inexplicable facts are taken in connexion with the obituary notice in the *Gentleman's* of 1795, written evidently by one who was posted up in the subject, and whose statement was never contradicted in the said *Gentleman's Magazine*, I must come to the conclusion, that the *so-called* Masonic version of Dunckerley's parentage, is not quite as certain as our Masonic orthodox writers and Masonic Cyclopædists have made it out to be. Indeed, *Tichborne* presented much stronger evidence of his identity than Dunckerley did of his parentage. Thousands of Englishmen and many Americans still believe that Tichborne (or whatever else his name may be) was wronged; but yet, one ended his days in Hampton Court, and the other may end his days in prison. And who knows whether in either of those cases actual justice was done?

There seems to be somewhere some further information about Dunckerley, for if I rightly recollect, Dr. Oliver says, somewhere, that Dunckerley's son was intemperate, and Bro. Oliver mourns over the scion of royalty being compelled to get his living as a common bricklayer, and that he died a drunkard, &c. It is not impossible therefore, that some further hints may yet be found to throw light upon the life of Dunckerley.

It is needless to discuss the minor questions which crept into this discussion, such for instance, as Bro. Q.'s definition of "fault finding," the date of Dunckerley's lecture. "It is all bosh," &c. But I must caution Bro. Q. against a repetition of the blunder in his letter of 28th September. I fraternally advise him, with the most friendly feelings, that whenever he finds himself irritated by an article in a Masonic paper, he should immediately clap a wet cold towel upon his head, and then read it again, for had he done so when reading the paper of 15th June he would not have charged me with upsetting the "Masonic version." If *this paper* should really shake the brethren's faith in the so-called Masonic version, Bro "Q." has to thank his own over-zeal in inducing me to read the article printed in 1796. Briefly, then, when I first read the narrative printed in 1793, I saw no reason to doubt that Dunckerley was a natural son of George the Second. When I first read the article in the *Gentleman's Magazine* of 1795, I was puzzled as to which account was the true one. But when I finished reading the sequel, printed in 1796, I came to the conclusion that if George the Third would have submitted the Dunckerley story to the judgment of such a lawyer as Sir Alexander E. J. Cockburn, Dunckerley would never have received £800 a year, would never have been a Provincial G.M., would never have introduced amongst the *moderns* the Royal Arch, Templarism, Kadosh, and other moonshine, and would never have figured in our annals as a "Masonic Luminary."

Boston U.S., October 18th 1878.

Appendix.—The following I abridge from Lord John Hervey's "Reign of George II."

Sir Robert Walpole told Lord Chancellor King that George the 2nd constantly wrote long letters to the Queen, of what he did every day, and particularly of his amours, and that the Queen replied in similar long letters, approving of his amours, "not scrupling to say, that she was but one woman, and an old woman, and that he might have more and younger women, "by which perfect submission to his will, she effected whatever she desired, without which it was impossible to keep him within bounds." (Life of Lord King, in Campbell's Lives of the Lord Chancellors.)

Again, when the King formed his attachment in Hanover to Madame Walmoden, he informed the Queen, by letter, of every step he took in the affair, such as the growth of his passion, the progress of his applications, the sum of money he paid for obtaining her love, and the final success. He wrote in addition to the Queen, "You must love her because she loves me."

The 27th chapter of the Heart of Midlothian shows the degree of intimacy between the Queen and her "good Lady Suffolk." Pope celebrated the said Lady Suffolk in verse, and if I recollect aright, Dean Swift used to visit her. Thackeray, in his lecture of George II., says:—

"As I peep into George II., St. James's, I see crowds of cassocks rustling up the back stairs of the ladies of the court stealthily, the clergy slipping purses into their laps." Lady Yarmouth, one of the King's mistresses, sold a Bishopric to a court parson for £5,000.

With all these facts before me, I really cannot believe Bro. Dunckerley, that his mother was deterred by a fear of shame from making known that the King was the father of her child.

INSTALLATION BANQUET OF THE EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE annual installation banquet of this young and prosperous Lodge was held at the Queen's Hotel, York, on Monday, the 25th ult., and was well attended. The dinner was of an excellent character, reflecting every credit upon the host, Bro. H. Churchill. The W.M. Bro. J. S. Cumberland occupied the chair, supported by the following members of the Lodge:—Bros. T. B. Whytehead I.P.M. Prov. G.D.C., T. Cooper P.M. 1611 and P.M. 236 P.P.G.D.C., P. H. Rowland P.M. 237 P.P.G.J.W., R. W. Hollon P.M. 236 P.G.S.B. Eng., C. G. Padel S.W., J. T. Seller J.W., J. Kay Secretary, M. Millington S.D., T. D. Smith J.D., G. Simpson M.C., A. T. B. Turner Asst. M.C., G. H. Simpson Organist, J. Blenkin I.G., W. Hill Steward, G. H. Hebblethwaite Steward, C. Blackstone G. D. Goodall, J. R. Jackson, J. E. Wilkinson, P. H. Matthews, H. Churchill, T. E. Abbey, M. Varvill, J. Morgan, R. Ware, G. C. Lee, P. Pearson Tyler. The special guests of the Lodge were Bros. W. Valentine W.M. 236 P.P.G. Chap., G. C. Baskett S.W. 236, A. Buckle J.W. 236, J. Healy W.M. elect 295 (I.C.), W. Harris Sec. 295, J. B. Somerset I.G. 295, and C. Cheeseman W.M. De la Pole 1605. The following visiting brethren were also present:—Bros. J. Todd P.M. 236 Prov. G. Reg., R. Beggott P.M. 1605, M. Rooke 236, W. H. Sampson 236, W. T. Gowland 236, C. Abbott 236, G. W. Flint 1429, C. Winn 938, Blagbro (Leeds), Meek (Filey), T. M. Richev, F. G. Bellringer (Stockton), &c. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, Bro. R. W. Hollon responding to that of the Grand Lodge, and Bro. J. Todd to that of Prov. Grand Lodge. Bro. T. B. Whytehead then gave the health of the W.M., which was received with great heartiness. He said that after a very long absence from England, he had returned four years ago, a Mason, to make many pleasant acquaintances, and none more so than that of the W.M., with whom he had been associated intimately in Masonry during that period, and he knew no brother who stood a good to Bro. Cumberland in point of Masonic zeal and a true fraternal spirit. He was very proud to have had the honour and privilege of installing him as W.M. of a Lodge of which he was one of the first founders, and he wished him health, strength, and a happy term of office. In responding, the W.M. thanked the brethren for their good wishes, and said he would take that early opportunity of saying that he hoped great care would be exercised in the proposal of candidates. Brethren should remember that they had not themselves alone to consult in this matter, but that they must remember the comfort and pleasure of the other members of the Lodge, and never attempt to introduce any one as a candidate whose presence they did not think would contribute to the *universal* happiness and harmony of the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. T. B. Whytehead, which was very warmly received, and suitably responded to, Bro. Whytehead thanking the brethren very cordially for their strong support during his happy year, and expressing a hope that it might be extended with the same warmth to his successor. Prosperity to the Eboracum Lodge was proposed by Bro. Valentine, W.M. of the York Lodge 236, who spoke of the gratification with which he noticed the progress of the Lodge, and above all the excellent manner in which it was ruled and conducted. If he had even had a doubt on the question, it would have been removed at this time; but he had always held that the establishment of the Eboracum Lodge was a right and proper step, and he wished it every success. "The Sister Lodges of the Province" was proposed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, and replied to by Bro. Buckle J.W., of the York Lodge 236. Bro. Buckle, in the course of his remarks, said that he thought Masons too often lost sight of that part of their duty which came under the head of Charity. Charity did not consist only in giving. "Though I give all my goods to feed the poor, and have not *charity*, I am nothing," said a very old divine. There was the charity which tried to hide the faults of a brother, which put a kind construction on his actions, which hoped the best, and believed the best, and was not carping and anxious to display the foibles and weaknesses of others. This he maintained was real charity, not to lose sight of the actual practical "giving," but to look to higher aims, and to work out the real meaning of the word "charity" in its highest sense. Bro. C. G. Padel S.W. 1611 proposed the Visiting Brethren, congratulating the members of the Lodge upon the constant number of visitors whom they had the pleasure of so frequently entertaining. Bro. G. C. Baskett S.W. 236, and Bro. Healey S.W. 295, responded. The W.M. proposed the Wardens and Officers of the Lodge, to which the Wardens responded. Bro. Rowland P.M. proposed the Masonic Charities in happy terms, to which the W.M. responded. Bro. Rowland took occasion to note the service this very young Lodge had already done in the way of sending up Stewards with good lists, and rejoiced to know that a continuance in well doing was contemplated. Bro. T. D. Smith J.D. proposed the Ladies, and Bros. M. Varvill and A. T. B. Turner responded. The Tyler's toast then brought a very happy evening to a conclusion. The toast list was well worth notice as a work of lithographic art. It bore a series of appropriate mottos selected from the ancient charges and regulations, and on the first page was a photograph of an ancient Masonic flagon, the property of the Eboracum Lodge, the original occupying a prominent position in front of the W.M., and being used as a loving cup in the course of the banquet. Some capital songs varied the proceedings, contributed by Bros. Blagbro, Wilkinson, Cheeseman, Todd, and Flint. Bro. G. H. Simpson Organist effectively presided at the pianoforte.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—During every break of winter weather exertions should be made by the afflicted to recover health before unresisting cold and trying storms set in. Throat ailments, coughs, wheezings, asthmatical affections, shortness of breath, morning nausea and accumulations of phlegm can readily be removed by rubbing this fine derivative Ointment twice daily upon the chest and neck. Holloway's treatment is strongly recommended with the view of giving immediate ease, preventing people from going and effecting permanent relief. These all powerful curative Ointment and Pills can accomplish, and will surely prevent incidents in cases from hardening of the constitution to display themselves afterwards in the most injurious forms that will probably embitter life till death itself is almost prayed for.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE regular meeting of the above Prov. Grand Lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, 29th November, when a large number of brethren were present, including Bros. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. G. Master; George Mellor, Dep. Prov. G. Master; Edward Ashworth, Prov. S.G. Warden; W. O. Walker, Prov. J.G. Warden; J. L. Hine, Dr. Lees, R. H. Hutchinson, Col. Parker, C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, Edmund Ashworth, jun., J. Gibb Smith, James A. Birch, C. H. Coates, P. Prov. G. Wardens; George O'Neil, Prov. G. Treasurer; John Barker, T. J. Hooper, James Hall, P. Prov. G. Treasurers; Thomas S. Ainsworth Prov. G. Registrar; J. F. Tweedale, P. Prov. G. Registrar; John Tunnah, Prov. G. Secretary; Edwin Hardon, Prov. S.G. Deacon; Edmund Heywood, Prov. J.G. Deacon; G. P. Brockbank, Dr. Royle, P. Prov. G. Deacons; John Salmon, Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies; John Tennant, Prov. G. Assistant Director of Ceremonies; G. F. East, Robert Whittaker, E. M. Jones, J. H. Sillitoe, P. Prov. G. Directors of Ceremonies; John Halliwell, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; Wm. Barlow, P. Prov. G. Sword Bearer; J. Randle Fletcher, Prov. G. Organist; Chas. Wood, Prov. G. Pursuivant; Hy. Greenwood, P. Prov. G. Pursuivant; Geo. Pilling, Assistant Prov. G. Pursuivant; Chas. Brierley, Prov. G. Steward; Thos. Mitchell, Prov. G. Tyler; and representatives from eighty-five of the eighty-nine Lodges in the Province; also Bros. H. A. Bennett, P. Prov. G. Warden Cheshire; James Terry, Prov. J.G. Warden Herts, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; E. C. Cooper, Prov. G. Sword Bearer West Lancashire, and others.

The Prov. G. Lodge was opened in due form, and with prayer, at 4.15 p.m.

The minutes of the last Regular Meeting of Prov. G. Lodge, held at Bury on 23rd May 1878, were taken as read, and were thereupon confirmed.

Bro. Hine, chairman of the Charity Committee, read the minutes of proceedings of that Committee, which were then adopted and confirmed.

Bros. Thos. W. Probert W.M. 191, Jas. Andrew P.M. 1,219, and J. H. Greenhalgh W.M. 1,723, were appointed Auditors of the Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts.

A grant of five hundred guineas was made from the Prov. G. Lodge Fund to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons on the occasion of the R.W. Prov. G. Master (Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie) presiding at the Festival of that Institution on 12th February 1879.

It may also be stated that thirty-two brethren of the Province have consented to serve as Stewards on the occasion, and this number is expected to be very largely increased before the Festival.

A grant of fifty pounds was made from the Prov. G. Lodge Fund to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

All business being concluded, the Prov. G. Lodge was closed in due form and with prayer at 5.15 p.m.

NORTHUMBERLAND AND BERWICK-ON-TWEED LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

THE annual festival of this old and flourishing Lodge took place on the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. There was a large attendance of brethren and Visitors. The Lodge was opened at 3 o'clock by the W.M. Bro. W. E. Franklin Prov. G.S.O., assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. W. S. Hughes I.P.M., Dr. Luke Armstrong J.W., T. Armstrong M.O., R. L. Armstrong S.O., J. E. Robson J.O., R. Lock Treasurer, R. G. Salmon Sec., J. Wood J.D., S. M. Harris I.G., J. S. B. Bell Steward, and G. Sims Tyler. The minutes of last meeting being confirmed, the ballot was taken for two brethren for advancement. Bro. Ludwig Myer, being in attendance, was advanced to this honourable degree by the W.M. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. Cockburn, the W.M. elect, through severe illness, the W.M. invested the following officers for the ensuing year:—W. S. Hughes I.P.M., Dr. Luke Armstrong S.W., T. J. Armstrong J.W., R. L. Armstrong M.O., J. E. Robson S.O., R. G. Salmon J.O., J. Wood Reg. of M., G. W. Lax Sec., R. Lock Treas., S. M. Harris S.D., J. S. B. Bell J.D., J. Usher Organist, J. Ridsdale P.M. D.C., W. H. Dunn I.G., G. J. Place and G. B. Ford Stewards, G. S. Sims Tyler. Bro. Hughes P.M. gave the usual address to the Officers, and a vote of sympathy was unanimously passed to Bro. Cockburn. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Turk's Head Hotel, where they sat down to a most sumptuous banquet, presided over by Bro. Franklin. A toast list was gone through, each item in its turn being received very heartily, and a pleasant evening was spent. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Capt. Forbs P.G.S.W., F. Maddison W.M. 142 P.G.J.O., Liddle P.M. P.P.G.O., &c.

On Tuesday, the 10th inst., a new Mark Lodge, the Clapton, No. 236, will be consecrated by Bro. Col. Burdett, Prov. G. Master Middlesex and Surrey, assisted by Bros. F. Binckes, G. Secretary, and D. M. Dewar, G. Assistant Secretary. Two other Lodges, it is said, are likely to be constituted at an early date, namely—one in Rochester, Kent, and the other at Watford, Herts.

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LORD CARNARVON'S MARRIAGE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I consider the proposal of "T. B. W." that the approaching marriage of Lord Carnarvon should be made an opportunity for presenting his Lordship with some token of the appreciation in which his services are held by the Craft, an excellent one, and one which steps should at once be taken to adopt and carry out. I would go still further, and suggest that the approaching marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught which, it is said, is arranged to take place early in the month of February next, should be made the occasion for presenting his Royal Highness with a similar token. Whether the Duke's future father-in-law, Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia, is or is not a Mason I cannot say, but the Prussian Royal Family, like the English, has always evinced a deep interest in the welfare of Freemasonry. Why not then exhibit our loyalty and our sense of gratitude for England's and Prussia's Princes doing so much for the Craft by making the Duke and his future consort some present? A committee can soon be formed, and if the amount of subscription were limited to a maximum of say £1, and a minimum of half-a-crown—which I think would be preferable to the fixed amount of a crown, a handsome sum might be raised for the purpose. Another Committee should be appointed with a similarly limited subscription in the case of Lord Carnarvon; and I would suggest the appropriation of the funds so raised in the following manner: Part in purchase of a Perpetual Presentation to Girls' or Boys' School, to be called the CARNARVON Perpetual Presentation, and the remainder in the purchase of some jewel or jewels for presentation to the future Countess. Similarly, in the case of the Duke of Connaught, part in purchase of a CONNAUGHT Perpetual Presentation to Boys' or Girls' School—care being taken that it shall be to that one of the Schools which does not receive the CARNARVON Presentation—and the rest in purchase of some jewel or jewels for presentation to His Royal Highness's bride elect.

Why, dear Sir and Brother, should you not at once take steps with a view to inaugurate the two subscriptions? A small working committee would do the work speedily, and a larger ornamental committee would lend the necessary *eclat* to the proceedings.

Fraternally yours,

ONE WHO WILL SUBSCRIBE TO BOTH FUNDS.

London, 4th December 1878.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—"T. B. W.'s" suggestion in last week's issue, to present our Pro Grand Master with a "tangible token" upon his marriage, is one that will, I venture to submit, commend itself to the Craft generally, as an opportune moment to pay a graceful tribute to his worth as a Statesman, and as a Brother held in high estimation by Masons. Your correspondent's view as to subscription and banquet is worth consideration, if a committee were formed to carry out his idea. I am a stranger to him and the Pro Grand Master, but am willing to contribute and assist.

I am, faithfully yours,

2nd December 1878. J. W. 1563.

THE "OFF NIGHT" AT THE TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is not right that a virtue should be assumed if not possessed; therefore, to allay any misapprehension that may have arisen out of the conflicting statements, I may state that the cost of the supper (re Tranquillity 185), on the 18th ult., was £1 11*s* 6*d* for thirty-five brethren, equal to 6*s* 7½*d* per head. I think this rather an extravagant sum for a *supper!!*

I feel confident many of the brethren do not expend more than this sum for a week's dining; hence it is distasteful to me to hear remarks such as "Only a supper! if I had known it, I would not have come." "Are we to have Champagne with our supper?" I can't drink beer, I must have claret!" "Bro. Treasurer, order me a little sherry!" "Cannot I have a little Scotch whiskey?" and so on, *ad nauseam*.

This, dear Bro. Editor is distasteful to—

ONE WHO KNOWS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The discrepancy in the reports of FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE and *Sunday Times*, anent the "Off Night" of Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185, which so much tickled the fancy of "OLD FILE," may be explained by the fact that the reporter of the *Sunday Times* evidently drew his ideas of what took place from reminiscences of the glorious past, while the report in your columns is a veracious account of the affair, as witnessed by the bodily presence of your

REPORTER.

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"CHARITY IS GIVING?"

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Parsimony has lifted up her voice, and inquires, what shall I cry? Is Charity giving?

Brother Binckes justly and truly replies in the affirmative; but then, logically considered, assertion is not proof. I may ask further a logical question: Is there any charity *without* giving?

He who is not charitable is not a sincere Christian.

Some Masons are not charitable; therefore some Masons are not sincere Christians. St. Paul, who is of high authority, is pressed into the controversy.

But this I say, says St. Paul (which some readers of the sacred law, seem to have forgotten), but is proved in daily life! "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."—2 Corinthians, ix. 6, 7.

Solomon, the wisest man, asserts what is proved in daily life: "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse."—Proverbs xi. 24; xxviii. 27.

But a greater than Solomon, the greatest of all Teachers, our blessed Master of all, lays down as an incontrovertible axiom, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Whose experience has proved the contrary? *Cadit quæstio.*

Yours fraternally,

DANIEL ACE, D.D.

Laughton Vicarage, 2nd December 1878.

CAUTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you kindly permit us, through the medium of your paper, to caution Lodges and Charity Committees against an itinerant, who calls himself "Bro. Charles Johnstone, of the Morning Star Lodge, No. 552, Lucknow," as he is unworthy of assistance?

We shall be glad to give further information if required.

Yours fraternally,

T. J. HOOPER.
J. H. SILLITOE.

Almoners for the Province of East Lancashire.

Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, 3rd December 1878.

BRO. WHITE AND THE L.M.C.A.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

4th December 1878.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have noticed in the last number of the Chronicle your account of the proceedings at the last meeting of the Capper Lodge, at which Bro. White, in the course of an address to the Brethren on the subject of our Masonic Charities, is reported to have said, "I joined the London Masonic Charity Association to further Mrs. Priestley's child's case. After I had laid it before the Committee I noticed that a brother on my left stated that although pledged to support the Committee's 'last chance' selections, still, he could not give up some 300 votes he wielded. On this he was assured that his case would be carried at the next election if he would lend those votes." Now, as I recognise myself as the "brother on my left" and have a vivid recollection (assisted by memoranda made at the time) of what occurred at the meeting of the L.M.C.A. to which Bro. White alludes I beg that you will allow me to give my account of what then took place. It is somewhat at variance with Bro. White's statement, but I give it in no unfriendly spirit, as I can easily understand that Bro. White having attended the meeting for the purpose of advocating the claims of a candidate in whom he felt an interest, and finding the decision of the Committee not in harmony with his own desires, left the meeting with a feeling of disappointment, and as I venture to say, not with a memory sufficiently accurate to state three months subsequently what then occurred. What did occur at the meeting of the Committee of the L.M.C.A. on 30th August was as follows.

The Committee received and considered a report respecting the London Candidates for the Schools, all of whose circumstances were carefully inquired into. The merits of Bro. White's candidate were fully recognised by the Committee who however came to the decision that two more urgent cases were entitled to their first support. As regards myself, I stated to the Committee that, while I fully endorsed their selection, I was already pledged (previously to the formation of the L.M.C.A.) to support the child of an old friend. I mentioned also, in reply to an enquiry, that I thought the child's friends, not myself alone, which would have been an idle boast, would command at least 300 votes, when I was solicited to place the votes, if possible, at the disposal of the Committee, who would, after securing the election of the more urgent cases, take that of my candidate into consideration. This, your readers will perceive is a very different matter to offering me a positive guarantee that the child should be elected next April. The idea of such a bargain would not be entertained by the Committee as at present constituted. Such an arrangement would have been very convenient to me individually, but as a member of the Committee I should not countenance it, and I think the other members of the Committee would agree with me that such a bargain would be neither righteous nor discreet.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully,

A. E. G.

A CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the Consecration of a Lodge at Thame, on Thursday, the 5th inst., the Lodge in the course of the ceremony being in the second degree, was "resumed" to the third degree, instead of being "opened" in the usual form.

I was informed by a brother sitting next me, that this was no new idea, and often adopted at one of the Oxford Lodges, although the question had been raised as to the correctness of the ceremony.

Perhaps some of your numerous correspondents, who are more conversant with the authorities on ritual than your humble, servant will kindly give their opinion on the question?

Yours fraternally,

J. W.

5th December 1878.

CHARITY STEWARDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to point out to your readers, in reply to Bro. Godtschalk's remarks in last week's issue, that he has misunderstood my letter in CHRONICLE of 26th October. I suggested it was advisable for Lodge funds to be kept under two heads, and separate subscriptions:

1. Charity fund and general expenses.
2. Refreshment and tavern bill expenses.

There are many brethren who subscribe and seldom attend their Lodge; and I repeatedly hear they are under the impression their subscription is used for Charity. If they were to attend the audit meetings, they would soon be relieved of this erroneous impression. If this system were adopted, many brethren would subscribe willingly who now do not, simply because of their inability to attend their Lodges, and they do not feel disposed to see their money expended for the benefit of banqueting members.

Thanking you for your courtesy in publishing my letters,

I remain yours faithfully and fraternally,

DICK RADCLYFFE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I fear I must plead guilty to having overlooked the quoted passage containing the word "compel," which Bro. Godtschalk included in his letter. But I read Bro. Radclyffe's proposition by the light of common sense, and not in a spirit of hypercritism. I interpreted his meaning to be that Lodges and brethren owed it as a duty to contribute to the necessities of our distressed brethren. This, in my humble judgment, was the limit of Bro. Radclyffe's suggested compulsion. But even if I misinterpreted him, am I not right in stating that every member of a Lodge is compelled to contribute to the Benevolent Fund? In each case, the Charity dispensed by our Grand Lodge to distressed members and their families is the result *of compulsory* contributions. Therefore, if each Lodge were *compelled* to contribute a something to each of our Institutions, there would be an excellent precedent for it, and the Charity so dispensed would be a Benevolence justly imposed on the Masonic community, without distinction of persons.

Fraternally yours,

OLD FILE.

Bro. W. C. Parsons is very anxious we should point out to our readers that he never thought of propounding the idea that a Charity Steward could by any known arithmetical process be reduced to a guinea. What he wished to say was, that the Steward's "Fee," not the "Steward," might, in his opinion, very properly be reduced to a guinea. We enter fully into our worthy brother's views. A Steward may, occasionally, be reduced to his last guinea, but that is a figure of speech, not the result of an arithmetical process. Nor are "fees" and "Stewards" convertible terms. If they were, "Our Hercules" and his colleagues of the R.M.I.G. and R.M.B.I. might annually find themselves in a difficulty, as Bro. Best of the Freemasons' Tavern, and Bros. Bertram and Roberts of the Alexandra and Crystal Palaces might, and doubtless would, decline to accept corporally Bro. A. B. C. and Bro. X. Y. Z. in payment of their dinner bills, the said brethren not being current coin of the realm. However, no great harm has been done, and the reason we headed this letter "Charity Stewards" was simply that such has been throughout the heading appropriated to this particular correspondence.

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UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE regular Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, occupied the chair, and, in the absence of Lord Skelmersdale, R. W. Bro. W. B. Beach M.P. Prov. Grand Master of Hants and Isle of Wight acted as Deputy Grand Master. Lord Tenterden C.B. occupied the Grand Senior Warden's chair, and Sir Harcourt Johnstone M.P. was in his place as Grand Junior Warden. There were likewise present—Bros. S. Rawson Past District G. Master of China, Sir Albert Woods (Garter) G. Director of Ceremonies, Æn. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, John Hervey Grand Secretary, Rev. H. A. Pickard and Rev. W. A. Hill Grand Chaplains, Rev. C. W. Arnold, Rev. T. R. Wigram, Rev. J. E. Cox, and Rev. R. J. Simpson Past Grand Chaplains, H. G. Buss Grand Asst. Secretary, Erasmus Wilson and Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G. S. Deacons, J. M. P. Montagu and Raphael Costa G.J. Deacons, W. H. Lucia G. Sword Bearer, Captain Platt P.G. Warden, J. L. Thomas Asst. G.D. of C., Ex-Sheriff Hutton P.G.D., W. F. Nettleship P.G.D., J. M. Clabon P.G.D., W. Ganz P.G. Organist, Lieut.-Col. Creaton P.G.D., Joshua Nunn, F. Richardson, T. Fenn P.G.D., J. A. Rucker President Col. Board, Captain Philips P.G.D., J. C. Parkinson P.G.D., &c., &c. After the usual preliminaries and the confirmation of the minutes of the previous Quarterly Communication, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on the motion of Bro. Richardson, was re-nominated Grand Master for the ensuing year. The Pro Grand Master then announced that by the lamented death of Bro. F. Pepys Cockerell, the office of Grand Superintendent of Works had become vacant, and His Royal Highness the Grand Master had appointed Bro. John Gibson, a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and Past Master of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, to fill the vacancy. His lordship, having paid a tribute of respect to the memory of our deceased brother, whose name must ever be associated with the building in which they were assembled, invested Bro. Gibson with the insignia of his office, and Bro. Gibson, having been conducted to his seat on the dais by Sir Albert Woods, was saluted according to ancient custom. The Pro Grand Master then announced that Bro. Clabon had been re-appointed President of the Board of Benevolence, and that, as the only brethren brought forward for election, Bros. Joshua Nunn and James Brett were re-elected Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents thereof respectively. Only twelve Past Masters were nominated for election on the Lodge of Benevolence, and the twelve were elected accordingly. Their names will be found at foot of this report. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. then rose and interrupted the proceedings for the purpose of making an appeal on behalf of the brethren and their privileges, but the brethren for the most part treated the appeal with remarkable indifference, and Bro. Raynham Stewart very properly resumed his seat without concluding his observations. Bro. Clabon, supported by Bro. Nunn, then moved the confirmation of the several grants made by the Board of Benevolence, after which the Earl of Carnarvon announced that Bro. Edward Tyrrell Heath, Dep. District G. Master of Bombay, had kindly presented G. Lodge with a highly interesting and even invaluable record of the early history of Speculative Freemasonry. This was none other than a book, consisting of only a few pages and in a splendid state of preservation, of which, as far as is known, there is only one other copy extant. It is a record of the Lodges in existence in the year 1729, and of these—only fifty-four in number—there are still several yet flourishing which, as his lordship had been informed, were distinguished by the very features which characterised them at the date of this Book. Accordingly, Lord Carnarvon proposed, in the first instance, that they should accept it, and that it should lie in the Grand Secretary's Office for the period of one month, in order that brethren might have an opportunity of inspecting it, and in the next that a vote of thanks should be passed to the donor. Both these motions were seconded by Bro. Beach, Deputy G. Master, and were agreed to unanimously. The motions standing in the name of Bro. Clabon were then discussed and agreed to, and G. Lodge was closed. The following are the names of the several Past Masters elected to serve on the Board of Benevolence, namely:—Bros. W. H. Perryman P.M. 3, Griffiths Smith P.M. 21, Charles Atkins P.M. 27, Henry Bartlett P.M. 147, W. Mann P.M. 186, C. F. Hogard P.M. 205, H. Massey P.M. 619, W. Maidwell P.M. 657, Henry Garrod P.M. 749, W. J. Marlis P.M. 1,642, W. S. Christian P.M. 1,662, J. M. Klenck P.M. 1,666.

In a letter we published last week, signed "T. B. W.," it was proposed that the approaching marriage of the Earl of Carnarvon should be made the occasion for presenting his lordship with some mark of the esteem in which he is held by the Craft. This week we publish a letter signed "ONE WHO WILL SUBSCRIBE TO BOTH FUNDS," on the same subject. Our latter correspondent is more detailed in his suggestion, and proposes that a presentation should be made both to the Duke of Connaught and the Earl of Carnarvon. He even goes further, and suggests that it should take the form of a Perpetual Presentation to one or other of the Schools, to be named in the one case the CARNARVON and in the other the CONNAUGHT Presentation, the balance remaining in each case to be appropriated to the purchase of a wedding gift to the bride elect. We can only say that the proposition meets with our entire approval. This does not, of course, apply to the details, but to the suggestion pure and simple, which, in our judgment, should be immediately acted upon. For ourselves, we shall be happy to render all the assistance in our power.

MARK MASONRY IN READING.

THERE has hitherto been no Mark Masons' Lodge in Reading, and we believe that there is only one in the county, namely that recently consecrated at Abingdon. A resolve had been made to establish a Lodge of the same description in Reading, and the determination has been very successfully carried out. On Monday the ceremony of consecrating the Leopold Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall. Previously, however, to the ceremony a Lodge was formed, and twenty-one brethren were advanced to the degree of M.M.M. It is very rarely that so many candidates offer themselves for advancement, and the fact that they were so numerous augurs well for the future prosperity of the Lodge. The ceremony of advancement was most ably gone through by Bro. E. Margrett, the W.M. of the Lodge. The Consecrating Officer was Bro. F. Binckes, who in Mark Masonry is Past Grand Warden and Grand Secretary. Bro. Binckes discharged his duties as Consecrating Officer in a felicitious manner, and in the oration he gave a very interesting description of the teaching peculiar to the degree of Mark Master Mason. At the conclusion of the ceremony of Consecration the W.M. invested the Officers, amongst whom were Bro. W. H. Herbert (S.W.), C. Stephens (J.W.), the Rev. C. R. Honey (Chaplain), C. Stephens (Treasurer), and T. J. Pulley (Secretary). Several distinguished brethren were elected honorary members of the Lodge. Amongst them was H.R.H. Prince Leopold, who had been requested to allow the Lodge to be named after him. He had given his consent to the proposal, and had also expressed his willingness to become an honorary member of the Lodge. Previously to the closing of the Lodge a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Consecrating Officer and to the other brethren who had taken part in the proceedings of the day. The Lodge was, it should be added, very numerously attended, and indeed the Masonic Hall has scarcely ever been so full. After the Lodge had been closed the brethren, to the number of about fifty, sat down to a banquet at the Ship Hotel. It was served by Bro. Bailey in his usual excellent style. The W.M. presided. Several speeches were delivered, and all of the brethren who took part in the proceedings appeared to be of opinion that the Lodge would be likely to maintain an excellent position. In reference to the question of charity, attention was called to the Mark Benevolent Fund. It was stated that it was originally intended to expend the fund in making grants to Mark Master Masons who were in necessitous circumstances. From a very small beginning the fund had, however, largely increased and it had been determined, chiefly at the instance of Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, to allocate a certain portion of the fund to the special purpose of assisting brethren in meeting the expenses incurred in the education of their sons. The W.M. (Bro. Margrett) expressed his intention of acting as one of the Stewards at the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the announcement gave general satisfaction. In the course of the evening some very good songs were given, and the singing and playing of Bro. F. H. Cozens, Prov. G. Organist, were especially appreciated. After having had a most agreeable gathering, the brethren separated shortly before ten o'clock.—*Berkshire Chronicle.*

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E. C.

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania. Its Early History and Constitutions. From A.L. 5730, A.D. 1730. Its Minutes and Proceedings. Part II. Compiled and published by the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia: Sherman and Co., Printers, 1878.

SOMETHING like a year has elapsed since it became our duty to notice Part I. of the Early History and Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and had the Library Committee of Grand Lodge there and then terminated its labours we should have had no reason to be surprised at their conduct. The forty and odd thousand brethren in the State are so deeply interested in the history of the Grand Body to which they belong, that from the Report of the said Committee published in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the past year, they would seem to have purchased among them about two hundred copies. Or, to put the matter in a different form, about two hundred out of forty thousand have mustered up sufficient courage to expend the munificent sum of one dollar, or four shillings of our money, in the purchase of the first part of a most interesting as well as valuable contribution to Masonic History. Under these circumstances it reflects the utmost credit on the Library Committee that in the teeth of such terrible discouragement they should have [illegible] prosecuting their task, and if only one-half of our Pennsylvanian Craftsmen have any sense of shame about them they will now respond, as it is their duty, to the appeal to their honour, and liberally support their Grand Lodge Committee in their erection of this grand national Masonic monument. Let it no longer be chargeable against the Pennsylvanian Craftsmen that any number of dollars are invariably forthcoming when it is a question of Masonic show, or dining sumptuously, or going on a pilgrimage, while not a single dollar can be spent on one or two occasions in the year for Masonic literature. Having spoken thus freely, we now enter on the more agreeable task of noting what is worthy of note in Part II. of these Proceedings. Remarking first that this Part is embellished with what strikes us as being an admirable Portrait of the great Benjamin Franklin, we will add incidentally that it carries us to the month of March 1799, thus extending over a period of about twelve-and-a-half years. We left off at the close of Part I. with the formal severance

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of the connection formerly existing between Pennsylvania and the G. Lodge (Ancients) of England. This severance was resolved upon on 26th September 1786, and appears to have been thought worthy of comment in the columns of the *Pennsylvania Gazette* of the 4th October following. The comments are made in the greatest courtesy toward British Masons. Having pointed out that the Masonic separation naturally follows the political, and that "it would be as improper as absurd that we should again yield an obedience to her wild, extravagant claims of power, as that Lodges of this Empire should be subservient to jurisdictions from abroad," the writer goes on to say, "But notwithstanding our Masonic dependence on Great Britain is now no more, yet those fine-spun cords of love and affection, by which the Fraternity are drawn together, will no doubt ever induce them .... as a band of *Brothers* connected by the dearest ties .... to cultivate the most social intercourses with each other. The means of this happy cultivation and improvement will probably be the frequent subject of our best and most serious disquisitions. We shall endeavour to hold forth every engaging allurement, that the members of the British G. Lodge may approach and apply their elegant wonder-working fingers to finish the beauties of so well ordered a *dome* in this *new* empire, and make this favourite land what we really wish, the distinguished residence, the last best retreat of heaven-born Masonry." The severance was also ordered to be notified to the English Grand Lodge aforesaid, in a letter bidding farewell to the latter. Accordingly, at the adjourned Communication held on the 16th October 1786, the draft of the said order was submitted and unanimously approved, and the first step rendered necessary by this act of Masonic independence was taken, namely, the preparation and approval of a form of Warrant to be issued to its subordinate Lodges, by the new Grand Lodge. At the same time a circular letter was ordered to be written and forwarded to the different daughter Lodges announcing the erection of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania into a Grand Lodge, and calling upon them to surrender their old Warrants in return for new ones, to be issued to them free of expense. At an extra Grand Lodge held on 2nd December, it was resolved to celebrate St. John's Day by attending Divine Service in one of the City Churches, and a Committee was entrusted with the preparation of the arrangements. On the 18th December it was announced that the service would be held in St. Paul's Church, and that the Rev. Mr. Pilmore had consented to preach the sermon. At the same meeting a letter was read from Lodge No. 7 setting forth that they, with Lodges Nos. 6, 17, 19, 29, and 37 (held at Somerset, Maryland), had met and declared and constituted themselves an independent and Grand Lodge—that of Maryland. A committee was appointed to reply to this letter. At an extra Grand Lodge on the 2nd January 1787, the thanks of the meeting were voted unanimously to the Rev. Mr. Pilmore for his sermon, and to Rev. Dr. Magaw for his prayer on St. John's Day, and a request for a copy of each with a view to their being printed was also made, while committees were appointed to distribute the sums collected among the distressed prisoners in gaol and among distressed brethren. Bro. Adcock was shortly afterwards re-elected Grand Master, Br. Jonathan Bayard Smith being appointed his Deputy, while Bros. Joseph Dean, Geo. Ord, Gavin Hamilton, and Asheton Humphreys were elected to the offices of Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary respectively. Grand Deacons were next appointed, and the Grand Master proclaimed, after which his Deputy installed the other principal officers. On motion duly made and seconded, a Bro. Wm. Williams, a Master Mason, was passed to the chair with the usual ceremonies. On the 13th January, the Grand Lodge met for the purpose of constituting the new Lodge No. 19, for which a warrant had previously been ordered to be issued, and the W.M. and Wardens were installed. At the Quarterly Communication on 26th March, the Secretary was instructed to call upon the late officers of vacant Lodges to deliver their books, papers, jewels, and furniture to the Grand Lodge, and to send copies of the sermon and prayer to each Lodge in the jurisdiction, as well as to every Grand Lodge in the United States. The Secretary was also ordered to inform the latter of the declaration of independence by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and to send copies of the Bye-laws and Constitutions. There are two other items of interest recorded at this meeting, namely, that the Treasurer was ordered to buy for the use of Grand Lodge every book which appeared interesting on Masonry, as well as a ticket in the lottery. At the Quarterly Communication in June it was announced that the ticket had been purchased and drawn blank. At this meeting the Lodges in arrear of dues were called upon to pay as early as possible, and it was resolved that as soon as the Grand Lodge funds would permit, it should subscribe to the Philadelphia Infirmary for the relief of sick persons. A resolution directing that the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master should present a copy of the Constitutions to General Washington is the last minute recorded of this meeting. In September there would appear to have been no meeting—at all events there are no minutes of one. We pass therefore to the Communication in December when, *inter alia*, it was resolved to appoint a committee with a view to procuring a room in the Philosophical Hall, then building, for the use of the Grand Lodge and its subordinate Lodges. The election of Grand Officers was then proceeded with, Bro. Adcock being re-elected G.M., and Bro. Jon. B. Smith re-appointed his Deputy. Steps were likewise taken to relieve the Grand Tyler in his present distresses, and also generally for the relief of distressed brethren, it being recommended to the several Lodges to open subscriptions for the latter. The minutes close with an order to the Grand Secretary to convene the members of Lodge No. 2, which had declined its meetings for some time, with a view to considering and ameliorating its position. The usual installation of Grand Officers on St. John's Day was not fully carried out, as the Grand Master was unable to be present, but this was done on the 1st January 1788, when also a motion was carried that the sums subscribed towards building a home for Grand Lodge on a plot of ground given by Bro. Jos. Dean, G.S. Warden, should be reported at the next meeting, and also that plans for the said building should be submitted at the same time. Beyond, however, a similar motion at the June Grand Lodge, nothing was done for some time, but in December of the same year arrangements were ordered for raising £40 or £50 towards erecting a temporary building, and on St. John's Day orders were issued for such building to be proceeded with. Towards the close of the year the Grand Lodge of Virginia solicited correspondence with that of Pennsylvania, and the inevitable Committee was appointed to draw up an answer. On the same occasion a change was made in the Government of the Craft, and Bro. Adcock having declined re-election, his Deputy, Bro. J. B. Smith was chosen for the ensuing year, and he and his principal Officers were installed on St. John's Day. On 30th March 1789 a letter was read from Grand Lodge of Maryland, enclosing minutes of its proceedings in October of the previous year, and formally announcing the separation from Pennsylvania of the Lodges now comprised in the said Grand Lodge of Maryland. Several late members of Lodge, No. 2, succeeded on 15th June, in obtaining a Warrant to be called No. 2, the attempt to revive the original Lodge without some such step having apparently proved unsuccessful. An application by certain brethren for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Norfolk, Virginia, was declined on the ground that there was a Grand Lodge already existing in that State. Bro. J. B. Smith was re-elected Grand Master on 14th December 1782, and retained that high office during the remaining period, to which the minutes recorded in Part II. relate. At the adjourned meeting on 18th December, a Warrant was granted for a Lodge to be held at Port-au-Prince in the island of St. Domingo. The letter recognising the Grand Lodge of Maryland was at the same meeting submitted and approved. On the 21st of the same month the Grand Master tendered his resignation, but from what we have said already it is clear that it was not accepted. On this occasion, and also at the meeting on the 25th following, Bro. M. Ewing, G. Secretary, of New Jersey, was minuted as having been present as a visitor. At the latter Grand Lodge, a new Secretary, in the person of Bro. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, was chosen in succession to Bro. Asheton Humphreys, whose resignation tendered more than once had at length been accepted, and to whom the thanks of Grand Lodge were unanimously voted in recognition of his long and valuable services to the Craft in Pennsylvania. At the meeting on the 28th December, Bro. M. Ewing, Grand Secretary of New Jersey, being again present, a communication from the Grand Lodge of that State was read, inviting correspondence and the interchange of friendly relations. At the meeting the next day the Code of Laws and Regulations for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania were submitted and adopted.

(*To be continued.*)

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THE Queen with Princess Beatrice paid a visit to the Empress Eugenie at Chiselhurst on Tuesday. On Wednesday Her Majesty held a Council at Windsor. The Prince of Wales on Thursday passed through Leeds, returning from a brief visit to the Hoo, and was presented with an address. The town was gaily decorated in honor of the visit.

A Cabinet Council was held on Tuesday, at which all the Ministers were present.

The Session of Parliament was opened on Thursday by Royal Commission. The Queen's Speech, read by the Lord Chancellor, was very brief, and merely referred to the hostilities which the unfriendly conduct of the Ameer of Afghanistan had rendered necessary, with a declaration of belief that the Treaty of Berlin would be carried out. At the Evening Sitting in the Lords, the debate upon the Address was continued until 11 o'clock, but no amendment was moved, although Lord Granville, Earl Grey, and other Peers took exception to the Government policy in respect of Afghanistan. In the Commons, Lord Hartington said he should not oppose the voting of supplies, but the course of the Government would require explanation at a later period. The debate was continued by many speakers, and the Address was eventually agreed to. Vacancies have arisen in the Commons by reason of the death of Mr. Dunbar, member for New Ross, and Professor Smyth member for Londonderry, and also in consequence of the resignation, by reason of ill health, of Mr. K. Hodgson, member for Bristol, and Mr. Sandford, member for Malvon. Sir John Guest and Mr. Lewis Fry are the Candidates for the Bristol seat, and Sir W. N. Abdy and Mr. G. Cortauld for that of Maldon.

Notice has been given of an application to Parliament for an Act to authorise the affairs of the City of Glasgow Bank to be settled by arbitration. The unlimited liability attaching to the possession by the Caledonian Bank of four shares in the City of Glasgow Bank has led to an arrangement between the former and other Scotch Banks, and it was decided on Wednesday that the Caledonian Bank should present a petition for liquidation.

The Bishop of Durham, in consequence of continued illness, has resigned his office, and foregoes the pension prescribed by Act of Parliament.

The most important news from Afghanistan is the success of General Roberts in capturing the Peiwar Pass. Checked on Saturday by a determined fire, the General

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retired, but on Tuesday renewed the attack with great vigour, and succeeded in expelling the enemy from formidable positions and capturing 18 guns. The evacuation of Jellalabad is stated upon official authority, and there is general belief that the Afghan troops have been withdrawn to Cabul. The Khyber Pass has been re-opened to convoys, and in the valleys the British forces receive abundant supplies. The definitive Treaty of Peace between Russia and Turkey appears now to be in course of negotiation, with some prospect of a satisfactory result. The Emperor of Russia, after visiting Moscow, returned to St. Petersburg, and has publicly declared his expectation that a definitive arrangement with the Porte will shortly be effected. The Turkish General Suleiman Pasha, who commanded the Balkan Army, and so strongly contested the Shipka Pass, has been found guilty by a Court-martial of military misconduct, and sentenced to 15 years' confinement in a fortress.

The Marquis and Marchioness of Lorne have arrived at Ottawa, where, as at every other point of their journey, they were received with the utmost cordiality.

EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

THE Annual Festival was held in the Grand Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, 29th November 1878. Present: Bros. T. Fenn P.G.D. as W.M.; Bro. C. A. Murton P.G.D. as S.W.; Bro. J. A. Rucker P.G.D. as J.W.; Bro. A. C. Spaull as S.D.; Bro. G. C. Pulsford as J.D.; Bro. W. A. Dawson as I.G.; Bro. W. Smallpeice as Secretary, and about 130 other brethren. The Lodge having been opened in the third degree, the whole of the sections of the first lecture were worked in an able and impressive manner by the undermentioned:—

Section 1. By Bro. A. C. Spaull J.W. 1,768.
„ 2. By Bro. G. C. Pulsford S.D. 1,593.
„ 3. By Bro. A. D. Renshaw S.D. 194.
„ 4. By Bro. E. Hornblower S.D. 1,604.
„ 5. By Bro. E. G. Tattershall 165.
„ 6. By Bro. F. B. Spaull S.W. 1,768.
„ 7. By Bro. W. A. Dawson W.M. 1,768.

About thirty-three brethren were then proposed as joining members of the Lodge, and Bro. Fenn having vacated the chair, Bro. The Right Hon. Lord Henniker R.W. S.G.W. took his place, and closed down the Lodge in the three degrees.

The brethren then proceeded to an excellent and substantial supper, served by Bro. Best in the large Banquet Hall, the chair being taken by Lord Henniker. Amongst the distinguished brethren who supported his Lordship we noticed Bros. John Hervey Grand Secretary, Captain Philips, Binckes Sec. R.M.I.B., Case, H. J. P. Dumas, Murton, Clarke, Edwin March, and others.

Grace having been said, and the cloth removed, the Chairman gave the usual loyal toasts, which were duly honoured. In proposing the health of the M.W. Grand Master, his Lordship made a fitting allusion to the many estimable qualities of His Royal Highness, and expressed a hope that they might soon have an opportunity of repeating the welcome they had recently given him in that Hall. Passing to the toast of the Grand Officers, Lord Henniker trusted that they might for many years have such rulers in the Craft as the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale, whose efforts for the welfare of Masonry could not be too highly valued. In responding to this toast, Bro. Clarke said it must be an especial pleasure and satisfaction to the Grand Officers to attend the Emulation Lodge, whose proceedings cast such lustre upon English Masonry. Bro. John Hervey next proposed the health of the Chairman, Lord Henniker, in flattering terms, and bore testimony to his Lordship's great services to the Craft in the Province of Suffolk, remarking that the Lodge of Emulation owed Lord Henniker a debt of gratitude for having, at much inconvenience, undertaken a long journey in order to preside over them that evening. The toast was received with acclamation. Lord Henniker, in responding, complimented the Officers of the Lodge on the splendid working he had witnessed, the gratification derived therefrom fully repaying him for the journey he had undertaken in order to be present. He then proposed the toast of the evening: Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. He considered the Emulation Lodge supplied one of the great Masonic wants, and was becoming a great authority in this country in matters of ritual. "Emulation" was a word we, as Masons, should always have before us, and he could not refrain from connecting with this toast their highly valued friend, Bro. John Hervey, who had been one of the chief supporters of the Lodge of Emulation for over thirty years. They should try, although they would find it a difficult task, to emulate the services of Bro. Hervey. Bro. Hervey in responding, expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing so numerous an assembly that evening, which convinced him that the good which was being done by the Emulation Lodge would continue to increase. In consequence of failing health, he had lately taken no active part in their working, but his Bro. Officers were not likely to let the Lodge fall off either in numbers or efficiency. The Chairman then proposed the health of the Officers of the Emulation Lodge, Bro. Fenn and others, who had given them such a treat that evening by their impressive working of the first lecture. He looked upon Bro. Fenn as a model W.M., and it was only due to Bro. Smallpeice, the indefatigable Secretary to the Lodge, that they should accord him the praise he deserved for his active services in that capacity. Bro. Fenn, in responding, said, that if they had earned any credit for their working, it must be shared alike by all the brethren who had taken part in it; but he might observe that the greater part of them were young members, and it must be gratifying to all present to know that they had received their education in the Lodge of Emulation. Bro. Murton then proposed Prosperity to the Lodge of Unions, under whose Warrant they were privileged to meet. He hoped that as they were proud of their mother Lodge, she was also proud of her offspring, the Lodge of Emulation. He recommended brethren to spare no pains in learning the lectures, so as to arrive at a true understanding of the ceremonies. The toast was responded to by the W.M. of the Lodge of Unions, who gave a short sketch of their history. Bro. Rucker next proposed the toast of the Royal Masonic Institutions, remarking that there were two classes of Masons, namely, those who contributed to the support of the Charities, and those who did not. In coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Binckes, he would leave him to say something on behalf of the claims of the Charities, although advocacy of that kind he looked upon as superfluous, when the advantages of the Charities were so widely known and understood. Bro. Binckes, in responding at some length, made an eloquent appeal to the brethren, observing, in allusion to the remarks of Bro. Rucker, that he feared the class who did not give to the Masonic Charities was more numerous than the class who, acting up to their Masonic profession, contributed freely. He hoped that that state of things would be reversed before long, and he had every confidence that the great body of Masons were alive to the importance and necessity of supporting by all means in their power the various Charities associated with Masonry. The health of the Stewards of the evening, was proposed by Bro. Clarke, and responded to by Bro. Pulsford.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

THE half-yearly Communication of Grand Mark Lodge of England took place on Tuesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern. Lord Skelmersdale, Grand Master, was unable to be present, and the throne was occupied by the Earl of Limerick, Past Grand Master. There was a large attendance of brethren, among whom were General J. Studholme Brownrigg, Bros. Thos. Halsey, M.P., Captain Philips, S. Rawson, Shadwell H. Clerke, Sir J. Halford, and J. Lewis Thomas. The following business was on the agenda paper:—

Recommendations from the General Board:—

(*a*) "That in clause 63 of the Book of Constitutions the following words shall in future be omitted, 'Unless by special dispensation of the Grand Master, have been previously installed as Master of some Craft Lodge of Freemasons, and also,'"

(*b*) "That Grand Lodge authorise a grant of £25 in aid of the brethren of the Mark degree at Curacoa, who lost all their property, and have been reduced to a state of great destitution by the hurricane of September 1877."

(*c*) "Grants from Benevolent Fund—That £15 be granted to Bro. R. H.; that £10 be granted to the widow of Bro. H."

(*d*) "That the rules for the management of the Education Fund, now submitted, be approved."

(*e*) "That the Grand Master be authorised to take charge of certain other orders and degrees connected with Freemasonry, under such conditions as the General Board may from time to time recommend."

After a long discussion on Recommendation *a*, in which the general feeling of the brethren was against the proposed alteration, the Earl of Limerick drew attention to the circumstance that this clause was not included in the Report of the General Board. It therefore could not be put. This subject then fell to the ground. Recommendations *b* and *c* were agreed to. Recommendation *d* was adopted, with a few minor alterations in some of the bye-laws. On Recommendation *e*, Brother Binckes explained that the strong argument in favour of it was the desirability of not multiplying supreme jurisdiction in the Degrees or Orders. Several brethren disapproved of the proposition to take other Orders under Grand Mark Lodge, and the Earl of Limerick warned Grand Lodge that by giving the power proposed they would be taking a very serious step, that might lead to discussion which would be inconvenient and injurious to the Mark degree. Bro. C. J. Smith strongly opposed adopting the Side degrees. The Mark degree did did not stand so free from dangers that it could afford to adopt further grounds of opposition by the Craft, and it should endeavour to establish harmony rather than resistance. The motion was ultimately withdrawn, and the Report of the General Board, with this exception, adopted. Bro. Montagu then nominated Lord Skelmersdale for Grand Master for the ensuing year, and the Earl of Limerick distributed charity jewels to Bros. Rev. D. Ace, Robt. Arnison, H. Baget, J. Barker, R. Baggett, Rev. W. Bedford, W. G. Brighten, E. H. Coates, T. Cubitt, R. Eve, J. Fawcett, J. Gardiner, J. R. Gorpel, C. Harding, J. C. Mason, W. Nicholl, Capt. Perkins, C. H. Perrott, Capt. Ritchie, A. Scargill, J. L. Thomas, E. T. Tattershall, F. M. Tindall, F. Trickett, and George Ward Verry. Grand Lodge was then closed.

A centenary warrant having been granted to the members of the Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love, 56, Arundel, Sussex—the Lodge was constituted in London in 1736—on 19th December the Festival will be held, and the Prov. Grand Master Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., has consented to be present, accompanied by his Officers.

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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 DECEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
92—Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
143—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1623—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1634—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

206—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.
R. A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

MONDAY, 9th DECEMBER.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
90—St. John's, 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.)
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
937—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.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.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
R. C.—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

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, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, 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.
409—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham.
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby.
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
589—Druid's 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.
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1049—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate.
1442—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1543—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.
1602—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.
M. M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham.
K. T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.

TUESDAY, 10th 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.)
196—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-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, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
933—Dorio, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-street, E.C.
1562—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R. A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R. C.—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
117—Wynstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley.
181—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.
178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
194—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
373—Hospitals, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon.
401—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
446—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
496—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
508—Derwent, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton.
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
656—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
802—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1120—St. Mildburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Bankey-street, Warrington.
1325—Stanley, 214 St. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey.
1384—Equity, Alfords Chambers, Widnes.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Uckfield, Sussex.
1509—Manvers, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
1563—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1579—Tonbridge, New Public 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.
R. A. 758—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
R. A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.
M. M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
K. T. 101—Ancient Ebor, Masonic Hall, Duncombe-street, York.
R. C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1044—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1260—Harvey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. C.—Grand Metropolitan Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale.
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe.
134—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire.
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire.
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester.
281—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
483—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon.
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Checkheaton.
754—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire, 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.
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1209—Lewisses, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1343—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30.
1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Staffs.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1645—Colne Valley, Lowisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.
R. A. 409—Stortford, Chequers' Inn, Bishop's Stortford.
R. A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
M. M. 55—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
M. M. 193—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 12th DECEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
554—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
720—Panmure Gen. L. of Inst., Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1378—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
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[illegible] Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In.)
[illegible] 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, [illegible]re-street-hill, Exeter.
179—Britannia, [illegible] Masons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden.
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn.
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecliough, near Manchester.
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe.
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
496—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—Cruxteth, Unite' Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.

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971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1094—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon.
1144—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.
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1360—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1436—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1459—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
1514—Thornhill, Deans House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
1565—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1607—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
R. A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
R. A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
R. A. 1325—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
K. T. 56—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

FRIDAY, 13th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
807—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
983—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 158 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Harvey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1299—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1443—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 8.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
456—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
720—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1109—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
1239—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
1436—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
R.A. 408—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
K. T.—Faith, Leaders Buildings, King-street, Wigan.

SATURDAY, 14th DECEMBER.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.
Sitial Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

630—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1381—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1613—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.
K. T.—Faith, Masonic Rooms, 30 King-street, Wigan.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At the Old Rodney's Head, Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 2nd inst. Present—Bros. Pearcy W.M., Woolley S.W., Simons J.W., Tolmie Precept., Fenner Sec., Wing S.D., W. Rowley J.D., Pelikan I.G. Bros. Alford, Hallam jun., Claudius, Isaac, Gyer, &c. After opening, the W.M. worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Alford acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the fourth, fifth and sixth sections, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Woolley was elected to preside at the next meeting.

The Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—At the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, on Tuesday, 3rd December, Bros. J. H. Dodson W.W., Tranter S.W., Sanders J.W., Abell S.D., Linscott J.D., Cooper I.G., P.M. Bingeman Preceptor. Bros. Todd, Jackson, T. B. Dodson, Dickins, Watts, McAlpine and others. Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of preceding meeting read and confirmed. the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Jackson candidate. The second section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Abell, the third by Bro. Bingemann, and the fourth by Bro. Watts. Bro. Tranter was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 3rd December 1878. Present—Bros. Moss W.M., Daniels S.W., King J.W., Chicken S.D., Hamilton J.D., Eccleston, I.G., Sparrow Precep., Holland Sec., Richards, Lacap, Wharman, Brown, Shadler, Maidwell, Sargood, Wyatt. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Maidwell candidate. Bro. Moss vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Richards, who worked the third degree in a very perfect manner. Bro. Moss resumed the chair and closed down in the third and second degrees. Bro. Lacap, of the Lebanon Lodge 1,326, was elected a member. In responding, he stated that he was very gratified with the manner the work was done at this Lodge of Instruction, and gave the members a hearty invitation to visit the City of London Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Daniel was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. It was proposed by Bro. King, seconded by Bro. Wharman, that the report of the Audit Committee, as read, be received and adopted. Carried unanimously. The sum of five guineas was promised to Bro. Maidwell, to be placed on his list for the Boys' School Festival. Proposed by Bro. Daniel seconded by Bro. Holland, that the usual guinea be given towards the entertainment to the "old people"—carried. Bro. Daniel, a very earnest "beggar" for the old people, then proposed a whip round, which resulted in a goodly sum being collected.

Joppa Lodge, No. 188.—The regular meeting was held on Monday, the 2nd instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of Bros. J. H. Miller W.M., M. Spiegel S.W., H. Hymans J.W., L. M. Auerhaan Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., Campion S.D., R. Baker J.D., Genese D.C., Benjamin Steward; P.M.'s Bros. L. Alexander, I. Abrahams and S. Hickman. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. The election for W.M. took place, and Bro. M. Spiegel S.W. was unanimously elected. Bro. L. M. Auerhaan was re-elected Treasurer. The Audit and Benevolent Committees were appointed. The brethren partook of slight refreshment, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with some excellent speeches and singing. The following Visitors were present:—Leon Jacobs 1732, F. Silvester 193, T. C. Edmonds 1507, D. A. R. McLaren 193, B. Alexander 1017, I. Botibol 1201, S. Jewel 1559, William Dixon 1107.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—On Wednesday, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. Thos. W. C. Bush W.M., W. W. Medcalf S.W., T. B. Biddle J.W., J. K. Pitt Sec., E. Gottheil P.M. Treasurer and Precep., R. A. Morgan S.D., J. E. Fells J.D., D. Moss I.G., Bros. Thompson, Meiter, W. Smith, Holland, R. Harris, Woodward, Aarons. Visitors—Bros Thompson E. Goldberg Samson Lodge. The ceremony of initiation was worked by the W.M., Bro. Kennett Harris acting candidate. Bro. Moss worked the first, second, and third sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was well attended, and the brethren highly appreciated the efforts of Bro. Moss. Bro. Medcalf was appointed W.M. for next Wednesday. The proposition that in future each officer should answer in his respective office in the opening of the Lodge was carried unanimously. Bro. E. Goldberg Samson 1,668 was elected member.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 196.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N., Saturday, 30th November. Bro. Pearcy W.M., Brasted S.W., Gilham J.W., Millington S.D., Spencer J.D., J. Lorkin I.G., Halford Treasurer, Killick Sec. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. C. Lorkin as candidate. Bro. R. Halford W.M. 228 took the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of installation, in a manner that met with the warmest approval. A vote of thanks and honorary membership of the Lodge were offered to, and accepted by Bro. Halford, who expressed his thanks in an earnest and eloquent speech. Some sections of the first lecture were worked. Bro. Woolley, of the Wanderers' Lodge, was elected a member. Bro. Brasted will preside at the next meeting.

York Lodge, No. 236.—There was a very large attendance at the meeting of this Lodge on Monday last, when the election of Master took place. Bro. W. Valentine W.M. presided, supported by all his Officers, and a number of visitors. The unanimous vote of the Lodge fell on the J.W. Bro. A. Buckle, and Bro. J. Todd P.M. was unanimously re-elected to the office of Treasurer. Bro. Redfare was re-appointed Tyler. It was agreed that the annual Lodge banquet should be held on St. John's Day, 27th December. The installation will take place on 16th December.

Prosperity Chapter, No. 290.—The first regular Convocation of the session was held on Wednesday, the 27th November, at the Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield. Comp. W. Harrop M.E.Z. in the chair, Jno. W. Turner H., Allen Haigh J., C. Wheawill S.E., B. Hutchinson P.Z. Treasurer, Farrer S.N., and about 25 other subscribing members of the Chapter. The following Visiting Comps. were present—H. W. Crowther P.Z. P.P.G.D.C., A. Smith P.Z., Thomas Haddock P.Z., J. R. Dove Z. Chapter of Perseverance 275, Thomas Tyers P.Z. Rectitude 581, John Mossop Assistant Soj. Furness 295. The business commenced punctually at six o'clock, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Vickers, Huddersfield Lodge No. 290. It proved favourable, and he was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry by the M.E.Z. The Historical, Symbolical, and Mystical Lectures were delivered by Comps. Wale, Turner and Harrop respectively, in a very able manner. The report of the Auditors was overlooked, but we are in a position to state that it is very favourable. The business being concluded, the Chapter was closed, when the Companions adjourned to the Banquet Hall, and sat down to a sumptuous repast. After which the M.E.Z. proposed the Loyal and Royal Arch toasts, Comp. Mitchell P.S. proposed, in suitable terms, the health of the M.E.Z. and the other Principals, which they briefly acknowledged. Comp. Wm. Smith P.Z. proposed the health of the P.Z.'s, coupling with the toast the name of Comp. W. Harrop P.Z. the Installing Officer. He congratulated the Chapter on having so many excellent workers, more particularly Comp. Harrop, who had performed the installation ceremony that evening without a fault, and in a beautifully impressive manner. Comp. Harrop having briefly acknowledged the toast, the M.E.Z. proposed the health of their newly-exalted Companion, in response to which Comp. Vickers expressed his pleasure at being admitted a member of the Chapter, and promised regular attendance to the duties of Royal Arch Masonry. The M.E.Z., in eloquent terms, proposed the health of the Visitors; he was very pleased to see so many there that evening, more particularly as two came long distances to offer him their congratulations on his being placed in the high and honourable position he had that evening attained. Comp. Tyers P.Z., having come from Manchester, and Comp. Mossop Assist. Soj. a still greater distance, that being from Grange-over-Sands, and what made it a greater pleasure was that

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Comp. Moesop was a member of his (the M.E.Z.'s) mother Chapter. The Visitors, in acknowledging the toast, congratulated the Chapter on the efficient working, and spoke of the duties undertaken by Comp. Harrop in such a masterly manner, and with a degree of perfection they had never before had the pleasure to witness. The other toasts having been proposed and responded to, the Companions separated, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place on the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. There was a large attendance of brethren. The Lodge was opened with the following Officers in their respective places: Bros. R. L. Armstrong P.G.P. W.M., W. Monday P.P.G.P. I.P.M., J. Page S.W., R. G. Salmon J.W., J. Ridsdale P.M. P.G.J.W. Treasurer, G. W. Lax Secretary, S. M. Harris S.D., G. Dumford J.D., W. Sheppard Organist, J. S. B. Bell I.G., J. MacDonald Steward, and Sims Tyler. The minutes being confirmed, the ballot was taken for three candidates and one subscribing member, which proved in each case successful. The three gentlemen were then initiated into our Order in a most impressive manner. Three brethren were passed to the F.C. degree, and one was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, all three degrees being perfectly conferred by the W.M. All routine business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshments. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and several complimentary ones received hearty responses. The Visitors were—J. Cook P.P.G.S.W. 481, J. McCullock W.M. 1,643, J. J. Taylor W.M. 1,676, G. Hardy S.W. 1,643, W. Eckford S.D. 1,643, A. Cumbal Sec. 1,643, R. Whitfield S.W. 48, E. Liddle Sec. 48, J. Wood S.D. 48, J. G. Homfray 683, &c.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—The proceedings at the meeting on Friday, 29th ultimo, were of a very interesting character. It has frequently been remarked that a good dinner makes every gathering pass off well. At the present time we are perfectly content to accept this aphorism. We will even go further, and concede that the doings at the gathering we are about to chronicle were especially interesting. About two years back this Lodge of Instruction was started, and the meetings have since been held most regularly, as is evidenced by the reports which have appeared from time to time in our columns. Bro. J. Chambers Roe, a Past Master of the mother Lodge, at all times a sincere and hard-working Mason, was appointed Preceptor, and, under his guidance, the younger members of the Royal Alfred have acquired a knowledge of ritual, and have attained a capacity for office, that will fit them for any duty they may be called on to fill in this or any other Lodge. Friday was the day appointed for the Annual Banquet, and was further made the opportunity, by the members, of testifying to Bro. Roe their appreciation of the kindness he had always evinced, and of offering him some tangible recognition for the trouble he had expended. Bro. C. Costelow presided, and was supported by Bro. Walter Goss I.P.M. and W. Gomm, of the mother Lodge, who respectively filled the chairs of Senior and Junior Wardens. There was a large attendance of members, and Bro. Stanbury—mine host of the Star and Garter—had provided an admirable menu, which was served in the style so characteristic of this establishment. On the removal of the cloth, the toasts customary on these occasions were given and duly acknowledged. Bro. Roe proposed the health of the W.M., who was a young but very energetic Mason. He had been a most persevering student in the Lodge of Instruction, and it was gratifying to all who were present to have Bro. Costelow presiding. After the chairman had expressed his acknowledgments, he brought forward what might be termed the toast of the evening—"Prosperity to the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction and the health of the Preceptor." After conveying to Bro. Roe assurances of their appreciation of his zeal, the chairman directed his attention to a splendid clock, on a marble stand, which the members had requested him to present. Bro. Costelow formally handed over the testimonial to their esteemed Preceptor, amid the cheers of all assembled. The following is the inscription:—

Presented to
Bro. J. Chambers Roe P.M. 780,
Preceptor of the
Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780,
As a mark of the esteem of the Brethren,
Who have to acknowledge his zeal and
Tender care in imparting to them his
Extensive knowledge of the Ritual of the Craft.
29th Nov. 1878.

Bro. Roe gracefully acknowledged the honour paid him by the brethren, for what he considered such trifling services. His work had been truly a labour of love, and as the brethren thought he had been of service to them, the knowledge of it could not but be gratifying. Their valuable gift he should ever pride, and he trusted it would mark the run of time for generations in his family and be esteemed as an heirloom. After other toasts had been disposed of the brethren departed, greatly pleased at the successful result of the meeting.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Polak W.M., Carr S.W., Brasted J.W., C. Lukin S.D., J. Lukin J.D., Macklin I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Holdsworth, Wardell, McCleans, Harding, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Christian as candidate. Bro. Dallas worked the 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Audit Committee informed the brethren they had examined the accounts of the Lodge to this date, and found the same correct. Bro. Dallas was elected Secretary and Bro. Smyth Treasurer, for the ensuing year. Bro. Carr will preside next Tuesday evening.

Lodge of Loyalty, No. 897.—The regular monthly meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held at the Fleece Hotel, St. Helens, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. Present—Bros. W. J. Marrow W.M., W. Harrison I.P.M., J. S. White S.W., T. Molyneaux J.W., T. Morris Sec., W. Loader S.D., F. Hodgson J.D., C. F. Mermagen Chaplain, R. B. Woodward Organist, E. Beilby I.G., J. Taylor Tyler. Past Masters Bros. H. S. L. Gurney, J. G. Dunn, W. Leather, R. Tyson, Bros. W. Gardner, Wm. Butler, Isaac Smith, John Wolfenden, H. H. Jackson, H. C. Lockhart, Capt. T. Windus, J. H. Roughsedge, C. C. Wilson, H. S. Oppenheim P.M. 1,384, John Harrison, D. M. Gaskin, T. Haslam, J. Penketh, J. Griffith, W. R. Ward, A. J. Foote, J. Hall, J. H. Jordan, A. Stanace, Peter Jackson, &c. Visitors—H. S. Alpass Prov. Grand Sec., H. A. Tobias J.W. 1,502, R. H. Exton J.W. 1,380, R. Wylie P.P.A.S.D. Geo. Broadbridge P.P.G.D.C., J. Newsome W.M. 1,384, W. B. Robinson W.M. 1,335, Wm. Tyrer P.P.G.S. of Works, E. C. Mellor P.P.G.J.D. North Wales and Salop, John Taylor P.M. 1,275 S. M. Davies Freemasons' Chronicle, &c. The Lodge was opened at 2.30 p.m., and the minutes of last meeting duly ratified. This being the night for installing the W.M. elect, and the choice of the brethren having fallen upon Bro. White, late S.W., he was presented for the purpose of attaining the distinguished honour of Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Loyalty for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Wylie, who invested and proclaimed Bro. J. S. White, and requested the brethren to salute him as W.M. The W.M., with the assistance of Bro. Wylie, appointed his Officers as follow:—W. J. Marrow I.P.M., T. Molyneaux S.W., T. Morris J.W., F. Hodgson Secretary, E. Beilby S.D., R. B. Woodward J.D., W. Harrison P. Prov. D.C., C. F. Mermagen Chap., Dr. Ricketts S.S., H. L. Rieley J.S., W. R. Ward I.G., J. Taylor Tyler. After some business of a private nature had been transacted, and the usual preliminaries observed, the Lodge was called from labour to banquet. The spacious and comfortable hall in which our St. Helen's brethren meet has recently undergone complete renovation, and on this occasion everything looked quite smart. Great credit is due to the hostess of the Fleece Hotel for the great interest she always evinces for the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren. Mrs. Taylor prides herself on her ability to provide a menu which, while it gratifies all, cannot be excelled for *récherché* character. Bro. George Broadbridge P.P.G.D.C. ably directed the ceremonies of the evening. The musical brethren (Capt. Windus, G. Barton, D. Gaskin, H. C. Lockhart, Taylor accompanied by R. B. Woodward, who presided at the piano and organ) added greatly to the enjoyment. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the three toasts which usually head the list. Bro. Gaskin then sang "The Worthy Mason," after which W. Bro. White rose to propose the health of their Prov. G. Lord Skelmersdale Deputy G.M. of England, and the Prov. G. Officers past and present. Bro. White had attended as many Prov. G. Lodges as possible, and had been very much pleased and pleased on such occasions by the able manner in which everything was carried out. It must have been gratifying to all, as it was to him, to witness such a large attendance at Prov. Grand Lodge as there was recently at Liverpool. He was very grateful as many Prov. Grand Officers had done him the honour of attending his Lodge. All must feel it a great distinction to have the worthy Prov. Grand Secretary among them. He was pleased to say he had visited the Lodge before, and they were always glad to welcome him. He united the name of Bro. Alpass P.G. Sec. with the toast, and felt sure it needed no further commendation to ensure that brother's name being most cordially received. There was a time when Provincial Grand Lodge honoured St. Helens with its meeting, and he hoped the time was not far distant when they would do so again. Bro. Alpass, in the course of his reply, gave the brethren some good advice as to the means to be pursued when matters were not quite as straight as could be wished, and stated that it was much better to explain any grievance which might exist privately to the W.M. than run the risk of causing discord by publicly demonstrating it in open Lodge. He congratulated the members on the prosperous condition of their Lodge, and hoped that their balance—close upon £150—would be judiciously invested. He would suggest that they make a grant of ten guineas to each of the three London Charities. This was not an unreasonable sum, but it would be the means of handing down the names of the present members with credit to those who might follow, and would be a good example to all who might try to emulate them. The I.P.M. proposed the Army, Navy and Reserve Forces, uniting therewith the name of Bro. Capt. Windus, which was followed by the musical brethren singing "Comrades in Arms," in capital style. Bro. Capt. Windus had great pleasure, as an officer of the Reserve Force, in replying to the toast. At the present time a small portion of our Army was engaged in a war, the difficulty and danger of which could not be easily realised; but with the characteristic pluck of our soldiers, the ability of our officers, and the full equipment of modern war appliances, he considered there was no doubt our forces would give a good account of themselves. Worshipful Bro. Marrow again assumed the gavel, to propose a toast which he knew would receive most cordial reception. Diligently, step by step, Bro. White had worked himself up to the highest office in Lodge, and by strict attention to his various duties, efficient working, and courteous bearing, he had gained the love and esteem of all, both in the Lodge and in every day life. Bro. Marrow was pleased to see him occupy this proud position of W.M. He was sure he would discharge its duties with the same zeal, attention, and efficiency he had those of his previous offices; he felt that no words could ensure a more hearty welcome to the toast than it was their desire to give. Bro. Barton favoured the brethren by singing "The Pilgrim of Love." The W.M. in his reply stated that it had been his aim and endeavour to attend the meetings of the Lodge regularly, and to perform his duties faithfully. He not only attended the regular communications of the Lodge, but derived great pleasure and advantage from attending the Lodge of Instruction. He wished to impress on the minds of all the brethren that in order to acquire proficiency in the Craft, they must study, persevere, and practically

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utilise their time and talents; there was no place where a Brother could acquire so much practical knowledge of Freemasonry as in a Lodge of Instruction. With reference to his position of W.M.; he deeply feel the responsibility of the post, and in proportion to its responsibility, would endeavour to use extra zeal and caution, so that he might discharge the duties to the credit and welfare of the Lodge, and to the satisfaction of those who had so confidingly placed the government of the Lodge in his care. He hoped the remarks of Bro. Alpass would make a deep and lasting impression on each and all, and that the cloud which had that day hung over the proceedings would be dispersed, and the future be happy and prosperous. He next proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Marrow. The prosperity the Lodge during his year of office had been very great. It was his privilege to present to Brother Marrow a Past Master's jewel, which had been subscribed for by the brethren as a mark of the high esteem in which they held him, and as a token of appreciation for the way in which he had discharged his duties. In placing the jewel upon Bro. Marrow's breast, he wished him long life to wear it, and called upon the brethren to unite in drinking to his very good health. Bro. G. Broadbridge called for a salute of twenty-one guns, which was given. Bro. Marrow felt grateful for the kindness shown him, and also for the great distinction conferred in presenting him with a Past Master's jewel. He should wear it, not merely as an emblem of the office he had vacated, but more particularly as a memento of fraternal regard. He was happy to know that at the termination of his year of office that he had won and maintained the good opinion of the brethren. He also thanked the Officers for their hearty co-operation during the past year. The next toast was the Officers of the Lodge, Past and Present. With regard to the Past Officers, the members had seen and heard how admirably they had done their duty, and the W.M. hoped the appointment of Officers made that day would redound to the credit and prosperity of the Lodge, and meet with the approbation of the brethren. The musical brethren again favoured the brethren with a very melodious selection, "As the Moments Roll," after which Bro. Dana P.M. returned thanks for the Past Officers, and Brother S.W. for the Present. He did so with pleasure, feeling confident that each and every brother officer would attend his duties punctually, and maintain the position confided to him with efficiency. They would be pleased to receive the instruction of their elder brethren, and profit by their experience in the Craft. His love for the Craft, the deep interest he had ever manifested for the welfare of the Lodge, and the important office he now filled would be sufficient incentive for him to redouble his energies in order to make the future prosperous and happy. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Installing Master. He had carried out the ceremony to the delight and edification of all. The toast was received with Masonic honours. Bro. Taylor favoured the brethren by singing "The Holy Friar," after which Bro. Wylie responded. Bro. Leather proposed the Visiting Brethren, coupling with the same the names of Brothers Tobias and Taylor. Bro. Tobias felt doubly honoured in having his name united with the toast. He was glad for the privilege of being present. He did not consider it too much to say that the visitors had been most bountifully provided for and fraternally entertained. He trusted that the Lodge might continue as prosperous in the future as it had been in the past. Bro. Taylor also responded, to the same purport. Bro. Robinson proposed the Masonic Charities, and was followed by Bro. Wolfenden, who also urged the claims of our noble Institutions. Bro. Broadbridge responded in his usual able and impressive manner. Bro. Morris J.W. proposed The Ladies. In doing so he stated that the toast was one of the most interesting that could be submitted. The ladies, although not admitted to our gatherings, are closely united with us in all our social positions in life. We are greatly indebted to them for many comforts. He was sure among a body of Freemasons it would be impossible to find a brother so ungallant as not to drink heartily to the toast. "The Image of the Rose" was sung by the Musical Brethren, and Bro. Gurney responded on behalf of the fair sex. Bro. Lockhart sang "Nancy o' Bristol," and then Rev. Bro. Mermagen proposed the health of the Musical Brethren in deservedly complimentary terms, uniting with the toast the name of Bro. R. B. Woodward, whom he described as the pervading musical genius of the Lodge. The toast was cordially received, after which "Come, Boys, Drink," was capitally rendered. Bro. Woodward, in returning thanks for the toast, said he should always do all in his power for the good of the Lodge. From the remarks of his Rev. Brother, he understood that the beauty and solemnity of music in the ritual was admitted. No doubt it added additional grandeur to what is in itself sublime and profound. The W.M. now called the Lodge back to labour, when it was suggested that the consideration of Votes for the Charities should be left over until the next regular meeting, and accordingly the Lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—At the weekly meeting held on Wednesday, 4th inst., at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street. Bro. Abell as W.M., Tate S.W., Knill Abell J.W., Vizzard S.D., Hallam J.D., Brown I.G., Long P.M. and Preceptor, and others. The whole of the ceremony and lecture of the first degree were rehearsed, after which Bro. Tate was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when he will perform the ceremony of the second degree.

St. Augustine Lodge of Instruction, No. 972.—Met for the first time at the New Masonic Hall, Canterbury, on Wednesday, 27th November. Bro. Vile, W.M. for the evening, rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, and Bro. Rossiter gave the charge. The Secretary read a summary of the attendance and working of the past year, from which it appeared that although the attendances had not been quite so large (owing to circumstances which are now removed), the work had not fallen off. Not only have the ceremonies been worked frequently, but the Fifteen Sections have been given twice, and some of them as many as six times. The attendance on Wednesday night was good, and augurs well for a successful year.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1,044.—A meeting was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Wednesday, the 4th inst. Bro. J. J. Holland was W.M., Bro. F. Reed S.W., and Bro. W. A. Blackmore J.W. The first and second degrees were rehearsed, Brother Wardroper candidate. Several of the brethren offered to present the Lodge with some working tools. The subject is to be considered at the next meeting. Besides those above mentioned, there were present—Bros. W. A. Morgan, J. G. Carter, H. J. Newens, and A. A. Denham Sec.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1,227.—At Bro. Bolton's King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Thursday, the 29th November. Present—Bros. Hine W.M., Pearcy S.W., Gieseke J.W., Townsend Sec., Bolton S.D., Serjeant J.D., Richmond I.G. also Bros. Abrahams, Shroad, Peacock, &c. After the usual formalities had been complied with, the Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Abrahams gave proof of his proficiency and was entrusted. Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed in a very able manner by the W.M., Bro. Abrahams as candidate. Lodge was closed down to the first degree. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Pearcy, by whom the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in an excellent manner, Bro. Richmond candidate. The W.M. having resumed, Bro. Pearcy was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The following brethren were elected auditors, according to the bye-laws:—Bros. Bolton, Townsend, Hine, Pearcy, and Serjeant, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1356.—29th Nov.—Present—Bros. Bell W.M., Spargin S.W., Buck J.W., McMillan S.D., Cogan J.D., Goddard I.G.; also Bros. Soper, Greenwood, J. Badkin, Cusworth, Hobbs, L. Coubro, Leech, Stevens, and several other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. L. Coubro candidate. The necessary questions were then answered, and the same candidate was raised to the degree of M.M. The annual supper will take place on Friday, 13th December, at the White Hart Tavern, Clapton, when Bro. J. L. Cogan, W.M. of the Clapton Lodge, will occupy the chair, on which occasion a large attendance is anticipated. Brethren who are unable to use their tickets are requested to return them not later than the 11th instant.

Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, Battersea.—On Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst., the Fifteen Sections were worked at the Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, under the guidance of Bro. Collings W.M., who had for his Wardens Bros. Leaper and P.M. Whitley. There was a good attendance of the brethren, who one and all were highly gratified with the able manner in which the work was carried out. It would indeed be unkind to bestow more praise on one worker than on another; but the faultless manner in which P.M.'s Wise, Read, and Davis, and Bros. Leaper and Farwig fulfilled the duties, allotted to them, deserve special mention. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded to the W.M., the brethren who had worked the sections, and to the host, for the kindness shown in providing for the creature comforts. We must certainly congratulate the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction on the progress they are making.

Lodge of Equity, No. 1384.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Alfords Chambers, Widnes, on the 5th instant. Present—Bros. J. W. Wareing I.P.M. as W.M., H. S. Oppenheim as I.P.M., J. White J.W. as S.W., J. Foster as J.W., A. Telbutt Sec., J. W. Carlile Treas., F. A. R. Neill S.D., A. G. Kyle J.D., G. Purver I.G., J. Taylor Tyler; Bros. C. Gerrard W.M. 758, A. Speakman, John Matthews, James Rimmer, W. Cooper, F. Pankhurst, &c. Visitor—S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. The Lodge was opened at 6.30 with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and ratified. The presiding W.M. deplored the absence of the W.M., which was unavoidable; the same may be said with regard to the other absent Officers, whoare usually very punctual. There being no work before the Lodge, the Worshipful Brother closed the same in due and ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to supper. The brethren of 1384 have just taken new quarters, and it reflects great credit on them for furnishing so compact a little Lodge room in which to hold their meetings. On these occasions the usual custom of adopting a series of toasts is dispensed with, being supplanted by a social chat round the festive board. Each brother having done full justice to the good things provided, and a pleasant evening having been spent, the brethren dispersed at an early hour.

Falcon Lodge, No. 1416.—W. Bro. Geo. Marwood, P. Dep. Prov. Grand Master for North and East Yorkshire, will, on Thursday next, perform the ceremony of installation of the W.M. elect of this Lodge (Bro. J. T. Wilkinson), at the Masonic Hall, Thirsk, at two p.m. A large attendance of brethren is anticipated.

St. Elath Lodge, No. 1488, Amlwch.—The first monthly meeting, after the installation of the new Master of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, at the Lodge Room, Castle Hotel, at five o'clock. The Lodge was opened by Bro. James Treweek Worshipful Master, James Smith S.W., William Jones J.W., Henry Lloyd I.P.M. and Chap., O. Wm. Rowlands S.D., Wm. Jones Gaerwylfa J.D., J. Hughes I.G. pro tem, Owen Roberts Tyler, &c. After the minutes were read and confirmed, Bros. J. R. Brown of St. David

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Lodge, No. 384, and Dr. E. P. Edwards of St. Cybi Lodge, No. 597, were ballotted for, as joining members, and unanimously elected. Bro. Wm. Francis Jones, the candidate to be passed to the second degree, was then examined and and approved. The Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Jones was admitted and passed, the ceremony being performed by the W.M., assisted by the S.W., who gave the lecture on the tracing board; and the J.W., who presented the working tools. The Lodge was then closed in the second degree, and a proposition was made that the Brother to be selected for the painting by Bro. Mercier, to be presented to the Lodge, should be by ballot, which unanimously was in favour of W. Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., and D.P.G.M. of North Wales and Salop, who has been a joining member of the St. Elath Lodge since its consecration; and who was the principal mover for its formation, he having from its commencement always evinced the liveliest interest in the welfare of the St. Elath Lodge. The harmonium used in the Lodge was presented by him, and when the Lodge funds were at a low ebb he magnanimously came forward with pecuniary assistance, and it is the unanimous opinion of the brethren that a more deserving brother, or a more worthy Mason, could not have been selected than Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.—The installation meeting was held on 28th ult., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W. The chair was taken by Bro. Edward White, who was supported by P.M.'s Swallow and Holden, his Officers, a considerable number of members, and the following Visitors:—Bros. C. J. L. Sandilands 1540, Fred. Green 1687, Albert Fish J.W. 1366, G. Hammond 1765, J. Berrow 190, W. H. Fletcher W.M. 190, G. Draper P.M. 1305, J. L. Baker P.M. 1305, D. W. Belfrage S.W. 179, H. Gloster W.M. 1531, A. J. Manning W.M. 1472, J. Austin P.M. 753, M. Crook 1614, A. Bassington S.W. 205, R. Collingham Perfect Ashlar, W. H. Dean W.M. 417, L. Ascott P.M. 733, John Kent 192, W. F. Neave 1314, U. Ponsford 25, Louis Beck P.M. 1687 W.M. elect 1559, W. W. Morgan 211. On the opening of the Lodge the minutes were read and confirmed, Bro. Jas. Middleton, a candidate for passing, underwent examination, and was entrusted. Lodge opened up, and the ceremony of the second degree was carefully performed by the W.M. Bro. B. Phillips S.W. and W.M. elect was then introduced to Bro. White to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The obligation was administered, and on the retirement of those below the degree of installed Master, the ceremony was proceeded with. The brethren were then readmitted, and saluted their new Master in the three degrees. The investiture of Officers was proceeded with as follows:—Bros. B. Turner S.W., J. E. Shand J.W., B. Swallow P.M. Treas. E. J. Scott P.M. Sec., J. Hutchinson named as S.D., Warr P.M. J.D., E. C. Woodward P.M. I.G., Rev. P. M. Holden Chap., James D.C., Potter P.M. Tyler. The Auditors' report was submitted and duly received confirmation. An order was given that the balance sheet should be printed and circulated amongst the members. Several propositions were handed in, and communications read; amongst others one from Bro. Col. Burdett, Provincial Grand Master Middlesex, regretting his inability to be present. Hearty good wishes from the Visitors were then tendered. Before Lodge was closed, the Worshipful Master presented the Immediate Past Master with an elegant jewel. In consequence of a domestic bereavement Bro. Phillips was prevented from staying to participate in the festive part of the evening's proceedings. Consequently, Bro. P.M. White was called on to preside. Under his experienced guidance the business was conducted most admirably. On the removal of the cloth he gave the health of Her Majesty the Queen, associated with Prosperity to the Craft, which was received with acclamation, and drunk most heartily. After the National Anthem had been sung, the presiding Worshipful Master gave the health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master the Prince of Wales. Brother Cantle sang in good style a new version of "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The next toast the W.M. brought under the notice of the brethren was the health of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present. He made some happy allusions to the Pro G.M.'s approaching marriage, and called on the brethren to honour the toast. "At the Queen's Command" was then sung by Bro. L. Fryer, much to the taste of the company assembled, who marked their appreciation by receiving this song in a most enthusiastic manner. Bro. P.M. Holden proposed the health of the I.P.M. All present would join with him in deploring the sad event which had precluded their W.M. staying with them. He commented on the conduct of the chair by Brother White, who had ably completed his work by installing his successor, and likewise on the qualities displayed by those members who were advancing towards the chair. After an admirably rendered song by Bro. Cantle, Bro. White rose and acknowledged the compliment paid to him. He had been, he said, nervous at his installation, but since then he had regained confidence, and now he felt more at home in his duties. He deeply regretted the unavoidable absence of the W.M., who he trusted, would be able to preside at their next gathering, and also alluded in justly complimentary terms to the harmonious feeling which existed in the Lodge. The toast of the Visitors, after a humorous song by Bro. Cosens, was acknowledged by Bro. Draper and others. Bros. Swallow and Holden responded for the P.M., and the other toasts having been given and honoured, the brethren rose and departed. In the course of the evening Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden recited with great effect "The Charge of the Light Brigade." One remark we feel it our duty to add. The menu and the music programme showed great taste. They were, in fact, admirably designed, and as admirably coloured, the music programme in particular being something quite out of the ordinary run of such cards. It should also be noted that the officers one and all were most courteous in their attention to the guests, and Bro. Scott, the genial and painstaking Secretary, was especially distinguished by his amenity, and the desire he evinced to please everybody.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the meeting on Thursday, 28th November, Bro. Seward jun. was W.M., the Officers being Bros. Porter S.W., Wells J.W., Le Grys S.D., Dyer J.D., Clark I.G., Tucker T., and there were present Bros. Tait Brown, Kasner, Stephens, and Murch. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Tucker candidate, and the Lodge having been opened in the second degree, Bro. Brown was advanced a step, the work being done by Bro. Seward in his usual careful and impressive manner. The Lodge was closed down to the first degree, when a most deserved compliment was paid to the Hon. Treasurer, in unanimously appointing him Preceptor to the Lodge. Bro. Tucker is in every way competent for this post, and has bestowed great pains in acquiring an accurate knowledge of our ritual and ceremonies. The appointment is one which every member of the Lodge will hear of with pleasure. Bro. Porter was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and having appointed his Officers in rotation, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656.—The brethren of this Lodge mustered in considerable force at the regular meeting on Monday last, 2nd instant. The proceedings commenced shortly after 6.30. Bro. William Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex presided, and the following Officers were present:—Bros. J. Hammond P.G. Steward Middlesex Hon. I.P.M., John Bond P.M. 889 S.W., Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny P.P.G. Chap. J.W. and Chaplain, F. T. V. Honeywell P.M. 889 Honorary Organist, T. W. Ockenden J.W. 1512 Secretary, J. Hurst P.M. 1512 Deacon, and T. C. Walls P.P.G. Organist I.G. The necessary examinations having proved satisfactory, Bro. Drummond was passed to the second degree, and Bros. Handel and Bozel were raised to the sublime degree. The ritual was rendered in a most impressive manner by Bro. Wm. Hammond, and Bro. Honeywell, who presided at the harmonium with marked ability, contributed greatly to the solemnity of the occasion. Three candidates for initiation were not present, but from two satisfactory explanations of absence were forthcoming. The minutes of the last regular meeting, 4th Nov. were read and confirmed, and a notice of motion from Bro. Walls for the alteration of the day of meeting was discussed and amended, and the members will have to consider at the next Lodge in February the desirability of altering the day from the first to the *second* instead of to the third Monday as at first moved. Bro. T. W. Ockenden was appointed Steward for the next Festival of the Girls' School, and will head his list with a donation of ten guineas from the Lodge. A communication was read from the R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett P.G. Master Middlesex, regretting his inability to attend. Further business was despatched, and the Lodge being closed the brethren adjourned to partake of the good cheer prepared by Bro. E. Andrews, the Host. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were honored with the usual "Wolsey" fire. The Worshipful Master's health was proposed by Bro. J. W. Baldwin Prov. G. Purst., and heartily responded to. Bro. Walls P.P.G.O. replied for the Prov. Grand Officers. Bro. Gilbert 1512 responded on behalf of himself, and Bro. Davey 1512 to the Visitors' toast. The W.M. took the opportunity of commending to the notice of the brethren the toast of the Organist, for his efficient services rendered during the evening, which was warmly received, as was also the health of the Host and Hostess. Vocal contributions from Bros. Walls, Hurst, Piller, Chandler, Honeywell, and others, considerably enlivened the harmony of the proceedings. The members present not already named were Bros. Eyres, Forge, Masters, Darling, White, Featherstone, Duffell, Richer, Turner, Jobbins, Worthington, and Gilbert Tyler. The next regular meeting will take place on Monday, 3rd February 1879.

Samson Lodge, No. 1668.—A meeting was held on 3rd December, at Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C. Present—Bros. J. D. Barnett P.M. 185 W.M., W. H. G. Rudderforth S.W., B. D. Barnett J.W. and Secretary, A. D. Loewenstark P.M. Treas., W. T. Lover P.M. 1178 S.D., J. Quincey D.C., J. Elkan Steward, H. Aarons I.G., J. Rogers Tyler. Past Masters Bros. M. D. Loewenstark I.P.M., A. D. Loewenstark. Visitors—Bros. E. J. Hart 1602, G. Bell 733, J. Cohen 1556, H. Harris, L. Coleman 186, Rev. V. Rosenstein 17, J. Stroud 1227. Lodge opened in due form. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Ballots, taken for Messrs. E. H. Goldberg and F. Gilmore, unanimously favourable. Mr. Goldberg duly initiated. Bro. Cooper, being a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bro. Cooper duly passed. Lodge resumed. It was resolved that votes of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M., and Bros. A. D. Loewenstark P.M., M. D. Loewenstark I.P.M., and J. Quincey, for presenting to the Lodge a Hebrew Bible, English Bible and Cushion, box of working tools, and sword for Tyler, respectively. Bro. S. Wasserberg J.D. having tendered his resignation, which was received by the Lodge with regret, the W.M. invested Bro. H. Aarons I.G. as J.D., J. Quincey D.C. as I.G., J. Elkan W.S. as D.C., and Bro. Williams W.S. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed with prayer. The brethren adjourned to banquet at the Holborn Restaurant, at which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with some good songs by the W.M., Bros. Rev. V. Rosenstein, A. Cohen, and Rudderforth S.W., and a reading, from the "Lady of Lyons," effectively rendered by Bro. Cooper. The W.M. accompanied the brethren at the piano.

Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717.—A meeting was held on the 16th November, at the Masonic Hall, Tunis, North Africa. Present—Bros. A. M. Broadley D.G.S.W. Malta W.M., J. H. Stevens S.W., Dr. A. Perini J.W., M. Lombroso Secretary, A. Blanch Treasurer, G. Pentecost S.D., P.M. Paleologo J.D., V. C. Clement D.C., Dr. Cassanello and E. Gardello Stewards, M. Le Gallais I.G., H. Haylock Tyler; Past Master Bros. P. Salema, and 38 members; Visitors—Bros. Souiller, Carillo, Samama, and Rolland, of the Italian Lodge "Risorgimento," and Si Arousi Ben

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Ayad, of "Carthage and Utica." The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Brunet (an old French Mason, of the Lodge *Amis de Progrès*, Paris), claimed admission, and having produced his certificate headed "A.N.D.G.A.D.L.U.," and affirmed his own belief in the existence of a supreme being, was, after due examination, admitted. The ballot proved favourable to the admission as candidates of Si Hamed El Sonni (a nephew of H.H. the reigning Bey of Tunis), Si Ali Ben Reschid (a nephew of the late Sovereign of Tunis Ahmed Bey), and Mr. S. Sitbin (a merchant of Sous). Mr. Jules Emile Jessel (Traffic Superintendent of the Bone and Tunis Railway), and Mr. Claude Mivière (of the French Telegraphic Service) were then introduced and initiated, in the French language, into the secrets and mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry. The W.M. also delivered the charge in the same language. It was resolved that a Committee, consisting of the W.M., Bros. Scniller Interpreter, and Lumbroso Secretary, should proceed forthwith to translate the Book of Constitutions into Italian, and that the same should be printed and published at the cost of the Lodge. Another Committee was also appointed for the translation of the ritual into Arabic. The charitable collection having been made, and two candidates for initiation proposed and seconded, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.30 p.m.

Kirkdale Lodge, No. 1756, Liverpool.—The first regular meeting of this Lodge after its consecration on the 8th November was held on Wednesday evening, the 27th ult., in the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Westminster-road, Kirkdale. The Lodge was duly opened with the following Officers:—Bros. Edward Johnston W.M., P. M. F. Neill P.M. 203 as P.M., Robt. E. Mitton Treasurer, Wm. Gick S.W., Hugh Ferguson J.W., James Grierson Secretary, Charles Bargery as S.D., Thos. Hay as J.D., Henry Alexander as I.G., and John Cruice Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. John Lunt P.P.G.D.C., William Sephton P.M. 1086, M. Comber 1013, Thomas McWean S.W. 1035, Dr. Costine J.W. 216, Isaac Line Secretary 1086, &c. The minutes of the formation and consecration having been read and confirmed, twenty-eight brethren were unanimously elected joining members, and on being admitted, the W.M. proceeded to invest his assistant Officers as follow:—Bro. Charles Bargery S.D., Thos. Hay J.D., Henry Alexander I.G., W. G. West S.S., Henry Marshall J.S., and George Marsden Assistant S. Bro. John Lunt P.P.G.D.C. acting very efficiently as D. of C. Eight candidates having been duly proposed and approved of, were introduced and initiated into Masonry, very satisfactorily by the W.M. The bye-laws of the Lodge were then adopted, and three new joining members, Bro. Dr. Costine, Andrew Finnie and Alexander Ruxton, were duly proposed. The Treasurer, in reply to the W.M., said he was not prepared at the moment to give a list of all the donations to the Lodge, but he was proud to say, that notwithstanding their great outlay, the Lodge was free from debt. The Lodge having been closed, the members and visitors adjourned to the Hall below, for refreshments, where peace and harmony prevailed.

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FREEMASONRY IN NORTH WALES AND SALOP.

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OUR last paper dealt with the Shrewsbury Lodges and their fortunes. In this we purpose giving a few particulars of Freemasonry as it exists in Oswestry, another town in Salop, the name being generally set down as a corruption of "Oswald's Tree." This Oswald was a Christian King of Northumbria, who, in a field where now stands the town of Oswestry, was defeated and slain on the 5th of August 642, in a battle with the pagan Penda, King of Mercia. The latter had the body of his fallen foe cut into pieces, which were affixed to stakes placed in different parts of the field. The Anglo-Saxon chronicler, the venerable Bede, recounts instances showing the miraculous properties of the earth taken from this field, while Oswald was admitted by the Romish Church into the list of their saints, and a church was raised to commemorate his martyrdom. In the vicinity of the town, at a place called by the Welsh "Cae Naef," that is, "Heaven's Field," is a remarkably fine spring of water, bearing the name of Oswald's Well, and over which as recently as the year 1770 were the ruins of an ancient chapel, also dedicated to him. The first charter was granted to the town in the reign of Henry II. by the lord of the manor, William Earl of Arundel, and his son having taken part with the barons against King John, the latter, in the year 1212, marched on the town and reduced it to ashes. A similar fate befel it later, at the hands of Llewellyn, Prince of North Wales; but in 1277 Edward I. caused it to be surrounded by a wall and ditch, some portions of the former still remaining, though the four gates were removed in 1769. The charter granted by Richard II. in 1397 exempted the burgesses from all customs throughout the kingdom, the liberty of the city of London being excepted. They also acquired during this reign, among other privileges, that of compelling the inhabitants of the eleven towns within the hundred to bring their cattle, corn, victuals, and wares into the market-place before sending them to any other market or fair. The Welsh tenantry of the hundred were also bound by their tenure to keep watch and ward for three days and three nights at the gates of the town during the fairs of St. Andrew and St. Oswald, but it being found that they ravaged and plundered the place instead of protecting it, they were very properly relieved of this duty, and were required instead to pay a sum of money to Englishmen for the safe custody of the town. So much for early history. Now it is a flourishing and populous town, and the chief depôt of the Cambrian Railway. No wonder, then, that we should find a brace of promising Lodges working as nearly as possible after the manner we have described at Shrewsbury. The elder of the two—the St. Oswald, No. 1124, founded in the year 1866—is very strong, and capable of imparting a vast amount of energy, and setting an admirable example to others which are less favoured in respect of members and means. It can boast on its roll of members the Marquis of Londonderry, Sir Watkin W. Wynn, Bart. M.P., the Grand Master of the Province, and Mr. Stanley Leighton, M.P., and it includes among its Past Masters and Officers several of the best and ablest Masons in the Province. Among the former must be singled out for especial notice Bro. W. H. Spaull, who is both Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe E. of the Province. Brother Spaull is a thorough good Mason, and a more learned one does not exist anywhere. He is a man of retired habits, abominating all attempts at display. To such a one it may easily be imagined that the mere parrot-like recitals of ritual are most objectionable, and that he courts discussion or, at all events, the consideration of, the abstruser and more mystic elements of Freemasonry. In a well-organised and well-governed Province the position of Prov. Grand Secretary must be as nearly as possible a sinecure; but this is the reverse with Bro. Spaull, who is constantly receiving letters from the brethren on every variety of subjects, and even on matters which it would be impossible to answer, or rather, which, in his capacity of only P.G. Sec., he could not take upon himself to answer. Another distinguished member is Worshipful Bro. Corfield, who is zealous as well as able, who has the best interests of the Fraternity at heart, and to whom, if he had the opportunity, nothing would give greater pleasure than to break through and remove the barrier of exclusiveness, so opposed to the principles of the Craft, which many among the members of this Lodge are apt to set up. Bro. George Owen, one of the Past Masters, has also rendered signal services to the Lodge, being highly esteemed for his knowledge of ritual, as well as for the generosity of his disposition and his readiness on all occasions to do everything for the welfare of the Province. Bros. Woods and Walker and Dr. Beresford are likewise among the supports of the Lodge, while Bro. John Thomas has distinguished himself by the rapid progress he has made in the acquisition of Masonic knowledge. The number of members is about forty. The sister Lodge, the Fitzalan, No. 1432, was founded in the year 1873, and can only boast, therefore, of a five years' existence. It has gone through many vicissitudes of fortune, and has not always been free from anxiety as to its future. The best men have not always been appointed officers, but, in spite of this and other drawbacks, it is in a fair way to prosper, thanks to the zealous efforts of Bros. Beresford, A. Walker, John Thomas, and E. B. Smith, who are among its Past Masters. The last mentioned brother, in particular, who has had great experience in London as a Mason, is an invaluable aid to the Fitzalan. His knowledge of the best principles for governing a Lodge, his zeal, and his ample acquirements render him especially fitted for the post of Secretary of a young and aspiring Lodge. No doubt, in time, the Fitzalan will become sufficiently powerful to be recognised by the St. Oswald, and then the members of the latter will not suppose it derogatory from their position to interest themselves in the welfare of their junior. More especially is this likely to be the case since we find that, though the younger of the two Lodges, it has attached to it a R.A. Chapter, so that R.A. Masons need not now journey to Shrewsbury or Welshpool, to which latter place we are about to betake ourselves.

Welshpool, with which are associated the Lords of Powys and their Castle, and which, like every other border town of England and Wales, was the frequent scene of strife and bloodshed when, as yet, the Principality was not subject to the Kings of England, should be properly written as two words. It is named from its vicinity to a lake or "Pool," the "Welsh" being added to distinguish it from Poole in Dorsetshire. So, at least, we remember to have read in some topographical dictionary. But be it as it may, Welshpool has a Lodge of Freemasons, No. 998, which bears the same name, and though numbering only some thirty-five members, is a model of discipline, and, in fact, an examplar in all things to its fellow Lodges in the Province. The pride of Welshpool—speaking, of course, Masonically—is its having been the birthplace of one of

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the grandest and most enlightened Masons England has ever known, and one to whom this Province of North Wales and Salop is indebted for its regeneration and present status. We allude, of course, to the late Dr. Goldsboro', than whom a more zealous, abler, or more enthusiastic Mason never entered the precincts of a Lodge. He was W. Master of the "Welshpool" for two years, and during that period regularly travelled from London in order to be present at its meetings. He initiated between forty and fifty brethren, and so highly valued were the services he rendered, not to this Lodge alone, but to the Province generally, that the present Prov. G. Master conferred on him the Office of Prov. G.S. Warden. No wonder, then, the "Welshpool" should be as we have described, or that it should include among its members, many able, experienced brethren, worthy emulators of the Goldsboro' virtues, such Masons as Bros. D. P. Owen, W. Collender, T. R. Morris, Past Masters—Samuel Davies, mayor of the town, Dr. G. Robinson, and J. Pugh Morris. The Lodge was founded in 1864, and we trust it may long remain an ornament to the Craft, of which it is a young, but flourishing branch.

MOIRA LODGE, No. 92.

THIS Lodge held its installation meeting on Saturday last, at the Criterion, Piccadilly. Bro. Alex. Mortimore presided, and there were present Bros. Wickham Noakes S.W. and W.M. elect, Harold Carter J.W., E. Horne P.M. Treasurer, R. F. Williams P.M. Secretary, G. C. Andrews S.D., H. T. Auldjo J.D., T. Wilkinson I.G., H. R. Brett P.M., Charles S. Sweeting P.M., R. F. Gould P.M., Henry Harben P.M., C. S. Amos P.M., G. J. Atkins P.M., Josiah Hoole P.M., Bertram Noakes and William Bohn, together with the following visitors, namely, Bros. Richard Pidcock 916, Chas. W. C. Hutton 96 P.G.D., J. J. Hamilton 1692, Sharon G. Turner 2, Crans. toun Kerr 1067, Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.D., James Self P.G.S.W. Essex, John C. Walker 14, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, C. A. Murton P.G.D., E. J. H. Booth S.D. 1692, R. M. Gardiner 34, George Lambert P.P.G.J.W. Herts, Rev. H. Smith P.P.G. Chap. Leicester and Rutland, C. C. Dumas P.A.G.D.C. P.M. 46, T. Davies Sewell P.G.S. P.M. 21, E. C. Goodhart W.M. 1692, John Sanders P.M. 1139, Wm. Kirkness, W. Elgood 871, W. Bartholomew 229, R. G. Webster W.M. 569. The Lodge having been opened with the customary formalities, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, and Bro. Josiah Hoole, who performed the part of installing officer, inducted Bro. Wickham Noakes into the chair of the Lodge in a highly effective and appropriate manner. Having been saluted in due form, Bro. Noakes appointed and invested his Officers as follow, namely, Bro. Harold Carter S.W., G. C. Andrew J.W., H. T. Auldjo S.D., T. Wilkinson J.D., William Bohn I.G. Bro. E. Horne P.M., having been re-elected Treasurer, was invested, and Bro. R. F. Williams P.M. was re-appointed Secretary. The other business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the banquet followed. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, remarking, in connection with that of the G.M., on the exertions His Royal Highness had made during the Paris International Exhibition in his capacity of Chairman of the Royal British Commission. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke replied for the toast of the Pro Grand Master, &c., &c., and expressed on behalf of himself and the other Grand Officers who were present the gratification they derived from the reception they had met with. He congratulated the W.M. on having attained his present position, and wished him a long continuance of prosperity. It then devolved on Bro. R. F. Gould P.M. to propose the important toast of the evening, namely, that of the Memory of Earl Moira, the Patron of the Lodge, and in the fulfilment of his duty Bro. Gould spoke as follows:—The subject of the toast, known successively as Lord Rawdon, Earl Moira, and finally as Marquis of Hastings, was the eldest son of the first Earl Moira; and having selected a military career, at the age of 17, joined the 15th Regiment as an Ensign, and being shortly afterwards promoted into the 63rd, accompanied this latter corps to America, where he was engaged in the bloody battle of Bunker's Hill, receiving on the occasion two shots in his cap, and being mentioned in despatches by General Burgoyne "as having stamped his fame for life"—a prophetic utterance which, as will be seen hereafter, was fulfilled to the letter, though not, perhaps, in the capacity of a soldier. Before attaining his 24th year he was appointed Adjutant-General to the British forces in America, and greatly distinguished himself during the hazardous retreat from Philadelphia to New York, receiving in consequence a separate command, during the tenure of which he defeated the American General Greene, at the battle of Hobkirk's Hill. In 1782, being succeeded as Adjutant-General by the unfortunate Major André, he returned to England, when he was created an English peer and appointed A.D.C. to the King, with the rank of Colonel. In 1793, he commanded a body of troops near Southampton, intended to co-operate with the Royalists in Brittany, and though his private expenditure at this period exceeded £30,000 a year, such was his delicacy that he would accept neither pay, emolument, nor patronage, whilst the troops under his command were kept in a state of indecision which did not promise real service. In the following year, he commanded a force of 10,000 men, sent to reinforce the Duke of York in Holland, and effected one of the most extraordinary marches of which military history affords an example. In 1813, he was appointed Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of India, and during the ten years of his sway brought two wars of the greatest magnitude to a successful issue. As at the present moment a rupture with *one* Indian potentate is exciting apprehension, it may be interesting if I state, and in so doing I use Lord Moira's own words, "that on his acceding to the government of India, in 1813, there were made over to him no less than *six* hostile discussions with native powers, each capable of entailing a resort to arms;" and, likewise, that "the independent powers of India were so numerous and strong, as to conceive themselves equal to expel the British;" whilst at the termination of Earl Moira's rule, every native state in that vast region was in either acknowledged, or essential subjugation, to our Government. James Mill, the historian of British India, thus speaks of Lord Moira: "The administration of the Marquess of Hastings may be regarded as the completion of the great scheme of which Clive had laid the foundation, and Warren Hastings and the Marquess of Wellesley had reared the superstructure. The crowning pinnacle was the work of Lord Hastings, and by him was the supremacy of the British Empire in India finally established." In 1821, having meantime been created Marquis of Hastings, he returned to England, whence, in the following year, he proceeded to Malta as Governor and Commander-in-Chief. He died on 28th November 1826, on board H.M.S. Revenge, at Baiæ Bay, near Naples. Contemporary records state that his excessive liberality and unbounded generosity had so impoverished him, that his ample fortune absolutely sank under the benevolence of his nature. Earl Moira's Masonic services were also of a very distinguished nature, and greatly endeared him to the Craft. In 1789, he was appointed by the then Grand Master, the Duke of Cumberland, brother of George III., acting Grand Master, which position he continued to occupy until his departure for India in 1813. In 1804, he became the patron of this Lodge, which has since been designated by his name, and has held its annual festival on his birthday. In January 1813, on his leaving for India, a testimonial of the value of £1,000 was presented to him by the Craft, together with a jewelled collar of the additional value of £1,500. The Duke of Sussex presided, and no less than six Royal dukes were present on the occasion. His lordship remained, as I have before said, for ten years in India, and on relinquishing the Governor-Generalship, publicly declared "that his pride and exultation were complete, at its having been seen that Masonic principles had influenced him in the exercise of his authority." In 1823, on his return to England, great preparations were made by this Lodge to entertain him at a grand dinner, at which the Duke of Sussex G.M. was to have presided, and which was to have been open to the entire Craft, but owing to his lordship's ill-health, the idea was at first postponed, and then reluctantly abandoned. I may observe, brethren, that the toast we are about to drink, in the manner, and under the circumstances which connect it with our annual festival, has a special significance, which has been handed down from remote antiquity. I would first premise, that it was the custom of the Old Mediæval Guilds, from which we are undoubtedly descended, to terminate all occasions of initiation or commemoration by a grand drinking-bout. Of these Guilds it has been said, that whilst England was their birth-place, London was their cradle. Their *essence* consisted "in a brotherly banding together for mutual help and support," and their *distinguishing characteristic* was the assembly of their members at stated periods, at a common table, where they ate and drank together for the purposes of identification, and to ascertain whether any man was absent on unlawful business. Indeed, so much importance was attached, in some guilds, to an adequate observance of their festal obligations, that the allowance of the Master or Alderman, on the occasion of a festival, was fixed at two gallons of ale, and a wholesome rule existed that no member was to go to sleep, or to keep the ale up to himself. As regards this custom of meeting at a common table, to its happy influence is ascribed, by all authorities alike, the permanency and vitality of our guildic, as well as of our Masonic Institutions. On the decease of a guild-brother, memorial services were sometimes held for three successive days, but on the third day toasts were drank to *all* dead members. This particular usage, however, that of commemorating the virtues of the dead, is traceable to the very twilight of antiquity. It was a universal practice among the Pagans of the North to indulge in hilarious feasts, whose principal diet was furnished by victims offered upon the altars of their divinities. At these banquets the heroic deeds of distinguished warriors were sung, and toasts drunk, amid uproarious glee, to the memory of deceased friends, and in honour of their gods. The custom of toasting the memory of departed members of the Masonic fraternity, on festal occasions, has come down to us from this semi-religious observance of the Germans. At the feasts of the Northern people, a garland of flowers, with a rose prominently placed in the centre, was suspended from the ceiling, above the table, as a symbol that everything which might be done or spoken by the participants in the banquet should be held strictly secret. Hence has arisen the well known phrase *sub rosa*, or *under the rose*. To-night, therefore, brethren, in toasting the memory of Earl Moira, whilst commemorating the virtues of a Great Ruler in the Craft, at the same moment, *and under the rose*, for though the emblem of secrecy is not visible in our midst, its import is represented by this closely tyled room, we celebrate one of the most cherished of our traditional observances, which, hallowed by the associations of a remote *past*, is honoured in the *present* by our faithful adherence to time-honoured custom, and will, we hope, be perpetuated in the *future*, and for all time by our successors in the Craft. Bro. Gould concluded by reading the following lines, penned by Earl Moira in 1793:—"The Heir Apparent of the Empire is our chief. We fraternise for the purposes of social intercourse, or mutual assistance, of charity to the distressed, and goodwill to all, and fidelity to a trust, reverence to the magistrate, and obedience to the laws, are sculptured in capitals upon the pediment of our Institution." The toast was duly honoured, and then Bro. Mortimore I.P.M. rose, and in complimentary terms proposed the health of the W.M., who, in the course of his reply, expressed the sincere regret which he, in common with the rest of the Lodge, felt at the absence of Bro. Cornelius Thorne, a Past Master of the Moira, on whom last year had

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been conferred the honourable appointment of District Grand Master of Northern China. Bro. Noakes next proposed the health of the Past Masters, to which Bro. Mortimore replied, both speeches being short, but in excellent taste. Bro. Geo. Lambert responded for the Visitors. Bro. Bartholomew, a very old Mason, adding a few words, and reciting a few lines of impromptu verse in honour of the occasion. Bro. Carter acknowledged the toast of the Wardens, and Bro. Auldjo that of the Subordinate Officers, and in due course the concluding toast was drunk, and the brethren rose. A few of the old school, however, remained, for the purpose of enjoying a little social chat and talking over old times, the chat being occasionally relieved by recitations and songs, of which latter Thackeray's well-known chant of "Little Billie" may be mentioned as a fair specimen. Some quaint lines on Morrison's Pills were sung, and, indeed, a very pleasant subsidiary gathering was held when the chief one had been brought to a close. We must not omit to add that in the intervals between the toasts a selection of vocal music was given, under the able direction of Bro. Lawler, who was assisted by Bro. G. T. Carter and the Misses Matilda Roby and Helen Heath, the accompanyist being Miss Bernard. All acquitted themselves so well that little need be said. Yet it is worth while recording that Bro. Carter sang the old song, by Braham, "The Anchor's Weighed," with great expression. Bro. Lawler was very effective in his rendering of "I fear no foe;" Miss Matilda Roby quite enchanted the guests with her spirited and artistic execution of the old English song, "Come Lasses and Lads," while Miss Helen Heath, who sang "The Ash Grove" and "Wapping Old Stairs," was warmly and deservedly applauded. Miss Bernard, at the pianoforte, played well, and added greatly to the effect of the singing by the admirable manner in which she accompanied her fellow artists.

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As a delver in the mines of Masonic lore I frequently find precious grains of metal in unsuspected places. Just now, looking over the envelopes sent me here in London, I find some of the seals of the leading Craftsmen rich in symbolical meaning. Of these I will instance a few.

That of R.W. James H. Neilson, of Dublin, Ireland (a most painstaking student in Freemasonry, and Representative between the Grand Lodge of Egypt and Ireland), is a shield containing a mailed hand holding upright the head of a javelin.

That of Brother Robert S. Brown, of Edinburgh, Scotland, a diligent delver in the rights of Constantine, etc., and the Representative between the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and Scotland, is a cross (in red) enclosing the ancient form of Chi Rho cross, and the letters suggesting Constantine's visions, viz., I.H.S.V.

That of Brother Hyde Clark, formerly a most ardent Mason, and the founder of lodges in the Turkish dominions, is a rose within a wreath.

That of Hon. John F. Townshend, long the Deputy Grand Master of Ireland, is a portly stag, such as Virgil describes in his Aeneid, Book I, pp 189, 190, viz.: "· · · *Capita alta ferentes Cornibus arboreis.*"

That of R.W. Bro. Alexander Tate, Provincial Grand Secretary of Ireland, is a monogram of the two letters A. T. most artistically interwoven and printed in red.

That of Col. W. M. Neilson, Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow, is the body, head and arms of a strong man, printed in black, he carries a heavy mallet upon his shoulder. Bro. W. Hyde Pullen, of London, uses the cockle-shell, in memory of the Order of Harodim, of which he was one of three initiates in 1859. The pilgrim's shell is more peculiarly appropriate to Bro. Pullen, as in his family coat of arms there are eleven of these objects. But I am taking too much space with this subject.

Nothing in all my foreign tours, thus far, has given me greater pleasure and profit than my visits successively, to the "Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," and the "Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." In these visits, I was favoured by the guidance of Bro. Pullen, named above, whose devotion to me during my stay in London was unremitting. The hospitalities of his table; the courtesies of his most amiable family; the conveniences of his office in Golden Square, where he is the Assistant Grand Secretary to the Supreme Council 33°, and one of the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, also Secretary of "The Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383," etc., etc., made me in so many ways his dependant, that I almost wonder what this singularly-gifted and excellent frater will do with himself after I leave here.

On the 22nd of August, we went to the Girls' School, driving in a cab (best, and easiest, and cheapest, and pleasantest of all earthly conveyances) to Waterloo Station, and thence, four miles by express train, over the tops of houses and under the basements thereof, to Clapham Junction, where several hundred railways concentrate (I speak "after the manner of men,") and near to which is the beautiful edifice devoted to God in the holy service of Masonic Charity. How many years is it, since first I read of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls? and here I am, where I have so long desired to be. As I enter the gateway, and my eyes and nostrils enjoy the first sweets of the variegated beds of flowers, my soul expands with my sensual organs, and I feel that I am on holy ground. Scarcely indeed can I restrain myself from baring my feet and kneeling, as though He who displayed His divine presence in the Burning Bush at Horeb were before me. No vain worship. He was before me, though invisible, and it was *His* spirit that prompted this noble enterprise when its corner stone was planted, when its cap stone was set up with shouting and praise, and through all its vicissitudes for nearly a century of life. Yes, the Divine Spirit dwells here, and through the thin veil that separates mortality from immortality, it demands no great stretch of faith to "see the Invisible."

The day of my visit to the School was emphatically a field-day, one of the most important days in its history; for by taking in 18 new pupils to-day, the total of membership is 200, the largest number ever accommodated here. Two hundred bright, loving creatures, healthy, untainted in heart and person, gathered in from all parts of England by Masonic vigilance; and to be boarded, clothed, educated, and fitted out for places of usefulness, and honour in society, from the proceeds of Masonic Charity. Happy event. Let me enter fully into the spirit of it.

And first, by the attention of the Head Matron I was shown every part of the Institution, kitchen, laundry, infirmary, dormitories, lavatories, gardens, playgrounds, orchards and what not. The very perfection of order and cleanliness reigns throughout. In the dormitories I was struck with the cleanliness, ventilation, separate beds exquisitely neat, large spaces for breathing, and all that is needful to afford delightful rest and loving dreams to the dear creatures for whom the whole is so bountifully prepared. Each dormitory, whether containing 30 beds or only 8, is overlooked from a teachers' room. Amplest precautions are made against fire. The lavatories, bath rooms, etc., are abundantly supplied with water, both hot and cold. In brief, the best care of this old and wealthy people has been exhausted to give these two hundred girls a happy place, in these the happiest days of their lives.

The uniform of the pupils is simply white dresses, with aprons trimmed in blue, the *white* emblematic of purity, the *blue* of the great Order which, under God, is acting as the guardians of these girls.

The seventeen new pupils were catalogued in due order. Each brings a Medical Certificate from a physician of note. Each, before election, has been fully reported as to moral character and advancement in the elements of learning. The limits of age are eight years and sixteen. As each is tolled off from the crowd and entered upon the books of the school, a "mother" is allotted to her out of the girls of her own age. The part of the mother is to teach the new comer the ways of the school, and introduce her to the rest of the girls, and rescue her from a too boisterous reception at the hands of the multitude. How completely the "mother" plays her part, and how proud she is of the title and the duties, I saw and heard abundant evidence. It takes but a short time for the tyro to forget the heartache of parting from friends, when an indefatigable "mother" is always by her side abounding in words and deeds of love.

After dining with the House Committee, and receiving attentions at their hands which I propose to acknowledge in another place, I had an hour to witness the exercises of calisthenics and the marchings of the pupils. The accuracy and precision of step, and manual exercises exceeded anything I had ever witnessed, and the memory of those ten score joyous figures as they marched and countermarched past me, exercised arms, knees and muscular parts generally, and flashed happy eyes upon me, will surely abide with me so long as I live. Then came evening prayers, reading and singing, which brought back to memory one of the earliest poems of Mrs. Hemans, which ends thus:

> "Earth will forsake,—oh happy to have given
> The earliest freshness of the heart to heaven."

My visit to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys followed upon the next day. Here the occasion was similar, the reception of 35 new pupils swelling the aggregate of the School to two hundred and eleven, which is the largest number ever enrolled. The method of reception was substantially the same. The Medical Examiner (the accomplished Dr. Hall, who seems to have half London under his charge), gave due attention to matters in his department. Kisses were exchanged between the lads and ladies in black who had brought them there, and whose attempts to look cheerful at parting quite broke down, when the poor little fellows hid their faces in mother's bosom, and gave vent to irrepressible tears. As I sat quietly among them, I was witness to many an incident in nature's great drama. Last messages were exchanged, whispered words of good advice were imparted, pieces of money were furtively slipped into little hands, then veils were dropped and the ladies left for homes that will to-night seem strangely dark and solitary to them, while their minds revert to the sleepers in these dormitories who are haply dreaming of them. And so the world goes on.

The Freemason's Chronicle for next week will contain our Annual Summary of the Masonic Events of the Year.

The ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed on Tuesday, 31st inst., at 8.0 p.m., in the Mount Edgcumbe Lodge of Instruction, No. 1446, on which occasion Bro. W. H. Dean, W.M. 417, P.P.G.S.B. Dorset, will preside.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the lungs. In common colds and influenza the Pills taken internally and the Ointment rubbed externally are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic this treatment is easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills and Ointment purify the blood, remove all obstructions to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the overgorged air tubes, and induce respiration free without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits. Such are the ready means of saving suffering when afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other complaints, by which so many are seriously and permanently afflicted in most countries.

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OLD LODGE LISTS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The engraved list for 1729, recently presented to Grand Lodge, and so gracefully acknowledged by the Pro Grand Master at the last Quarterly Communication, is a most valuable addition to our "National Masonic Library." With its contents many brethren are already familiar, from its having formed one of the reprints with which Bro. Hughan has enlightened the Craft in regard to its past history; but it is gratifying on all grounds that the *original* should be placed along with the other ancient records of our Institution.

The list in question is remarkable for being the first printed book in which Lodges were arranged according to seniority of constitution. *Numbers* and *dates of constitution* are therein exhibited for the *first* time, and it is, moreover, the only *official* list we possess which ascribes actual dates to either of the four old (or pre-revival) Lodges. Original Nos. 1 and 2 being dated at 1691 and 1712 respectively. The latter of these Lodges has long since died out (1733), but the former, now the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, being our *oldest* English Lodge, a few remarks on its probable date of constitution, may not be out of place.

In Aubrey's Natural History of Wiltshire (Ed. 1847, Brittan) a work written between 1656 and 1691, at p 99, the following appears:—

Memorandum.—"This day, May the 18th, being Munday, 1691, after Rogation Sunday, is a great convention at St. Paul's Church, of the fraternity of the adopted Masons, where Sir Christopher Wren is to be adopted a brother, and Sir Henry Goodric, of the Tower, and divers others. There have been Kings of this sodality."

This passage, besides disproving the statement of Preston (Illustrations of Masonry), that Sir C. Wren had been received into the Order at a much earlier date, would seem to justify the inference that from about the period of his actual initiation (1691) the meetings of the old Lodge of St. Paul began to be held *statedly*, and that from being what was then termed an "*occasional*," it became a "*stated*" Lodge.

The engraved list for 1729, by placing the date of constitution of the Lodge at 1691, adds weight to this supposition.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

P.S.—I should be much obliged to any reader of the CHRONICLE could he inform me where a copy of "Dalloway's Historical Account of Master and Freemason" can be seen?

CHARITY STEWARDS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Having brought to a conclusion my remarks on the three heads which I proposed to myself for consideration in connection with the subject of "Charity Stewards," I now ask permission to submit to your readers my views with reference to the necessity for an extended support to our Masonic Institutions, and to the means by which it may be permanently assured. With this object I shall confine myself to an examination of the sources from which such support may be—and ought to be—obtained, other than those already treated of in association with the Anniversary Festivals.

The sources in question are—

1. Supreme Governing Masonic Bodies, viz.—
   - (*a*) The United Grand Lodge of England.
   - (*b*) The Grand Chapter of England.
   - (*c*) The Grand Mark Lodge of England.
   - (*d*) The Order of Knights Templar of England.
   - (*e*) The Supreme Council 33° of England.
   - (*f*) The Grand Council of Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.
2. District and Provincial Grand Lodges and Chapters under the U.G.L. of England. Similar organisations under the other Supreme Bodies.
3. Private Craft Lodges.
   - " R.A. Chapters.
   - " Mark Lodges.
   - " Preceptories of K.T.
   - " R.C. Chapters and Consistories 33°.
   - " Councils of Red Cross.
4. Individual members of the Order.
5. The Masonic Charitable Associations.

A full examination of the position of the first on the list—and, of course, by far the most influential and extensive—"The United Grand Lodge of England," in reference to the Institutions, will suffice for this letter.

The two Educational Institutions received support from Grand Lodge down to the year 1839, by a fee of 2s 6d on each certificate issued. The aggregate amount granted to that year was, to the Girls' School, £3,580; to the Boys' School, £3,533. The total amount for the fourteen years immediately preceding the commutation received from Grand Lodge was £1,536 6s 3d, giving an annual average of £109 14s 8d, the last year of the fourteen being £143 in 1839—when the fee of 2s 6d per certificate was commuted for a fixed sum of £150—at which it has ever since remained.

The inadequacy of the amount contributed by Grand Lodge, by way of annual support to the two Educational Institutions, must strike at once the most careless or inattentive reader. If a commutation of £150 per annum was considered fair and equitable in the year 1839, it must, *ex necessitate*, be admitted to be unfair and inequitable in the year 1878. In the year 1839 the amount contributed, £143, represented 1,144 certificates. The income of Grand Lodge was £2,829 15s 11d. In the year 1877, the number of certificates issued was 8,465, which, at 2s 6d each, would produce £1,058 2s 6d, the income of Grand Lodge being £12,519 12s 5d. In the year 1838 the number of girls educated and maintained in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was 58. The number of boys educated and clothed by the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was 65, the income from all sums being £884 6s. In the year 1878, the number of girls educated, clothed and maintained is 200. The number of boys educated, clothed and maintained is 211.

In the face of these facts, the enormous progress, numerical and material—the continued and continuing prosperity of the Order—the immensely increased funds at its disposal, the Grand Lodge of England has not, as yet, *even proposed* to consider whether the time has not arrived for more substantial *annual* assistance to two Institutions whose resources are severely taxed—the Boys' School most prominently so—to meet the ever advancing claims upon them.

I do not lose sight of the grants by Grand Lodge from time to time—as set forth in the Official Calendar, nor of the large outlay necessitated for the rebuilding of Freemasons' Hall, Tavern, &c. Until the latter had been defrayed, and Grand Lodge freed from liability, none thought of seeking aid from its funds. Neither do I overlook the loss occasioned by the recent bank failure; happily that will not be seriously felt.

Grand Lodge has now nothing to do but to largely accumulate funds, after providing liberally for every branch of administrative charge, and I contend it may well be asked to take into its serious consideration the needs of our Institutions, which are by unanimous consent not only most important in themselves, but are also regarded with justifiable pride,—are under most distinguished and exalted patronage,—while unquestionably they are at the same time objects of solicitude and anxiety, and must continue to be so until, by well-directed munificence, they are rendered independent of precarious and intermittent support.

I am compelled to conclude this somewhat abruptly, and shall trouble you again at no distant date.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

10th December 1878.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In my humble opinion, no good purpose is served in prolonging a correspondence when an attempt is made to divert the real and original argument from its natural channel by a side issue.

In reply, therefore, to Bro. Radclyffe, in CHRONICLE of the 7th, permit me distinctly to say, not in the least or smallest degree did I *misunderstand* his remarks in his letter published in your paper of 26th October last, but that I simply quoted his own words thus:—

"*Would it not be an easy matter to compel every Lodge to subscribe, say one-third of their subscriptions?*"

It was upon this absurd theory of *compulsion* I commented, and not upon Lodge funds being placed under different heads, as stated by Bro. Radclyffe in last letter, *vide* your issue of 7th.

I am in the habit of disposing of one question before opening another. If, therefore, our brother thinks there is any thing in this wild *idea of compulsion*, I ask him for argument in its favour, supported by facts and reason, or to throw it aside as one of those lop-sided ideas that now and then crop up with all who think, but which will not stand the test of further thought and investigation. But should Bro. Radclyffe adhere still to the original theory of *compulsion*, he might call to his aid "OLD FILE;" that is, if the latter can make up his mind whether this proposed system of *compulsion* is an obnoxious "*Poll Tax*," or a just demand upon the *Craft as a body*—I say, if "OLD FILE" can make up his mind on the subject, for evidently he had not, by the very opposite and contradictory remarks and ideas expressed in his letters in your issues of 30th November and 7th December, merely reminding our brethren that by the *free* and voluntary principle of "giving," hitherto in use by the Craft,—a principle and a system which has founded, maintained, and brought to a state of useful and efficient working those Charities which all good Masons point to with just and pardonable pride,—these Institutions, supported by the free offerings of the Craft to the extent of between thirty and forty thousand pounds per annum, a fact that at once proclaims free and voluntary "Giving is Charity," developed in one of its best forms, shedding lustre on the Order, making gladsome the hearts of all engaged in the good work, and in a degree to them far greater than to that poor humanity who merely receive the benefit of this free and voluntary giving.

I submit, therefore, that any machine made system of "*compulsion*," as embodied in the *quotation* which was extracted from Bro. Radclyffe's letter of 26th October, is fatal to the true character of Masonry: that it would reduce the Order to the level of a benefit society, and drive from its ranks some of our best and earnest workers, who labour for the Institutions, doing this from the fact that

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they are Charities in the truest sense, and dependent for their very existence (for the fulfilment of a mission) on this noble spirit of true "giving" *uncompelled*, which is "Charity."

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES GODTSCHALK,

P.M. 70 and 1255.

THE "OFF NIGHT" AT THE TRANQUILLITY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Nothing in the world is more easy than to find fault, and, to some minds, there is scarcely anything on earth more pleasurable. Let the motives be of the purest, there is a secret sense of enjoyment in the feeling of superiority over one's fellows when pointing out their shortcomings, and, be the faults venial or important, the operation produces equal satisfaction to the censor. The professional critic, sometimes venomous and seldom unbiassed, is, as a general rule, sufficiently sincere and honest. Except in rare cases, he, however, takes little trouble to carry investigation any considerable depth below the surface. His aim is to please his readers and maintain consistency with some particular phase of thought. The amateur critic is a being of quite a different stamp. His is a labour of love. He delights in getting to the bottom of things. His research, under certain circumstances, is most profound and exhaustive; sometime induced by kindly motive, but more often actuated by desires it is unnecessary here to characterise. Of late your columns have been made the vehicle of various specimens of amateur criticism. Self-appointed censors have tasked themselves with the duty of lecturing the Craft upon the sins of unthriftiness, and considerately indicated the course to be pursued in future. Balance-sheets were analysed, and Lodges censured. To this there may be no objection *per se*, and there is no doubt their generally amiable dispositions, will enable Craftsmen to bear the impertinent infliction meekly. There is, however, a limit to forbearance when a Lodge like Tranquillity, No. 185, is assailed. "ONE WHO KNOWS" publishes the fact that a certain sum had been expended upon a supper for a number of brethren, and some of them, like "Oliver Twist," actually had the audacity to ask for more. This sort of thing was, to the feelings of the Masonic Bumble, outrageous and distasteful. "ONE WHO KNOWS" should take into consideration that Dickens's typical workhouse brat received his luxuries without pay, while the member who imitated poor Oliver's example is amply taxed. But "ONE WHO KNOWS" meant to find fault, and conveniently ignores the fact. "ONE WHO KNOWS" asserts that some of the members do not spend six shillings and sevenpence halfpenny, the cost per head for the above-named supper, upon their dinners for a whole week. Possibly so; but it will scarcely be asserted they can dine very sumptuously for that amount. Then why, in the name of *charity*, does he not look with the eye of leniency upon poor devils whose generally meagre fare might surely be held sufficient excuse for the offence of asking for a little more? "ONE WHO KNOWS" ought to know the status of the Lodge—the active support to the Masonic Charities inscribed on the records of the Institutions—the private Benevolent Fund, amounting to a magnificent sum, and a considerable surplus besides from the General Lodge Fund, placed at interest, with an ample annual revenue, and the many unpublished acts of benevolence periodically extended to the distressed, are all evidence of excellent management, and show that Masonic obligations are not neglected. Moreover, there is scarcely one amongst the members who does not annually subscribe, donate to, or otherwise assist the Charities. Then why, in the name of all that is just and fair, should a little extra indulgence be made matter for publicity, and held up to reprobation. Although I have no desire to enter into the controversy, so ably conducted in your columns anent the subject of revenue and expenditure of Lodges, I cannot resist the temptation to say a few words upon the matter. I have read with considerable interest all that has been said on both sides, and am led to question whether Lodges would remain prosperous, and consequently the Institutions so well supported, were the usual convivialities abolished or even greatly restricted. No one can doubt the benevolent instincts of the Briton. A call to afford succour to victims of a sudden calamity, be its occurrence near or far, at home or abroad, immediately creates the deepest sympathy, and obtains munificent response. But, ordinarily, when help is required in support of established benevolence, the adventitious aid of a good spread is always found an excellent stimulant to force into greater activity the humane impulses of man's nature. Another doubt is, whether it will be possible to maintain the rate of annual subscriptions. A Lodge can be carried on, and at the end of the year show a tolerable balance for the purposes of charity, for little more than one-fourth of the amount now generally paid. It is of no practical use to ignore the fact that the majority of brethren care not one jot for the working in the Lodge. Membership is upheld for the sake of meeting congenial spirits from time to time at the banquet table, and there can be no manner of doubt, were it not for that enjoyment, a considerable number would resign upon alteration of present arrangements. There are no terms too strong to condemn undue extravagance, to the neglect of higher duties. But it must be borne in mind that the Masonic Charities are maintained with the utmost liberality, and that immense sums are annually subscribed towards their support. The Craft, therefore, as a body, cannot justly be charged with forgetting their Masonic obligations. Although it must be admitted that some Lodges are oblivious of what is expected of them in the matter of Charity, yet I am inclined to believe them to be exceptions to the general rule, and I for one should be sorry to see the prevailing system, which has worked so well, and effected such considerable benefit, materially interfered with. Vinegar and water diet may be sufficient to exhilarate some natures, but these are scarcely fair judges of the beneficent effects of a generous *régime* upon a vigorous and healthy constitution, and how nearly allied is a sound digestion with sentiments of humanity, charity, and goodwill to every living creature.

Yours fraternally,

E. GOTTHEIL.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am sorry if my former letter on the subject has offended any one. I do not know if I am acquainted with the brother who writes the Masonic column for the *Sunday Times*. I read his reports and criticisms regularly every week, and I am anxious to assure him that, though I occasionally glean information from them, I have never yet found them "amusing." What did amuse was the contrast between your reporter's account and his. The two versions are not necessarily contradictory, but it is decidedly hard to reconcile the "gala night" views of the one with the extreme frugality on which the other lays so much stress. And with the letter of "ONE WHO KNOWS" before me, I should say his description is the more appropriate of the two. Six shillings and sevenpence halfpenny is a stiff price to pay for a mere supper, when every one knows he can dine well, if not sumptuously, at the Criterion, the Gaiety, the Holborn, the Horseshoe, &c., &c., for three shillings and sixpence, liquor not included. Put the cost of the Tranquillity supper at the same figure, and there remains a balance of three shillings and threehalfpence for attendance and fluids, &c., &c., a very liberal allowance, if malt liquor and tobacco were the order of the day. Still, as our brother of the *Sunday Times* says, this may be frugality in the Tranquillity, and yet be on a par with a gala banquet at other Lodges. However, I must not presume to criticise what other people choose to spend on refreshment, nor am I responsible for the introduction of the figure-test on this occasion. All I have to say further is, that there is something charming in the artless simplicity of your reporter, who describes as a marvel of frugality a supper which "ONE WHO KNOWS" tells us cost six shillings and sevenpence halfpenny per member. He would have been nearer the mark had he been able to show that it was something like the frugal fare we read of in "Ivanhoe"—the parched peas and the pure water from the Well of St. Dunstan, which the Holy Clerk of Copmanhurst offered to his guest the Black Knight.

Fraternally yours,

OLD FILE.

LORD CARNARVON'S MARRIAGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am delighted to see my suggestion under the above heading so heartily taken up by yourself and your readers, and I hope you will not permit the thing to drop. I think it would be very gratifying to make some presentation to our Brother the Duke of Connaught, as well as the Pro Grand Master; but the Earl of Carnarvon has served us so long and so well, and has done for the Craft such actual good work that I think some recognition in his case is *imperative*. Whatever is arranged eventually, I hope an opportunity will be given for country brethren to be present at the presentation, and probably a banquet at the Alexandra Palace, or some other convenient place, would be the best method of affording that opportunity.

I am, yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD,

236, 1338, P.M. 1611, Prov. G.D.C. N. and E. Yorks.

York, 10th December 1878.

THE QUALIFICATION FOR THE CHAIR OF M.M.M.'s LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Owing to a technical objection, the acting M.W.G.M. at the Grand Lodge, on the 3rd inst., ruled that the recommendations of the Board of General Purposes as to the dispensing with the qualification as a W.M. or P.M. in the Craft Lodge for the chair of a Mark Lodge could not be discussed. It is unfortunate that the matter was omitted in the Board's Report, but it may possibly be all the better, as, through the opposition, it will give Mark Lodges an opportunity of expressing their opinion upon the alteration prior to the next Grand Lodge—and of supporting it, if they are in its favour.

I am no iconoclast, and deprecate change if merely for change sake—but this alteration commends itself to me, inasmuch as I know the advisability of removing the present restriction. In my own Lodge there are several Officers who have worked well, but who have not risen, and cannot rise higher than Warden, from the fact of their not having passed the chair in a Craft Lodge, and three of them do not even hold office in the Craft. The result will be, in two years, that the old P.M.'s must again commence the round—greatly to the injury of the Lodge, by the disheartening effect upon the present members, and the small inducement held out to new comers. As Mark Masonry is not, and never will be, recognised by Craft Masonry, it seems simply ridiculous thus to fetter its members, and to throw an unnecessary obstruction in their way. We wish for prosperity to our Order, and were thankful to the Board of General Purposes for thus, unsolicited, dealing with what has now become a crying evil. Little, therefore, were we prepared for an amendment upon this wise and timely proceeding.

It was said that Mark Masonry had progressed much of late years, and that with the enormous increase of Craft Lodges there *ought* to be no difficulty in recruiting our ranks with Installed

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Masters from these Craft Lodges. But an ounce of fact is worth a ton of theory. We find that the great majority of Mark members are not from the rank of Installed Masters, but from those members whose chance of ever becoming so is very remote. And there is no earthly reason why this restriction should be retained. In the Arch it is no doubt a very wise precaution, but here we are governed, in a certain sense, by the Constitutions of the Craft, for Arch and Craft, in this way, may be considered as identical.

As to the objection that we cannot alter Constitutions without the sanction of the past generation who made them—and who are now no more—it is simply begging the question. The Craft has amended its own laws, and the Mark has amended its very ritual. To say then that we cannot change a law, in doing which we injure none of the ancient landmarks, traditions, or discipline of the Order, is what "no fellah can understand." It is not a fundamental law—it is not a landmark—introduced possibly with a view of ultimately bringing about a fusion with Craft Masonry—the primary object of it has vanished. "Cut it down then, why cumbereth it the ground?" why retain it to act injuriously upon private Lodges, by whom the Grand Lodge is "clothed and fed?"

I hope this matter will be considered by each private Mark Lodge, and resolutions upon it forwarded to the Board of General Purposes in ample time for them to frame their resolution aright, and so secure its adoption. It will be a blessing to the Order, and make the hearts of young Mark Masons leap for joy. Only, let them bear in mind that with them now rests the result. Resolutions in its favour, and the attendance of their W.M., Wardens, and Overseers, at the next Grand Lodge, is essentially necessary if this great boon is to be secured.

Yours fraternally,

7th December 1878. A P.M. IN CRAFT AND MARK.

A CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am not quite sure that I rightly understand the query of your correspondent "J. W." He says the Lodge in question "being in the second degree, was 'resumed' to the third degree, instead of being 'opened' in the usual form." Clearly, a Lodge cannot be "resumed"—literally "taken back"—to a degree in which it has not been previously "opened." A Lodge must be opened in the first degree, then, if necessary, in the second degree; and then, on a like supposition, in the third degree. Then it must be closed down to the second degree for the resumption of business in that degree, and then to the first degree for a like purpose. In the case of a Lodge which, having been opened in the third degree and resumed to the second, has still business to transact in the third, it is my humble opinion that if the Lodge has been closed down, it must be reopened in the superior degree. But a Lodge which has been regularly opened up to the third degree and closed down, does not need to be reopened in either of the inferior degrees. Bro. "J. W." will find the case he contemplates provided for at p 184 of Oliver's *Masonic Jurisprudence*; where it is laid down as "the result of common sense," that the W.M. "cannot legally open a Lodge in the second degree without going through the ceremony of the first, nor in the third until he has passed through the other two; and if a Lodge open in the third is to be resumed in the first, the two superior degrees must be closed before the business of the preliminary degree can be entered on, for it will not be necessary to reopen it."

Yours fraternally,

"Q."

ANCIENT WARRANTS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read in your London Masonic contemporary a short notice of the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar* for 1879, in which I find it stated that "the dates of the foundation of the Ancient Lodges have been given for the first time in any Masonic publication, thanks to Bro. W. J. Hughan." I can fully enter into the pardonable feeling of pride with which the editor of your contemporary draws attention to this new and important feature in the said Calendar. Such additional information is indeed valuable, but considering that Bro. John Constable P.M. 185 has been engaged for some time past in obtaining transcripts of, and forwarding to you for publication in your columns, the Warrants of Ancient Lodges; and, considering that Bro. Constable has accomplished four-fifths of his task, and but for his absence from England for six months, would, ere now, most probably have completed it, it strikes me that Bro. Hughan has flagrantly violated the traditional etiquette of journalism which forbids one man from infringing on the labours of another, and so diverting to himself the credit which properly belongs to that other. I admire the spirit with which the proprietor and editor of the *Cosmopolitan Calendar* labour in order to make it as nearly perfect as possible, but I protest against Bro. Hughan appropriating to himself or allowing others to award him any credit for the labours of Bro. Constable. The latter has worked energetically, and, to judge from a letter of his which recently appeared in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, is still engaged in the prosecution of his task. The greater reason, therefore, why Bro. Hughan, who poses before the Masonic public as *the* historian of the Craft, should not meddle with the labours of others, whose fame as labourers in the field of Masonic literature is less firmly established. He has already won his spurs, and, if he has any sense of chivalry in him, will stand by and, if need be, encourage others in their efforts to win theirs. Nor are we aware that any ground of complaint against Bro. Hughan for furnishing the information in question. With a courtesy in every way worthy of your position in Masonic journalism, you arrested the publication of the Ancient Warrants during Bro. Constable's absence from England, though had you thought only of yourself, you might, I presume, have obtained access to the same sources of information as he had done, and with even greater facility perhaps. I will merely add to these remark that a former statement of Bro. Hughan's fully justifies my criticism, which is not made in any unfriendly spirit, but on the good old principle, *palmam qui meruit ferat*. In the letter you published from him on 12th October last, in which he attributed the entire credit of a certain discovery to Bro. Gould, he remarked "to whom also we beg to express our appreciation of the handsome manner in which he has always credited to 'Cæsar the *things which are* Cæsar's,' so unlike many writers, who take all from others and keep the credit to themselves."

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

SCRUTATOR.

THINGS ONE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your issue of the 16th ult. you inserted a reply from Bro. W. Smallpeice to my queries regarding the status and privileges of an honorary member of a Lodge, to the effect that he can neither take part in the Lodge proceedings—nor vote—nor hold office; also that he can only attend a banquet by invitation or on payment of the usual Visitor's fee. Assuming Bro. Smallpeice's ruling to be correct, *cui bono* an honorary membership? I have always understood that a brother so complimented was, in right of his membership, though honorary, privileged to attend both Lodge and banquet, without invitation and without payment of any fee, in all cases when the banquet was paid for out of the Lodge funds. I should be glad to hear further from Bro. Smallpeice, or any other of your readers, on this head.

Yours fraternally,

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COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday last, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Capt. Wordsworth (West Yorkshire) presided, and the other brethren present were—Bros. Donald M. Dewar, Henry Muggeridge, Andrew Middlemass, R. B. Webster, W. F. C. Moutrie, G. J. Row, S. Rosenthal, the Rev. Richard Morris, J. G. Chancellor, H. Massey, G. J. Palmer, and F. Binckes Sec. The minutes of the House Committee, which were read, informed the brethren of the resignation of Bro. Peter Matthews, honorary surgeon-dentist to the Institution. The only business before the Committee was the consideration of the petitions of candidates for admission to the School, and the granting of outfits to late pupils. Three of the former were placed on the list, and four of the latter were granted, after which the Committee adjourned.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Col. Creaton occupied the chair, and the other brethren who attended were—Bros. Tattershall, S. F. Rawson, W. Hilton, Erasmus Wilson, James Brett, Cottebrune, F. Adlard, Geo. Bolton, T. Cubitt, Edgar Bowyer, John Wordsworth, C. F. Hogard, L. Stean, N. G. Philips, J. M. P. Montagu, and James Terry Sec. The presentation to the Institution, by Bro. C. J. Perceval, of 19 vols. of *Household Words*, and also a large parcel of other books, was reported. A vote of thanks for the gift was afterwards passed to Bro. Perceval. Two annuitants were reported to have died; and a considerable number of new petitions were admitted. The Committee assented to Bro. Terry's request for the use of the Hall at the Institution at Croydon for the annual Christmas Entertainment on 1st January, Bro. J. G. Stevens moving, and Bro. Cubitt seconding, a donation of £20 towards expenses of the treat. The brethren unanimously agreed to it, and after passing a vote of thanks to the Chairman, separated.

At a recent meeting of the Vestrymen of the parish of St. Anne, Westminster, it was proposed by Bro. Samuel Webb, seconded by Bro. J. E. Shand:—

"This Vestry is of opinion that the present practice of allowing Crown Servants to conduct large businesses, amounting to some millions per annum, with little or no profit, *under the title of Civil Service Stores* (they not having the usual trade liabilities or expenses), involves an unwholesome principle, and is extremely unjust to the regular trading and most heavily taxed class of the community, and will ultimately prove detrimental to the State, if not embarrassing to the Public Exchequer. Such practice is inconsistent with their appointment as Public Servants, and demands an effectual remedy, either in longer hours with full employment, or a large reduction in salaries, and no pensions or superannuations!"

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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, 14th DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1436—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.

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1301—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.
K. T.—Faith, Masonic Rooms, 20 King-street, Wigan.

MONDAY, 16th DECEMBER.

1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
193—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
196—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
844—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Trafalgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, 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.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instructiou.)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
834—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
965—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Dover.
1236—Gooch, Prince Alfred Hotel, Southall.
1448—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold.
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 33—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.
M. M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.

TUESDAY, 17th DECEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
65—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.)
900—Dulbousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1430—Karl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1607—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1695—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)

117—Wynstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
344—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham.
434—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1060—De Sberland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1118—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, 166 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6.0. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1761—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.

WEDNESDAY, 18th DECEMBER.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8. (In.)
536—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Pepper's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1534—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1585—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kensington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1672—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C.
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich.
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
225—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
537—Zetland, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw.
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
653—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
691—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mounmouthshire.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
874—Holmesdale, Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1040—Syke, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks.
1096—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, near Man.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1311—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, Horuses, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom.
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Rockmoudwike.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.
R. A. 501—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.

THURSDAY, 19th DECEMBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, Eccleston-street, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Checquers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
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.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
720—Panmure Gen. L. of Inst., Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1257—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1607—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lanc.
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn.
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge.
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
800—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
863—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford.
1042—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.
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.
1512—Hemming, Lion Hotel, Hampton.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 1214—Scarbro, Scarboro Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.
K. T.—William de la Mare, Town Hall, Bootle.

FRIDAY, 20th DECEMBER.

House Committee, Boys' School, 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.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (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, 135 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1249—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1612—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 8.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. C.—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton.
518—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
903—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme.
1004—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds.
1328—Hanse, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 103—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford.
R. A. 321—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

SATURDAY, 21st DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

ON Friday, at Windsor, the Queen presented new colours to the 2nd Battalion of the 4th Regiment of Infantry, which is under orders for the Cape of Good Hope. The Prince of Wales attended the Cattle Show at Islington on Monday, and on Thursday paid a visit to the Empress Eugenie at Chislehurst. The Duchess of Edinburgh, with her children, arrived at Clarence House on Sunday from Germany. The Grand Duchess of Hesse has been attacked with diphtheria at Darmstadt, but the last bulletin speaks favourably.

In the House of Lords on Monday Lord Cranbrook moved a resolution to charge the expenses of the Afghan war upon the Indian revenues, and gave an explanation of the causes that had led to the outbreak of hostilities. Lord Halifax moved an amendment disapproving the policy of the Ministry, which he declared to be a reversal of the policy pursued by all preceding Governments. Lord Lawrence, the Earl of Derby, and Lord Carnarvon denied the justice of the war. The Duke of Somerset took an opposite view, and Lord Napier and Ettrick also supported the Government. The debate was then adjourned. On Tuesday night the debate was resumed by Earl Grey (who

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supported the amendment), Lord Selborne, the Marquis of Bath, the Marquis of Ripon, Lord Northbrook, and Lord Cardwell. In support of the Government, the speakers were the Lord Chancellor, Lord Jersey, Lord Midleton, the Marquis of Salisbury, and the Earl of Beaconsfield. The House divided at half-past 2 o'clock, when the votes for the original resolution were 201, and against it 65, showing a majority for the Government of 136.

In the House of Commons on Friday Mr. Whitbread gave notice of a vote of censure on the Government. On Monday, the debate was opened by Mr. Whitbread, who, in the course of a long speech, maintained that the hostility of the Ameer Shere Ali had been provoked by the attempt of the Government to force him to receive a British mission. Mr. E. Stanhope contested this conclusion, and insisted that the reception of a Russian mission at Cabul, and the endeavours of the Ameer to excite the border tribes against us, rendered it absolutely necessary to adopt decisive measures. Mr. Trevelyan, Mr. Chamberlain, and Mr. W. E. Forster spoke against the Government, and Mr. Ridley and Mr. Marten in support. The debate was then adjourned. On Tuesday, the debate was resumed by Lord J. Manners, who was followed by Mr. Gladstone. The succeeding speakers were Sir R. Peel and Lord G. Hamilton, in support of the Government, and Sir C. Dilke and Mr. Leatham, who approved the vote of censure. The debate was again adjourned. The sitting on Wednesday was very short. On Thursday, in reply to Sir W. Harcourt, the Chancellor of the Exchequer said that the Government had been led to believe that the Russian mission at Cabul had been withdrawn, but they had since learnt that such was not the fact. The Government did not intend to acquiesce in Russian influence at Cabul in any form. The adjourned debate was renewed by Mr. Grant-Duff, who was replied to by Mr. Bourke. The subsequent speakers were Mr. O'Shaughnessy, Lord W. Hay, Mr. A. G. Hardy, Mr. Foljambe, Mr. C. B. Denison, Mr. Rylands, Sir J. Hay, Mr. Goschen, and Captain Nolan. The debate was again adjourned.

Cabinet Councils were held on Friday, Monday, and Thursday, all the Ministers being present upon each occasion.

In consequence of adverse rumours, which caused a run upon the Bank, the directors of the West of England bank, whose head office is at Bristol, on Monday, issued a notice of suspension, but intimate their conviction that the assets will be fully adequate to meet all liabilities.

The success of General Roberts at the Piewar Pass appears to have been complete. The guns and ammunition captured and the dispersion of the Afghan troops indicate the destruction of all obstructive power on the eastern side of the Shutargardan Pass, towards which General Roberts is directing his march. In the meantime, preparations are being made for hutting the troops in the Kuram Valley. The cold has become very severe, and the native troops are rather sickly, but the Europeans are all healthy. General Biddulph is about to occupy the Khojak Pass General Stewart has arrived at Quetta, and his division is at the Bolan Pass. A reply from the Ameer Shere Ali to the Viceroy's *ultimatum* has been received, dated 19th November, in which he complains of his independence being threatened, denies unfriendly intentions, and offers to receive at Cabul a small and temporary mission. There has been a change of Ministry at Constantinople, and Kheredine Pasha has been appointed Grand Vizier. The official explanation of the change is a desire to promote the extension of administrative reforms to all parts of the Empire, and to arrange the existing political difficulties pressing upon the Porte. The French Chamber of Deputies on Saturday, by 338 votes against 49, annulled the election of the Duc Decazes. On Tuesday the Chamber, contrary to the recommendation of the Committee, annulled, by 239 votes against 205, the election of Baron Reille, a Bonapartist. After a protracted debate, turning chiefly upon points of domestic politics, the Italian Chamber on Wednesday, by a majority of 74, rejected a vote of confidence in the Cairoli Ministry, which has since resigned. A new Cabinet, under Signor Depretis, is expected to assume office.

The Installation Ceremony will be rehearsed at the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday evening next, at seven p.m., when the support of the Craft is earnestly invited.

KINGSTON—JAMAICA.

Royal Chapter, No. 207, Prov. 1.—At a Quarterly Convocation, held on 24th October, at the Friendly Hall, Present—M.E. Comps. C. H. Davis P.Z., D. Barned P.H. *pro tem* (P.Z. of the Phœnix), R. Langley (P.Z.) J. *pro tem*, J. Ward S.E., G. Campbell Treasurer, D. Alberga P.S. *pro tem*, Jones and Leon Assist. S.'s, T. Garsia S.N. *pro tem*; also M.E. Comps. J. Garsia P.Z. of the Royal, Dias P.Z. of the Glenlyon, L. C. Hollar J. of the Phœnix, and several members and visitors of sister Chapters. Two candidates were exalted. According to the Bye Laws the Companions proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:—M.E. Comps. Langley P.Z. Z. (this Companion has held this office twice previously), Andrews H., G. Sergeant J., A. H. Jones S.E., T. Garsia S.N., E. X. Leon P.S., G. Campbell Treas. (re-elected), G. Magnus Janitor (re-elected). The Companions then elected M.E. Comps. Langley, Davis and Garsia as Life Members, in consideration of their valuable services in connection with the formation of this Chapter. M.E. Comp. D. Barned P.Z. of the Phœnix Chapter was elected an honorary member of this Chapter. The same honour was likewise conferred on M.E. Comp. Sherlock. After routine business, the Companions retired for light refreshments. The usual toasts were proposed and heartily responded to.

Phœnix Lodge, No. 914, Prov. 6.—The monthly ordinary meeting was held at Port Royal, on 7th November, presided over by Bros. G. P. Myers W.M., J. Tyndall S.W., J. Hall J.W., &c., &c., and a goodly number of members and visitors (the latter, we suppose, being due to the presence in the harbour of five vessels of war). There were four joining members elected, five candidates initiated, two candidates passed, and three raised. The several degrees were ably worked by the Master, assisted by the I.P.M. Bro. L. C. Hollar. The members of this Lodge having unanimously passed a resolution asking the Worshipful Master to import a Past Master's jewel, to be presented to the Wor. L. C. Hollar, as a reward of merit for the indefatigable services rendered, a Committee was appointed to prepare an address, and to present the same. The jewel having arrived, the Committee presented the following address:—

"Port Royal, 7th November 1878.

"To the Worshipful Luke Cole Hollar I.P.M. Phœnix Lodge, Port Royal, No. 914, Prov. No. 6.—Worshipful Sir and Brother,—We, the committee appointed by the members of the Phœnix Lodge, Port Royal, No. 914, Prov. No. 6, of Free and Accepted Masons, desire to testify our regard and esteem for you, and therefore take advantage to bear this testimony to your many good qualities, and the very efficient manner in which you have discharged the duties assigned to you as Secretary and Master. During your connection with us, your conduct, always regulated by true Masonic principles, your zeal for the welfare of our Ancient Order, your exertions to promote the harmony and brotherly love which have always characterised the Craft, and the ability and care with which you have filled the important offices to which you have been called, have won our esteem and regard. We beg your acceptance of the accompanying Past Master's jewel, as a tribute and reward of merit for the indefatigable services rendered. Wishing you every happiness this world can afford, and a hope that the G.A.O.T.U. will abundantly bless you, to smooth your steps in the rugged paths of this life, and, finally, to bring you to that world where all will be peace and love.

We remain, Worshipful Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

W. H. Rutherford.
Egbert de Pass sen.
John Tyndall M.D., R.N."

After which the Master placed on the breast of Bro. Hollar the jewel, amid hearty applause. Bro. Hollar made the following reply:—

"To the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Officers, and Members.—Worshipful Sirs and Brothers,—It is with extreme delight I receive your kind address, accompanied with your valuable present. Although a few months have passed since I presided over this Lodge, yet to me it is a source of the highest gratification to know that the manner in which I have discharged the duties of Secretary and Wor. Master has met with your approval. It would be egotistic on my part were I to accord to myself all the praise you have thought fit to bestow on me, but I must here take the opportunity to state that much of the success of our Lodge is due to the indefatigable exertions of the officers of my administration, whose knowledge of the ritual of the several degrees rendered them of great assistance to me when required. It is with pleasure I can now observe among you not only an uncommon attention, but a spirit of active emulation, which must result in increased prosperity. I do with all sincerity thank you most heartily for your kind sentiments, and the jewel accompanying it, and hope that the G.A.O.T.U. will long spare our lives to unite in upholding and supporting our grand and noble institution, and let me beg that you will accept my unfeigned thanks for your invariable courtesy, prompt attention, and ready obedience to so humble an individual as myself.

I remain, Worshipful Sirs and Brothers,

Yours fraternaly,

Luke C. Hollar."

Other business transacted, Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to a supper, when a very pleasant evening was spent. This Lodge has on its roll of members a good many of the officers, &c. of Her Majesty's ships. It is the only Lodge available for our brethren of the Navy and Army.

A Mark Mason's Lodge in connection with the Sussex Lodge was held on the 6th November.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

St Peter's Chapter Rose Croix.—A meeting was held at the Church Institute, Bolton, on Saturday, the 30th November, at four o'clock in the afternoon. Present—Ill. Bro. Thos. Entwisle 30° as M.W.S., James Hall 1st General, Thomas Clarke 2nd General Thomas Mitchell Recorder, A. Middleton C. of G., J. Thompson R., W. Rome G.M., J. W. Roiley Equerry, J. C. Lunt, J. T. Richardson, J. M. Sinclair, L. M. Simonson, James Horrocks, Geo. Ferguson, W. A. Byrom; also G. P. Brockbank 31°, R. Harwood 30°, T. Morris 18°, Past M.W.S. of the Chapter. The minutes of the former meeting having been confirmed, the following brethren were balloted for and elected:—Bro. Peter Staton, Bro. John Armstrong, and Bro. W. F. Vine. The acting M.W.S. announced to the brethren that the M.W.S. (Bro. Reginald Young) had been ordered by his medical adviser to spend the winter months in the South of France, in consequence of his precarious state of health, and had requested him to discharge the duties in his enforced absence. The brethren expressed their deep sympathy with Bro. Young in his affliction, and an earnest wish for a speedy restoration to his wonted health and spirits. Bro. Vines having been obligated in the customary manner in the preliminary degrees, forwarded a petition, which was favourably received, and he was thereupon introduced to the Chapter, presided over by Ill. Bro. Brockbank 31°, and Ill. Bro. Harwood 30° respectively at the first and second points, and duly perfected as a Rose Croix Mason, the duties of Raphael being discharged by Bro. J. E. Hall, and the organ presided over by Bro. J. C. Lunt. Opened on the 3rd point by Bro. Entwisle, when the newly obligated brother was admitted, and the customary forms observed. At the conclusion of business, the brethren adjourned to the Commercial Hotel, where banquet was served and presided over by Bro. Entwisle 30°, supported by the brethren who attended the Chapter. The customary toasts were proposed and responded to, and after a most enjoyable evening, the brethren retired at an early hour.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.—Held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on the 11th inst. Present—Bros. T. Cull 1416 W.M., G. Davis 167 S.W., J. Yeomans 167 J.W., S. T. Byng S.D., J. Sparrow J.D., Cuthbert 4 Kil. S.C. I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, G. Ferrar Treas. and Sec. *pro tem*; also Bros. W. H. Coughtrey 73, Mash 73, Spencer 73, P. Dickinson P.M. 1298, J. W. Wright 1298, Sparrow I.G. 1743, F. G. Chant 193, G. Cooper 1288, W. S. Lee J.W. 1201, W. Rowley S.D. 917, Brown 1607, McMillan 1365, McDowell 948, W. Ferrar 1437, R. A. Olley, J. Lorkin 192, Giller 1607, C. Olley, G. Saul S.W. 1201, G. H. Hunter J.W. 1298, W. H. Lee P.M. 975, J. A. Powell J.W. 186. After preliminaries, the Fifteen Sections were worked by Bro. T. Cull W.M., assisted by the following brethren:—Bros. J. Cuthbert, Yeomans, Rowley, Sparrow, Wright, Davis, Byng; Brown, Dickinson, G. Saul, W. S. Lee, F. G. Chant; G. H. Hunter, J. A. Powell, Sparrow. Bro. Hunter was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. A vote of thanks was passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, to Bro. Cull, for the able way in which he had worked the Fifteen Sections. A vote of thanks was also passed to the brethren of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, who had assisted in working the sections. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed and adjourned to Wednesday, 18th inst.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—At the Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road, on Tuesday. Bro. Read W.M., W. Rowley S.W., Pelikan J.W., Fenner acting Preceptor, Osborne Secretary, Hallam sen. S.D., Crosbie J.D., J. Millington I.G.; also Bros. Hyland, Wood, Ross, Arkell, Hallam jun., T. Goode, Green, Isaac, &c. Preliminaries duly regarded, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ross acting as candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Green being candidate. Bro. Hallam jun. worked the third section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Crosbie, Treasurer of the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, was elected a member. Bro. W. Rowley was appointed to preside next Tuesday evening.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—On Monday last there was a very good muster of this Lodge at the Queen's Hotel, York, Bro. J. S. Cumberland W.M. presiding, supported by Bros. T. B. Whytehead I.P.M., T. Cooper P.M., Geo. Balmford P.M. and Treasurer, and the whole of the Officers, as well as a number of brethren. A candidate having been successfully balloted for, Bro. W. J. Girling was raised to the third degree by the I.P.M. It was decided to form a Masonic Literary and Archæological Society in connection with the Lodge, and a committee was appointed to make all arrangements for the same before the fine weather, when expeditions will be made to places of interest. Bro. T. B. Whytehead presented to the Lodge Dr. Mackay's Lexicon of Freemasonry, and a copy of the Memorial Volume of the Banquet to the American Pilgrims at Freemasons' Hall. The W.M. made a few remarks on the working of the Lodge, and said his aim would be to bring it up to the best pitch, following the "Emulation" working in London. A very pleasant evening was afterwards spent, the toast list being enlivened by songs, &c. A letter of thanks was read from the Pilgrims of Mary Commandery Philadelphia, thanking the Eboracum Lodge for the splendid reception given them in July last.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—The weekly meeting was held at the Feathers, Ealing, on Thursday, the 5th instant. Present—Bro. Fisher W.M. (in the absence of Bro. Porter, who was detained by private business), Bros. Wells S.W., Jones J.W., Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, Gusson S.D., Dyer J.D., Day I.G.; Bros. Webb, Clarke, Stephens, Seward, and others. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Clark candidate. Bro. Webb was instructed in the usual questions leading to the second degree, and the Lodge having been opened up, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Wells was appointed W.M. for the meeting on the 19th instant. This being the one preceding the regular Lodge, it is understood that the W.M. and the Officers of 1612 will fill their respective positions, when it is hoped there will be a good muster of the brethren.

Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693.—This thriving Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 3rd instant, at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road. Present—Bros. A. H. Trewinard W.M., H. P. Isaac S.W., James Hawkins J.W., C. K. Killick sen. P.M. Secretary, A. W. Fenner S.D., H. Hall J.D., C. A. Western D.C., J. Thompson A.D.C., W. Bartle I.G., H. Opperman W.S., C. K. Killick I.P.M. jun.; also Bros. W. J. Hornblower, W. Garson, G. P. Böhme, C. Millington, W. White, W. Fysh, S. J. C. Wolton. The Visitors were Bros. A. Wing W. M. Strong Man Lodge No. 45, and R. W. Roxby Confidence Lodge No. 193. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. C. Millington gave proof of his efficiency, was entrusted, and withdrew. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Millington was duly passed. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Mr. John Kentish was balloted for, duly elected, and formally initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, both ceremonies being performed by the W.M. in a very impressive manner. In pursuance of a notice of motion, Bro. Isaac proposed that the initiation fee be raised to seven guineas. Bro. Opperman proposed an amendment, that Bro. Isaac's proposition be postponed until the names of thirty or more subscribing members are on the books; this was seconded by Bro. Wolton, and after a friendly discussion the amendment was put to the Lodge and was lost. The original proposition was then put, and carried, subject to a proviso by Bro. Fenner, that the same do not take effect until the first meeting in October next year. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was of a substantial though frugal character, and was well served by Bro. Fysh, assisted by Bro. Allardyce. After the usual toasts had been duly honoured, the health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. C. K. Killick jun. in a very short speech, for which the W.M. thanked the brethren, and remarked that as his year of office progressed, he trusted his efforts to support the dignity of the chair, and the honour of the Kingsland Lodge, would meet with the approbation of the members. The Initiate's was the next toast on the list, and this was heartily honoured. Bro. Kentish replied: He thanked the brethren, and trusted he would not prove unworthy of the honour of being a brother Mason; he would strive to gain a knowledge of Freemasonry, and so be a credit to the Lodge into which he had that evening been initiated. The Visitors' toast was responded to by Bro. Wing, who thanked the brethren for the reception they had given him, and expressed the gratification he felt in finding himself amongst so many that he had the honour of being personally known to. Bro. P.M. Killick jun. responded to the P.M.'s toast; he expressed his hearty good wishes for the future of the Kingsland Lodge. The Officers' health was replied to by Bro. Isaac; their desire was to do their best to support the W.M., and ensure the prosperity of the Lodge. The evening was made very enjoyable by some excellent singing, by Bros. Opperman, Isaac, Fysh, and Wing. Bro. Hawkins favoured the brethren with a recitation. The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a conclusion, and the brethren separated. During the evening a distressed brother applied for relief, and 10s was voted out of the Lodge Benevolent Fund.

Ancient Carthage Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1717, at Tunis, in North Africa.—A regular meeting of the Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Tunis, on Friday, 30th November, at 4 p.m. Present—M.E. Comps. Broadley, Lenghi, and Dr. Mugnaini Z., H. and J., J. H. Stevens acting Scribe E., G. Pentecost Scribe N., Dr. Perrini P.S., P. M. Palcologo and G. B. Cæsar Assists., V.C. Clement D. of Ceremonies, Dr. Cassanello Registrar, E. Gardelle Steward, and M. Lambroso acting Janitor. Members—Comps. Barsotti, They, Nurri, Blanch Treas., &c. The Chapter being duly opened in ancient form, Comp. J. H. Stevens (British Vice Consul) was elected, and invested as E., on the resignation of Comp. Poniller, who preferred to retain his original post of Interpreter to the Chapter, but who was unfortunately absent from illness. The following candidates were unanimously elected:—Bros. Dr. N. Davis of Perseverance Lodge, at Marsa Carnra in Italy, John Eymon of Carthage and Utica Lodge, at Tunis, Denti and Ben Zaineb No. 1717. The four candidates being present, were exalted to the sublime degree. Dr. N. Davis is the well-known author of "Carthage and its Remains," "The Ruined Cities of Africa," &c., and he conducted for several years, at the expense of the British Government, extensive excavations on the site of Ancient Carthage. On the termination of the ceremony the M.E.Z. expressed his pleasure in conferring the R.A. degree on so distinguished an author and old a Mason as Comp. Dr. Davis, who returned thanks to the Chapter in appropriate language. He said his gratification at taking the highest degree in English Craft Masonry was considerably increased by the fact that he had received it on the site of his old labours, and in a Chapter bearing the name of that famous city, associated with the dearest enterprise of his life. He promised to send from Italy a set of marble columns to further adorn the Chapter. M.E. Comp. Broadley expressed the acknowledgments of the assembled Companions. The first Principal then alluded to the loss the Chapter had sustained by the awfully sudden death of their Janitor, Comp. Henry Howard Haylock, who had fallen dead in the street on the preceding Friday, and an expression of the regret of the Chapter was ordered to be inscribed on the minutes, and the Chapter to remain in mourning till the end of the current year. Comp. John Eymon was then unanimously elected and invested as Janitor. The charitable collection having been made, the Chapter was duly closed and adjourned till the 20th December.

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Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25.—The regular meeting was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. G. R. Shervill P.G.S. W.M., J. T. Robbins S.W., Lindener J.W., Wingham P.M. Treas., J. Dyte P.M. Sec., Hodson S.D., M. D. Loewenstark J.D., Wynne I.G., G. Deaton; P.M.'s Bros. H. Dicketts, I. J. Wilson, Welch and Bley. The Lodge was opened, and minutes confirmed. A candidate for the third degree was raised by the W.M. Bro. J. Dyte P.M. and Secretary read a certificate from the Lodge of Instruction, No. 25, certifying the thorough proficiency of the S.W. in working the various degrees, to the entire satisfaction of the brethren present. This being the night for election of the W.M., Treasurer and Tyler, Bros. J. T. Robbins was unanimously elected W.M., Wingham P.M. re-elected Treasurer, and Radford Tyler. A sum of £2 was voted to a distressed brother of the Lodge. A sum of £5 was voted to the R. W. Little Memorial Fund. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet, provided in Bro. Best's usual style, superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. With that of the Right Worshipful the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, was associated the name of Bro. Douglass W.M. 23, Grand Steward of the year. Bro. Hodson S.D. here sang a capital song, and then Bro. Douglass returned thanks. Bro. Wingham P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., who had discharged his duty in every way, and all regretted he had to leave the chair. The W.M. said, from what had fallen from Bro. Wingham he was assured the members could give him credit for his good wishes for their Lodge, that holds so exalted a position in the Craft. He had to thank the Officers, who, during his year, had rendered him every assistance. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Masonic Charities, to which Bro. F. Binckes P.G.S., Sec. R.M. Institution for Boys, in his usual powerful and eloquent manner replied. Bro. Welch returned thanks for the Past Masters, and then the health of the Treas. and Sec. was given. They were each posts of honour, and the members might be congratulated in having two such excellent Officers. Bro. J. Dyte, in responding, was proud to say he had been a member of the Lodge for twenty-seven years, nine of which he had held the post of Secretary; although the duties of that office were not light, yet he performed them with feelings of great pleasure. In conjunction with the Treasurer, it was his wish they might arrange everything for the comfort of the Lodge. Bro. Wingham also replied. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the W.M. elect. Bro. Robbins, in a very excellent speech, responded. The toasts of the Wardens, Officers, and Tyler were given, and after a very agreeable and harmonious evening the brethren separated. The visitors were Bro. F. Binckes P.G.S., J. Cutbush P.P.D.C. Herts, R. Douglass W.M. 23, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge of Instruction attached to this Lodge meets every Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday evening last. Present—Bros. Biddle W.M., Moss S.W., Maidwell J.W., Norden S.D., Lake J.D., Grammer I.G. and Hon. Secretary, Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. After the ceremonies of initiation and passing, five guineas were voted from the Lodge Funds to Bro. Maidwell's list for the Girls' School. Also one guinea towards the Christmas Entertainment of the aged Freemasons at Croydon, after which the Lodge was closed. Bro. Maidwell will work the ceremony of Installation in this Lodge next Thursday evening, at 7.30. The attendance of brethren is requested.

Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37.—A meeting was held on Monday last, at the Church Institute, Bolton. Present—Bros. James Brown W.M., Samuel Crowther S.W., Johnson Mills J.W., J. D. Porteous Sec., E. Garstang S.D., J. Bootle J.D., J. Robinson I.G., J. W. Boiley Tyler; also Bros. G. P. Brockbank P.P.G.D., Freeman, Newton, and James Walker. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed. A communication was read from Prov. G. Sec., respecting Festival of Benevolent Institution. Bro. Crowther volunteered to act as Steward, along with Bro. Newton, who had previously sent in his name. Bro. Crowther was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The members agreed to hold St. John's Festival on the first Monday in January 1879. Bros. Garstang and Robinson were appointed auditors. Lodge closed at 7 p.m. and the brethern adjourned to tea.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 9th instant. Present—Bros. Wing W.M., Symons S.W., W. Rowley J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Hallam sen. S.D., Pearcy J.D., Alford I.G.; also Bros. J. Millington, Isaac, Gyer, and others. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. J. Millington acting as candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the first and second. Bro. Isaac the third, Bro. Hallam sen. the fourth, Bro. Tolmie the fifth and last section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed. Bro. Symons was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A well-deserved vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Gyer for repairing the W.M.'s pedestal. Lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned until Monday at eight o'clock.

Ancient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101, K.T.—The regular meeting of this Preceptory was held at York, on Tuesday evening. E. Sir Knt. T. B. Whytehead P.E.P., G. Capt. of Guards Eng., presided, and was supported by E. Sir Knts. T. Cooper and W. Lawton, and Sir Knts. J. S. Cumberland, Geo. Simpson, G. H. Simpson, J. Ward, and others. A ballot was taken for Comp. M. Millington, of the Paradise Chapter No. 139, as a candidate, which proved successful, and Lord Skelmersdale, Gt. Prior of England, Colonel S. H. Clerke, Gt. Sub. Prior of England, and Colonel W. J. B. Macleod-Moore were elected honorary members of the Preceptory, on the proposition of Sir Knt. Whytehead, seconded by the E.P. Sir Knt. Valentine, the former remarking that the labours of Colonel Macleod-Moore in the cause of the Order, its literature and history, were worthy of all honour. Comp. Millington was then received and installed a Knight of the Order of the Temple. A guinea from the Benevolent Fund was ordered to be placed on the list of E. Sir Knt. T. Cooper for the Masonic Benevolent Institution. Several communications were read from E. Sir Knt. Meyer, Grand Recorder of Pennsylvania, conveying thanks from the Mary Commandery, Philadelphia, to the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, for the magnificent reception accorded by them to the Pilgrims when in York last July, and stating that the eminent Preceptor for the time being of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory had been elected an honorary member of Mary Commandery. Sir Knight J. S. Cumberland Marshal was elected to the chair of E.P. for the coming year, and E. Sir Knight T. Cooper P.E.P. was re-elected Treasurer. Sir Knight J. Ward presented to the Preceptory a large and handsome mahogany dining table, for which he received the thanks of the Preceptory, which was then closed in ancient form.

St. John's Lodge, No. 104.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport, on Monday, the 9th inst. Present—Bros. James Kirk W.M., Walter Schofield I.P.M., W. Harrison S.W., J. Swindells J.W., W. Bradley as Sec., W. W. Shelmerdine Treas., Henry Collier S.D., Wm. Booth J.D., D. Stevens S.S., H. Mather J.S., T. B. Birch I.G., Geo. Balfe Organ., J. Meadows Tyler. Past Masters Bros. J. Beresford P.P.S.G.D., Lieut.-Colonel Wilkinson P.P.S.G.D., H. Finch, W. Schofield; Bros. T. Torkington, T. Burrows, John Bell, M. B. Sutton, Jas. P. Woodey, J. Fox, T. Taylor, J. Wood, Geo. Nayler, T. Haslam, Henry Sool, T. W. Stanley, &c., and many Visitors, among whom we noticed Bros. J. C. Chetham P.M. 322 P.P.G S.B., Dr. R. Beales P.M. 537 P.P.G.J.W., J. Chapman P.M. 189 P.P.J.G.D. Devonshire, E. Hardon P.M. 1030 Prov. S.G.D. E. Lancashire, T. Smith P.M. 1126 P.P.J.G.D., W. Vaughan W.M. 1030, W. Slade W.M. 1052, R. E. Johnson P.M. 1052, G. H. Sharp W.M. 993, W. Parker W.M. elect 993, T. Wilkinson I.P.M. 1126, E. Edmondson 287, W. Alcock 322, W. Dean P.M. 287, J. Leigh S.W. 287, F. C. Eastwood 348 S.C., Jas. Slack P.M. 323, Jno. Slack P.M. 323; a Spanish brother from Lodge Wisdom, Barcelona, whose name we could not gather, S. M. Davies, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c. The minutes of last regular meeting and of Lodge of Emergency having been ratified, Bro. P.M. Finch read letters of apology for non-attendance from Bros. J. P. Platt P.P.G.W., J. Wood P.P.G.R., F. Jackson Prov. G. Treas., E. H. Griffiths Prov. G. Sec., J. Hibbert P.P.G.J.D., and others. Some minor details having been disposed of, the important event of the day was proceeded with, and to that purpose Bro. Beresford introduced Bro. W. Harrison, the W.M. elect, to Bro. H. Finch, for the benefit of installation. The installing Master gave the customary address, with the ancient charges. The questions put by the acting Secretary were answered satisfactorily, and Bro. Harrison was solemnly obligated. The Lodge was now worked up to the third degree, after which Bro. W. Harrison was installed, proclaimed W.M., and as such received the salutations of the brethren. In due course the Officers for the next twelve months were invested, as follow:—J. Kirk I.P.M., H. Collier S.W., T. Burrows J.W., W. W. Shelmerdie, for the third time, Treas., T. Bullock (re-appointed) Sec., W. Booth S.D., G. T. Barrow J.D., T. B. Birch D. of C., G. Balfe Org., E. Stevens I.G., H. W. Mather S.S., J. Fox J.S., J. Meadows Tyler. The ceremony being so far accomplished, Bro. Finch delivered the addresses, and so brought to a close one of the most brilliant, successful, and enjoyable installations, it has been our good fortune to witness. The W.M. presented the I.P.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, in the name of the Lodge, for which Bro. Kirk returned thanks. The W.M. in a very cordial and complimentary manner, proposed a vote of thanks to the Installing Master, the same to be entered on the minutes. This was seconded by Bro. Col. Wilkinson very heartily, and supported by Bros. Dr. Beales, Beresford and Chapman, each in a most appreciative manner declaring they had never before witnessed an installation ceremony so admirably performed. The vote was put to the Lodge, and carried with applause. Bro. Finch briefly returned thanks. We must certainly congratulate St. John's Lodge in having a member—comparatively a young Mason—who has shown so much talent, and made himself so deservedly popular as Bro. Finch; nor must we omit to mention the musical talent it possesses. The able manner in which the choral service, which added greatly to the solemnity of the beautiful ceremony, was carried out, reflected great credit. The vocalists were Bros. Balfe, Edmondson, Alcock, T. Wilkinson, Kelsall, and W. Booth, with Bro. H. Collier S.W. presiding at the organ, and Bro. Col. Wilkinson at the piano. Hearty good wishes were tendered by the visiting brethren. The labours of the evening being ended, the Wor. Master closed the Lodge in due and antient form. The brethren now adjourned to the spacious dining-hall which forms a part of the building in which the Lodge is held, and sat down to a most enjoyable banquet. At its conclusion the Musical Brethren sang "Non Nobis Domine," and, the cloth being removed, the W.M. gave the toast of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, which was followed by the National Anthem. H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family was next honoured, followed by a glee. The W.M. now proposed the M.W. Grand Master of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester, and was followed by Bro. Schofield, who gave that of the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the other Officers of G.L. Past and Present. Glee, "Glorious Apollo." W. Bro. Beresford felt it a very great honour to propose the health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Lord de Tabley. The former toasts had met with every cordiality

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from the brethren, and he felt sure that the toast he gave would be equally as loyally responded to. To Bro. Finch was entrusted the sixth toast on the list, and in proposing it he felt sure it would be warmly received by every member of the Lodge, and every visitor round the board. The prosperity of their province he attributed to the noble chief who was at their head, and to the highly capable and efficient staff that composed the Prov. G.L. Officers of Cheshire. Such a body of brethren reflect credit on the Order, and add lustre to the individual Lodges from which they are accredited. Honoured as they were by the presence of many worthy and distinguished Prov. Grand Officers, he felt regret in not having Bro. J. P. Platt among the company, for to him St. John's Lodge was greatly indebted. He also regretted that Bro. Dr. Beales had been compelled to leave by an early train. He called on the brethren to drink to the health of the Deputy Prov. G.M., and the other Officers of Prov. G.L. Bro. Beresford was the first to reply, and was followed by Bros. Colonel Wilkinson and Chetham. The W.M. gave the Sister Prov. Grand Lodges, which was responded to by Bro. J. Chapman, for Prov. Grand Lodge of Devon, and Bro. Hardon, for East Lancashire. Bro. Colonel Wilkinson proposed the next toast, and in doing so, said he really felt that it ought to have been placed in more able hands. Yet he felt a great deal of pleasure, and a certain identity with the toast, as he had watched the great progress made by Bro. Harrison in the Lodge, and the fidelity with which he had performed every office committed to his charge; that night he had reaped the benefit of his former labours, in being inducted into the highest office in the Lodge, a position all must look to from first to last with every degree of respect. He felt he was proposing the health of a brother worthy and capable of filling the chair of the Lodge, and he knew that the W.M. would do his work as thoroughly and efficiently in his present post as he had in the minor offices. He then gave them the health of the Worshipful Master, which was drunk with enthusiasm, the brethren honouring him with 21 guns. Bro. Balfe sang "Three times Three." The W. Master expressed his sincere thanks for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed and received, also for the honour conferred on him in being entrusted with the high position of Master for the ensuing year. He deeply felt the great responsibility, and would have accepted the office with diffidence were he not certain of discharging its duties in the same manner he had those offices which were the stepping stones to this. He was also sure of the cordial co-operation of the brethren, whether they were in or out of office, and that strengthened him in the work to be done. The W.M. proposed the health of the I.P.M., which was received with Masonic fire, and was followed by the glee, "Fill, Boys, and drink about." The I.P.M. acknowledged the honour done him by the brethren, at the banquet, in the Lodge room, and during his year of office. Bro. Beresford was entrusted with the toast of the visiting brethren, to which he did ample justice, extending a cordial greeting to all. Glee, "King Canute." The toast was most gratefully acknowledged by many visitors, and the next, put from the chair, was the P.M.'s of St. John's Lodge; this the W.M. proposed very cordially. Our musical brethren sang, "Let fortune smile or frown," and P.M. Schofield replied on behalf of the P.M.'s. In proposing the health of the newly elected Officers, the W.M. felt sure, with good P.M.'s and good Officers, the affairs of the Lodge must prosper. The Master of a Lodge felt somewhat like the Captain of a good ship, which, well-officered and well-manned, was a pleasure to command, he felt the good old ship, St. John's was well Officered and manned for the next year, as he hoped it would ever be. Glee: "Our Ship now goes," The toast was responded to by Bros. J.W., Secretary, and the other Officers. After which, Bro. Finch gave the Masonic Charities, which was ably proposed, and was responded to by Bro. Hardon. Bro. J.W., by request of the W.M., gave the Sister Lodges of Stockport, which was replied to by Bro. Chetham, and the glee "Life's a Bumper" ushered in the time for the Tyler's toast. The pleasant proceedings terminated by the Musical Brethren singing "To our next Merry Meeting." We regret we have been compelled to abreviate our report, as our space is again crowded.

Prudent Brethren Chapter, No. 145.—The installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Comp. E. Moody Z., E. H. Thiellay H., Venn J., J. Boyd P.Z. Treas., G. S. States P.Z. S.E., Haslett P.S., and P.Z.'s T. Bull and H. Dicketts, with a goodly attendance of members and Visitors. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Comp. E. H. Thiellay was installed by Comp. T. Bull P.Z. into the chair, in a very efficient manner. The H. and J., Comps. Cox and Venn, were installed by Comp. J. Boyd P.Z. perfectly and impressively. Comp. J. Boyd was invested Treasurer, G. S. States S.E., Haslett S.N., Biggs P.S. There were several names on the agenda paper for exaltation. Bro. Woodliffe No. 87, and Rev. Bro. Fraser P.G. Chaplain, Ireland, were exalted into R.A. Masonry, the ceremony being perfectly worked. A very elegant P.Z.'s jewel was presented to the retiring Z., Comp. E. Moody, for the admirable manner he had discharged his duties in the chair during his year of office. This having been suitably acknowledged, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions partook of a very excellent banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Best, Comp. E. Dawkins superintending. The Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. Toasts. Among the Visitors were Comps. Rev. P. M. Holden, H. Dubois, &c., &c.

Sincerity Chapter, No. 174.—The regular convocation was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Cheshire Cheese, Crutched-friars. Comps. J. Terry P.Z. as M.E.Z., G. Huggett H., Rawley P.Z. as J., W. C. Barlow P.Z. Treas., A. Leins S.E., Davey S.N., Bowyer P.S., Verry Janitor; P.Z.'s John Newton, Cook, Rawley and Bulmer. The Chapter was opened and minutes confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. H. Bond No. 174 and James No. 65, unanimously in their favour. The latter brother was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry by Comp. J. Terry P.Z. Comp. Perceval announced his intention to serve as Steward at the Anniversary Festival of the Girls' School. A letter was read from the M.E.Z., regretting he was unable to be present, on account of illness. A sum of 21s was voted to the inmates of the R. M. Institution towards their annual entertainment. Chapter was then closed until the first Thursday in March. The Companions partook of a good and substantial banquet provided by Comp. J. Wright. Companion J. Terry genially presided, and gave the Loyal and R.A. Toasts. In proposing the health of the newly-exalted Companion, who had been introduced by Companion Leins, Comp. Terry remarked he was one whom they all respected. After a reply from Comp. James, Comp. Newton P.Z. rose with feelings of pleasure, at the same time with diffidence, to propose the toast of the evening; the health of the acting Z., Comp. James Terry. The exaltee of the evening had spoken of how beautifully the ceremony had been rendered by their worthy Companion; he could speak of him from his youth upwards. But this was not necessary, as all knew his qualities. Personally, he (Comp. Newton) trusted it might be many a long day ere Comp. Terry was absent; it was always a red letter day when he was present. The acting Z. regretted the absence of the M.E.Z. on the present occasion. Some years since the Companions met but seven in number; now, he was pleased to say, they were a numerous assemblage. He and Comp. Newton had known each other from boyhood, and though at the present time he had other engagements, it was to him a source of great pleasure to be among his old friends, and he hoped the association might be continued for many years. The health of the H. and J. was given, and then the M.E.Z. proposed the health of the Visitors, Comp. H. M. Levy replying. With the toast of the P.Z.'s was associated the name of Comp. John Newton. Comp. Leins acknowledged the honour that was paid the Officers, and he was followed by Comp. E. Bowyer. Comp. Brown then came in for a due meed of praise, and then the Janitor was summoned. A very agreeable evening was passed, and Comp. J. Wright, the worthy host, was most assiduous in ministering to the comfort of the guests.

Confidence Lodge, No. 193.—The installation meeting was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the new and commodious room. Bro. Henry Leah W.M. in the chair. Bros. Biddell S.W., Footit J.W., Warne P.M. Treasurer, J. Shakell P.M. Secretary, James S.D., Lemiere J.D., Hall I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Reed I.P.M., King, H. Webb, Kershaw, Burt, S. Webb, and a numerous attendance of the brethren and visitors. The Lodge was opened, and minutes were confirmed. Bro. Reed P.M., by the courtesy of the W.M., passed Bros. J. Williams and Collins to the second degree. Bro. Biddell S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge; a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and he was duly installed into the chair by Bro. S. Webb. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. Webb was warmly congratulated by the brethren and visitors. The W.M. invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. Footit S.W., James J.W., Warne P.M. Treasurer, Shakell Secretary, Lemiere S.D., Fells J.D., Smith I.G., S. Webb P.M. D.C., H. Webb W.S., Riley Tyler. The several appointments seemed to give great satisfaction. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. F. Clemow. The W.M., after grace had been said, proposed the usual toasts. Bro. H. Leah I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. This toast, he was sure, would meet with their approbation. He (Bro. Leah) had, during his year, received assistance from every Officer, and the W.M. who had just been invested had never been absent. This augured well for the future of the Lodge, and the success that must accrue will be due to the W.M., who can and will do his duty. Bro. S. Webb P.M. then artistically sang, "When time has bereft me." The W.M. replied; having been elected W.M. of the Lodge, all he could do to deserve their approbation he would endeavour to accomplish. With the health of the Visitors was associated the name of Bro. E. Gottheil P.M. 141, to whom the W.M. was indebted for the Masonic knowledge he possessed. Bro. Gottheil acknowledged the kind remarks of the W.M., and gracefully thanked him and the members of the Lodge for the kindness they had shown the numerous body of Visitors. The next toast given was the health of the P.M.'s, and in proposing it the W.M. was pleased to speak of their various qualifications. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. H. Leah, to whom he had great pleasure in presenting a jewel unanimously voted to him at their last meeting. Bro. Leah thanked the P.M.'s for the assistance they had given him personally. All present had seen what Bro. S. Webb had done in the installation ceremony. As for Bro. Read, when he (the speaker) had been unavoidably absent Bro. Read has always been ready to render assistance, and this he would do for any W.M. He thanked them for their valuable gift; he felt it to be an honour to be a Past Master of the Lodge in which he was initiated. Bro. S. Webb said, as the oldest P.M. he had been pleased to perform the ceremony of installation, but the W.M. had had valuable assistance in the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, of which Bro. Gottheil is the able Preceptor; the W.M. would show his proficiency in his new capacity. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Officers. He knew they would emulate the example of those who had preceded them. After a song from Bro. Read, Bro. Footit responded, and he was followed by Bros. James and Shakell. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated. The Visitors were—Bros. Clarke J.W. 1654, W. H. Cunningham W.M. 22, H. Rymell S.W. 206, W. Rowley 174, G. Vaughan, F. H. Clemow, J. Larkin No. 3, E. Gottheil P.M. 141, Thompson 1693, Appleton 861, Stoke 1364, Slaton P.M. 1287, Beauchamp 167, Western 1693, T. Batt 907, Woodward 548, Griggs 1216, Greenwood 749, A. Macpherson, J. Dorton P.M. 1076, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Wednesday, the 11th December, at Bro. Seaton's, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. W. M. Medcalf W.M., Thos. B. Biddle S.W., R. A. Morvan J.W., J. K. Pitt Sec., E. Gottheil Preceptor and Treasurer, J. E. Fells S.D.,

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Thos. W. C. Bush J.D., D. Moss I.G.; Bros. Andrews, Woodward, Walker, &c. The ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed, Bro. Walker candidate. Bro. Moss worked the first and second sections of the Lecture. The Lodge voted one guinea for the "Old Folks" Christmas Entertainment. One guinea was voted, to be placed on Bro. Medcalf's list, he acting as Steward for the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Biddle was elected W.M. for Wednesday next.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmer's, Southgate-road, Islington, on Saturday, 7th December. Bros. Braated W.M., Gilham S.W., Millington J.W., Spencer S.D., C. Lorkin J.D., J. Lorkin I.G., and about thirty members. Minutes were read and confirmed, after which the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hallam sen. as candidate. Several sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Pearcy, the Preceptor. Bro. Gilham was elected to preside at the next meeting. During the evening a brother of Lodges 219 and 525 applied for relief. It was proved that he had been assisted by another Lodge held here during the week, and also at one the night before, held elsewhere, which the applicant seemed to have forgotten; his appeal therefore was not entertained.

St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Present—Bros. Alfred Green W.M. Alfred Withers S.W., W. Radcliffe J.W., W. W. Morgan Sec., C. Greenwood P.M. Treas., Dr. Waters S.D., Usher Back J.D., W. E. Young I.G., C. T. Speight P.M. Tyler; Past Master Bro. John Laver. Visitor—Bro. Greenwood jun. Business—Lodge opened; minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Hitch answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge opened in the second, and Bro. Hitch was passed. Bro. Martin, a candidate for the third degree, was examined; the Lodge was opened up, and the candidate raised to the sublime degree. The W.M. gave the Traditional History and the Lecture on the tracing board of the degree, and completed the ceremony, as he had the former, in a very impressive manner. Closed in the third degree. Bro. Fellow Craft was admitted, and Lodge was closed in the second degree. After some routine business, a vote of thanks was passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Morgan, who had presented the Lodge with a new minute book. A proposed Lodge of Instruction was then advocated, and after discussion, it was moved by Bro. Back J.D., seconded by Bro. Radcliffe J.W., supported by Bros. P.M. Laver and A. Withers, that the necessary steps be taken. After the Lodge had been closed, the brethren partook of tea, and spent an hour together in conviviality.

Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276.—The annual meeting of this Lodge for the installation of Worshipful Master, appointment and investiture of officers, and for other purposes, took place on Thursday last at the Corn Exchange, Chelmsford, under favourable auspices. The ceremony of installation was entrusted to the Rev. F. B. Shepherd, an old Past Master of the Lodge, also of No. 1543, and P.P.G.S.W., and P.P.G.C. Essex; and was performed in a way that could not fail to give general satisfaction, and reflected considerable credit alike upon the Rev. brother and on those who selected him for the arduous task. He was ably assisted by Bro. D. M. B. Wheeler, the retiring Master. The W.M. Elect, Bro. Alfred Francis Glen, having been duly installed, he appointed and invested the following Officers:—Bros. D. M. B. Wheeler I.P.M., J. S. Brown S.W., J. P. Lewin J.W., F. Whitmore Treas., Rev. F. B. Shepherd Chaplain, J. Nicholls M.D. Sec., A. Durrant D.C., E. Shedd S.D., W. J. Upton J.D., A. Mead I.G., J. Scarlett Steward, and T. Sarel Tyler. A vote of thanks having been accorded to the Installing Master and the retiring Master, Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren shortly afterwards assembled at the White Hart Hotel, to an excellent banquet, serve by mine host Bro. Sheldrake in capital style. Amongst those present, in addition to the brethren above named, were—P.M.'s A. Goodchild, J. Burton, J. F. Bott, J. P. Sarel, W. Pullen; Bros. J. Scarlett, T. F. Woodard, H. Bowles, W. Langham, and the following Visitors—Thos. J. Ralling, W. W. Brown, G. W. Patmore, E. Hennemeyer, J. H. Geere, F. J. Snell, F. M. Williams, John J. C. Turner, &c., &c. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a musical programme, vocal and instrumental, of no mean order, was admirably carried out by Bros. Lewin, Upton, Brown, Bowles, Burton, &c., &c.

Shakespeare Lodge, No. 284.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 10th December, at the Masonic Rooms, Warwick. Present—Bros. Brabazon Campbell M.A. W.M., Geo. Wilson M.D. S.W., F. Thursfield M.D. J.W., S. W. Cooke P.P.S.G.W. Sec., Mayett P.P.S.G.P. Treas., Rev. A. M. Russell S.D., Rev. P. S. Harris Steward, Geo. Bond I.G., Purser Tyler, Past Masters Bros. S. E. Smith F. Haynes M.D. Bro. the Rev. John Law was passed, and Bro. Wrigley was raised. Bro. Geo. Wilson M.D. S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

Prosperity Chapter, No. 290.—Huddersfield. In our report last week of the meeting of this Chapter, we ought to have stated that after the exaltation of Bro. Vickers, that Companions Turner, Harrop and George Sykes were respectively installed into the chairs of Z., H., and J., in a very masterly manner by Comp. William Harrop.

La Tolérance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.—Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W. Nearly fifty brethren assembled on Wednesday, the 11th inst., to hear Bro. W. H. Dean, W.M. 417 P.P.G.S.B. Dorset, rehearse the ceremony of Installation. The Officers of the evening were Bros. E. Child S.W., T. W. Cooper J.W., C. J. W. Davis Treas., S. A. Cooper S.D., A. Ginger J.D., G. Cundy I.G., J. Hurdell Sec., Bro. F. G. Baker P.M. The first three sections of the first Lecture were worked. Bro. B. H. Swallow P.M. 382 P.P.G.J.D. Middlesex was presented as W.M. elect, and installed into the chair in a manner reflecting the highest credit on Bro. Dean. The case of a foreign brother's distressed widow being brought before the Lodge, the small sum which the Lodge is empowered to give was augmented by the voluntary support of the brethren present, and £1 18s was collected. A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. W. H. Dean brought the meeting to a close.

St. Matthew's Lodge, No. 539.—A meeting was held on Friday, 6th December, at the Dragon Inn, Walsall. Present—Bro George Cale W.M., William Bayliss P.M. P.P.J.G.D. S.W., William J. Boys P.M. J.W., T. Mount Humphries P.M. P.P.G.S. of Works Sec., James Symons P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treas., Josiah Briscoe S.D., Joseph Newman P.M. P.P.J.G.W. as J.D., Joseph Simpson jun. I.G., Thomas Nickols Tyler. P.M. David Peacock P.M. PP.G. Registrar. Visitors—Bros. William Bristow P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Prov. Grand Sec. Worcestershire, Geo. M. Waring P.M. 347. Bros. Cox and Shaw were raised, and three gentlemen were proposed for initiation.

Brecknock Lodge, No. 651.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Monday, the 2nd day of December, at the Castle Hotel, Brecon. Present—Bros. Richard Webb W.M., T. Butcher S.W., Thos. Jones J.W., Frank Grundy S.D., W. Webb J.D., J. A. Whittle Sec., John Morgan I.G., H. O. A. Maybery S., James Jones Tyler, Past Masters Rich and Phillips. The Lodge having been opened in due form and with solemn prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Lewis Williams, a candidate for initiation, and declared to be clear. Subsequently the candidate was initiated by the W.M. into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Thomas Butcher stated that it was the custom of most of the Lodges to present a P.M.'s jewel to a retiring Master, but that it had not been the custom with the Brecknock Lodge, and he proposed that it now be instituted, for a more fitting opportunity could not probably be obtained than existed at the present time, as their W.M. (Bro. Richard Webb) was about to vacate the chair, which for two years he had filled not only with credit to himself, but with honour to the Lodge over which he had presided with such faithfulness and care. He therefore proposed that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. Richard Webb, the retiring W.M. Bro. H. O. Aveline Maybery, in seconding the proposition, cheerfully endorsed all that Bro. Butcher had said in favour of their W.M., and would willingly testify to the goodwill and esteem which he had earned from the brethren generally. The resolution having been put, it was cordially and unanimously passed. The W.M. stated that as the W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales was about to visit Maesllwch Castle, a few miles from Brecon, he had written to the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Geo. Elliott, suggesting that H.R.H.'s first visit to Wales would be an excellent opportunity for Masons in Wales to assist in any demonstration which might be got up in his honour, and that it would reflect credit upon the division over which Sir George presided were it to take the initiative. Sir George being abroad, the letter was referred to his Deputy (Bro. Marmaduke Tennant), who, with characteristic promptness, at once put himself into communication with the Secretary of the Prince of Wales, who in acknowledging receipt of the communication stated, that he had been directed by His Royal Highness to express his regret that his visit would not be prolonged sufficiently to enable him to attend a Provincial Grand Lodge at Brecon, but that he should be happy to receive an address at Maesllwch Castle. On receipt of this communication the D.P.G.M. called a Provincial Committee meeting to carry out the necessary details. At the close of the Lodge the W.M. in a few appropriate words presented handsome emblematical jewels to two of the brethren. The jewels bear the following inscriptions:—

"Presented to Bro. John Alfred Whittle, by the Loyal Brecknock Lodge, No. 651, for energetic services as Secretary. December 1878."

"Presented to Bro. Adam Orlapp, by the Loyal Brecknock Lodge, No. 651, for faithful services. December 1878."

The recipients having acknowledged the gifts, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment.

The High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754.—The 6th Anniversary Festival of this Lodge was held at the Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, on Wednesday, 4th December, under the Presidency of Bro. H. Stephens, the Worshipful Master of the High Cross Lodge, from which this Lodge of Instruction emanates, Bro. Waller, the Treas. being Vice President. Forty brethren and their friends sat down to the excellent dinner provided by Bro. Mattock. After the usual loyal toasts, the President proposed success to the High Cross Lodge of Instruction, and informed those gentlemen who were not Masons that Lodges of Instruction were for the purpose of perfecting the members in the duties of the Craft, and it had given him great pleasure whenever he visited the Lodge to see the manner in which those duties had been done, he called upon Bro. Oliver the W. Master for the time being to respond. Bro. Oliver thanked the President and gentlemen for the honour they had done him; he felt great pride in working up to the position, and had acquired a great amount of Masonic knowledge by attending this Lodge of Instruction, and invited brethren to come any Thursday evening and judge for themselves how the work was carried on. The Vice President gave the health of the President, thanking him for coming to preside over them that evening; he felt sure all those who had the pleasure of being acquainted with Bro. Stephens, and had the opportunity of witnessing the manner in which he conducted the

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business of his regular Lodge, would feel the same amount of pleasure in drinking his health as he did, and all would agree with him that the more they saw of Bro Stephens the better they would like him. Bro. Stephens thanked the Vice President for the flattering terms in which he had proposed his health, and also for the hearty manner in which the company present responded; he had always endeavoured to conduct the business of the Lodge over which he had the honour to preside during the present year to the best of his ability, and felt grateful for the kindly expressions he had received from its members since the time he first occupied the chair; he also experienced much pleasure in coming here to-night, and was pleased to see so many of the Past Masters and other friends around him. The President next gave the Vice President; the high esteem with which he was regarded by the brethren, and the willingness he at all times evinced in prosecuting anything for the benefit of Freemasonry made him so popular amongst them that he would not go into the history of his many good qualities, but would ask the brethren to unite with him in drinking his good health. Bro. P.M. Maller was grateful for the kind expressions he had received from the brethren that night, he took great interest in the Lodge of Instruction, of the funds of which he was the custodian, and had much pleasure in stating, after sending a goodly amount up to the Charities, he had still a balance in hand. It would always be his study to promote the welfare of the Lodge. Bro. J. H. Thompson P.M. then rose and said he had permission from the President to propose the next toast, it was the health of Bro. Driscoll the late Sec. It afforded him a double pleasure on that occasion, inasmuch as he had, in addition to proposing his health, another pleasing duty to perform. The members he was sure would all regret the retirement of Bro. Driscoll from his post, which he had filled from the formation of the Lodge; as for himself all the Masonic knowledge he possessed was obtained under the able tuition of Bro. Driscoll, and he had now the pleasure to present him with a slight testimonial as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren of the Lodge of Instruction. Addressing Bro. Driscoll, he presented him with a handsome eight day clock, subscribed for by the brethren, and trusted he might live many years to be occasionally amongst them. Bro. Driscoll, after thanking Bro. Thompson and the brethren for the handsome present they had made him, which would always be regarded by him far above its intrinsic value, said he was one of the founders of the Lodge, and up to the present had acted in the dual capacity of Preceptor and Secretary, and had certainly taken great pains to impart that knowledge to young members which is so calculated to make them good Masons, and his exertions had not been in vain; in fact, he felt almost diffident in preceptoring now in their presence, for some of them knew as much or even more than he did; he had pupils in whom he felt justly proud, and in retiring from his post, which he did through pressure of business, it gave him great pleasure to see that two of his pupils would fill the offices he had just vacated, Bros. Thompson and Garrod having been respectively appointed Preceptor and Secretary. The President then gave the Masonic Charities, coupling the name of Bro. Garrod the Secretary to the Second Tottenham, Edmonton and Enfield Charitable Association. Bro. Garrod was happy to say that the Charities were a great feature in Freemasonry, and after explaining the objects of these Associations, said the one in which he was particularly interested was a great success, for it numbered upwards of seventy members, and in the short space of eight months he had collected £130. He thanked the brethren for the support they had given. The health of the visitors having been proposed and responded to by Mr. Fuller and Dr. Hall—the latter gentleman stating he was particularly acquainted with one of the Institutions mentioned by the Secretary, he meant the Boys School, which was in their immediate neighbourhood; he had had occasion to visit it ever since it had been founded, and could safely say not only was it an honour to Freemasonry, but a credit to a nation. Thus terminated a very pleasant evening.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On 6th December, at the Star and Garter, Kew. In the temporary absence of Bro. Costelow, Bro. Roe took the chair, supported by the following officers:—Bros. Goss I.P.M. 780 S.W., Gomm J.W., Blasby S.D., Botley (who received a cordial greeting upon his recovery after a serious illness) J.D., Gunner I.G. There were also present Bros. Tucker, Skinner, Beckett, McGee 154 I.C., and (later on) Bro. Costelow. Lodge was regularly opened and advanced to the third degree, when Bro. Roe impressively rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Beckett being the candidate. The brethren were called to refreshment; upon the resumption of labour the dues were collected, and Bro. Goss was elected W.M. for next meeting. Lodge was closed with due observance of ancient custom, and adjourned till 13th inst., at 7.30 p.m.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction No. 860.—On Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, Bros. Carr W.M., Brasted S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., Wardell S.D., Christian J.D., McClean I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Webb, Smyth, Forss, Polak and others. The W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Polak candidate. Bro. Webb answered the questions; the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Webb worked the first section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and regularly closed to the first. Bro. Giller of Lodge 1607, and Bro. Bedell of Lodge 860, were elected members. Proposed by Bro. Wallington, seconded by Bro. Dallas, that the sum of £1 1s be voted from the funds of the Lodge for the "Old Folks" Christmas festival. Carried unanimously. Bro. Brasted will preside next Tuesday.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—On Wednesday, 11th December, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street, Bro. Tate, of the Mother Lodge, as W.M., supported by Pro Knill Abell S.W., Vizzard J.W., Brown S.D., Abell I.G., Long P.M. and Preceptor, and others. After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Thompson offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was duly entrusted. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and the ceremony ably performed by the W.M. The whole of the lecture was worked by the brethren. On the resumption of the Lodge to the first degree, Bro. Jones, of Lodge 862, was admitted a member, and Bro. Knill Abell was elected W.M. for ensuing week, when he will rehearse the ceremony of raising.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044.—A meeting was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Wednesday, the 11th inst, when Bros. F. Reed presided as W.M., J. Frost as S.W., and J. J. Holland as J.W. There was only a small attendance of brethren, many members being present at a Committee meeting formed for the purpose of giving a gratuitous dinner to 200 poor women and children on Christmas Day.

Hartington Lodge, No. 1085, Derby.—The December meeting of this Lodge was held on the 4th, at the Derbyshire Masonic Hall. Present—Bro. G. Pipes Prov. Grand Organist W.M., W. Heathcote P.P. D of C. I.P.M., J. O. Manton Hon. Sec. as S.W., W. B. Hextall J.W., M. H. Bobart P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Treas., W. Butterfield as S.D., J. Russell J.D., C. D. Hart as I.G., F. Iliffe P.M. P.P.J.G.W., W. Naylor P.M. Prov. G. Sec. P.P.S.G.W., S. Pipes W.M. P.P.S.G.D., and a large number of other members, also numerous visitors, among whom were Bros. T. Cox P.M. P.P.S.G.W., and Present Prov. G. Treas., W. Boden W.M. 353, J. Brown I.P.M. 731 Prov. J.G.D. and B. Cooper P.M. 787. Mr. Chas. Osborne received the benefit of initiation. Bro. Belfield was advanced to the third degree. The W.M. stated that he presented the annual return of the Lodge to the Prov. G. Lodge held on the 26th ult., and that the R.W. P.G.M. had been pleased to invest him as the Prov. Grand Organist for the ensuing year. Several matters relating to the R.M.B.I., and other charities, received attention, one result being the appointment as Charity Steward of Bro. W. W. Popplewell to represent the Lodge at the next Festival of the R.M.B.I. There were two nominations of candidates, and there was an unusual amount of other business disposed of, affecting, more particularly, the internal affairs of the Lodge, the most noticeable question being an increase in the annual subscription. The brethren after their labours adjourned to the banquet room, there to enjoy a spread, provided in excellent style by Bro. Steele. Bros. Dodd and Hudson contributed some exquisite music to the harmony of the evening.

Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Lodge-room, St. George's Hall, Deal, at half-past seven o'clock. Present—Bros. Edward Kirby W.M., John Laggett S.W., H. R. L. Botting J.W., T. J. Usher Secretary, Stephen Hinds Treasurer, J. Carpenter S.D., W. Carterfield J.D., J. Westaway Organist, S. Willey I.G., S. Holgate Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. T. J. Usher P.P.G.R., T. Aylin P.G.D.C.; Bros. G. Thomson, D. Fraser, H. E. Webb, Geo. Rivers, H. Abram. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A candidate for Freemasonry having been regularly proposed and seconded at the previous Lodge meeting, was balloted for, and the ballot being found to be unanimous, he was duly initiated, after which the charge was ably delivered by Bro. S.W. A petition from the widow of the late Bro. J. Cressy Hall (who was initiated in this Lodge in 1868, and afterwards joined the Oak Lodge, No. 190, and the Cavese Chapter, No. 176), to the Lodge of Benevolence for some assistance, as she was in great distress, was read and signed by all the brethren present. Bro. Hall was in practice in London as a solicitor at the time of his death. Bro. Secretary announced that the Lodge of Benevolence had granted the sum of £40 to Bro. Trollope, to assist him in repairing the loss and damage he had sustained by the hurricane in October last; and Past Master Ayling stated he had seen Bro. Trollope, who was getting better, and on his behalf desired to thank Grand Lodge for their very seasonable assistance, and to the brethren of this Lodge for having recommended the prayer of his petition. The Lodge was then duly closed; the meeting adjourned until the third Friday in the present month, and the brethren afterwards spent a social hour together, separating about eleven o'clock.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—At Bro. Bolton's, Norton Folgate, on Thursday, 5th December. Present—Bros. R. W. Pearcy W.M., Richmond S.W., Kent J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Clark S.D., Hine J.D., Westfield I.G., also Bros. Crouch, Bolton, Peacock, &c. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Bolton candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren; and the third, assisted by the W.M. Bro. Richmond was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting.

Gilbert Greenall Lodge, No. 1250.—A meeting was held on the second Tuesday in December, at the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington, Lancashire. Present—Bros. D. W. Finney P.M. Prov. G. Steward W.M., R. Brierley as S.W., Thomas Sutton J.W., Spencer Wallhead Sec., J. G. Galloway Treas., T. Hutchinson J.D., James Hannah I.G., T. Domville Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Woods, Hawkins, Richardson, J. Harding, Edelston. Bros. Farrington, Cropper, A. F. G. Potter, A. Potter, W. Taylor, T. P. Taylor, Webster, H. Houghton, &c. Visitors—Bros. W. C. Cooper Prov. G.S.B., J. R. Young W.M. elect 148. After the minutes were read and confirmed, the W.M. introduced the subject of a new Masonic Hall. A long discussion ensued, after which a committee was appointed to go into the question, and report at a future meeting.

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The next item brought before the Lodge was the desirability of sending a Steward to one of our great London Charities, and it is hoped a brother will be forthcoming to represent the Lodge in that capacity. The brethren next proceeded to elect a Ball Committee, to act with and support the General Committee. No further business being on the programme, the Lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The brethren separated in harmony.

Marquis of Ripon Lodge, No. 1469.—A regular meeting took place on Friday, 6th inst., at the Hall of the Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Dr. J. Symonds W.M., John High S.W., J. Glaskin acting J.W., Wm. Stephens Treasurer, W. J. Murlis Secretary, C. Smith I.G., Gilchrist Tyler. There was no busines on the agenda but the balloting for a joining member. This being the last meeting in the year, Bro. Stephens made a special appeal on behalf of the Institution in whose Hall they met, and where they had been so comfortably located since the consecration of the Lodge. Nearly fifty years ago the Metropolitan Societies Asylum was established for the reception of aged persons of both sexes, members of any Benevolent Institution, who are provided with a free residence, coals, gas, medical attendance, and a weekly allowance towards maintenance. Her Majesty the Queen is Patron, but the Institution is but scantily endowed,—it is usual at Christmas time to entertain these old folks with a dinner, he therefore urged the brethren who had so nobly given to the Masonic Charities to do something for the inmates of an institution so worthy of their support. Bro. H. Patient the Secretary, a member of this Lodge, then prepared a list, and a sum of upwards of ten guineas was collected. For this he most feelingly thanked the donors. At the closing of Lodge a plain supper took place, and the usual toasts were proposed and honoured. Bro. Walford C.C. I.P.M. responded for the P.M.'s, Bro. Murlis for the Treasurer and Secretary, Bro. R. Wright P.P.G.D.C. Herts for the Visitors, Bro. John High for the Officers, Bro. W. Stephens for the Charities, and the Tyler's toast ended a most pleasant evening, most ably presided over by the Wor. Master, Dr. Symonds.

Saint Leonard Lodge, No. 1766.—The December meeting of this Lodge was held on 4th inst., at the Town Hall, Shoreditch. Bro. L. Stean W.M. presided, supported by Bros. G. T. Barr S.W., C. F. Barham J.W., C. Stevens Treas., E. Benjamin S.D., J. A. Jones J.D., A. A. Clement I.G., H. J. F. Gale D.C., R. Marshall S., G. C. Young Organist, and the Secretary. The Lodge was opened in ancient form. Messrs. John Tidball, H. J. Thrower, and R. Drysdale were initiated into the mysteries of the Order in a most impressive manner. Bros. Funstone, Henderson, Waynforth, King, and Matthews were passed. Bros. E. T. Henman 1243, R. S. Mendey 177, and Dr. W. Holt 928 were elected joining members of the Lodge. Various matters of business were transacted, and the proceedings were marked with much cordiality throughout. It appears that this new Lodge is progressing in a very satisfactory manner

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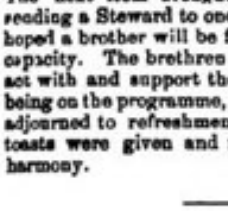
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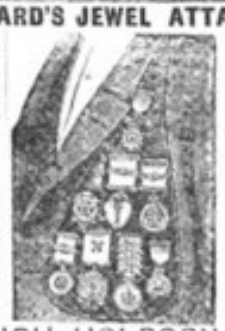
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THE TRUE MEANING OF GOOD WISHES.

THIS is an opportune moment for considering the little "amicablenesses" which brethren of the mystic tie are in the habit of exhibiting towards each other at divers times and under divers circumstances. In theory, Freemasonry is a beautiful art; in practice, it is often perverted into something which will not quite bear the application of such an epithet. This, of course, is not the fault of Freemasonry, but of a large number of its professors, who seem to think that according to a novel reading, all things are endurable in a society, one of whose guiding principles is to be in charity with all men. It is astonishing to witness the calm and unsophisticated manner in which a brother will suggest some unfraternal motive for the conduct of his bosom friend and brother. The former is under the impression that it is impossible to disassociate the simplest and most natural action from the baneful influence of self-interest. Accordingly, his brother relieves a friend, it is for the sake of patronage; or if he puts his name on a subscription list for a round sum, it is mere ostentation—he wants his name whispered about as a man of Charity. Perchance he is a little late at nights in reaching home—"what dreadful dissipation!" ejaculates our unsophisticated friend; "Going to the bad," says he, when he hears that his brother has been for once in his life away from home for two or three days. These and similar amenities, on every possible occasion, does our pleasant brother indulge in. He is, from one point of view, perhaps, an amusing study. It must need a considerable ingenuity on his part to invent the reasons he does for a friend's eccentricities of manner and conduct, not, indeed, in the cases we have cited, for they are of a very ordinary character, but in others where it is more difficult to establish a connection between apparent cause and effect. He must be something of an actor likewise, for at times his manner of relating a simple incident is more expressive than any words could be. That shrug of the shoulders, that smile or sneer full of intense meaning, yet meaningless to all but the closest observers, the tone in which he speaks, the displaced accent from one word to another, all these things need a master of the art of meaning more than your words convey, and this art, we need hardly remind our readers, is not acquired hurriedly. Now, O fraternal friend of ours, will you please to bear in mind that this is the season of Christmas, and among a very numerous section of this and most other countries, the season of Christmas is necessarily a period not only of festivity—that is the vulgar character with which it is endowed in the eyes of common people—but likewise of "peace and goodwill" towards men. Not to mince matters too finely, it is the season of all others when you and we, and indeed all men, should do our best to think and speak of others, and act towards them in a spirit of the purest kindness. We may or may not believe in Christianity, which has been rightly described as the religion of love, but we must remember there were Christians in heart if not in mind long before Christ came into the world. There is nothing paradoxical, nothing in the nature of an *équivoque*, in saying that there are as many Christians outside the pale of Christianity as there are inside it. So that we may wish a Jew or a Mohammedan A Merry Christmas, and yet have nothing sinister in our wish. When, as Christians, we address a Christian, and salute him thus, there is a depth of meaning in our language which can never be apparent to those of another religious faith. Yet the same kind wish expressed in behalf of those others has a reality about its meaning which cannot be questioned. It means that on whomsoever it may be addressed to, we invoke the blessing of Almighty God, so that, if hitherto he has been prosperous, that season of prosperity may continue in the new year which is approaching; or if he has unfortunately been unprosperous, that the season of his adversity may come to an end now, and give place to a long and uninterrupted course of prosperity. It means that we wish him a share in the present seasonable enjoyment, that he may have enough and to spare of the good things which make life so happy, and likewise that he may have a mind not only to enjoy himself, but also to promote the enjoyment of his neighbours, especially if they happen to be in a condition of poverty, or sick, or mourning the loss of some bosom friend or relative. The words "A Merry Christmas" have a magic ring about them, which no other words in the English language can boast, and this meaning is pure and unadulterated with equivocation or mental reservation, whether they be addressed to Jew or Gentile, Christian or Pagan. But there is an old saying, "The wish is father to the thought"—though why a wish should have been paternal rather than maternal we have never been able to discover. Well, we are aware that we are severely straining the true sense of the adage, yet do we see no just cause or impediment why it may not be taken in the sense that the words we utter with our lips are the true and genuine representative head, or father, of the thoughts by which we are inspired. The Thought is born unto the Wish, and the Wish like a true father is proud of his offspring. Be this as it may, "A Merry Christmas," like "Hearty Good Wishes," "We greet you well," "The Compliments of the Season," and a host of other similar expressions all have, or ought to have, the same force and meaning. They are intended to convey, by him who utters it, a prayer for the welfare of him it is addressed to. We have said it "ought to have" and is "intended to convey" a certain meaning, because in the minds of many people it is a conventional expression, a mere manner of speech, and oftentimes is used towards those whom the speaker looks down upon with an evil eye—as though the smile, the manner, and the words were a cloak to hide the malevolence of the speaker's heart. But it is time we pointed our moral to this *quasi*-sermon of ours. Do you not think, brother reader, that the next time you think, or speak of, or act towards your neighbour charitably, it would be as well if you threw a little sincerity into the thought, speech, or act? If you sit in judgment upon him, would it not be as well to infuse a little justice into your decision; and if justice requires you should condemn his acts, may we not hope that you will temper justice with just a modicum of that Mercy, which the greatest of our poets has told us, "is not strained," but "droppeth, as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath;" that Mercy, which "is twice blessed," seeing that "it blesseth him that gives, and him that takes?" Yes, brother, the next time it occurs to you to assign reasons or impute motives to your neighbours, just think of that justice which demands of all men—be they Jew, Christian, Mahommedan—that they should do to others as they would be done by, and of that merciful consideration which will bless you and your neighbour alike, and make you both happy. Wherefore say we to all our readers,—"A MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

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SEVENTY-FIVE DAYS' SEARCH FOR MORE LIGHT.

From the "Masonic Review."

(Continued from p 387.)

I have not thought best to encumber this article with statistics of the origin and progress of these two Masonic Institutions, although thanks to their respective Secretaries, Bros. Hedges and Binckes, I am in possession of ample details concerning them. At the dinner of the House Committee, which by their courtesy I shared, I learned many facts of the internal workings of the School which I shall embody in my report upon the two Institutions to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. There is no instance reported of one of the pupils having turned out badly! This is a fact that speaks louder than words. In the 23 years in which Dr. Hall has been the physician of the Boy's School, only two or three deaths have occurred. An Infirmary, amply supplied with medical and surgical necessities, stands at a proper distance from the main edifice and there, in case of epidemics as (measles, etc.,) the patients are recluded and thoroughly cared for. At the monthly meetings of the House Committee an excellent dinner is provided the members (whose work, be it remembered, is strictly gratuitous) but strictly at their own expense. Not only so, but to my amusement and gratification, every invited guest to the dinner, pays like the rest. This is done to avoid any possible charge that the banquetings are at the expense of the Institution. Thus, although I was an invited guest, and received honours and attentions far beyond my just deserts, yet when the dinner was ended, I was expected to put my share of the cost upon the plate, and did so. This may seem to some of your readers too trifling to record, but I do not think so. I have had scores of invitations to dine in London. The hospitalities extended me have kept me in a steady round of feastings, but these were private entertainments. At the Boys' School, not] a penny is expended save for the purposes for which it was contributed.

As you enter the main hall, you see upon a panel to the right, a list of seven donations made the school for particular purposes. For instance, in 1852, a gift of eighty guineas (about 400 dols.) was made, the interest of which (about 12 dols.) goes annually to present a gold medal to good scholarship. In 1864, an annual donation of five guineas for good conduct. In 1867, one hundred guineas, in 1871, the same amount, and in 1872, the same amount. There is also a record of a stained glass window being presented, and a hand fire engine, and a microscope. I observed, too, that upon the tablet, room is left to record at least as many more gifts of these classes.

The Head Master of the Boys' School is of my own name, Dr. R. Morris, and considerable amusement was awakened at our introduction. But be heartily concurred with me that the name of "Morris" is *full* of famous characters. Dr. Morris, by the way, is the author of various educational works, published here by McMillan and extensively used in America. He has occupied his present important post about three years to the mutual content of pupils and employers. The foundation stone of the new wing of the present edifice was laid Aug 8th., 1863. The establishment was removed to Wood Green (its present *locus*) in 1856. The school was founded in 1798. I close with the motto as I copied it from the corner stone.

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MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The December meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. During half the evening the chairs were filled by Bros. Clabon, Brett, and Rawson, but as Bro. Clabon had to leave between eight and nine o'clock, he requested Bro. Brett to take his place, and Bro. Brett's chair was then filled by Bro. Cottebrune. There was a large attendance of brethren, including among others Bros. Dicketts, Hogard, Cruttenden, Garrod, Valentin, Perryman, Cogan, Parish, Spooner, Edward Stephens, William Stephens, Godtschalk, Groombridge, Bolton, Lancaster, Christian, Keene, Berrie, Pillin, Davey, T. W. Allen, Col. Somerville Burney, Britten, H. Massey, C. Atkins, W. J. Murlis, G. R. Shervill, John Hervey G.S., H. G. Bons Asst. G.S., A. A. Pendlebury, and C. B. Payne G.T. The brethren granted £765, to twenty-nine of thirty-three petitioners. The amount of grants recommended to the Grand Master at former meeting, and confirmed at the meeting of last Wednesday, was £290. This being the last meeting for 1878, the brethren, before separating, exchanged the greetings of the season.

CAUTION.

UNITED MARINERS' LODGE, No. 30.

It having come to the knowledge of the brethren of this Lodge that applications for assistance are being made, both to Lodges and Ledges of Instruction, by some person or persons who allege that he or they are members of the above Lodge, it is requested that before complying with such applications, in future, the Secretaries of the respective Lodges will communicate with Bro. T. A. Gladwell W.M., 21 Gracechurch-street, City, or the undersigned.

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THE LATE BRO. WORTHINGTON P.M. 834, 858; P.Z. 834.

THE funeral of the late Bro. Worthington, of 19 Ball-street, Kensington, whose sudden death, which occurred whilst in the actual performance of his duties, we briefly noticed in our last week's issue, took place at the West London Cemetery, Brompton, at 12 o'clock on Thursday morning, the 12th instant. The deceased gentleman, whose untimely end is very deeply regretted by an unusually large circle of friends and acquaintances, was in his 50th year, and was appointed a collector in the service of the Western Gas Company in March 1859. In 1872 this company amalgamated with the Chartered, or Gas Light and Coke Company, which now supplies artificial light to fully three-fourths of London, and, at the time of his death, no officer of this immense company was more highly esteemed, both from an official and social point of view, than the late Bro. Worthington. His genial kind-heartedness, his unvarying courtesy, and his evident desire to make all things pleasant to all people, rendered him an universal favourite with all those whom, in the discharge of his most important duties, he was brought into contact. He had complained of a slight indisposition for some few days before his decease, and here we may remark that amongst the mourners at the grave was a gentleman on whom he called less than an hour before the sad event took place; but it seems extremely improbable that his illness had any connection with the cause of his death, which, according to the verdict of the coroner's jury, was occasioned by rupture of the pericardium. The melancholy procession arrived at the gates of the cemetery shortly after 12 o'clock, and was met by about 90 gentlemen drawn up in single file on each side of the road—brother officers, brother Masons and private friends. These, after the four carriages had passed, fell in two by two and proceeded to the chapel, where the service was most impressively read by the Rev. Companion Vaughan. At the grave two beautiful wreaths were placed on the coffin by two of his daughters, and the body was then reverently lowered to its last resting place, the solemn words were spoken, and his friends, after a last look, most reluctantly bade him farewell. The deceased gentleman—who leaves a wife and six children—was a Mason of high standing, he having been P.M. both of the Ranelagh, 834, and South Middlesex, 858. Amongst those present at the grave we noticed Bros. Hart 33, Turner 72, Ward 382. Read, Cooper, Avery, P.M.'s. Collings, Barker, Barrow 511. Millis, Borch, Knowles, Fisher, Bryett, Adamson, Lynes, Alais, Savage, Barker, Watt's, P.M.'s.—Purdue, Festa, Tarrant, 834. Egan, Kirk, P.M.'s. Bird S.W. Heather, Rankin, Till 858, Clinch 901. Somers P.M. 1602, and Williams 1767. The funeral arrangements were ably superintended by Bro. Millis P.M. 834. His brother officers were represented by, amongst others, Messrs. Inness, Loff, Ball, Davis, Thatcher, Fitch, Friend, Thompson, Hayman, Dowding and Mortimer.

Falcon Lodge, No. 1416.—The annual meeting of this Lodge for the Installation of the W. Master took place on Thursday, the 12th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Thirsk, Yorkshire, when there was a good attendance of brethren, the compact little Lodge-room being pleasantly filled. The ceremony was announced to have been performed by Bro. George Marwood, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master for North and East Yorkshire, but at the last moment he was unable to be present in consequence of domestic affliction, and his place was filled by Bro T. B. Whytehead, Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies. The Lodge was opened at 2 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Geo. Ayre, and after the reading of the minutes, was opened in the second degree. The chair was then assumed by the Installing Master, and Bro. Thos. J. Wilkinson, the S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented and installed according to ancient custom, and afterwards duly proclaimed in the three degrees. The working tools were presented by Bro. Wm. Paley P.M., De Grey and Ripon Lodge 837. The W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Geo. Ayre I.P.M., W. Coltman S.W., W. Hall J.W., Rev. C. E. Camidge P.P.G.C. Chaplain, H. Masterman Treasurer, J. Johnson Secretary, A. G. Duncombe S.D., R. Bell J.D., Chas. Elsley M.C., Z. Wright Org., J. Walton I.G., G. Anderson P.M. Almoner, W. Ayre and R. Long Stewards, J. Farmery Tyler. A banquet was afterwards held at the Fleece Hotel, to which about thirty brethren sat down. The W.M. presided, and was supported by his Wardens and Officers and many Visitors. In proposing the toast of the health of the Worshipful Master, and Prosperity to the Falcon Lodge, Bro. T. B. Whytehead said that the Lodge was happy in having secured a Master to rule over its destinies who was so thoroughly a Mason at heart, who was such a deep student of archæology, and who was in every sense such an intelligent Mason. It was impossible but that the Falcon Lodge should prosper under his guidance. He (Bro. Whytehead) had known Bro. Wilkinson now for some years as a Mason, and his only regret was that he had not known him sooner, that the privilege of his friendship might have been of longer duration. In replying to the toast of his own health, the Installing Master said that whilst it had given him very great pleasure to have had the opportunity of Installing his friend, yet he could not but sincerely express his regret at the circumstances that had led to the work being left in his hands. They would all have been only too glad to have seen that day in the chair he had so often occupied their good and respected Bro. Marwood, for whom the entire Province entertained such a sincere veneration and affection. Other toasts followed, and the evening was spent in a most pleasant manner. Amongst the visitors and members of the Falcon Lodge present, besides those already named, we noticed:—Bros. Geo. Balmford P.M. 236 P.P.G.O., T. S. Camidge 236 P.P.G.O., M. Knowles P.M. 940 P.P.G.S.D. (Durham), J. Hunton P.M. 940 P.P.G.D. (Durham), J. Richardson P.M. 1001 P.P.G.A.P., J. Fairburn P.M. 1337, C. Pallister P.M. 1337, J. W. Walmsley 1337, G. J. Robinson 1337, W. P. Husband 1611, W. H. Gainforth 236, G. Kirby 236, J. Rhodes P.M. 1416, H. Smith 1416, C. G. L. Kipling 1416, J. Harker 1416.

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THE PRESTONIAN LECTURE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the Official Calendar, issued under the authority of the Grand Lodge, under the heading of "Remarkable Occurrences in Masonry," I find, amongst other items, the following:—"Bro. William Preston, of the Lodge of Antiquity, author of the 'Illustrations of Masonry,' bequeathed, amongst other Masonic gifts, £500 Consols to the Fund of Benevolence, and £300 Consols for the Prestonian Lecture." Now I have been a Mason for some years, but it is very long since I ever heard of any Prestonian Lecture being delivered. Will you, Dear Sir and Brother, tell me when and where this lecture is delivered, if at all, but if the matter has fallen into abeyance perhaps some brother will kindly inform me to what purpose the interest of Bro. Preston's £300 Consols is applied.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

P.M.

THE QUALIFICATION FOR THE CHAIR OF M.M.M.'s LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent, "A P.M. IN CRAFT AND MARK," evidently appears to think, nay, even says, that the restriction of the principal chair in the Mark degree to those brethren who have filled the chair of W.M. in a Craft Lodge is a crying evil, and instances his own Lodge, where Officers, who have not passed the Craft chair, but who work well, can never rise higher than Warden. From my own experience as a Deputy P.G.M. in a large province, I have found this rule most salutary and desirable, not only as adding dignity to the chair, but also as promoting a laudable zeal and ambition among those very members whom, your correspondent considers, it shuts out. A P.M. either forgets or else wilfully ignores the fact that *any* brother who has served the office of Warden can be elected W.M., and on receiving the dispensation of the Grand Master, can be formally and regularly installed. This dispensation only costs 10s 6d, and I do not know any case of its having been refused when properly applied for. In one Mark Lodge of which I am a member, we had for four years in succession a dispensation applied for and duly granted, the W.M.'s elect not being P.M.'s in the Craft. We then had three P.M.'s elected, and this year the S.W., who has not held office in the Craft, is regularly elected, although the J.W. is a P.M. of long standing. We find from experience if any position of honour is made too easy of attainment, it loses value accordingly, and were the office of W.M. of a Mark Lodge to be thrown open *de jure* to every member of the Lodge, few would take the trouble of going through the necessary steps. By the present law, the saving clause of the Grand Master's dispensation practically opens a road to those otherwise unqualified brethren who have worked well, and who deserve the distinction from their Lodge. I therefore trust that in two years' time the old P.M.'s in your correspondent's Lodge will not again commence the round, but that the necessary dispensation will be applied for to enable the S.W. to occupy the chair, and I for one will wish him a happy and prosperous year of office. Your correspondent must recollect the General Board place no difficulty in the way of the application for dispensation, and there is no necessity for any alteration in the laws to bring about the Mark Millennium of which he speaks, when "the hearts of young Mark Masters shall leap for joy."

Yours fraternally,

PAST GRAND WARDEN.

A CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—For the more precise guidance of "Q," the Lodge was opened in the first, second and third degrees; "resumed" to the second degree for business in that special degree, and then "resumed" to the third degree for business in *that* degree. The ceremony did not appear to be quite constitutional, and thus my reason for enquiry. If Oliver had touched the question, your pages would not have been troubled by,

Yours fraternally,

J. W.

CHARITY; IS IT GIVING?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg the courtesy of a little space in which to support my views set forth under this heading, in which I urged that "mere giving" was not charity—that the extravagance of assertion on the part of sincere though thoughtless brethren would be harmful to the cause of true charity—and that "giving" was not the only object of Masonic existence.

I have been startled by the tone of the letter signed "DANIEL ACE, D.D." Some twenty years ago there was in a curacy of Clerkenwell a Rev. Daniel Ace, whose learning, piety, charitableness, (in all its senses beyond that of mere giving) endeared him to all who knew him. He passed away from the murky parish of handicrafters, but his memory is cherished in many hearts, and his reputation has spread far beyond the narrow circle there which knew his work. I was in hopes, when I saw "DANIEL ACE, D.D." in your columns that I should find that the loved teacher of the poor, whose charity was shown, not in the disposal indiscriminately of silver and gold, but in wise and charitable teachings, had, in the natural outcome of things, become a "brother." But, alas, I fear this cannot be, for the Rev. Daniel Ace of about twenty years ago in Clerkenwell would have pointed out that the Master whom he served, acted in the highest degree, on the principle I so warmly advocate, that of "discrimination in giving." *He* gave according to the necessities of each case. *His* charity did not consist in merely giving a penny to a beggar and passing on, or in sending a sum to a so-called "charity" for others to distribute for him. "DANIEL ACE, D.D." too, will remember that certain people of the class one may readily believe, who are always "carping" about what others may do for the poor, suggested that to do an act was waste, because that which was used "might have been sold for three hundred pence." "He who carried the bag" suggested it. I am sorry I cannot be more explicit, and I cannot, because I feel that in a Masonic organ it would not be right to enter upon a discussion of Christian ethics. But the incident of the charity of him who "carried the bag" has a logical moral which Dr. Daniel Ace may study with advantage. If he will then read my letter which commenced the controversy under this heading, he would see that he is not charitable in denominating my demand that we should be discriminating and careful as "Parsimony." Nor would he then say, because I decline to have my charity limited to Masonic objects, as Brother Binckes "logically" desires, that I am so lacking as to merit "many a curse."

Now a few words regarding the letters of our Brother Binckes. I am not going to attack "Hercules" in detail. He answers himself, *but I must* challenge him in the first place to show that there is any duty resting upon me, in consequence of my position as a Mason, to disregard all other outside direct charity in favour of distinctly Masonic charity institutions, I say that the only grounds of claim to my charity are the worthiness of the objects, and my power to help them adequately. In the case of a charitable institution I have a right to see if proper use is made of the funds, and to use my own judgment on this point. If I find that a charity school has a cost per head for its scholars of more than they could be boarded and educated at gentlemen's colleges, I have a right to say that in such a case twenty shillings are made to go as far as ten only, and that I shall give only where my money is made the best use of. I myself have heard Brother Binckes declare (in an after dinner speech, certainly) that the Masonic institutions are to have our first thoughts, and first care. That is to say, I am not to give to the perishing widow and children at my own door, whose necessities I know; but I am to give to a Masonic charity school where an immense sum is annually spent upon the keep and education of 200 children.

When I give, too, I hold that I have a right to expect that my giving shall raise the relieved, not degrade him or her. Does it do so in regard to the Masonic Boys' School? By appearances I should say the "giving" there does not, for not long since an appeal was made for one who had been educated there, that money should be subscribed to further educate him for Holy Orders! Here is the commencement of a bogging career. If the education given in the Boys' School is worth anything, it should teach the necessity of independence; but it would seem that the lad, adopting Brother Binckes' and Brother Radclyffe's "logic," that those who give have more to give, follows the plan which gave him, when he was helpless, home and education, and now that he is of self-helpful years and spiritually minded, he appeals for help to make him a parson. We shall next have some appeals to find the mercantile youths the capital to set up at once as merchants to save them the necessity of working their way up. While I see such fruits of Masonic "charity" given, I shall practically demur to Brother Binckes's *dictum* (and his alone, so far as I can find) that all other "charitable claims are subservient to those of Masonry." Whatever Bro. Daniel Ace may say about the "logic" of this assertion, I declare it to be in the highest degree uncharitable, unchristian, irreligious and unmasonic. If I had the time and you the space, and were this the place, I would enter upon these points "logically," but as we have only to deal with the last, I have but to remind you that our Masonic teaching tells us that our regard is to be paid to those who are "worthy," and that "prudence" is to be the guide of our charity. We have no authorised Binckes's ritual that I know of stating otherwise.

Bro. Binckes's letter of the 30th ult. reads like the report of one of his after dinner speeches. I will now appeal to the words of our Phillip given in a more sober strain, in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE last Saturday. I point out a remarkable statement which he there gives. He states that in the year 1838 "*the number of boys educated and clothed by the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys* was 65 *the income from all sources being* £884 6s."

Bro. Binckes may have a good answer to the obvious contrast which arises—that less than £1,000 educated and clothed 65 boys, while now, roughly speaking, about £10,000 in a year is regarded as a "disappointing total" for the maintenance of 200! There is the old story of the Spanish beggar on horseback begging of the pedestrian. The latter said, "Why, you have a horse." "Well, replied the beggar, "There are two of us to keep." I dare say Bro. Binckes will "logically" answer, "If we cost so much, so much the more need you to give." There are, however, many of us active Masons, too, who judge of the tree by its fruit, and who feel constrained, in the interests of the deserving poor, in the interests of true Masonry, in the interests of the good name of our

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Craft, which, by illogical action, stands seriously imperilled, to insist that mere giving is not charity, and that consideration and discrimination, as well as money, are necessary. With the Old Men and Women's Institution, I find no fault, for I know of no faults of management in connection with it. You, Mr. Editor, can see that I have not failed in "logical" support to it; but I shall only support others when I feel convinced that the money is fitly applied—for charity money can only be "faithfully applied" (as is promised in Masonic teachings) when it is so husbanded that much is done with little. In my humble judgment, Bro. Binckes has yet to prove, in regard to the Masonic Boys' School, that the reverse of this is not the fact, and that the Masonic Institution for Boys does not do little comparatively with much. I, for one, shall be glad to find that this is not the case—if it can be shown, and I promise a "logical" result if it can be.

I am, Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully,

DEUX ETOILES.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I believe that Bro. Smallpeice's description of the privileges of an honorary member were quite correct, and I myself heard Bro. Hervey, the Grand Secretary, state that an honorary member had no status whatever in a Lodge as regarded its proceedings—that he could not move or second a resolution, or assume any legislative function whatever, and that all he was entitled to was to attend a banquet of the Lodge without invitation. I believe some years ago the Board of General Purposes reported upon this subject to the Grand Lodge, so that all doubts as to the position of "honorary members" should for ever be set at rest, and was to the effect of that stated by Bro. Hervey. At the same time, although this is tolerably well known, I have heard honorary members entirely ignore the rule thus laid down, and address the Lodge, in moving and seconding resolutions, with all the authority of paying members. It would have been an unpleasant thing for any brother to interrupt the speaker, and tell him he had no right to speak (unless wanted) upon the question, but I am of opinion that if any important motion should be carried on the proposition of an "honorary member," and that fact was reported to the Board of General Purposes, that such motion would be held to be illegal. These are my impressions, but if I am wrong in my facts, perhaps Bro. Smallpeice will kindly set me right.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

INQUIRER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR AND BROTHER,—I find on reference to my file of Grand Lodge proceedings that the status of Honorary Members has been declared by Grand Lodge. On the 7th of December 1864, a report from the Board of General Purposes to the following effect was accepted by Grand Lodge, and subsequently confirmed:—

"The Board have also to report that their attention has been directed to the question of the status and privileges of what are termed Honorary Members of Lodges, who are not mentioned in the Book of Constitutions. Upon this subject the Board have received a communication from the Colonial Board, which embodies the views of the Grand Registrar, whose opinion the Colonial Board had consulted. The Board fully coincide in the opinion expressed on the subject by the Grand Registrar, and adopted by the Colonial Board, viz., that the Book of Constitutions does not in any way recognise Honorary Members of private Lodges. When that book speaks of Members, it means only those brethren who are regularly contributing members to the funds of the Lodge to which they may belong. Such brethren only ought to be returned to Grand Lodge as Members of Private Lodges. The status of an Honorary Member must be strictly confined to the Lodge which so elects him, and can in no way give him any position in the Craft outside the door of his Lodge. He cannot, therefore, hold any office in the Lodge, or vote upon any subject which might, even remotely, affect the Craft at large. In short, his status and privileges as an Honorary Member entitle him to attend the meetings of the Lodge and partake of its refreshments without the necessity of being introduced by a Subscribing Member, provided always that he be a Subscribing Member to some other Lodge. Honorary Members have no other right or privilege whatever."

This seems to confirm the view taken by your correspondent "FORTE," to the effect that Honorary Members are entitled to the privilege of attending the meetings of the Lodge conferring the Honorary Membership, and of partaking of its refreshments without the introduction of a Subscribing Member. I take it, *without payment of any fee* is implied, though not expressed in the foregoing Grand Lodge resolution.

Yours fraternally,

A P.M.

"THINGS ONE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW."

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent "FORTE" asks for further information as to the rights and privileges of honorary members. I have carefully studied the Book of Constitutions, and have no hesitation in giving as my opinion *quantum valeat* that they have *no legal existence whatever*. I have often been present at Lodges where brethren have been elected honorary members, and it has always been done by show of hands immediately after the proposition, and has been considered simply as a compliment equivalent to a vote of thanks for some service rendered either to the Lodge or the Craft.

A few quotations from the Book of Constitutions will, I think, decide the matter. On p 65 par. 12:—

"No lodge can make a mason, or *admit a member*, without *strictly complying with all the regulations* enacted for the government of the craft." The italics are mine.

Again, p 83, par. 1:—"No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge without a regular proposition in open lodge, nor until his name, occupation, and place of abode . . . . shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular lodge meeting; at which meeting the brother's grand lodge certificate, and also the certificate of his former lodge are to be produced, and the *decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot*."

Again p 96, par. 2:—"Every member of each lodge within the London district shall pay towards the fund of benevolence one shilling per quarter."

And p 99, par. 5:—"No mason registered under the constitution of the grand lodge of England shall receive the benefit of this fund unless he have paid the full consideration fee . . . . have continued a *subscribing* member to a contributing lodge for at least two years, and during that period *paid his quarterly dues* to the fund of benevolence."

And the only member of a Lodge exempt from the operation of this regulation are "secretaries who are by their lodges exempted from subscription," who "shall be considered subscribing members of their lodge." Now, in the face of the above, how can a Lodge be justified in electing honorary members who pay no subscription? and, as the names of all members must be returned annually to Grand Lodge, the fund of benevolence might thereby be defrauded.

If Lodges wish to put members on the free list there is nothing in the "Book of Constitution" to prevent a sum of money being annually voted to a member, and applied to the payment of his subscription, but I think that a brother who would accept membership of a Lodge on such terms would not add materially to its dignity. In conclusion, I think you will agree with me in the opinion that I have given, that *honorary members of Lodges have no legal existence whatever*.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

6 Grays-inn-place. W. SMALLPEICE.

THE "OFF NIGHT" AT THE TRANQUILLITY LODGE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—What a to-do about nothing. Quite a little hurricane in a teacup. Who would have thought a simple word, the obviously intended meaning of which happens to be misapprehended, should be sufficient to create a commotion, causing "OLD FILE" to shake his merry sides with laughter, fill with disgust the sensitive mind of "ONE WHO KNOWS," and irritate the presumably even temper of the Reporter of one of your contemporaries. And the cause of the disturbance? O ye who care to know, shiver while you read the awful revelation. Why, in those erst, immaculate columns, the supper provided on the "Off Night" at Tranquillity No. 185, was actually described as FRUGAL. After such an outrage, what might not happen next? Surely, Brother Editor, if you have the slightest respect for the reputation of your paper, and comfort of your correspondents, it is your bounden duty to at once dismiss the villainous reporter, order him to a place in the lower regions, or at all events reduce by one-half—at the very least—his liberal "screw" by way of penalty for the past, and reminder to observe greater accuracy in future. But, seriously. In their zeal the objectors seem to have overlooked that the obnoxious term might perhaps have been employed in a relative sense. As, for instance, to dine at sixpence *per diem* may be deemed frugal when placed in juxtaposition with luxuries obtainable for the expenditure of six shillings and sevenpence halfpenny per week. In like manner, in a Lodge where fifteen, twenty-one, and on Installation meetings, as much as thirty shillings per head has been expended, and where occasionally a wondrous quantity of champagne and other costly wines and liquors are consumed, a supper, consisting of ordinary joints, with a glass of ale to wash it down, may, I think, fairly be described as *frugal*, in comparison, without being subjected to an outcry insidiously implying want of truthfulness, or, at any rate, lack of judgment. That the Lodge had to pay a rather stiff price for comparatively so poor a spread does in no way militate against the propriety of the description, or the legitimate use of the term. It is really sad to reflect that so much equanimity should have been disturbed by so insignificant a matter, and my sole excuse for occupying your valuable space, waste printer's ink, and bestow an infliction on your readers, or notice the affair at all, is, that I am reminded that the time is fast approaching when "peace and goodwill among men" is supposed to reign supreme, and an anxious feeling to practise the Masonic injunction to "restore peace to troubled minds." It will, indeed, be most gratifying to learn that my explanation, meagre as it is, has had the effect of soothing the sensibilities of the triune objectors, restore their mental equilibrium, and so enable them to enjoy the coming festivities (alas, already marred by a sorrowful event), with greater ease and unruffled calmness. With hearty greetings and compliments of the season to the objectors, the Craft in general, and

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yourself in particular, I sign myself, O! Most Magnanimous (*vide* "OLD FILE'S" letter, and *Sunday Times* 15th December) Brother Editor,

YOUR REPORTER.

15th December.

FREEMASONRY IN NORTH WALES AND SALOP.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It was with infinite pride and gratification that I read the article in your impression of the 14th December under the above head, but more especially so the concluding portion of it, in which you allude in such gracious and well merited terms to the services of our late dear departed Bro. Goldsboro P.G.S. Warden, of the Province of North Wales and Salop, and founder and twice W.M. of the Welshpool Lodge. The high eulogium you have been pleased to confer upon his many and energetic services in the Principality was well deserved, and by no one were they more keenly appreciated and recognised than by Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, the revered Provincial Grand Master, who indeed felt honoured when Dr. Goldsboro was numbered amongst the guests at his hospitable home. You have spoken of the number of times that Bro. Goldsboro made journeys from London to Welshpool to attend to the duties of his Lodge during the two years he presided over it as W.M., never on one single occasion being absent, but this indeed was a small amount of the work he did for the benefit of Freemasonry in other parts of the Kingdom, where he consecrated numerous Lodges and Chapters that are all now working and in a flourishing condition. In the Jordan Lodge and Jerusalem Chapter he attained to the highest honours, and by the members of both he was loved and esteemed. He was an honorary member of two other Lodges, and his affable manners and genial disposition won the goodwill of all. It is not only as a Mason that Bro Goldsboro's name will be held in grateful remembrance, for as an eminent physician he was ever ready to answer any call that might be made upon him in the hour of trial and danger, and very often without even a distant prospect of fee or reward, and on many occasions he even supplied from his own purse the means for providing necessaries which some of his poor patients were unable to provide for themselves. As one who had the honour of Bro. Goldboro's intimate friendship, I personally thank you for your tribute to his memory, and although he has departed from us I feel assured that his name will be enshrined in the hearts of all who had the pleasure and honour of his acquaintance, and with a sincere wish that he may be greeted with the cheering welcome of "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." on his arrival at the portals of the Grand Lodge above, "where the World's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever."

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully yours,

AMICUS.

ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE, SHANGHAI.

The Annual Installation of the Office-bearers of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, 15th October. W. Bro. M. H. Cook, the W.M., had issued invitations to the District Grand Master of English Freemasons and his Officers, as well as to all Masons of eminence in the port; and it must have been gratifying to him, as well as the W.M. elect, Bro. D. C. Jansen, to find that over seventy brethren had responded, by their appearance in Lodge. At 9.15 p.m., the Lodge was opened by the W.M., and shortly afterwards R. W. Bro. Cornelius Thorne D.G.M., entered the Lodge attended by the following of his Officers:—W. Bros. Hart D.G.J.W., J. I. Miller D.G. Reg., T. W. Kingsmill President of Board of General Purposes, H. Evans D.G.J.D., L. Moore D.G. Sword Bearer, Geo. B. Fentum D.G. Organist, J. Brown D.G. Pursuivant, and was received with Masonic honours. The W.M. expressed to the D.G.M. the great pleasure it afforded the brethren of his Lodge to receive this friendly visit, and he had further to encroach upon the D.G. Master's kindness by asking him to officiate as the Installing Master. The D.G.M. briefly replied, and thanked the W.M. and brethren on behalf of himself and the D.G. Officers for their kindly reception, and at the call of the W.M. assumed the chair and proceeded with the installation. W. Bro. Jansen having been presented, was duly obligated and installed into the Chair of King Solomon in due and ancient form, and the customary proclamations having been made and salutes given, the D.G.M., at W. Bro. Jansen's request, installed the following Officers:—Bros. M. H. Cook I.P.M., N. P. Anderson S.W., A. Bruce J.W., J. Shadgett Treasurer, G. L. Skinner, Secretary, W. Graham S.D., A. E. Flagg J.D., and T. Hore Tyler; delivering a few appropriate remarks as he invested each Brother with the insignia of his office. The ceremony being concluded, W. Bro. Cook thanked the Officers and Brethren for their cordial support during the past year, and W. Bro. Jansen thanked the Visitors for their attendance, and said it was at all times particularly gratifying to his Lodge to receive visits from their brethren. He hoped on this occasion they would favour him by remaining to partake of the refreshment prepared in the adjoining room. The Lodge was then closed in peace, harmony, and brotherly love, at 10.45 p.m. Amongst the Visitors present, we noticed W. Bro. Pemberton W.M. of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 578 S.C., W. Bro. Röhl of the Lodge Germania, German Constitution; W. Bro. Jamieson P.M. Northern Lodge of China, No. 570 E.C., as well as several other well-known zealous members. In the banqueting Room, a splendid cold collation had been laid out in that liberal manner so characteristic of our American Brethren, and after ample justice had been done to the viands, the newly installed W.M. rose, and in a neat speech proposed "The Rulers of the Craft," followed by the toast of the D.G.M. and the Officers of the D.G. Lodge. He thanked the R.W.D.G.M. for his kindness in installing the Officers of the Lodge and also for the attendance of the D.G. Officers. R.W. Bro. Thorne, in reply, said it was at all times a pleasure to assist in the Lodge ceremonies at Shanghai, where so excellent a feeling existed amongst the brethren working under various Constitutions. He alluded to the able working he had witnessed in the Ancient Landmark Lodge, and wished that the ensuing year might prove one of prosperity to the W.M. and his Officers. "The Sister Lodges" were kindly brought to the notice of the brethren, and on their behalf thanks were returned by W. Bro. Röhl and W. Bro. Pemberton. During the evening several songs were sung by brethren, who evidenced by their knowledge of music that they had not neglected the advice to cultivate at least one of the liberal Arts. W. Bro. Fentum added much effect to the installing ceremony by his careful performance on the organ. After the "Tyler's Toast" had been duly given, the brethren separated, about midnight, having spent a pleasant evening, feeling that to the cheerful and hearty disposition of the W. Master there was every prospect of success attending the Ancient Landmark Lodge whilst under his rule.—*North China Herald.*

JAMAICA.

A QUARTERLY Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland for Jamaica and Grey Town was held at Sussex Hall, on the 21st November, presided over by the Right Worshipful Hon. S. Constantine Burke, Provincial Grand Master for Jamaica and Grey Town. The following Officers were nominated and elected to serve for the present year:—

The Right Wor. H. W. D'Costa P.M. of the Glenlyon D.P.G.M.
The Right Wor. Hon. M. Solomons P.M. Seville Sub. P.G.M.
The Right Wor. C. W. Steer P.M. Seville Prov. G. Sen. Warden.
The Right Wor. Dr. J. Ogilvie Master St. John's Prov. G.J.W.
Bro. Rev. A. Finlay P.G. Chaplain.
The Right Wor. J. K. McNab P.M. Glenlyon P.G. Treasurer.
The Right Wor. B. M. Dias P.M. Glenlyon P.G. Sec.
The Right Wor. D. C. De Enza P.M. Athole Union P.G. Sen. Deacon.
The Right Wor. D. N. Berwick P.M. Caledonian P.G. Jun. Deacon.
Bro. John Parry P.G.A.
The Right Wor. J. G. Mesquito P.M. Caledonia P.G. Bible Bearer.
The Right Wor. S. H. Watson Master of Glenlyon P.G. D. of C.
The Right Wor. H. P. Thompson P.M. Seville P.G.S.B.
Bro. A. H. Jones P.G. Director of Music.
The Right Wor. E. N. Hart P.M. Seville P.G. Standard Bearer.
The Right Wor. A. D. C. Levy Master of Caledonian Pres. of S.
The Right Wor. H. E. Reuben Master Athole Union, Bros. W. A. Paine, G. H. Pierce, R. B. Chadwick, K. J. Spicer, E. Metville, J. F. Rickhard, J. Sherbon, H. Priest, S. J. Shendwick, T. D. Black, C. Pimmer, C. A. Austin, Stewards.

The Right Wor. C. C. M. L. Knox P.M. Glenlyon P.G. Marshal.
Bro. Jonas Pollack P.G. Inner Guard.
Bro. John Hoyes P.G. Tyler.

The Installation was to have taken place on St. Andrew's day, 30th November.

The Right Wor. Alex. E. Burke, who held the position of P.G. Sec. for the last seven years, in the performance of his duties having given general satisfaction, it was with deep regret announced that that R.W. Brother would not consent to remain in harness, and it was thought the Provincial G. Master would have selected him as Sub. Prov. Grand Master, as he was the Senior Past Master (with the exception of Dep. Prov. Grand Master), but it is hoped some day honour will be conferred upon him for his noble services.

As it was stated on the arrival of the Right Wor. Hon. Dr. Hamilton, District Grand Master of East Jamaica, that Masonry would soon to revive in this island, we have been informed that the Phœnix Lodge, Port Royal, and the Royal Lodge, Kingston, have sent in a petition to have a Mark Lodge, which it is expected shortly will be opened. The Friendly Lodge, Kingston, has been granted a charter for a Mark Lodge, called the Clifton Mount Keystone. The first Master is the Right Wor. J. J. G. Lewis, and the Wardens the Right Worshipful Altamant De Cordora and Ashemeiro.

The Committee of the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho Square, issue an earnest appeal for help. During the past year 8,014 out-patients have been registered, and it is intended to open further wards when funds will allow. Donations may be sent to the Treasurer, the Earl of Glasgow, at the Hospital, or to the Bankers, Messrs. Barclay, Bevan and Co., or to Sir Samuel Scott and Co.

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DEATH OF H.R.H. THE PRINCESS ALICE.

On Saturday intelligence was received from Darmstadt of the death of H.R.H. the Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse, who expired at half-past seven on the morning of that day. The deceased Princess was the second daughter of Her Majesty the Queen, and was born at Buckingham Palace, on the 25th April 1843. Her Royal Highness won the esteem of the whole country by the unremitting devotion with which she tended her father in his last illness, now 17 years ago. From the moment that illness assumed a threatening aspect she scarcely ever quitted his bedside, and in the result her own health was impaired. After his death the Princess proved a great comfort and support to the Queen in her bereavement, and her sympathy tended greatly to the resignation and composure of Her Majesty. In 1862 the Princess was married, at Osborne House, to Prince Louis, Grand Duke of Hesse, who a few days afterwards was authorised by Royal Warrant from Her Majesty to assume the title of his Royal Highness, and in the same year was nominated a Knight of the Garter. Hesse-Darmstadt, from that time the home of the Princess, is a small State, containing nearly a million inhabitants, mostly Protestant; and since the summer

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of 1877, when her husband became Grand Duke, the Princess has enjoyed more than the shadow of Royal power. In the meantime she had acquired further titles to esteem and affection both in her native and her husband's country—in England by reason of the promptitude with which she left her home for Sandringham when the Prince of Wales was struck down with the illness which so nearly proved fatal, and in Germany by the graces of her character, her unostentatious but ever active benevolence, and, above all, the services which she rendered to the sick and wounded during the Franco-German War. Her youngest daughter, Princess Marie Victoria Feodore Leopoldine died from diphtheria on the 16th November last; and it was in nursing her children and her husband while suffering from this disease that the Princess caught the infection which has proved so fatal.

The remains of Her Royal Highness were interred in the Mausoleum at Rosenhohe on Wednesday afternoon. The funeral solemnities commenced on Tuesday evening, when the body was removed by torchlight from the Grand Ducal Palace at Darmstadt to the church in the old castle. On arrival at the church, the coffin, covered with a crimson pall, was placed on a black velvet catafalque bearing the Grand Ducal Crown and the arms and orders of the Princess, and throughout the night was attended by a guard of honour. Between 9 o'clock and noon on Wednesday the church was opened to the public, and during that time some thousands of persons passed reverently by the coffin. By 2 o'clock, the hour fixed for the reading of the burial service, the edifice was filled with the nobility, representatives of the various municipal and other bodies, &c. Everything being in readiness for the service, the mourners—the Grand Duke of Hesse, the Prince of Wales, Prince Leopold, Prince Christian of Holstein, and the Grand Dukes of Mecklenburgh and Baden, among others—entered the church, and were conducted to their places with the ceremonies usually observed on such occasions. The Crown Prince and Princess of Germany were not present, the Emperor William having, after a consultation with his physicians, declined to permit them to attend the funeral on account of the risk of infection. In their absence the Imperial family were represented by General Goltz, Colonel Panwitz, Count Matuschka, and Count Seckendorff. M. de Quaade was in attendance for the King of Denmark, General Burnell for the King of the Belgians, and Baron Von Purglas and Count Durkheim for the King and Queen Dowager of Bavaria. The burial service, to which some anthems and chorales were added, was performed by Assistant-Chaplain Grein, one of the Ducal chaplains, and the Rev. Mr. Sillitoe, the resident English clergyman. The coffin was afterwards removed from the catafalque to a hearse drawn by eight horses, and the sad procession passed to Rosenhohe, the route being densely lined with spectators. The Mausoleum is not very large, and only the mourners and a few others saw the coffin as, after being received by a guard of honour with a military salute, it was carried to and deposited in the vault. During the funeral ceremony at Darmstadt and Rosenhohe a solemn service was held at Windsor Castle. The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, the Duke of Connaught, the Duke of Cambridge, and the Duchess of Teck arrived there from London shortly before 2 o'clock, and about half an hour afterwards accompanied the Queen, the Princess of Wales and Princess Beatrice to the private chapel. The ladies and gentlemen of the Royal household, with many of the Queen's domestic servants, were present. The service (which was an entirely private ceremony) was conducted by the Hon. and Rev. Gerald Wellesley, Dean of Windsor, who read some appropriate prayers. The choral portions were sung by Messrs. F. Marriott, Barnby, J. Tolley, W. T. Briggs, Hunt, Packer, Ramsbottom, Dyson and Stilliard, of St. George's Chapel, led by Sir J. G. Elvey. The anthem was, "The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God." At half-past 3 the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, the Duke of Cambridge, and the Duchess of Teck and suites drove from the Castle to the Windsor Station of the Great Western Railway, and returned to Paddington by the 3-40 p.m. train. The Duke of Connaught remained at the Palace. In all parts of the country resolutions of condolence have been carried by Town Councils and other bodies. Minute guns were fired on Wednesday at Woolwich, Chatham, Portsmouth, and Devonport, and the flags of Her Majesty's and other ships were flown half-mast high.

OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

IN consequence of the illness of the Princess Alice, the commemorative service usually held on the anniversary of the death of the Prince Consort, at Frogmore was omitted. Early on Saturday news was received by her Majesty of the death of her daughter. On Wednesday, the Queen, with the Princess of Wales and other members of the Royal Family, attended a special service in the private chapel of Windsor Castle, at about the same time as the funeral service was being held at Darmstadt.

A Cabinet Council, attended by the whole of the ministers, was held on Thursday.

At the meeting of the House of Lords, on Tuesday, an address of condolence with the Queen and Royal Family was passed.

In the House of Commons on Friday, the Chancellor of the Exchequer gave notice of a proposal for a grant in aid of the sufferers in the Rhodope districts. Mr. Anderson gave notice of opposition to the motion. The adjourned debate on the Vote of Censure was resumed by Earl Percy, and was continued by Sir W. Harcourt, the Attorney-General and others. A division was taken, and the Vote of Censure was rejected by 328 against 227. On Monday, after an Address of Condolence had been voted, the Chancellor of the Exchequer stated that he should not proceed with the motion for a grant in aid of the Rhodope sufferers, which gave occasion to some sarcastic remarks from Lord Hartington and Sir W. Harcourt. Mr. E. Stanhope then moved a resolution applying the Indian revenues to the cost of the Afghan war. Mr. Fawcett moved an adverse amendment, which was supported by Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Laing, Mr. O. Morgan, and Sir G. Campbell; while the Attorney-General, Sir G. Bowyer, and Mr. Smollett spoke in favour of the resolution. On Tuesday, after some preliminary discussion, the adjourned debate was resumed by Dr. Playfair, was continued by Sir H. James, Sir G. Balfour, Sir W. Dawson, Mr. Mundella, Mr. Childers, and Lord Hartington in support of Mr. Fawcett's amendment, and by Lord G. Hamilton, the Solicitor-General, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Hardcastle, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer in opposition to it. Upon a division the amendment was rejected by 235 against 125, showing a majority of 110 for the Government. The House adjourned till 13th February.

The election at Bristol on Saturday resulted in the return of Mr. Fry, the Liberal candidate, and that on Tuesday at New Ross in the election of Colonel Tottenham, Conservative.

On Thursday a gold and silver casket was presented, on behalf of British residents in California, to Earl Beaconsfield in recognition of his patriotic policy. The Premier, in reply, spoke hopefully of the Treaty of Berlin, which he believed would conduce to the peace of Europe.

General Roberts succeeded in reaching the summit of the Shutargardan Pass without opposition, but upon his return to the Kuram Valley, where he will take up his winter quarters, a baggage train was attacked by the Mangal tribe, who were beaten off by the accompanying guard. General Biddulph has obtained possession of the Khojak Pass, and Sir R. Browne is advancing upon Jellalabad. The weather in Afghanistan is very severe; but the European troops are healthy. A Sikh regiment has been sent back to Peshawur. The recent change of ministry at Constantinople is believed to have arisen from a suspicion of a conspiracy against the Sultan, in which Damad Pasha was implicated. According to the latest reports, the Ministerial changes have been satisfactory to the European Ambassadors to the Porte. The European Commissioners for the delimitation of Eastern Roumelia have experienced great opposition in the course of their enquiries, and the British Government has directed Sir H. D. Wolff to return to Constantinople. A French mail steamer on Thursday came into collision with an English steamer, the Rinaldo, near Gallipoli, on the Bosphorus. It is stated that the French vessel sank, with 150 persons on board. The Austrian and Hungarian Legislatures have been engaged in discussing several subjects connected with the occupation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and, although strong opposition has been offered, the Government propositions have been generally sanctioned. In consequence of the adverse vote of the Italian Chamber, the Cairoli Ministry resigned, and after several days' efforts Signor Depretis has formed a new Cabinet, but its existence is

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deemed to be very uncertain. The resumption of specie payments in the United States has been virtually anticipated by the fall of gold to par compared with greenbacks. The last Cape mail brings news up to 26th November, Sir B. Frere had sent an *ultimatum* to the Zulu King Cetewayo, but no reply had been received. There was no news of operations in the Transvaal. The English cricketers in Australia have won their first match at Adelaide, and have since proceeded to Melbourne.

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, 21st DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 209—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stamfield.

MONDAY, 23rd DECEMBER.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
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.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

46—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1469—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, York. (Emergency.)
R. A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
K. T.—Faith, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.

TUESDAY, 24th DECEMBER.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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.)
206—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
1746—Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden.

117—Wynstay, 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 Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1809—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1875—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

FRIDAY, 27th 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.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Dorie, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
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 7.30. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 8.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
749—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
1393—Hamet, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.
R. A. 660—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

SATURDAY, 28th DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

Bro. G. Everett, P.M. 177 and 1381, was elected Treasurer of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, on Friday, the 13th instant—an unusual event in this Lodge, there having been no change of Treasurer for the last thirty years.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 19th inst. Bros. Maidwell W.M., Moss S.W., Norden J.W., Grumemr Sec. and S.D., Powell J.D., Biddle I.G., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Maidwell, Bro. Moss acting as candidate. After which the fourth section of the first Lecture was worked by Bro. Webb, assisted by the brethren.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, 17th December, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Bros. Soper W.M., Baker S.W., Tranter J.W., Dodson S.D., White J.D., McAlpine I.G., Bingemann P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Richards, Woolridge, Abell, Dickins, T. B. Dodson, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and with solemn prayer. The minutes of preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Liscott, a candidate, was entrusted, and raised to degree of M.M. The lecture appertaining to the degree was worked, 1st section by Bro. Soper, 2nd by Bro. Bingemann, 3rd by Bro. Dickins. It was unanimously agreed to adjourn, over the Christmas holidays, till 7th January. Bro. Baker was elected W.M. for that meeting.

Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.—A meeting was held on Monday, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. Present—Bros. Posener W.M., Pare S.W., Bayley J.W., P. Levy Sec., Croaker S.D., Staley J.D., Bilby Org., Bush I.G., Potter Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Barnett, Ross, Bloomfield, Constable, N. Moss, Gluckstein; and other brethren to the number of about forty. The Lodge being opened, a candidate for initiation was formally introduced, and admitted to the benefit of the Order. It was explained by the W.M. that in consequence of the death of the Princess Alice the usual entertainment would not be given. In the course of the evening a notice of motion was handed in—that donations of ten guineas be presented from the Lodge funds to each of the Masonic Institutions, to be placed on the lists of the Stewards for the Lodge, viz.:—Bros. J. D. Barnett R.M.B.I., N. Gluckstein R.M.I.G., D. Posener R.M.I.B.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Wednesday, the 18th of December, at Bro. Seaton's, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. Thos. B. Biddle W.M., Thos. W. C. Bush S.W., Walter James J.W., J. K. Pitt Secretary, John Constable Treasurer, J. E. Fells S.D., W. Medcalf J.D., Fred. Hy. Brown I.G. Past Masters Bros. E. Gottheil and Robt. Candlish 661, who was elected a member. Bros. Simons, D. Moss, C. Kendall, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. Walker was entrusted and raised in ancient and solemn form. The first section was worked by Bro. Moss, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed to first degree. Bro. Constable expressed his regret at being compelled to resign the office of Treasurer of this Lodge of Instruction, and, consequently, sever his connection for a time with many dear friends. The Lodge received this announcement with considerable regret, for Bro. Constable has long and carefully filled his post, to the perfect satisfaction of the Lodge. Bro. Gottheil intimated his wish that Bro. T. W. C. Bush would accept the office instead of Bro. Constable. This appeared to be the general wish of the brethren, and it having been proposed and seconded, was carried unanimously. Bro. Bush expressed his great pleasure. This was the first Lodge of Instruction he entered, to learn the rudiments of Freemasonry, and he promised to fulfil his engagements with fidelity and satisfaction to the brethren. He was sure all had heard with regret that Bro. John Constable had been compelled, through his business engagements, to resign the Treasurership, which position he had filled so worthily for a great many years. He would, therefore, propose that a cordial vote of thanks be given to our esteemed brother John Constable, for his services as Treasurer of this Lodge of Instruction, and for his many efforts to promote its success; and for the good of Freemasonry in general it receives his resignation with regret, and wishes him every success in his journey through life. This proposition was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then adjourned till Wednesday, the 8th January, when Bro. T. W. C. Bush will preside.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Saturday, 14th December. Bros. C. Lorkin W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., Hallam sen. J.W., Garrod S.D., Fenner J.D., Cuthbert I.G., Halford Treas., Killick Sec., Pearcy Precep. The minutes were regularly confirmed, after which the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, and several sections of the second lecture were worked. Proposed by Bro. J. A. Powell, and seconded by Bro. Pearcy, "That this Lodge of Instruction desires to express its profound regret at the death of H.R.H. the Princess Alice, and their sincere sympathy with her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the rest of the Royal Family in their sad bereavement." Bro. J. Lorkin will preside at the next meeting.

York Lodge, No. 236.—On Monday evening this Lodge held its annual meeting, for the Installation of its W.M., at the Masonic Hall. The Lodge was opened at 7 p.m., by the W.M. Bro. Wm. Valentine P.P.G. Chaplain, the whole of the Officers being in their respective chairs. The minutes having been read, the Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and the Installing Master, Bro. J. Todd P.M. Prov. G. Registrar, took the chair. Bro. A. Buckle S.W. and W.M. Elect was then introduced, and the ceremony of installation was proceeded with. Before vacating the chair Bro. Valentine

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thanked the brethren for the kindness and courtesy shown him during his year of office. The Lodge being once more in the 1st degree, Bro. Buckle proceeded to appoint and invest the Officers, as follow:—Bro. W. Valentine I.P.M., G. C. Baskett S.W., W. H. Gainforth J.W., Rev. J. E. M. Young P.P.G.C. Chaplain, J. Todd P.M. Treasurer, G. Kirby Secretary, J. Tissiman S.D., M. Rooke J.D., T. S. Camidge P.P.G.O. Organist, W. Powell M.C., G. Garbutt I.G., T. G. Hodgson and W. P. Sampson Stewards, and J. Redfare Tyler. A presentation of two barometers was made to the Lodge by Bros. Russell and Young, and several letters and telegrams of apology for non-attendance were read, from Bro. J. S. Cumberland W.M. Eboracum 1611, and others. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to supper, where the W.M. presided. In proposing "The Queen and Craft," the W.M. made feeling allusion to the loss sustained by Her Majesty in the death of her favourite daughter, and said that he was sure that of all her subjects none would sympathise with her more deeply than the loyal Masons. In replying for the Earl of Zetland and the Provincial Grand Lodge, Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. Prov. G.D.C. said, that they were very happy in being ruled over by so good a Mason as their noble brother, who had proved the active interest he took in the Craft's welfare, and was so ably backed up by his Deputy, one of the finest old Masons in the world. Bro. Baskett S.W. proposed, in happy terms, "The Health of the W.M.," who he said had already proved himself to be the right man in the right place. The W.M. proposed "The Installing Master's" health, and Bro. J. Todd, in responding, said it had given him great pleasure to instal a brother who, he felt sure, would do honour to the Lodge and the Craft. The interests of the York Lodge were very near his (Bro. Todd's) heart, and he should spare neither time nor trouble to promote them. Other toasts followed, and a very happy and harmonious evening was passed. Amongst the members present, in addition to those already named, were Bros. Wm. Lawton P.M. P.P.G.R., G. Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O., F. Rawling P.M., J. Hollins, W. Wilson, J. Stead, G. C. Padel, W. Smith, A. Hanson, J. Young, J. F. Stephenson, J. Border, J. Wellburn, J. G. Turner, W. Battye, J. Smith, J. J. F. Marshall, T. Tuke, J. F. Russell, T. W. Wilson, C. W. Simmons, J. Ayres, J. F. Wilson. The Visitors were Bros. T. B. Shaw-Hellier, W.M. St. Patrick's 295 (I.C.), J. Hanly do., W. Harris do., B. Pottingham, Pythagoras 447, E. Harding, Portland 1037, E. T. Edwards, Fenwick 1387, E. J. De Salis, Aldershot 1321, M. Millington, Eboracum 1611, W. P. Husband do., P. Pearson do, G. H. Hebblethwaite do., A. T. B. Turner do.

Peace Lodge, No. 322.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Warren Bulkeley Arms Hotel, Stockport, on Tuesday, the 10th instant. Present—Bros. J. H. Carrington W.M., N. Dumville I.P.M., James Worsnup S.W., L. D. Bradbury J.W., W. C. Fleming P.M. Secretary pro tem, Robt. Chetham S.D., Geo. Balfe J.D., W. Hicton P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Brown jun. I.G., J. Meadows Tyler. There was a goodly muster of brethren, who having ratified the minutes of the last meeting, proceeded, in conformity with notice, to sell the old furniture of the Lodge, as the brethren of 322 have fitted up their Lodge room with new and costly appointments. The old relics of bygone days were sold by auction—a novel feature in a Lodge room—to the highest bidder. The business of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren by request of the W.M. adjourned to supper. Each brother having done justice to the good things provided, the cloth was removed, after which followed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were well and heartily responded to. There were some good speeches and music, but our space will only permit us, on this occasion, to mention the fact.

Lodge of Unanimity, No. 339, Penrith.—This old and flourishing Lodge held its annual meeting on Thursday, 12th December, at the Crown Hotel. The brethren mustered in goodly numbers as a token of respect and esteem for the W.M. elect, Bro. Kirkbride, P.M., P.Z., P. Prov. G.S.W., the senior member of the Lodge. The W.M., Bro. Thwaites, opened the Lodge, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, he opened the Lodge in the second degree. Bro. Thwaites then invited, in the name of the Lodge, Bro. John Bowes P.M., P.Z., P. Prov. G.J.W. to take the chair as Installing Master. The W.M. then presented his successor in the usual form, and the first part of the ceremony being completed, the Lodge was opened in the Master Mason's degree. The collars and jewels were now collected, Past Masters placed in the Wardens' chairs, and all requested to retire who were below the degree of Installed Master. A Board was opened, which, it was much to be regretted, is not done on all occasions when it is required. In all the other degrees the "opening" and "closing" ceremony is always performed, and why this necessary portion of our ritual should be omitted in this exalted degree passes our comprehension. In the Board of Installed Masters, Bro. Kirkbride was duly and solemnly placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, and afterwards saluted, proclaimed, and greeted by the Past Masters. The "cement" having received proper attention from the Worshipful brethren, the Board was closed in the name and fear. The brethren of the various degrees were then re-admitted, and the W.M. was saluted, proclaimed, and greeted respectively in those degrees. The Officers for the ensuing year were now invested by the W.M., and placed in their respective chairs, each one being appropriately addressed on his situation in the Lodge, nature of his duties, and the teachings of the emblem of office, by the Installing Master. Bro. Bowes then delivered the ancient addresses to the W.M., Wardens and Members, thus completing the beautiful ceremony of Installation. A cordial vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Bowes, and carried by acclamation. After some routine business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent dinner awaited them. Ample justice being done to the choice viands, and grace after meat being said, the toast list was considered. The loyal toasts were followed by those of the Masonic Rulers supreme and subordinate, according to rank. The W.M.'s health was very cordially drunk, and attention was directed to his long services in the Lodge, and to the true Masonic spirit he always evinces in his intercourse with the members. After an appropriate response, the W.M. proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. Bowes. He said he had known that brother Masonically for some eighteen years, but when a couple of years since they were selected respectively to preside over the West and South of the Provincial Grand Lodge, their acquaintance became much more intimate. Personally, he must express his deep obligations to Bro. Bowes for travelling so far in such weather to place him in the chair of the Lodge. He told the brethren he had a treat in store for them, and he was sure they all agreed with him that Bro. Bowes had done their beautiful ceremony full justice. Bro. Bowes, in the course of his reply, said that it afforded him very great pleasure to instal his old friend, Bro. Kirkbride, and if the way he had worked the degree was acceptable to the brethren generally, his pleasure was enhanced. He felt quite one of them, for having lived in the Province and made a large circle of friends in it, he always felt "at home" when amongst them. The Wardens and other Officers of No. 339 was responded to with much loyalty, one and all of the Officers promising to render their best services to the W.M. during the ensuing year. The evening's proceedings were agreeably enlivened by some excellent songs, duets, &c., by brethren, and the Tyler's toast was given at an early hour. We wish Bro. Kirkbride and the Lodge of Unanimity a prosperous year.

Union Lodge, No. 414.—Held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, 17th December, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Baker W.M., C. Oades S.W., S. Bradley J.W., J. Leaver Sec., C. Stephens S.D., F. Blackwell J.D., S. Wheeler D.C., Hawkes Steward, F. Ferguson I.G., Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Pocock, Weightman, Morris, and about thirteen members. Visitors—Bros. Sinclair P.M., W. P. Ivey P.M. and Sec. 1101. The minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. Two members were initiated by the W.M. The charge was delivered by Bro. J. Morris P.M., in his usual correct and effective manner. Bro. C. Oades S.W. was elected as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Botley was re-elected Treasurer. The Secretary's resignation was accepted with regret, after a very long service. After voting a P.M.'s jewel to the W.M., with other business, the Lodge was closed.

Polish National Lodge, No. 534.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 12th December, at Freemasons' Hall. Present:—Bros. J. F. Ebner W.M., Aspinall S.W., Taylor J.W., Wm. Paas Sec., Boyd Treasurer, Jagielski S.D., Jackson J.D., E. T. Smith D.C., Lancaster I.G., Becket Tyler; P.M. Bro. Cumming. Visitors—Saegert, No. 548, Batsford No. 173, and Halford, No. 228. Bro. Niedzielski was raised. Twenty-one sat down to an excellent banquet, the great feature afterwards being the masterly playing on the violin by the newly raised Bro. Niedzielski.

St. James's Lodge of Instructionn, No. 765.—At the Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, on 29th November last, the Fifteen sections were worked by Bro. H. J. Lardner W.M., assisted by the following brethren:—Bros. Butt, Caton, J. Jackson, Phillips, G. Rumball, Beavis, G. H. Stevens, Jackson, W. Pennefather, Davison, Beavis, Noke, Martin, T. M. Butt and Davis. The whole of the business was conducted in an efficient manner, after which a vote of thanks was passed to the W.M., congratulating him upon his first essay of the Fifteen sections. Bros. Duckett 1670, T. Mortlock P.M. 186, T. Barber P.M. 652, and W. Beavis 879, were elected members. A vote of thanks to the brethren who had assisted in the work brought the proceedings to a close.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. W. Goss W.M., Blasby S.W., Gunner J.W., Costelow S.D., Kyezor J.D., Talbot I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. McGee 154 Irish Const., H. D. Sewell 1444, Skinner, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. Bro. Skinner answered the questions, and was passed. The call was given to refreshment, after which Bro. Skinner offered himself as candidate, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. Bro. McGee drew attention to a matter of difference in detail between the Irish and English rituals in this degree. Bro. Sewell was unanimously admitted as a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Blasby will preside at the next meeting.

Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627.—A meeting was held on Friday, 6th December, at Freemasons' Hall. Present—Bros. W. E. Gordon Leith W.M., B. F. Cramer S.W., Chas. E. Soppet I.P.M. as J.W., D. M. Dewar Secretary, Hyde Pullen Treasurer, G. R. Mathews S.D., J. B. Stevens J.D., Jos. Steele I.G., R. Potter Tyler. Past Master Bro. Raymond; and Bros. Delacoste, Harvey, Tustin and Ball. Visitors—Bros. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. and P.P.D.G.M. Middlesex, Leopold Ruf P.M. No. 12, and C. F. Carlier No. 11. Business—After the minutes of the preceding meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Harvey was passed to the second degree, and Bro. Delacoste raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The rest of the business having been transacted, Lodge was closed and adjourned till the first Friday in February. The usual banquet followed.

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Cryptic Rite.—A meeting of the Grand Masters' Council-No. 1, of Royal and Select Masters was held at the Masonic Rooms, No. 2 Red Lion-square, on Thursday, the 12th instant. Present—Comp. Rev. G. R. Portal M.P. Grand Master. Comp. Capt. N. G. Philips 33° R.P. Deputy Grand Master, Comp. Hyde Pullen 33° R.P.G. Cond of Works, Comp. S. Rosenthal 33° R.P.G. Capt. of Guards, Comp. H. C. Levander 31° R.P.G. Lecturer, and Comps. Colonel S. H. Clerke 33°, H. R. Cooper Smith 31°, C. F. Matier 30°, Jas. Keene 31°, T. C. Walls 18°, and D. M. Dewar 18°. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, Comps. Chas. Chandos Pole 32°, R. L. Loveland 30°, and Rev. W. S. Moses 18°, were admitted into the several degrees of Most Excellent Master, Royal, Select, and Super Excellent Master. Comps. W. Hickman 32°, W. J. Hickman 18°, and Fentham Hedges 18°, were proposed as candidates for the degrees at next meeting of the Council, which was fixed for Friday, 21st February 1879. The Council was then closed in ample form.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Powsall-road, Dalston. Bro. Brasted W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., Christian J.W., Williams S.D., Carr J.D., Smyth I.G., Dallas Secretary, Smyth Treasurer, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Allen, Webb Foras, C. Lorkin, Holsworth, Bigg and others. After all formalities had been observed, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Polak candidate. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first, and Bro. Webb the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was regularly closed to the 1st degree. Bro. J. Lorkin will preside next week.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—Held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, 16th Dec., at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street, Br. Brown, of Lodge 862, in the chair; Abell S.W., Vizzard J.W., Tate S.D., Richardson I.G., Long P.M. Preceptor. The Lodge was opened. A candidate offered himself, and the W.M. performed the ceremony of raising. The whole of the sections of this degree were then worked by the brethren. Bro. Abell was elected W.M. for next meeting, 8th January, when the ceremony of passing will be performed.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 13th inst., at the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, E. Present—Bros. Forss W.M., West S.W., Moss J.W., Richards S.D., Stamp J.D., McDonald I.G., W. Musto P.M. Hon. Sec., I. P. Cohen P.M.; J. Webb, J. T. K. Job, A. Ellis and G. H. Stephens. Lodge was opened. Bro. Ellis was passed to the second degree. Bro. G. H. Stephens worked the whole of the sections of the lecture, and the fourth of the first, assisted by the brethren. The Hon. Sec. having appealed to the brethren for the necessities of an esteemed brother, unfortunately in bad health, a sum of money was ordered to be forwarded to him out of the Lodge funds. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned until Friday, 20th inst., Bro. West being appointed W.M. for that evening.

Egerton Lodge, No. 1030.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the George Hotel, Wellington-road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport, on Monday, the 16th inst. Present—Bros. W. H. Vaughan W.M., J. W. Abbott I.P.M., F. Staples S.W., A. J. Fern as J.W., E. S. Newton Sec., A. G. Fern Treas., G. Hardon P.M. as S.D., G. L. Vaughan J.D., J. Wilkinson I.G., J. Meadows Tyler, and Bros. S. J. Haigh, A. Pemberton, A. Gothard, G. Floyd, and Visitors W. Brandon W.M. 1219, J. Bromley 1375, &c. The Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes of last meeting confirmed. Mr. Cameron was balloted for, and initiated into the privileges of Ancient Freemasonry. The Lodge was closed with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to supper, after which a very pleasant evening was spent.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 18th instant, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, under the presidency of Bros. A. A. Denham W.M., J. J. Holland S.W., F. Reed J.W., A. J. Newens S.D., J. Frost J.D., and P. V. Denham I.G. The first degree was worked, after which the Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired for "refreshment," and engaged in harmony for the remainder of the evening.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 11th December, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. William George Flanagan W.M., J. Early Danks S.W., William Ferguson J.W., W. P. Ivey P.M. Sec., J. T. Stransom Treas., E. J. Blackwell S.D., Richard Dowsett J.D., Rev. C. R. Honey I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Brown, Margrett. Members—Bros. Bailey, Prickett, White, Hickie, Barnicoat, sell and Rhind. Business—The minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. Several joining members were elected. Bros. Prickett, Rhind and Hunt were elected on the Permanent Committee. The W.M. announced that the offer made to the Lodge of Union, No. 414, with regard to the rent, had been accepted. Two candidates for initiation were proposed and seconded. Lodge closed.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1365.—Friday, 13th Dec. After opening in due form, and confirming the minutes of the previous meeting, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the banqueting room, where an excellent supper was laid for five-and-twenty, the W.M. of the mother Lodge, Bro. Cogan, presiding. The usual loyal and other toasts having been heartily responded to, the W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. P.M. Cusworth," at the same time presenting him with a beautifully illuminated testimonial on vellum, together with a diamond ring, as a tribute of high esteem from the many brethren who have derived valuable instruction from him as Preceptor of the Lodge for the last four years, during which period the brethren have worked together with, if possible, more than the usual love and harmony which is at all times a characteristic of this Lodge.

Royal Military Lodge, No. 1449.—A meeting was held on the 9th December, at 38 St. Peter's Street, Canterbury. Present—Bros. Edwin Beer W.M., Ball S.W., Miskin J.W., Anderson Hon. Sec., Naylor Treas., Blamiers S.D., Coats J.D. Evison Steward, Vautier I.G., Harnett Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Naylor, Turner, Greenwood, Major Knight, Minell; also 14 brethren. Visitors—Bros. Doctor Holttum P.M. 31 and Hon. Member 1449, Pilch 972, Stadward Booley 730 Irish Con., Davidson, Watts and Flynn 730 I.C. The business comprised the initiation of Mr. Peter Duncan, the raising of Bro. Howorth, and the auditing and passing the accounts for past year.

Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1764.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 17th December, at the Masonic Hall, Northampton. Present—Bros. Boeme W.M., Rev. S. J. W. Sanders S.W., Atkins J.W., Brown Sec., Hill S.D., Spoor J.D., Ellard D.C., Norris I.G., Kirby and Dean Tylers. Bros. Bearley, Barton, Manning, Perceval, Taylor, Emery, Campion, Frank, Croft, Barnes. Visitors—Bros. Scales 1286, Shoot 523, Chapman 360, Secker 360, Cox 10. The first business was the election, as joining members, of Bros. Croft 840, Linnell 445, De Denne 540. This was followed by the passing of Bros. Barton, Manning, Barnes, Campion, Emery and Taylor. The S.W. proposed, on behalf of the Treasurer, who was unavoidably absent, that ten guineas be voted to the R.M.B.I., to be vested in the name of the W.M., which was carried unanimously. It was also resolved unanimously, on the proposition of Bro. Spoor, that a plate bearing the names of the founders be affixed to the frame of the Warrant. A code of by-laws was read by the Secretary, passed, and ordered to be printed. Bro. Hill, who has at each meeting of the Lodge conducted the musical portion of the ceremonies, was appointed Organist. The brethren adjourned to a banquet in the Lower Hall, and a very fraternal gathering was brought to a happy conclusion. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts being given, the W.M. alluded, in very feeling terms, to the late bereavement in the Royal Family. Bro. Capt. Cox replied to the Visitors' toast, and wished the new Lodge the prosperity which the additions to, and working of, gave such promise.

Bro. Cuthbert Lytton assisted at a very successful entertainment on Monday, the 16th inst., at St. Francis Schools, Stratford, the proceeds of which will be added to the School Fund, and to judge from the numerous attendance on the occasion, the result will be satisfactory. The programme was well selected, and the audience showed their appreciation of the performances of the various artists who gave their services by frequently and heartily applauding them. Part I. included a pianoforte solo—"Quatre Bras"—by Miss Ida Brooks, who exhibited both taste and skill as an executant, "Jack's Yarn," by Mr. Breckall, "The Storm," by Miss Taylor, "When the Heart is Young," by Miss Clara Perfitt, and "Jessie's Dream," by Miss Lemmon, all which were admirably rendered, and as usual were redemanded. The ballad, "My Sweetheart when a Boy," sung by Mr. C. B. Bulow, who has a voice of excellent quality and good compass, and a humorous sketch, "My First Dog," by Bro. Lytton, together with contributions from other artists, all of whom received well-merited applause. The Second Part was equally good. Mr. Breckall sang "Nancy Lee," Mr. C. B. Bulow, "The Warrior Bold," Mr. Walter Brooks played a solo on the cornet, "Martha," Miss Taylor sang, "Let me dream again," Miss Clara Perfitt, "Once upon a time," and Miss Lemmon, "Joyous Life," while Bro. Lytton gave two humorous sketches "The Jolly Jeremiahs" and "Called to the Bar;" all of which mightily pleased the audience. Bro. Lytton was also successful in an entertainment he gave on Tuesday, at the Great Arthur-street Mission Hall, Golden-lane.

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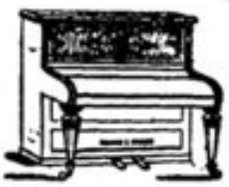
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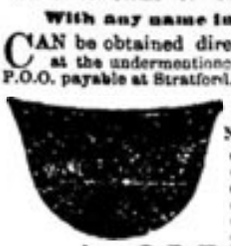
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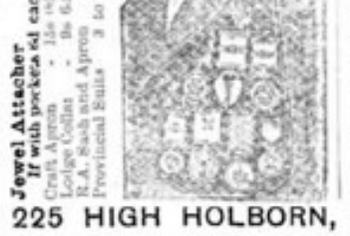
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THE MASONIC YEAR 1878.

AS this is the closing number of our Eighth Volume, and only a few days remain to complete the current year, we follow the plan adopted last year, and include our sketch of the Masonic Events of 1878 in the issue for the present week. A few Lodge meetings may take place between now and the 1st January 1879, but, to all intents and purposes, the labours of Freemasonry during the year 1878 are closed, and we are in a position to sum up the results of the last twelve months, as well as to look forward to the future, as certainly as though the last hour of the nearly defunct year had struck. And these results, what are they? The answer to this question, it seems to us, must be written down as eminently satisfactory. No striking event has happened during the period we are now reviewing. We have moved on placidly, not by "leaps and bounds," and, as our readers are aware, steady progress is the most desirable of all progresses. Nor has there been anything in the shape of drawback to the general tenour of our prosperity. We have, indeed, advanced all the more surely by reason of there having been no unusual circumstances associated with our career. As we remarked in our Review of 1877, Freemasonry as a Society is, in the main, independent of external influences. We do not mean by this that it is not affected, to a certain extent, by the degree of prosperity which is in store for the whole community. On the contrary, and as will be seen hereafter, the financial success of our Festivals in 1878 has shown a decided falling off from the last two years, in consequence of the political anxieties which have prevailed, and the commercial depression which has been the immediate consequence thereof. We are committed to the same outlay as last year in respect of our Institutions, but we have not succeeded in raising anything like as considerable an amount towards this outlay. But the times have been and are exceptionally grave, and we must be prepared to meet such occasional diminution in the donations and subscriptions to our Charities with equanimity. But if in this respect Freemasonry in this country has not achieved such triumphs as it did last year and the year previous, it is satisfactory to know that in all other respects it has more than held its ground, and that a comparison between its condition now and last Christmas leaves nothing to be desired. The improvement may be looked upon as one of consolidation rather than of extension. The number of new Lodges is very considerably under what it was last year, but it must be remembered that a mere multiplication of Lodges, as has been again and again pointed out, is very far from being a sign of increasing strength. The increase that has taken place has been chiefly in the Provinces and Districts abroad, while the London District can point to an addition of some half-score Lodges—a sure sign that the Craft has taken root, whether firmly or not remains to be seen—in new localities, where it had previously obtained no foothold, or where, as in the case of our more distant and sparsely populated colonies, it had previously had no opportunity of establishing itself. It must always be looked upon as a healthy sign when we find new Lodges in heretofore unoccupied places, whereas an increase in places already furnished with Lodges may mean little else than that certain brethren, already subscribing members of the Craft, are desirous of holding offices of greater or less distinction, or of multiplying the honours they have already had conferred upon them. We have many brethren who are members of three or four Lodges, and it may be of even more. This, however, is not necessarily an increase of strength to the Craft, but rather an imaginary increase of importance to the respective Craftsmen. As a rule we see little advantage to be gained by a brother—unless he be one of transcendent merit—being at one and the same time a member of several Lodges. He incurs a needless expense in the way of fees and subscriptions. He cannot distribute his attention among his several duties with any advantage to himself or to the Lodges of which he is a member, and it may be, except in isolated cases, a brother who is able to append P.M. of half-a-dozen Lodges to his name is not a better, but simply a richer Mason, and one who exhibits perhaps more than the average amount of regard for "tinsel." It was a very wholesome law which was enacted in former days against brethren being members of more than one Lodge, and though it may be useful for an experienced brother to preside over a new Lodge, the establishment of new Lodges in order that Past Masters of already existing Lodges may multiply their jewels is a practice most strongly to be deprecated. In offering these remarks, we must not be understood as in any way condemning brethren of eminence for starting new Lodges for the purpose of strengthening the Society. We are referring only to those who consider their Masonic accomplishments will be more highly esteemed the more numerous the Lodges with which they are associated.

So far we have spoken in general terms. If we turn to the roll of Lodges up to the time of the latest announcement, we shall find that whereas at the time of the Quarterly Communication in December 1877, there were nominally 1,732 Lodges in existence, the youngest Lodge at the beginning of the current month was 1,792. This gives a clear addition of sixty new Lodges during the year just concluded as against eighty-one in the year 1877, and seventy-two in the year 1876. This, of necessity, amounts to a diminution of increase to the extent of about twenty-five per cent. on the former, and of twelve-and-a-half per cent. on the latter year. The sixty are thus distributed:—Seven were warranted in the Quarter to March, fifteen in the June Quarter, twenty-five in the September Quarter, and thirteen in that which closed with the Communication of the 4th inst. Of these sixty, only eleven are in the Metropolitan district, while thirty have been added to the Provinces, namely, four in the two divisions of Lancashire, and four in those of Yorkshire; three in the two divisions of South Wales, two each in Berks and Bucks, Hants and Isle of Wight, Middlesex, and Somerset; and one in each of the following, namely, Cornwall, Derby, Devon, Essex, Herts, Norfolk, Northampton and Hunts, Oxon, Staffordshire, Surrey, and Warwickshire. The remaining nineteen are distributed thus:—Six in the East Indies, Bombay two, and Bengal, Madras, British Burmah, and China (Hong Kong), one each—three in South Africa, six in Australasia—New South Wales and New Zealand two each, and Victoria and South Australia one each; three in the West Indies, of which one is in the district of Jamaica, and one in Argentine Republic, South America. The result is that, of the Lodges on the Roll of the United Grand Lodge of England there are, in round figures, 290 in London and 950 in the Provinces, or a total in England and Wales of 1250; and abroad and military 430, or altogether, as nearly as possible, 1,670 working Lodges, the number of those in abeyance, or which have dropped from the Roll, either from having joined other jurisdictions, or through some other cause, being about 120. As regards the increase during the four years the Prince of Wales has been our Grand Master, there were fifty-two additional Lodges in 1875, seventy-two in 1876, eighty-one in 1877, and sixty in the current year.

As to the changes which have taken place in the *personnel* of the Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges, they are, we rejoice to say, but few in number. The office of Grand Treasurer has not yet been filled up, it having been thought desirable to keep it vacant pending the completion of the new arrangements for the financial administration of Grand Lodge. It will be in the recollection of our readers that in the early part of the year, the old-established firm of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., Bankers, of which Bro. S. Tomkins, our last G. Treas., now deceased, was a member, failed. At the time there were lodged to the credit of Bro. S. Tomkins, as Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, £3,543 and £388 respectively, in respect of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £980 and £777—a further sum of £3,000 belonging to the former having been invested only a few days previous to the stoppage of the bank; and in respect of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys £1,566. The Girls' School had, a short time previously, had £1,000 on loan from the bank, so that in its case there was a set-off against the loss. However, the sums we have mentioned were not wholly lost, as arrangements were made by which the assets of the late bank were purchased by the Hants and North Wilts Bank, conditionally that the creditors were paid by the

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latter a composition of nine shillings in the pound. As regards, however, the Charitable Institutions, there will be little, if any, loss sustained by them, as several donations, amounting in the aggregate to a very considerable sum, have been contributed towards the formation of a fund to relieve them of any loss they might otherwise have had to endure. As to the new arrangements, the Committee, of which the Earl of Carnarvon was Chairman, appointed to draw them up, recommended at the June Quarterly Communication that, for the future, Grand Lodge Account should be kept at the Bank of England, in the names of the Grand or Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Treasurer, the latter of whom should give an authority to pay cheques signed as heretofore, and countersigned by the Grand Secretary. These arrangements, except as regards the Grand Treasurer, were temporarily carried out, and at the September Communication the necessary alterations were made in the Book of Constitutions for the purpose of giving full effect to the above resolution; so that the Grand Treasurer, on being appointed, will henceforth be called upon to give a general supervision of the accounts and sign cheques for payments authorised by Grand Lodge, which cheques must likewise bear the counter-signature of the Grand Secretary. We do not think it possible that any better plan could have been adopted. It should be added that the late Bro. Samuel Tomkins had filled the important office of Grand Treasurer for considerably over twenty years. Who his successor will be, remains to be seen. One other death has to be recorded in the ranks of our Grand Officers, namely, that of Bro. F. Pepys Cockerell, who for very many years had held the post of G. Superintendent of Works, and whose name will ever be associated with the new Hall or Temple in which Grand Lodge holds its meetings, he having been the architect of the new building, the first stone of which was laid on 27th April 1864, by Grand Master the late Earl of Zetland, and which was formally inaugurated by the same Grand Master on the 14th April 1869. The loss of one who had so highly distinguished himself in the profession of architecture, as well as in the science of Free and Accepted or Speculative Masonry, must be, and is, deeply lamented by the whole of the English Craft, and the Earl of Carnarvon, when presiding at the Communication this month, paid a just tribute of respect to the worth of our departed Brother. Having done this, his Lordship then invested Bro. John Gibson, who is likewise a distinguished architect, and a Past Master of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, with the insignia of the office of Grand Superintendent of Works, to which it had pleased His Royal Highness to appoint him. To have been able to find so worthy a successor to the late Bro. Cockerell is some slight consolation to us in the midst of our sincere regret for his premature death. And yet another member, high in rank in the Order, has passed away—to wit, Bro. John Bagshaw, who had held the post of Provincial Grand Master of Essex since the month of December 1854, or for little short of four-and-twenty years, and that of Grand Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Essex since 1858. His death caused general regret throughout his Province, and among Craftsmen generally. During his P.G. Mastership no less than eleven of the seventeen Lodges, which now constitute the Province of Essex, were established. His successor has not yet been appointed. The Provincial Grand Mastership of Nottinghamshire, vacant since the resignation of the Duke of Newcastle, has been conferred on the Duke of St. Albans, while the latter's post as Provincial Grand Master of the neighbouring county of Lincoln has been filled by the appointment of Major W. H. Smyth, his Grace's Deputy. There has been a change also in Worcestershire, where Sir Edmund E. A. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., is installed Prov. Grand Master, in place of the late Bro. A. Hudson Rowds, who had presided over the destinies of the Province since 1869. Other losses we have sustained, two at least of which must be noted hereabouts. The first is that caused by the lamented death of Bro. Bentley Shaw, who had held the office of Deputy Grand Master of the important Province of W. Yorkshire for eleven years, till the appointment of Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., to be the Prov. G. Master. The late Bro. Shaw had been for upwards of thirty years a member of the Harmony Lodge, No. 275, of Huddersfield, and was a Past Grand Deacon; and so highly were his services appreciated by the brethren of the Province that, some years ago, he was presented by them with a grand and costly vase, which he had always regarded as the chief of the testimonials he had received. He had been for many years head of the firm of Bentley and Shaw, brewers; was a Deputy Lieutenant and Justice of the Peace, and at the time of his death was the Prov. G. Superintendent of the Royal Arch Masons of West Yorkshire. It is with similar regret that we record the death of Bro. Cowling, of York, Past Master of the "York" Lodge, No. 236, which celebrated its centenary last year. Bro. Cowling was an exemplary Mason, and one who took a deep interest in all that was connected with its literature.

Nor must we omit to mention another serious loss which Freemasonry, in all its numerous branches, has sustained. We allude to the death of Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart. M.P., who at the time was only in the forty-ninth year of his age. His place will not be readily supplied, especially in Cornwall, with which his name will ever be gratefully associated as one of the greatest magnates of his day. He was initiated in 1863 in the Phœnix Lodge of Honour and Prudence, No. 331, Truro, and was a member of several other Lodges. He was Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall, a Past Grand Warden, and representative of our Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of Portugal. He was Grand H., that is, Second Principal of the Prov. Grand Chapter, Prov. G.M.M.M. of Cornwall, Intendant General and a Past Grand Sovereign of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, and had taken the 32° in the A. and A. Rite. He was a Vice-President of the Girls' School, and a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School and Benevolent, besides being the moving spirit of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund. His death was sudden, and was caused by a fit of apoplexy which attacked him while on a visit to a relative.

So much for the changes which have taken place among our rulers, and the losses we have to deplore. Turn we now to the few but important events by which the doings of our Grand Lodge during the still current year have been distinguished. We have already referred to the change in the arrangements for banking the funds of Grand Lodge in connection with the death of Bro. Samuel Tomkins, and the failure of the firm of bankers of which he was a member. It will not be necessary, therefore, that we should revert to it here. It will be in the recollection of our readers that at the Quarterly Communication, held on 5th December 1877, on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed to appoint a Committee for the purpose of inquiring into the circumstances of the then recent change made in the Institutions of the Grand Orient of France, by which the doctrine of belief in a supreme being and a future existence had been struck out from the first article, and offering such recommendations as might seem proper. The Committee consisted of the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Donoughmore, Lords Leigh and Tenterden, C.B., Æ. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Rev. C. J. Martyn, John Havers Past Grand Warden, J. B. Monckton President of Board of General Purposes, and R. F. Gould. The result of their deliberations was submitted to Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication on 6th March of this year, and took the form of four resolutions, of which No. 1 expressed the deep regret felt by Grand Lodge at "the steps which the Grand Orient of France had felt it necessary to take by eliminating the G.A.O.T.U. from their service." No. 2 was to the effect "that the English Grand Lodge, while anxious to receive foreign members in the same spirit as heretofore, could not recognise as true brethren any person admitted in a Lodge denying or ignoring a belief in the G.A.O.T.U." No. 3 laid it down "in the case of any visitor desiring to enter a Lodge under the English Constitution that the Master should exact the production of his certificate, or that he should be properly vouched for, and distinctly pledge his belief in the fundamental principles of our Constitution, namely, belief in the Great Architect of the Universe." Lastly, No. 4 provided that the above resolutions "be sent to the Masters of all Lodges holding under Warrant from the Grand Lodge of England," to this a rider being added, requesting the Worshipful Masters to read the resolutions in open Lodge. These resolutions were submitted and agreed to amid loud and enthusiastic cheering. Such, as will be seen from the report we gave at the time, was the course fixed upon as what Lord Carnarvon described the "minimum of precaution" it was our duty to adopt, and it will be noted that two points stand out prominently, the one that French brethren who were

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initiated in a Lodge in which a belief in the G.A.O.T.U. was recognised, as well as those who are willing to pledge their faith in such existence are eligible to be admitted into our Lodges; the other, that the sentence of excommunication passed by our Grand Lodge, applies exclusively to those who deny or ignore this fundamental principle of Freemasonry. A third point, as we remarked at the time, is conspicuous by its absence. Nothing is enjoined on our English brethren as to their entering or not entering French Lodges, so that we presume it is left to our discretion whether we shall do so or not.

The 24th April was a red-letter day in our Calendar for this year, for on that occasion Grand Lodge was honoured with the presence of His Royal Highness the Grand Master, this being the first opportunity the many demands on his valuable time had permitted him being in his place in Grand Lodge. Nor was this the only circumstance which made the celebration of our Grand Festival a subject for hearty congratulation. His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Denmark, and Grand Master of Freemasons in that country, was formally received in Grand Lodge as a Visitor, and our Grand Master, in a brief but kindly speech, called on the brethren to give our Royal guest a hearty welcome. This, as may be imagined, was done with the heartiness characteristic of English Craftsmen, and was warmly acknowledged by the Crown Prince in a few well-chosen sentences. At the banquet which followed, and at which the Royal brethren—brethren by marriage as well as by the fraternal ties of Masonry—were both present, the Prince of Wales proposed the health of his Visitor, in association with the toast of Foreign Grand Lodges, and the toast having been duly honoured, was most felicitously acknowledged by the Danish Prince.

The other events of the year may be briefly dispensed. In June, a motion of sympathy with the Emperor of Germany—who is Protector of the Prussian Grand Lodges—at his having been attacked by assassins, as well as of congratulation that his Majesty's life had not been sacrificed, was agreed to unanimously, after which a sum of £100 out of the Fund of General Purposes was voted towards the relief of the members of the Igualdad Lodge, No. 653, Curaçoa, West Indies, who had suffered from the hurricane of the 23rd September 1877. At the September Communication a painful circumstance occurred. As our readers are aware, Grand Lodge elects certain members of the Board of General Purposes at the June Communication, and it having oozed out that an incorrect return had been made by the scrutineers appointed to examine the votes recorded for the different candidates, a special meeting of the Board was therefore held on 22nd July for purposes of inquiry, and in due course it was discovered that the paper recording the votes examined by Bros. Joseph Smith, Past Grand Pursuivant, and William Hilton, P.M. No. 780, contained the false return complained of, 113 votes being set down as recorded for a candidate whose total poll amounted to only 59. Bro. Smith's explanation proving entirely unsatisfactory, a second special meeting was held on the 30th July, when it was resolved that Bro. Smith had wilfully misrepresented the votes on the balloting papers examined by him, that he had made his return to Grand Lodge, knowing it to be false, and that having been thus guilty of a grave Masonic offence, as well as of having violated his solemn pledge as a scrutineer, he be suspended from all his Masonic privileges and functions for the space of two years. As regards his co-scrutineer, Bro. Hilton, it was not proved that he had been guilty of complicity with Bro. Smith; but it being established that he had been guilty of negligence in the discharge of his duties, he was admonished. As the necessary consequence of these resolutions, Bro. Smith has ceased to be a member of the Board of General Purposes, to which he had belonged for some twenty years, and of every other Masonic office he held, and he has further been officially suspended from all his functions and privileges as a Royal Arch Mason by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England. This is the one episode of the year which has caused a feeling of painful regret, not unmingled with shame, that an English brother, a Past Grand Officer, and one who had stood well with the Craft for many years, should have been found guilty of disreputable conduct, nor do we think the punishment was at all incommensurate with the magnitude of the offence committed. We need not, however, dwell further on this matter. At the same Communication in September, a small but important alteration in the rules of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to the effect that wherever in the Laws and Regulations of the Institution, the word "pounds" had occurred, the word "guineas" should be substituted, received the sanction of Grand Lodge. Henceforth, therefore, all our Institutions will stand on exactly the same footing as regards subscriptions and donations, and the privileges they confer, except that the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution still gives a vote for every contribution of five shillings. An attempt made in March to alter the Constitution of the Board of General Purposes, was rejected by an overwhelming majority. One other circumstance must be recorded. At the Quarterly Communication on the 4th December the Earl of Carnarvon, who presided, announced that a valuable book, a record of the Lodges existing in 1729 in this country, had been presented to Grand Lodge by Bro. Edward Tyrrell Heath, Dep. Dist. Grand Master of Bombay. It showed that at the time referred to there were only fifty-four Lodges on the Roll of Grand Lodge, and now there are 1792, or making allowances for Lodges in abeyance, or which have ceased to hold under our Grand Lodge, about 1670. This valuable little book, which is in a perfect state of preservation, and of which but one other copy is known to exist, was accepted, and a vote of thanks to the donor was unanimously ordered to be recorded on the minutes of Grand Lodge.

Among the casual events in Craft Masonry which have distinguished the present year, are several which are well worth referring to in our Summary. Thus in the month of November, at the meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Wiltshire, the opportunity was taken of presenting Lord Methuen, who has presided over the destinies of Freemasonry in that Province for just one quarter of a century, with a testimonial in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Craft during his tenure of the P.G. Mastership. The testimonial was worthy alike of the Provincial Grand Lodge which gave, and the Provincial Grand Master who received it, consisting, as it did, of a pair of magnificent solid silver candelabra of the value of six hundred guineas, accompanied by a testimonial on vellum, framed and glazed, and most elaborately embellished. On Bro. Gabriel Goldney, M.P., the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, devolved the pleasant duty of presenting the testimonial, and Lord Methuen in acknowledging the gift, was visibly affected by the kindness of the brethren he had ruled so long and with such success. Bro. Goldney at the same time presented his Lordship with a History of Freemasonry in Wiltshire, and orders were issued for its being printed. Prominent among the distinguished brethren present was Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart. M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, to whom Lord Methuen in acknowledging the gift paid a very high compliment, and attributed what good he had been able to effect, principally to the kind instruction he had received from him. A banquet and ball followed, and brought to a close one of the brightest and most auspicious days in the annals of Wiltshire Freemasonry. Turning from this Province to the Western division of Lancashire, in which, under the able rule of Lord Skelmersdale, Dept. G. Master of England, the Craft flourishes so considerably, we find the present year opened auspiciously. On the 2nd January the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Liverpool, was solemnly consecrated to purposes of Freemasonry, the officiating brother being Bro. H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec. From the report we published at the time, it appears that there are only three Lodges in Liverpool which meet at an hotel, all the rest being accommodated in Halls, specially dedicated to Craft uses. This Hall, which is situated in Kirkstall-street, has been erected for the convenience of the brethren in the northern part of the town, and is described as a commodious as well as handsome edifice, and well worth the £2,000 expended on its erection. Later in the year—in the month of October—the Grand Lodge of this Province held its annual meeting at the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool. Lord Skelmersdale in person presided, and the number of brethren present was upwards of one thousand, all the seventy-nine Lodges but two being represented. Two sums, each of one hundred guineas, were voted, the one to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the other to the West Lancashire Masonic Institution, the position and prospects of which are eminently satisfactory. As many as three hundred brethren partook of the banquet which followed, and at which the Prov. Grand Master presided. A third and important event in this Province remains to be recorded. Towards the end of the same month, Lord Skelmersdale laid the foundation stone of a new church at Southport, to be dedicated to St. Luke. About two hundred brethren were present, and everything passed

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off most satisfactorily. And yet another interesting episode must be recorded in connection with West Lancashire. In March a handsome epergne was presented at a complimentary dinner given in his honour to Bro. Dr. Daniel Moore, M.D., for his valuable services to the Rowley Lodge, No. 1051. There was a numerous gathering on the occasion, and Dr. Moore feelingly acknowledged the compliment paid to him. Turning to the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, which was held on the 29th November, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. Grand Master—to whom in the early part of the year a testimonial was presented—we note that the handsome sum of five hundred guineas was voted towards the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at which Lieut. Colonel Starkie has kindly consented to preside. It was announced at the same time that over thirty brethren had resolved on acting as Stewards on the occasion, so that it is on the cards that East Lancashire may surpass the Western portion of the county, which gave over £1,500, when Lord Skelmersdale presided on a like occasion, and even Warwickshire, which contributed exactly £2,000 when Lord Leigh, its Prov. Grand Master, was President at a recent Festival. It should be added that a grant of £50 was made to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. Moving still further northward, duty requires we should make at least a passing allusion to a highly interesting meeting that was held at the Masonic Hall, for the purpose of presenting Bro. B. J. Thompson, P. Prov. Grand Senior Warden and Prov. Grand Secretary, with a handsome testimonial, consisting of a splendid massive silver tea and coffee service, with salver to match, in recognition of his valuable services to Freemasonry in the Province for a period of one-and-twenty years. It is likewise worthy of mention that the Grand Lodge of the Province of Northumberland was held this year at Alnwick, under the presidency of the Earl Percy, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, and heir apparent to the dukedom of Northumberland. When the business of the meeting was terminated, his lordship entertained all the brethren who were present—and between 600 and 700 were in attendance—in the great hall of Alnwick Castle. The Duchess of Northumberland, who for a few minutes witnessed the festive scene from the gallery, was loudly cheered by her son's guests.

Descending southward, we shall find a few events worthy of being noted in this record. The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held early in July, under the presidency of Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, for the first time for eighteen years, in the ancient city of Canterbury, so many of whose archbishops are supposed to have been associated with the Craft. By the kind permission of the Dean, the meeting was held in the Chapter House of the Cathedral, and in the course of the afternoon, the brethren in full Masonic clothing attended divine service in the sacred edifice, there being some five hundred Craftsmen present, while the congregation was far in excess of what it usually is, the non-Masonic inhabitants being attracted by a sight so unusual. Between three and four hundred pounds were voted in the shape of donations to the several Masonic Charities. On the 14th November, another event of considerable importance to the Masonic citizens of Canterbury was celebrated. The brethren of the three Lodges having combined together, and secured the lease of a house in St. Peters-street, for the purpose of turning the said house to account as a Masonic Hall, the premises were on that day formally dedicated in a quiet and unostentatious way to the purposes of Freemasonry. On the 10th July Lord Skelmersdale presided at a meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge of Essex, held at Clacton-on-Sea, for the purpose of presenting to the Life Boat Institution one of the two life boats which had been voted by Grand Lodge to commemorate the Grand Master's safe return from India. The Masonic ceremony passed off well. The after proceedings were not creditable to the municipal authorities of Clacton-on-Sea, or whoever had charge of them.

Let us now direct our attention to Royal Arch Masonry, of which we may at once say that, like Craft Masonry, it has prospered during the year now rapidly drawing to a close. Thirty-two new Chapters have been warranted during the year, namely, six in the first quarter, thirteen in the second, five in the third, and eight in the fourth. Thirty-three petitions were submitted and approved, but of these two were for a Chapter to be attached to one and the same Lodge; so that the number of additional Chapters is, as we have stated, only thirty-two. Of these, ten are London Chapters, and fifteen Provincial, namely, three in West Lancashire, two in East Lancashire, two in Surrey, and one each in Cornwall, Derbyshire, Devon, Durham, Hants and Isle of Wight, Oxford, South Wales West Division, and West Yorkshire. The remaining seven are in foreign stations; two being in the District of Bengal, one in St. Helena, one in North Africa (Tunis), one in South Africa, one in Gibraltar, and one in New Zealand. There is nothing noteworthy about these new Chapters except in the case of Ancient Carthage, No. 1717, which is held under the auspices of the Lodge bearing the same name and number, which had been founded only about six months when the warrant for the Chapter was granted. It was shown, however, that the Lodge, young as it was, numbered forty-two members, and, what was of still greater concern, there was no other Masonic body within two hundred miles of it; the prayer of the Companions, therefore, was unhesitatingly granted. There are now about 550 Chapters holding under the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, of which, in round figures, between 90 and 100 are located in the Metropolis, 350 in the Provinces, and 100 on foreign stations, or attached to Military Lodges. As to personal changes and losses, we note that Essex and Worcestershire have both lost their Provincial Grand Superintendents, the former by the death of Comp. J. Bagshaw, and the latter by that of Comp. A. Hudson Royds. Comp. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., has been installed Prov. Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire, in succession to the late Comp. Bentley Shaw, and Norfolk has a new Royal Arch ruler in the person of Colonel James Duff, who now occupies the place of the late Prov. Grand Superintendent Comp. Hon. F. Walpole, M.P.

The installation of Sir H. Edwards took place at Sheffield, and there were present close on 250 Companions on the occasion, Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre Starkie, Prov. G. Superintendent of E. Lancashire being the officer entrusted with the ceremony of installation, and right well Comp. Starkie fulfilled his part. It is also worthy of mention that before the Prov. G. Chapter was closed, the handsome sum of one hundred guineas was voted to the fund in course of being raised to perpetuate, in some way, the memory of Comp. Bentley Shaw, whose death we have already alluded to, and who was the immediate predecessor of Sir Henry Edwards as Prov. G. Superintendent of this influential Province. Less imposing—on the ground that the Province can point to fewer Chapters, but on that ground only—was the installation of Comp. Rev. C. J. Martyn as Prov. G. Superintendent of Suffolk. The appointment was made last year, but the formal induction of the Rev. Companion into office did not take place till the early spring of this. Some seventy R. Arch Masons were present, the most eminent being Comp. Lord Skelmersdale Grand H., who attended for the purpose of installing Rev. C. J. Martyn. We need hardly say the duty was admirably fulfilled.

At the Quarterly Convocation in February, the General Committee reported that there stood to the credit of Grand Chapter in the Three per Cent. Consols no less than £3,400, and as no immediate claim was likely to be made on the funds in question, it was recommended, and Grand Chapter approved of the recommendation, that £2,000 should be granted to our Institutions, namely, £500 to the Girls' School, £500 to the Boys' School, £500 to the R.M. Benevolent Fund (Male), and £500 to the same (Female Fund). Another vote, small in itself, yet showing clearly the goodwill which the R.A. Masons of Cheshire bear towards their Prov. G. Superintendent, may appropriately be referred to. A sum of sixty guineas was unanimously voted in order to complete the amount necessary to make Lord de Tabley P.G. Sup. a Vice-Patron of the Girls' School. A line, too, may be added as to the Wanderers' Chapter, the warrant for which was granted under exceptional circumstances. The Chapter was consecrated in March by General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Superintendent Surrey, the gallant Companion being a distinguished member of the service which is so strongly represented in the Chapter.

Mark Masonry has made rapid progress in the course of the last twelve months. Indeed, each successive year finds this degree increasing in favour. At the Winter Half-yearly Communication, held on the 4th instant, the number of the latest Warrant issued was returned as No. 234, and since then the Clapton, No. 236, has been consecrated, so that, including the Time Immemorial Lodges, there

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cannot now be far short of 250 Lodges, while the number of Mark Masons holding under this Grand Lodge is close on 12,000, the actual numbers being 11,773. At the Summer Half-yearly Communication in June, Lord Skelmersdale, who had been elected Grand Master at the previous Communication, was formally installed by his predecessor, the Earl of Limerick, in the presence of a numerous gathering of brethren. In acknowledging the salutations which greeted him, Lord Skelmersdale expressed himself highly sensible of the honour conferred upon him, and having promised that he would devote himself to promoting the best interests of the Order, presented his noble predecessor with a handsome Past Grand Master's jewel, in token of the many and great services he had rendered during his three years' tenure of office. The gift was suitably acknowledged by the Earl of Limerick, and the Officers for the year were then appointed, the Earl of Donoughmore being made Deputy Grand Mark Master, and Lord Henniker and Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively. From a financial point of view nothing could be more satisfactory than the state of Grand Lodge. There is an amount of £2,000 invested, one-half in respect of the General Fund, and the other in respect of the Benevolent Fund, the great success of the annual Festival of the latter having been such as to warrant the amount of invested money being increased to £1,000. This Festival was held in July, at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, under the presidency of Lord Skelmersdale, and the thirty-two Stewards among them raised over £370. It is also satisfactory to record that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the district of Columbia U.S.A. and Western Virginia have recognised and interchanged representatives with our Mark G. Lodge, Lord Skelmersdale and Bro. F. Binckes, with his chief's approval, being accepted as the representatives of Grand Lodge for Columbia and Western Virginia, while the G. High Priest McCoy, at the former and Ill. Comp. Cheever at the latter, each with the rank of Grand Warden, are representatives from this. A suggested change in the Constitution of the Mark G. Lodge, by which it would have taken under its banners certain side and other degrees, has not been entertained, but a scheme for establishing an Educational Fund in connection with the Fund of Benevolence, was duly sanctioned early this month in Grand Lodge. We have already adverted to the death of Sir F. M. Williams, Bart. M.P., by which event Cornwall is deprived of the services of a most distinguished ruler, and it may be mentioned that the Hon. H. Thoby Prinsep is the Prov. G. Master of Bengal, in place of Bro. Dr. Theodore Cooke. We cannot, however, allow this sketch of Mark Masonry to pass without including in it a reference to one of the highest and best beloved of English Mark Masons, who was alive, though in somewhat failing health, at the time we wrote our history of 1877. We allude to the death of that "Fine old English gentleman," Bro. John Sutcliffe, Prov. G.M.M.M. of Lincolnshire, than whom a grander fellow never existed. True, he died the day before last Christmas day, but the sad event, though noted in our columns in the last week of 1877, comes properly within the scope of our present record. It were foolish to say, "We ne'er shall look upon his like again," for we know not what good men may come among us, but it may well happen we shall never see a better. Bro. Sutcliffe was in his prime, and we might have hoped for a long continuance of service from him; but the fiat had gone forth, and a few days hence, and one year will have elapsed since he was among us. But though he has gone, his memory still liveth, and will live, while there is a sense of truth and respect among Mark Masons. The usual Moveable Grand Lodge was held at Keswick, in Cumberland, on which occasion there was a strong muster of brethren, for the purpose of witnessing the consecration of the Fletcher Lodge, No. 213, and the Henry, No. 216, the former being located at Whitehaven, and the latter at Fitzington.

One eminently auspicious event has happened in Templar Masonry. By special dispensation from Lord Skelmersdale Great Prior of England, an Emergency Meeting of the Cœur de Lion Preceptory, Province of Oxford, was held in November, at 33 Golden-square, London, for the purpose of installing H.R.H. Prince Leopold, into the Preceptor's chair. The ceremony was performed by the eminent Preceptor Sir Knight Rev. T. Cochrane Grand Prelate, who was assisted by Sir Knights Hyde Pullen, F. Richardson, Rev. John Robins, D.D., and Colonel Somerville Burney. When the special dispensation for holding the Preceptory in London instead of at Oxford, had been read, it was announced that the V.H. and E. Great Prior of Ireland His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, awaited admittance. A deputation of the Great Officers was formed, and conducted His Royal Highness into the Preceptory, where he was received with all honours, under an Arch of Steel. Prince Leopold was then installed, and having been proclaimed and saluted, briefly expressed his thanks and appointed his Officers, Sir Knight Rev. T. Cochrane being assigned the office of Pro Preceptor. Their Royal Highnesses subsequently retired under the Arch of Steel, and the interesting proceedings came to an end.

The Ancient and Accepted Rite can likewise boast of what, perhaps, may be regarded as the unique event of the year. On the 6th November, their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Connaught, K.G., and Prince Leopold, K.G., were advanced to the thirty-third and last degree of Freemasonry. Among the members present of the Sup. Council were Lord Skelmersdale M.P. Sov. G. Commander, Captain N. G. Philips Lieut. Grand Commander and Past S.G.C., Major-General H. Clerk Treasurer-General, J. M. P. Montagu G. Chancellor, and Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke G. Secretary-General, and several members of the thirty-third degree. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Patron of the Order, accompanied by his brothers, arrived at 4 p.m., and having been received by Lord Skelmersdale and other members, were conducted to the Council Chamber, where the 31st and 32nd degrees were conferred upon them. The Supreme Council then adjourned to the hall, where the Duke and Prince Leopold had the 33rd degree conferred upon them in a most impressive manner by Lord Skelmersdale M.P. Sov. G. Commander, while the Prince of Wales personally invested his brothers with the insignia of the degree. Rightly have we described this as a unique event, for it is the first and only occasion on which the three Princes have met together in Masonry, illness or duty having hitherto operated to prevent this. They were then proclaimed and saluted by their style and titles as Sovereign G. Inspector-Generals of the 33rd degree, and as honorary members, *ad vitam*, of the Supreme Council of England and Wales. Be it added that sundry changes have taken place in the constitution of the Supreme Council, Ill. Bro. Dr. Hamilton having resigned his seat, and Ill. Bro. General Brownrigg, C.B., having been appointed in his stead, Dr. Hamilton, however, being elected a supernumerary member. In consequence, the Supreme Council is now constituted as follows:—Grand Patron H.R.H. Prince of Wales. Honorary Members—H.R.H. Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold. Supreme Council—Lord Skelmersdale M.P.S.G.C., Capt. N. G. Philips P.M.P.S.G.C. and Lieut. G.C., Major-General Clerk G. Treasurer-General, J. M. P. Montagu Grand Chancellor, Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke G. Secretary-General, Hugh Sandeman G. Secretary Foreign Correspondence, Sir Michael Costa G. Captain of Guard, Colonel Alexander W. Adair S.G.I.G., and General Brownrigg, C.B., S.G.I.G., Dr. Hamilton (supernumerary member). Nor would it become us to pass unheeded the consecration of a new Rose Croix Chapter at Canterbury named the Ethelbert. The event was attended with considerable ceremony. A special meeting of the Supreme Council was called, in the first place to perfect candidates for the Rose Croix 18°, and then for the consecration of the Chapter and the installation of the Most Wise Sovereign. Captain N. G. Philips Lieut. G. Commander, J. M. P. Montagu G. Chancellor, Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, S. Rawson 33°, &c., &c., took part in the ceremony, and the compliment of honorary membership was paid to Captain Philips and his coadjutors.

One event by which the year 1878 has been signalised we have reserved for separate notice. We allude to the Pilgrimage or Pilgrimages—for there were two—of American Knights Templar to this country and to Paris to see the Exhibition. The first consisted of a party of Sir Knights of the Mary Commandery, No. 36, of Philadelphia, who, with their friends and some ladies, mustered about thirty. These visited Ireland, Scotland, and England, and wherever they appeared were heartily welcomed by the brethren of the United Kingdom. At the ancient city of York they were right loyally entertained, conspicuous among those who rendered service being Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead. The guests were shown over the fine old Minster, and inspected the interesting relics and records of the old York Lodge, the Grand Lodge of *All* England as it was named. At Sheffield Sir Knight S. B. Ellis was foremost among those who welcomed them, while in

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London they were entertained at a banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, at which a numerous gathering of distinguished members of our Craft were present. Since their return home the fratres have expressed themselves in the highest degree gratified with the hearty reception they met with in the old country. Sir Kt. Chas. E. Meyer, of Philadelphia Commandery, was among the most distinguished of the one batch of Pilgrims, while the illustrious Bro. Rob. Morris may be regarded as the most eminent of the other. These visits cannot fail to exercise a beneficial effect in strengthening and confirming the ties already existing between the two great Anglo-Saxon Communities, and we will venture to say that a party of English Pilgrims visiting the United States would meet with a welcome which would rejoice their hearts mightily and be a pleasant remembrance to them for the rest of their days.

We now come to a most important part of our record, many perhaps will consider it the most important. This is a review of our Charitable Institutions, what they have done, and what has been done for them in the course of the year. Speaking generally, we may say at starting that the year 1878 has been productive of less satisfactory results than its predecessor. There has been a decided falling off in the subscriptions to each of them. This might have been anticipated, and, moreover, is to be explained by the period of grave political anxiety and commercial depression through which we have passed. The possibility that this country might have been engaged in a tremendous war with one of the chief European powers will sufficiently account for the year's shortcomings, while the trade of the country has, as was to be expected, been in a most unsatisfactory condition. Therefore, while we note the falling off in the receipts at each of our three great Charitable Festivals, we may, perhaps, have reason to congratulate ourselves that the sums raised have after all been so considerable. In 1877, the Festivals together yielded not far short of £36,000. This year they resulted in subscriptions a little in excess of £30,000. Thus 1878 has been less profitable to our Charitable Institutions than last year to the extent of about £7,000. However, we must not be disheartened on this account. We may expect such variations, and under the circumstances we have alluded to, we may even go so far as to congratulate ourselves that a sum so considerable has been raised. As happens invariably, the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was the first that was held. Freemasons' Tavern was the scene of the gathering, and the day the 13th February. The Duke of Manchester, Prov. G. Master of Northamptonshire and Hunts, was in the chair, and when the time came for Bro. Terry to announce the total contributed, he was in a position to give five figures—£11,133, with nine of the 225 Stewards' Lists still outstanding, the total result reaching ultimately £11,333. Thus, for the second year running, "A Zealous Officer" has taken the lead, his Festival having resulted in a larger subscription list than either of the other two. Of course, with so considerable a falling off, and taking likewise into account that a very material addition was made last year to the number of annuitants, it was found impossible to still further increase them to an appreciable extent. Consequently, the number of beneficiaries on the Male Fund remains as before 145, while that on the Female Fund has been increased from 130 to 135, the men receiving £40 each, and the women £32, while there are eleven widows who receive a moiety of their late husbands' annuities. Thus the Institution is committed to an annual payment of £10,342 in respect of annuities alone, and the working expenses raise this to £12,500 as nearly as possible. However, the accounts for the year to 31st March 1878 are eminently satisfactory, there being a balance on the Male Fund of over £2,380, and on the Female Fund of nearly £1,300. The permanent income of this Institution is respectable, Grand Lodge contributing annually £500 to the Male and £300 to the Female Fund, or together £800; and Grand Chapter £100 to the former and £50 to the latter, or together £150, making a total of grants from these two sources of £950, while the interest on invested moneys is over £1,400. These investments were further increased during the year in question by the purchase of £3,125 Consols. One most agreeable episode in the history of this Institution is deserving of a place in this sketch. Bro Dr. Strong has been honorary surgeon to it for seventeen years, and the Committee resolved that services so valuable should receive a commemoration than usual. Accordingly, on the 31st May, a testimonial, consisting of a service of plate of the value of one hundred guineas was presented to him at a quiet little dinner, and this worthy brother acknowledged the compliment in most feeling terms, not only thanking them for the gift, but promising likewise that so long as he enjoyed health and strength he would continue to give his professional services to the residents of the Institution at Croydon.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls next demands our attention. The number of pupils now borne on the establishment is two hundred, and the average cost for each girl for maintenance and education was, for the year ended 31st December 1877, £35 15s 11d. Therefore, taking the same average for the current year, the outlay under this head to which the Institution stands committed is £7,160 in round figures. The invested property consists of £39,000 Government Stock, one moiety being Consols, and the other Reduced Three per Cents. At the same time, owing to the heavy expenditure in connection with the additional buildings, there was an excess of expenditure over income of about £3,000, the ordinary receipts for the year 1877 having been as nearly as possible £11,830, while the expenditure, ordinary and extraordinary, reached a little over £14,690. This necessitated a loan from the bankers, but as the income for the current year will be about £10,000, it is clearly within the competency of the Institution to reduce the deficit, and in time remove it without lessening the efficiency of the School. The Annual Festival, which was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the 10th May, under the presidency of the Ear of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, resulted in subscriptions to the amount of £8,392, and with the sixteen lists outstanding this ultimately reached a total of £8,500. The Prince and Princess of Wales were to have paid a visit of inspection to the School some time in the month of March, but an outbreak of measles caused it to be postponed. On the 18th June took place the annual distribution of prizes, and the musical and other entertainments provided for the occasion passed off admirably, and showed that the system of education adopted was bearing good fruit. The gold medallist for the year, being the pupil who was most distinguished by her general proficiency, was Leila Putman. Mary Emma Barnes received the silver medal for good conduct, and Blanche Edith Morris, Louisa Hole, and Frances Harryman were bracketed together as recipients of Brother W. Winn's prize for proficiency. To these five were likewise awarded prizes for having passed the Cambridge Examination, and Louisa Hole and Blanche Edith Morris were also awarded prizes for drawing (model) by the Science and Art Department, South Kensington. So much for the School, but our sketch would be incomplete without some reference to the change which has taken place in the executive. For this reason is it that we have reserved our notice of Bro. R. Wentworth Little's death, so that, as seems most fitting, it might appear in association with the School for which he laboured so unremittingly, and with such signal success. Bro. Little's health for more than a year prior to his death had been such as to prevent him taking any very active part in the duties of his office. The last occasion on which we had the pleasure of meeting him was at a dinner of the Girls' School Club in October 1877, and it must have been a sense of duty, rather than any other cause, which induced him to be present. He was then in a most enfeebled state of health, and when at the Quarterly Court on 12th April, Lieut.-Colonel Creaton announced that Bro. Little's death had taken place the previous afternoon, it was evident that such an announcement had been for long expected. But notwithstanding this, the sorrow felt at the death of so valued a servant of the School was both deep and widespread. It was known that for the five years he had been Secretary Bro. Little had devoted himself with a will to the strict performance of his duties, making light of every sacrifice of personal convenience, when he saw there was a chance of his rendering some aid. Not only was there every tribute of respect paid to his memory, but the greatest sympathy was expressed with his widow in her bereavement, and the sympathy was not confined to mere words, but took the substantial form of a grant of salary, such as her husband would have received had his life been spared, till the September quarter. A memorial is also now being raised for the purpose of erecting a monument over his grave, and investing the balance, the interest to be enjoyed by Mrs. Little during her life or till her re-marriage, and the principal to be then handed over to the Institution. Such testimony was not needed to prove the

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estimation in which our late brother was held, but his friends will appreciate it the more for that very reason. Bro. Little had won distinction in all branches of Freemasonry. He was Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex at the time of his death, having been chosen to fill that office on the appointment of Sir Geo. Elliot, Bart. M.P., to be Prov. G. Master of South Wales, Eastern Division. He was also a leading Arch, Mark, Templar, and High Grade Mason, and, when his health permitted, was a frequent and valued contributor to contemporary Masonic literature. But it is as the Secretary of our oldest Charitable Institution that he will best be remembered, and it is to his memory as such that we have been desirous of paying this further tribute of respect. His death necessitated the election of a successor, and though several candidates came forward to contest the vacancy, it was evident the choice lay between Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, who had fulfilled all the duties of the office during Bro. Little's protracted illness in a most exemplary manner, Bro. Paul Storr, and Bro. C. F. Matier. The election was held on the 11th of July, and resulted in the return of Bro. Hedges by 373 votes, Bro. Paul Storr being second with 268, and Bro. Matier third with 153 votes. The general opinion appears to be that a better choice could not have been made, or a more fitting one, seeing that Bro. Hedges was already familiar with his work, and in the few months that have elapsed since, there is no doubt Bro. Hedges has fully verified the wisdom of the choice.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, like its sister Institutions, has had a trying year, so far as regards the amount contributed to its support, and in this instance it is the more unfortunate seeing that the amount of capital invested is represented by the modest figure of £8,000, or considerably less than the sum necessary to defray one year's expenditure. Moreover, as in the case of the Girls' School, the number of pupils has been increased, and there are now 211 boys on the establishment; and if we take the average cost per boy at what it was last year—namely, £44 12s, we find the Institution stands committed to over £9,400, while all that it has to depend upon in the way of permanent income is the £150 granted by Grand Lodge annually, £10 10s from Grand Chapter, and the interest on the £8,000 already mentioned, or together about £400 per annum. The Festival was held on the 8th July, at the Alexandra Palace, and as H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught presided, and the Board of Stewards numbered some 250 brethren, it might reasonably have been expected that the subscription list would have been in excess of the year previous. But the influence of the general depression from which the country had been and still is suffering was too potent even for the interest and influence of our Royal brother, seconded as he was by so numerous a body of Stewards, to overcome, and the Festival yielded £10,169, with some twenty lists still outstanding. The subsequent receipts raised this to a total of about £10,500; or, say, £3,000 less than was contributed in 1877. We cannot but regret this falling off, at the very time, moreover, when it is desirable the amount of subscriptions and donations should be more considerable, and especially as it was the first occasion on which the Duke of Connaught had taken a part at any of our Festivals. But there is this comforting reflection, that the sum raised is immense when compared with the yield of our Festivals even half-a-dozen years since, and it is only the huge amounts to which Bro. Binckes has latterly accustomed us that make it seem so moderate. The recitations and annual distribution of prizes took place on the Wednesday previous (the 3rd July) under the presidency of Lord Suffield, Prov. G. Master of Norfolk. John Gilbert Whyatt won the silver medal for good conduct given by the Institution; Alfred Nutt the Canonbury gold medal given by Bro. E. Cox; G. S. Widdowson the silver watch and chain, given for good conduct by the Supreme Council A. and A. Rite; and W. Spottiswoode the silver watch, given by Bro. F. Ráth, for efficiency as monitor. Numerous distinctions have been won at the Cambridge Local Examinations, and those of the Science and Art Department, so that we know the efforts of Bro Dr. Morris and his able staff of assistant masters are bearing excellent fruit. Nor is the physical training of the lads lost sight of, and there is, as at other public schools, the average amount of good cricketing and athletic material generally to be found among our boys, so that when they reach the age for leaving the school and beginning the great battle of life, they are physically as well as mentally prepared for the conflict.

We have now completed our survey of the three Masonic Institutions. We have shown there has been a considerable falling off this year, the sums raised at the three Festivals reaching a total of £30,000 as against £36,900 in 1877, while the number of beneficiaries has been increased. There are now 291 annuitants provided for by the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 200 girls, and 211 boys, and the sum we are bound to raise to meet these demands on the resources of our Charities, may be set down at between £29,000 and £30,000, of which only a little over £4,000 is derived from annual grants by G. Lodge and G. Chapter, and from interest on investments. It is evident therefore, we have a heavy responsibility resting on us. It would never do to reduce the number of beneficiaries, and, therefore, at the very lowest figure, we need quite £30,000 annually, if we are to maintain the buildings in good repair, and keep up the number of pupils and annuitants. Let us hope that, though present circumstances are not of a very hopeful character, a time may soon come when, with a revival of trade and commerce, and a less trying period of political anxiety we may be in a position to point to a corresponding revival of support for these noble Charities.

We must now cross the St. George's Channel for the purpose of noting the position of Freemasonry in Ireland. Here, of course, we are confronted with a state of things which is but little remarkable in England,—a marked antagonism between the Craft and Roman Catholicism. This exists in most countries, but in Ireland the antagonism is more active on the part of the latter. This has not, however, had the effect of in any way lessening the just influence which Freemasonry exerts, wherever it is firmly established. Indeed, the Grand Lodge has been awarded a certain amount of credit by the organs of the Roman Catholic press, for the action it took towards the end of 1877, in respect of the recent Constitutional changes sanctioned by the Grand Orient of France. Nor have we heard anything further of the imaginary influence exercised by Freemasons on the flax trade of Belfast. On the contrary, the visit of the American pilgrims, already alluded to, was made the occasion of sundry Masonic gatherings, and the reception accorded to the American Sir Knights, was in the highest degree creditable to our Irish brethren. As regards the strength of Irish Freemasonry, it remains pretty much what it was last year, except that we can trace the establishment of four new Lodges, one in the Mauritius, one in South Australia, and two in New Zealand, thus raising the number of Lodges subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Ireland from 369 to 373. These are distributed in manner following:—Thirty-six are held in Dublin, and 256 in the Provinces at home:—Co. Antrim with seventy-eight Lodges, Co. Down with forty-six Lodges, Counties Armagh and Londonderry with Donegal, each twenty-two, and Tyrone with Fermanagh nineteen Lodges, being the strongest in point of numbers; fifty-four in Provinces abroad, namely:—Victoria fifteen, New South Wales eight, Queensland eight, South Australia ten, and New Zealand thirteen; nine are military Lodges, and the remaining eighteen are in different parts of the world, four in Ceylon, two in Peru, South America, three in Tasmania, &c., &c., &c., but under no Provincial Grand Lodges. But if there are but few new Lodges, and but few events to note in this country, it is a source of satisfaction to know that the Craft flourishes unmistakably, if we may take the admirable condition of the Dublin Female Orphan Asylum, and the Boys' School attached to it, as an evidence of what we say. The annual fête of this asylum was held in the Exhibition Palace, Dublin, on the 20th June, and in the unavoidable absence of Grand Master the Duke of Abercorn, who was prevented attending through the illness of his wife, the chair was taken by Bros. W. Shekleton, Q.C., Deputy Grand Master, who was supported by Bros. Robert Warren Grand Treasurer, Rev. John James MacSorley Grand Chaplain, Alderman Manning Grand Senior Deacon, and other Grand Officers, representatives of foreign Grand Lodges, among them Bro. Captain Hubard, and a strong muster of brethren. The report was highly satisfactory, and showed that the Institution had been enabled to add £2,000 India Four per Cent. Stock to its invested moneys, that the number of Girls who were receiving the benefits of the Institution were forty-five, and the number of Boys twenty-one, and it was hoped there would soon be an opportunity of increasing the numbers. There was a numerous array of the fair sex, and in addition to the musical entertainment provided by the pupils, the proceedings were enlivened at intervals by the band of the 21st Fusiliers. The principal prizes were

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awarded to Frances Smith who took the Ffennell (£3) for Scripture and History, the second Astley Prize English Division, and the first ditto French Division, and Gertrude Gill, who won the Ffennell Prize last year, and was therefore awarded a certificate, the first Astley Prize English, and second ditto French, together with the Nagle Prize in Class I. for General Proficiency. The Oldham good conduct medals were awarded to Jane Crymble (silver medal) and Henrietta Richards (bronze ditto). But the extraordinary event of the past twelve months is unquestionably the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as Great Prior of the Order of the Temple in Ireland. This auspicious event took place on the 28th January, in the presence of a numerous and brilliant gathering of Sir Knights, among whom were Viscount Powerscourt Great Constable of the Order, Lord Dunboyne Grand Master's Standard Bearer, the Earl of Huntingdon Great Prior's ditto, Lord Ed. P. Clinton, Sir David Roche, Bart., &c. Lord Skelmersdale Great Prior of England had been deputed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master to be present and instal the Duke, but was unable to be present, and Captain Huband acted for him. The scene when the Knights were assembled in the Grand Lodge Room in all their gorgeous panoply, and just before the entrance of His Royal Highness was grand and impressive in the extreme. On entering, the Duke was received by Captain Huband, Acting Great Prior, and conducted to the robing room. A Great Priory of the Order was then opened in the Prince Masons' Chapter Room, whither the Duke was conducted by Viscount Powerscourt Grand Constable, and in due course followed the ceremony of obligation, which took place in the Priory Chapel, and the installation, which was held in the Grand Lodge Room. His Royal Highness was then proclaimed, and as his first official act, appointed Captain Huband Acting Great Prior. The Grand Officers, and subsequently the Sir Knights passed by the foot of the throne, and saluted the Great Prior, and the latter having resumed their places, the procession of Grand Officers was re-formed, and having conducted His Royal Highness to the throne in the chapel, the latter ordered the Great Priory to be closed. And so ended the most memorable day that has yet been known in the history of Irish Templar Masonry. The one subject of regret that is associated with this meeting is that Captain Huband, who played so distinguished a part on the occasion, and had the honour of installing His Royal Highness, has since died. Captain Huband was one of the most distinguished of our Irish brethren. He sat on the Board of General Purposes, as representative of Lodge No. 12 Dublin in Craft, and as that of Chapter No. 12 in Arch Freemasonry. He was Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Chapter of Prince Masons of Ireland, and a Past Sovereign of the Original Chapter, as well as of Chapter 10, and had taken the thirty-first degree in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, Ireland, so that by his death Irish Freemasonry has to lament a very serious loss, and one that it will not be so easy to replace. There is yet another member of the Fraternity—Judge Keogh—whose death, especially from the cause which led to it, must not be passed in silence. We do not know that he took a prominent part in the doings of our Society, but he was one of the ablest of the Irish judicial bench, and was remarkable for the intrepid impartiality with which he administered the law, an impartiality which, albeit he was a Roman Catholic himself, brought down upon him the hatred of the Romish priesthood. This it was that had so disastrous an effect on his mental powers, that he was of necessity placed under restraint at times. However, he has gone from among us, and his place in the Lodge knows him no more.

If we turn to Scotland we shall find the page of Masonic history which has been written during the last year is not entirely unblotted. There is cause for satisfaction, seeing that Grand Lodge is slowly but surely setting its house in order, and after the state of chaos it was in till recently, this is indeed a subject for congratulation. But it is very far from being all plain sailing, and more than one unpleasant dispute has taken place during the year now ending. We will first of all note the condition of the Craft as regards the number of its Lodges. Last year we noted, without, however, under the circumstances, vouching for the accuracy of our figures, that there were 482 Lodges in working order, the highest on the roll being No. 609. Our Grand Lodge Calendar shows that the highest now is 627, and consequently eighteen new Lodges have been added to the list of those holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland; so that the total now in active work is exactly 500 Lodges. Four of the new ones are located at home, and the remaining fourteen abroad, namely, four in New Zealand, three in New South Wales, one in Chili, one in China, one in Jamaica, one in South Australia, and two in Montreal. Of these last two we shall have occasion to speak presently. The most notable personal changes in the governing body of the Craft include the substitution of the Earl of Mar and Kellie as Depute Grand Master for Bro. Henry Inglis, of Torsonce, and that of the Hon. Macintosh Balfour as Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry for all India in place of Captain Henry Morland, resigned. Their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold have had the compliment paid them of being enrolled among the honorary members of Grand Lodge, while one such member, in the person of the late ex-King George V. of Hanover, has been removed from those enrolled. A further loss has been sustained through the death of the Right Hon. Lord Kinnaird and Rossie, of Rossie Priory, who was Grand Master Mason of Scotland, during the years 1830-1, and filled the office of Provincial Grand Master of Perthshire East at the time of his death. It was principally by his exertions that Freemasonry had made such considerable progress in the Province he presided over, and two years had not elapsed at the time of his death—which occurred on the 7th of January—since he had, in right princely fashion, entertained a number of his Perthshire brethren. He was in his 71st year, and at the time of this writing, a successor to him in the Masonic government of Perthshire East had not been found. These are among the capital changes which are worthy of note, and one of them—the appointment of the Earl of Mar and Kellie in place of Bro. Inglis needs a word or two further. Sir M. R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., having already filled the chair of G. Lodge for over the biennial term, which is chiefly the rule in Scotland, has nevertheless been invited, and, what is more to the point, consented to remain another year in office, in order that the changes which have been made under what may be called the new administrative *régime*, and in which he has taken so deep an interest, may be brought more nearly into working order. However, the scheme for retaining the Most Worshipful Brother in his place for a further term does not appear to have met with universal approbation. It was proposed to nominate Bro. Inglis, but he declined, though the requisition was signed by some 500 members of Grand Lodge. It was afterwards not very satisfactorily discussed in the newspapers, and there was no small amount of somewhat unfraternal feeling exhibited. However, let us hope that all will be well, and that Scotland will have no reason to regret having entered on a new path armed with a particularly new broom, which is meant to sweep it clean of all abuses. Indeed, it was shown at the Quarterly Communication on 4th February that the income of Grand Lodge for quarter to 21st December previous had exceeded the expenditure by £940. At the meeting of Grand Lodge on the 4th November, statements equally satisfactory, were made as to the condition of the finances. The relations hitherto existing with the Grand Orient have been determined for the same reason that Ireland has discontinued intercourse with that Grand Body, and which has induced our Grand Lodge to lay down special regulations for the admission of foreign visiting brethren. Another event, which we had no time to include in our sketch of last year, seeing that it happened on the 21st December, and the number containing it was published on the 22nd, may appropriately be recorded now, especially as it is a testimony to the worth of a very prominent Mason of Ayrshire—no less, in fact, than its Prov. Grand Secretary, as well as Secretary to Mother Kilwinning, who in the early part of last year, had been a candidate for the vacant Grand Secretaryship. The gift consisted of an epergne, with a purse of 250 sovereigns, and a gold watch, chain, and brooch for Mrs. Wylie, and was presented to Bro. Wylie at a dinner presided over by R.W. Bro. Cochran-Patrick, of Burnside, and suitably acknowledged in the warmest terms by the recipient. A more important, because an essentially national, and at the same time, Masonic event, took place in the town of Kilmarnock, with which will always be associated the name of the great poet, Brother Robert Burns, as the place where the first edition of his work was printed, and where the only full collection of all the editions is to be met with. It was in the month of January 1877, that the idea of erecting some bust or statue to his memory arose, and the attempt to raise the necessary funds was so successful, and so greatly beyond the highest anticipations

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that had been formed, that it was resolved upon erecting a gothic monument, having two storeys and a tower, the entire height being seventy-five feet. The basement is intended for habitation and offices. Above this are to be a platform and balcony, in which is to be an alcove fifteen feet high, for the reception of a full length statue of the poet. Behind this is a room to be used as a museum of relics connected with him, and above this, and reached by a flight of steps, a balustrade meant to form a promenade. On the 14th September, the first stone of the monument was laid, with Masonic ceremonial, by R. W. Cochran-Patrick, Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Ayrshire, there being about 2,000 brethren present, while the trades and other companies doubled the number in the procession, and there were quite 10,000 in the park where the monument is to be erected. Both the poet's Lodges, his Mother Lodge, St. David's of Tarbolton, and St. James Kilwinning of the same place, were represented. The ceremony having been ably carried out, the procession reformed and dispersed, and in due time the monument will be completed and formally inaugurated. On the 12th of the same month, the annual meeting of the Grand Imperial Council of Scotland of the Red Cross of Constantine, of which Col. Francis Burdett is the Most Ill. Grand Sovereign, was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh. Col. Burdett presided in person, and several were admitted members of the Order, the whole proceedings concluding with a banquet. It is worthy of record that this Grand Imperial Council only came into existence in the autumn of 1876, when a deputation, including the late Ill. Bro. R. Wentworth Little and other distinguished Knights of the Order, visited Edinburgh, by command of the Supreme Grand Council of England, for the purpose of constituting this Grand Imperial Council. There were then six conclaves, and the number has since increased to nine, so there is every prospect of the Order establishing itself still more firmly north of the Tweed. We note, likewise, that a High Council of Soc. Rosic. *in Scotiâ* has been formed, C. F. Matier 9° being the Supreme Magus, and Lord Inverurie 9° Sen. Sub. Magus, and Harry G. D. Copland 9° Jun. Sub. Magus. At the time the High Council met—which was in January—the Metropolitan College, which had been in abeyance for some time, was reconstituted, the Hon. F. J. Moncrieff 8° being elected and installed Primus Adeptus. We have already noted the severance of fraternal relations between this Grand Lodge and the French Grand Orient, and we must add that a breach also exists between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, which, to all appearances, is becoming more serious. This is not the place in which to discuss the merits of the difference. Let it suffice if we point out that the latter not being situated like the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom, cannot compel Lodges which have never acknowledged her sovereignty to quit the jurisdictions to which they have always belonged, and with which they are desirous of remaining connected, while we think the Grand Lodge of Scotland would have done wisely had it made the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec as a separate and independent body conditional on the Lodges which preferred remaining under the banner of Scotland being left unmolested. There seems also to be another little quarrel between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasonry for all India, but to this we shall briefly refer when we come to India itself, for it is time that we quitted the old country and began our sketch of Freemasonry as it is in the Colonies, at least to the extent of those Lodges which hold under one or other of the three home Grand Lodges. Those which are independent, like those of Canada, Nova Scotia, &c., &c., will be dealt with separately. Before doing so we must draw attention to the visit paid by the Grand Master Mason of Scotland and his Grand Officers to the "Journeymen" Lodge, No. 8, of Edinburgh. Bro. H. Munro, R.W. Master, presided, and quite two hundred members of the Lodge were present. The Masters of several daughter Lodges were likewise present, and in the course of the evening Bro. Kerr read a highly interesting account of the History of the Lodge, which was established as far back as 1707, and owed its existence to the secession of a number of operative Fellow Crafts from St. Mary's Chapel, who formed a Lodge of their own. Bro. Kerr noted carefully the vicissitudes of the Lodge, which is still operative, and was warmly thanked for his address.

In treating of the Craft in the Colonies and Dependencies of the Crown, we must, as last year, note the three jurisdictions together so far as possible. We may say there are in all about 435 English, over 160 Scotch, and over 70 Irish, and the bulk of them will be found in the East Indies, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. Thus in India, we have some 33 in Bengal, 19 in Bombay, 9 in British Burmah, 15 in Madras, and in the Punjab 18. In China (now in two Provinces) and Japan there are thirteen Lodges. In South Africa there are no less than forty-one in different Districts or not ranged under any. But it is in the Australasian Colonies that we find the largest number of Lodges of the three Constitutions, England naturally taking the lead, and then Scotland and Ireland following in their order as given. One thing is eminently satisfactory, and that is, that the Lodges of the three systems work most harmoniously together, and save here and there, are on the most friendly terms with their mother Grand Lodges. The Victoria in Burmah Lodge, No. 832, does not seem to have been a model either of excellence or obedience, having, in fact, distinguished itself by a marvellous exhibition of discord on the one hand, and an utter disregard for the behests of Grand Lodge, which, as we have more than once pointed out, merits, and will, sooner or later, bring down upon it condign punishment. India has also been the scene of a difference under the Scottish Constitution, but, so far as we are able to judge, the fault does not rest with the Scoto-Indian authorities, so much as it does with the Grand Lodge of Scotland. That Bro. Balfour succeeded to the position of Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, vacated by Bro. Captain Morland, and not that of a more Provincial Grand Master—appears to be indisputable. Yet the Secretary of the Scottish Grand Lodge has, to all intents and purposes, declined to recognise Bro. Balfour's true position—by whose authorisation we are unable to state. The question seems to us to lie in a nutshell. Is it to the interest of Scottish Freemasonry in India that there should be a man of higher status than that of an ordinary Provincial Grand Master? This appears to be the belief of the authorities at home, seeing that Dr. Burnes, Captain Morland, and Bro. Balfour have in turn been appointed to such a post.' That being so, it is only in due course that the chief of Scottish Freemasonry in India should be recognised as one of more than ordinarily exalted rank, or, to put matter more plainly, he should be treated as he deserves to be, and not as others may think him worthy We think it unfortunate any difference of such a kind should have arisen, and we hope that Bro. Balfour will be treated broadly and liberally, seeing that his responsibilities are of no ordinary character. There is little we need add to our review of Freemasonry in the Colonies. With the few solitary exceptions we have alluded to, there has been little, if anything, to disturb the even tenor of its way. There is some talk, it is true, of a new and Independent Grand Lodge of New South Wales, but our opinion is, that nothing of moment will come of it. The time may arrive when Australia is so thickly populated, that a separate and independent Grand Lodge may be desirable. But the bond of union between the Colonies and the Mother Country is too strong for any severance to meet with much favour just now and for some time to come. It is very possible the idea has originated with a few ambitious spirits, who are desirous of making a greater display or, at all events, of not hiding their light under a bushel. However, whatever may be in store for us in the future, we can never do otherwise than expressour hearty good wishes to all our Colonial brethren of the three jurisdictions. Whether they remain as they are now, or consolidate themselves into an independent body, we shall find them always the same kind and considerate brethren, and shall extend to them that hospitality which fellow Masons have a right to expect. We have now closed our review of the Craft in the United Kingdom and its Dependencies. We can say with just pride, that everything has prospered fairly well during the year, which, as far as we are concerned, closes this day. We have not concealed from our readers that the results of the year have not been altogether as favourable as might have been wished, but, at the same time we have shown that there is for this defect a fair and reasonable apology, and that, on the contrary, instead of too seriously deploring what we have not gained, there is some slight reason to be gratified that matters have gone so well. However, we will not stop to repeat propositions we have already uttered, or to express hopes or fears which may never be realised. We are, on the whole, and not without reason, satisfied with what has befallen at home; let us now look abroad, and see what has happened in other countries.

France, as our nearest neighbour, claims priority of

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attention. According to the *Calendrier Maçonnique* of the Grand Orient in July, there are 306 Lodges and other Masonic bodies in the country, a total differing to the extent of one from the return of last year, when it was 307. The details of these 306, when compared with those of 1877, give the following results, namely, 261 Lodges, 30 Chapters, 13 Councils, 1 Consistory, and 1 Gr. College of Rites against 258 Lodges, 33 Chapters, 14 Councils, 1 Consistory, and 1 Gr. College of Rites. As to the distribution of existing bodies, there are in Paris 47 Lodges, 4 Chapters, 2 Councils, and the College of Rites; in the Department of the Seine 9 Lodges; in other Departments 167 Lodges, 14 Chapters, and 6 Councils; in Algeria 8 Lodges, 2 Chapters, and 1 Council; in the Colonies 8 Lodges, 3 Chapters, and 1 Council; in foreign countries 22 Lodges, 7 Chapters, 3 Councils, 1 Consistory. Of these last there are 2 Lodges in Spain; a Lodge, Chapter, and Consistory at Leghorn; 5 Lodges and 2 Chapters in Roumania; 3 Lodges and a Chapter at Constantinople; 2 Lodges at Alexandria, in Egypt; 2 Lodges, 2 Chapters, and a Council in the Mauritius; and a Lodge, Chapter, and Council at Monte Video, the remaining few being at Corfu, Geneva, Beyrout, &c., &c., &c. As to the Supreme Council, in which is vested the government of the Order, the Officers are the same as last year, namely, Bro. De Saint Jean President; Bros. Cousin and Caubet Vice Presidents; Bros. Poulle and De Hérédia Secretaries; Bro. Barré Librarian and Keeper of the Archives, and Bro. Cammas, President of what we call the Lodge of Benevolence and Keeper of the Seals. The Council itself is composed of the same members as before, except that Bro. Thulié is now a member, and Bro. Andriaux, for whom among the successful candidates, the smallest number of votes was given, replaces Bro. Collineau, whose term of retirement would have been in the year 1880. Among the losses which have befallen the Order must be mentioned Bro. Richard, Venerable of the Lodge *La Constance Eprouvée* of Rouen, the noted financier; Bro. F. V. Rasparil, Venerable of the Lodge *Les Amis de la Vérité*, eminent both as a scientific and literary man and as a politician; Bro. Tajan-Rogé, and others of less conspicuous fame. Among the events which have occurred during the year must be mentioned the celebration of the centenaries of Voltaire and J. J. Rousseau, and that of the Lodge *Union et Persévérance* of the Orient of Paris, founded on 15th January 1768, under the title of *Union Parfaite de la Persévérance*. As we noticed at the time, having regard to the probable visit of foreign Freemasons to Paris, the Grand Orient placed a part of its hotel at their service, giving them at the same time every facility for correspondence, and receiving them with fraternal kindness. We drew attention also to the annual assembly of the Grand Orient, which was held as usual in the month of September, the actual session lasting from the 11th to the 16th—both inclusive—of that month. We may as well, however, again draw attention to the principal event of that meeting, which was the passing of a resolution to the effect that the Grand Orient was resolved on not constituting Lodges in those counties where a Grand Lodge or Orient was already established, and in friendly relations with itself, by which we presume is meant that the Grand Orient reserves to itself the right of constituting Lodges in countries where Grand Lodges already exist which are not on friendly terms with it. In such case we may expect to find French Lodges in London, which, as far as we are concerned, would of necessity be irregular and therefore not recognisable by us. Another resolution, having reference to the revision of the ritual consequent on the constitutional change made the year previous, at one time threatened to deprive the Council of the Order of its President. Indeed Bro. de Saint Jean, when a motion on the subject was carried in opposition to his views, rose, and having removed the insignia of his rank, retired from the Assembly. But he had no sooner done so than a Committee was appointed to wait on him at his residence, and press him to resume his post; and the day following Bro. de Saint Jean entered amid the heartiest plaudits, and again took upon himself the Presidency of the Assembly. We should certainly have regretted the circumstance had this respected brother thought fit to decline the request of the Committee, and we congratulate our French brethren at still having for the chief of their Council one who has so ably presided over it for the last six years. None can have read his addresses on various occasions, and especially that delivered at the distribution in August of this year of the prizes awarded to the pupils who attend the G.Or. courses of study, and to brethren and Lodges which have distinguished themselves during the year, without forming the opinion that a worthier President could not be found than Bro. de Saint Jean. One other event is noteworthy—the Masonic Fête which was held in the Palace of the Trocadéro, under the auspices of the Supreme Council for France of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, MM. Cremieux, who presided, Emmanuel Arago, and Jules Simon, and our own Bro. J. M. P. Montagu Grand Chancellor of the Supreme Council of the same Rite in England, being present and taking part in the proceedings, which, as may be imagined, were of a highly interesting character, and terminated with a grand banquet, at which Bro. Jules Simon occupied the chair. Be it added that the finances of the Grand Orient are in a satisfactory condition, and that its disbursements in aid of distressed persons and orphans are very considerable, showing that, however French Freemasonry may differ from Anglo-Saxon, it does not allow its peculiar ideas to, in the slightest degree, interfere with the practical duties of Freemasonry.

As regards Freemasonry in other parts of the Continent of Europe we have but few remarks to offer. Successful attempts have been made in Italy to strengthen the position of the Grand Orient, and to terminate the schism which for some time has kept some of the Palermitan and other Southern brethren aloof. But little news reaches us from Germany, where, however, we have every reason to believe that the Royal Art is studied with much assiduity and success. The same may be said of Dutch, Swedish, and Danish Freemasonry, and, indeed, of the whole Craft in the Eastern hemisphere. One item of news, however, must be given. In July the Grand Lodge of Greece met at Athens. H.I.M. Prince Rhodocanakis, who has been re-elected Grand Master for a further period of three years (1878-81), was duly installed in his office, after which he appointed his Grand Officers. Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet. This was followed by a Grand ball, at which their Majesties the King and Queen of Greece and his Imperial Highness the Grand Master were present.

If we turn now to the Western Hemisphere we shall have every reason to congratulate ourselves on the condition of the Craft. We will first visit British North America, wherein are several Independent Grand Lodges, such as those of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, and British Columbia. Taking Canada first in order we find it has under its banner about 350 Lodges, a very considerable number if we have regard to the comparative thinness of the population, and to the fact of its having enjoyed a separate and independent existence for only three-and-twenty years. The Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto, on the 11th and 12th of September, Bro. W. H. Weller, Grand Master, who presided, being well supported by his Grand Officers and the representatives of Lodges. Bro. Weller, in the course of his address, reviewed the events of the year, mentioning the different special Communications, ten in number, which had been held, and at which he or one of his Grand or District Grand Officers had presided. He enumerated the eight Lodges for which dispensations had been issued, and gave a highly flattering account of the financial condition of Grand Lodge, the balance at the close of the year 1877 having been over 58,876 dollars, and the receipts during the half-year over 7,654 dollars, while the expenditure during the same period was close on 6,437 dollars, so that on 30th June, there stood to the credit of Grand Lodge no less than, in round figures, 60,094 dollars, of which over 55,048 dollars are invested in Government Stock, and 5,045 dollars at the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Bro. Weller was re-elected Grand Master and the following are his principal Officers:—Bros. J. A. Henderson Dep. Grand Master, B. Saunders Grand Senior Warden, T. H. Tracy Grand Junior Warden, Rev. C. W. Patterson G. Chap., E. Mitchell G. Treas., W. Lawson G. Registrar, and J. J. Mason G. Secretary. Nor is Royal Arch Masonry in a less prosperous state in the Dominion. Grand Chapter held its twenty-first regular Convocation, on the 14th August, when the M.E.Z. Comp. F. J. Menet presided, and delivered a most eloquent address, in which he reviewed the events of the past year, and the relations which existed between the Grand Chapter of Canada and other Grand R.A. Chapters. Comp. Menet likewise mentioned, among other things that he had granted dispensations for four new Chapters, that in accordance with the wishes of Grand Chapter a testimonial, consisting

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of a service of plate, had been presented to Comp. L. H. Henderson, Past Grand Z., in recognition of his services to R.A. Freemasonry, and that Comp. Daniel Sprey, who for the past two years had filled the office of Grand Scribe E., with so much credit to himself and such advantage to Grand Chapter, found himself unable to continue the exercise of his official duties. On the 11th October, the annual assembly of the Grand Priory of Canada was held in the Masonic Chambers. Colonel H. J. B. MacLeod Moore, Great Prior, presided in person, and delivered a lengthy and highly interesting address, after which he appointed and invested his Officers for the year. Of the many Masonic excursions, picnics, &c., &c., of which we read in the pages of that excellent contemporary of ours, the *Craftsman*, nothing need here be said. They are a pleasing feature, but of ephemeral and purely local interest. There is this in them, however, that they show there is a sound and healthy tone in Freemasonry, when we read of such parties of unostentatious pleasure being organised.

Next in prominence, if not in influence, is the Grand Lodge of Quebec, whose relations with our Masonic bodies, do not seem to partake of that harmony which is so desirable in the Craft. We have already alluded to the quarrel between it and the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Both appear to be in fault, so that it is very much like what is commonly described as "six of one and half a dozen of the other." G. Lodge of Scotland should have made its recognition conditional on the Grand Lodge of Quebec not in any way interfering with the Lodge in Montreal, which preferred remaining under the banner of Scotland, to joining the G. Lodge of Quebec. This we regard as error No. 1. Error No. 2, is the retaliatory measures which G. Lodge has thought fit to adopt by granting warrants for two new Lodges in Montreal, that is, within the jurisdiction of the G. Lodge of Quebec. Not, perhaps, but the former if it has cancelled its recognition of the latter, may not be within the limits of its strick rights, but such a course could have but one result, that of embittering the dispute. On the other hand, it was a most harsh and absolutely unmasonic proceeding, to speak of compelling the Lodges which preferred retaining their allegiance to the Grand Lodges of Scotland and England to join the G. Lodge of Quebec within a certain time, whether they liked it or not; indeed, in the case of the English Lodges, any such attempt to do so was a flagrant violation of the conditions on which England recognised the independence of Grand Lodge of Quebec. It is not as if Quebec were a sovereign and independent State in the sense that New York or Virginia is, for Quebec is but a part of the Dominion of Canada, which, in its turn, is part of the British Empire. Therefore, the old rule by which the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland constituted new Lodges in the colonies and dependencies of the British Crown did apply formerly to Quebec, and might be considered to apply still if Quebec were not recognised as a separate and independent body. It is a nice point, on which a great deal might be said, whether Scotland having once recognised Quebec can withdraw or cancel its recogni tion, especially as, unlike the G. Lodge of England, such recognition was unconditional. But after all these differences are miserable exhibitions of petulance, which are unworthy of men, much less of men who are professedly so happy and contented with all things and persons as are "ye Free and Accepted Masons." The proposed application by Grand Lodge of Quebec of Masonic force to Lodges, which are fully entitled to retain the old love, if they prefer constancy to the inconstancy of gadding about after a new love is merely an attempt to enhance the importance of a body which derives any importance it may have, firstly from Canada, from which it has seceded, and then through Canada, from the Grand Lodge of the Mother country. However, the question does not immediately concern us, and in fact we have devoted more space to it than we intended to have done; so, in conclusion, we may remark that if Scotland and Quebec prefer having a shindy to living in harmony together, they must e'en do as they list We shall only add to the imbroglio if we say more. Let us now give a few particulars of this jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge of Quebec held its Annual Communication in Montreal on the 25th September. Bro. M. Tait presided, and the address he delivered, it is needless to say was almost wholly occupied with this difference with Scotland. After this, the Grand Officers for the year were elected, and among them the following are the principal:—Bros. C. Judge Dep. G. Master, Arthur F. Simpson Grand Senior and C. M. Church G. Junior Warden, Rev. Bro. Scringer Grand Chaplain, T. H. Stearns Grand Treasurer, E. E. Spencer G. Registrar, and J. H. Isaacson Grand Secretary. The same day, and in the same city, was held the second annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, Comp. J. H. Graham, LL.D., Grand Z., presiding. All the Chapters on the roll—as yet only eight in number—were represented, and the address of Grand Z. was very satisfactory, the chief items of interest being that this young Chapter had already been recognised by thirty-six sister Grand Chapters, the address to the Prince of Wales, and the recommendation to recognise the Mark Grand Lodge of England and Wales, &c., &c., which recommendation was subsequently endorsed by G. Chapter. The principal Officers for the present year are Comps. John St. Graham Grand Z, Isaac H. Stearns Grand H., Frank Edgar Grand J., James T. McMinn Grand Scribe E., Albert D. Nelson Grand Treasurer, and M. McCarthy Grand Registrar.

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was held in the city of St. John on the 25th and 26th September, Bro. Robert T. Clinch, Grand Master in the Chair. Bro. Clinch's address was of considerable length, and he referred with satisfaction to the imposing ceremony in which the Grand Lodge had taken so prominent a part in the month of July, when the corner-stone of the new City Hall, St. John's, was laid by him according to the ancient forms and usages of Masonry. The financial condition of this Grand Lodge appears to be highly satisfactory, the receipts with balance brought forward from last year being close on 3,550 dollars, the expenditure a little over 2,159 dollars, and the balance to credit at the close of the account in round figures 1,390 dollars. The assets are set down as being nearly 3,966 dollars. The principal Officers for the current year are Bro. Robert Marshall Grand Master, Benjamin R. Stevenson Dep. G. Master, Rev. Francis Partridge G. Sen., and Charles N. Scott G. Junior Warden Rev. Donald Macrea Grand Chaplain, James McNichol Grand Treasurer, and William F. Bunting Grand Secretary. The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia held its Annual Communication at Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, on the 5th of June. Colonel J. Wimburn Laurie is Grand Master and Bro. Benjamin Curzen Grand Secretary. The more remote Grand Lodge of British Columbia, with its modest Roll of nine Lodges and some 300 members, must have had a most pleasurable excitement on the 22nd of April, a day which will be ever memorable in the annals of British Columbian Freemasonry. The event was nothing less than laying the foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall in Victoria, the capital of the Colony. Quite 150 members took part in the ceremony, and the brethren marched in procession to the site of the new Hall, preceded by Haynes' Band. Bro. Teague, the architect, having submitted the plans, Bro. Trounce having, on behalf of the fraternity, presented the Grand Master with a beautiful silver trowel, and Bro. Rev. H. H. Mogg, Grand Chaplain, having offered up a prayer, the Grand Master laid the stone Masonically. The Grand Master of this Grand Lodge is, according to a correspondent of the Canadian *Craftsman*, Bro. Eli Harrison sen., Bro. W. F. Williams being the Past Grand Master and Bro. C. M. Chambers Grand Secretary. It is high time, however, that we crossed the border line into the United States, that we may briefly consider the state of Freemasonry among our American brethren. In respect of numerical strength, we think we are right in stating that there are about the same number—rather under than over—of subscribing Masons this year than in 1877. Bro. Drummond is our authority, and he gives the return at, in round figures, 600,000. But after all, the numerical question is a matter of little moment. Freemasonry will never rest its claims to public respect on this question. Indeed, we are inclined to believe that in all countries the Craft has grown to be more common than it should be by reason of this very increase in numbers. So we think at least in the old country, and doubtless the same holds good elsewhere. We do not, therefore, regard the announcement that there are 600,000 American Masons, as evidencing that the Craft is especially strong in the States. We judge of its merits by the solid substantial character of the work of which we read in the American Masonic papers and Magazines which reach us from time to time. For instance, if we take up a number of the *Keystone*, the *Voice*, the *Review*, the *Jewel*, the *Repository*, the *Advocate*, the *Corner-stone*, or any other of our exchanges, we are certain to find some satisfactory evidence that Freemasonry is working on steadily with but little outward display, but in a manner which

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shows that the brethren are earnest in all their undertakings, and sincerely anxious for the welfare of the Craft. The processions on occasions of unusual interest may or may not impress the outside world with the worth of Freemasonry, but however this may be, we know things are flourishing when we find the Grand and subordinate Lodge meetings are well attended, the work well done, and every care taken—as a rule, that is to say—to carry out the principles of Freemasonry in their integrity. No doubt our American readers will pardon us if we find sundry formidable obstacles in the shape of considerations of time and space to giving a complete sketch of the doings of the forty and odd Grand Lodges in the United States. We read about them with pleasure. We hear much of New York, of Pennsylvania, of Virginia, Massachusetts, Columbia (District of), Rhode Island, Illinois, &c., &c., and what we hear is always a source of satisfaction. But during the year that is now coming to an end, there have been few unusual events occur. The Centenary of a Grand Lodge, even in a country which can boast of so many Grand Lodges as the States, does not come every year. The centenary celebration of the Grand Lodge of Virginia was due in the month of October, but thus far we know not if there has been anything more than the formal reference which was made to it last year in the Grand Master's annual address, with which reference he coupled the suggestion that something should be done to mark so important an anniversary. We do know, however, that in all the Grand Lodges of which we have read accounts—and that means nearly all of those existing in the United States—the addresses of the Grand Masters have been, taking them altogether, eminently satisfactory. We know, also, that a Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland, with Bro. Pike as Grand Master, has been established at Washington, for the purpose of enabling American brethren to become acquainted with the principles of this interesting degree. We know, also, that Templar, Arch, and Cryptic Masonry, as well as the Ancient and High Accepted Rite, are all in a flourishing state, and, alas! that we should have to record it, we know that many eminent Masons have passed away to that country from whose bourne no traveller returns. If then we find a difficulty in saying more than we have said of living American Masonic celebrities, we can at least find space enough to express our deep sorrow and sympathy for some of those brighter luminaries of the American States, whose light has been extinguished for all time. How could we possibly forgive ourselves if, for instance, we allowed this summary to close without a reference to Bro. A. J. Wheeler, Past Grand Master of Tennessee, and editor and publisher of the *Masonic Jewel* of Memphis in that State. During the recent visitation of that terrible scourge of the southern parts of North America, the yellow fever, Bro. Wheeler remained at his post, and as Secretary to the Masonic Board of Relief was enabled to do much good for others. But this, alas! he did at the sacrifice of his own life. It must be some satisfaction to his family and friends, who so deeply mourn his loss, that he died at the post of duty from disease contracted in the performance of that duty. Let us hope that the monument he had erected to himself during these eight years past—the *Masonic Jewel*—may still live to be a perpetual memorial to his worth. To his family and to his brother Masons we offer our tribute of respectful sympathy. Nor must we omit mention of the Rev. Chas. Titus, Recording G. Sec. of Massachusetts, who died only a short time since, after a somewhat long and painful illness. He had been necessarily absent from the post of duty at the latest Communications of his Grand Lodge, but it did not occur to us that his absence was more than temporary. However, he, too, has passed away, and his Grand Lodge has done what in it lay to show its gratitude for his valuable services by interring him with Masonic funeral rites. But he is not the only distinguished member whose loss the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has had reason to deplore. Bro. Isaiah Thomas, Past Grand Master, Bro. John M'Clellan are both gone, and these equally with Bro. Titus were honoured by Grand Lodge with Masonic funerals. The same Grand Lodge, too, buried Bro. Hon. F. Welch, Past Grand Master of Nebraska and a member of Congress, while New York has had to deplore the loss of Sir Knight Orrin Welch, Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of that State, and Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and that of M.E. Past Grand High Priest Comp. Ezra S. Barnum, and Indiana is still mourning the death of Past Grand Master Hazelrigg. These are among the most distinguished of American brethren, deceased during this year; in all cases we offer the expression of our sympathy with their families and friends.

A few words remain to be said on the subject of Masonic literature. We have already enumerated the chief American Masonic periodicals, and it will suffice if we say that one and all of them retain those admirable characteristics which have so favourably impressed us. The second part of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has made its somewhat tardy appearance this year, and is in course of being reviewed at the present time. We have said that, considering the miserable support accorded to the first number by the brethren of Pennsylvania, we are surprised it should have been published at all. Great credit is due therefore, to the Library Committee of that G. Lodge for having pursued their task under circumstances so discouraging. Our contemporary *Le Monde Maçonnique* now in the twentieth year of its existence, is a model of careful writing, and though we are compelled to differ on sundry essential points, we are sensible of its many and great merits, and congratulate it on its evidently prosperous state. At home, we can point to another Masonic Cyclopædia, edited by our Rev. Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, which does great credit to his assiduity, diligence, and ability, and a work is now in the press, and will be published shortly, the subject being "The Four Old Lodges," and treated with eminent ability and judgment by the author, Bro. R. F. Gould, P.M. Moira, No. 92. It is a revised and enlarged edition of the series of papers on the subject which have appeared in our columns. The work of publishing the Ancient Warrants has been interrupted by Bro. Constable's absence from England, but as soon as time will permit, that zealous brother will resume his labours. For ourselves, of whom we reserve our notice till the last, we have no reason to complain of the increased support we have received during the past year. On the contrary, we are very grateful for such additional support, and it will be a pleasure as well as a duty for us to throw increased energy and, if possible, increased ability into the work we have been engaged upon for now four complete years. At the same time we think it only just to ourselves to point out that brethren should do what they can to help us in what is truly a labour of love. We have made many and great personal sacrifices, not of time and labour only, but likewise of money, in order to keep up the standard of our reputation. We must leave it to others to say whether or not we have succeeded. If we may accept the great increase which has occurred in the number of friends and supporters as a proof in either direction, we must perforce incline to the belief that our efforts have been appreciated. Still we might do better if our field of operations were enlarged, and hence our appeal to brethren to co-operate with us in confirming our position as a recognised organ of Masonic opinion. We do not claim to be exclusively the representative of Craft interests, but we shall steadily pursue our labours, and it shall not be our fault if the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE does not retain an honoured place in the foremost ranks of Masonic literature. We shall cheerfully continue our sacrifices, and let the brethren help us to make them as light as possible. With these words we make our bow and exit, till we reappear again before our readers with the insignia of Vol. IX. imprinted on our pages. *Vivite et valete!*



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