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OUR FIFTH VOLUME.

WE open the FIFTH VOLUME OF THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE in a period pregnant with great events, and characterised by unusual doubt, apprehension, and uncertainty. The political horizon is overcast with clouds, and the most weather-wise observers are baffled in their attempts to pierce the surrounding gloom, and discover some indication of our probable whereabouts and destination. At one time the talk is all of imminent war, of legions marshalling in arms to oppose legions as vast, of the deadly and undying hatred of hostile races and rival creeds, of the failure of diplomacy, and the final departure of its agents and ministers. A moment after we are told, that peace is almost certain, that the negociations are progressing as favourably as one could wish, that powers suspected of cherishing warlike designs are exhibiting unexpected magnanimity and moderation, and that a few days more will bring relief to the present pent-up condition of public feeling by the completion of a real and satisfactory settlement of the questions in dispute. In the meanwhile, by the proclamation of our Sovereign as Empress of India, on the first day of the new year, England declares to all the world that she will suffer no aggression in this or any other of the lands under her dominion; and that while she covets not the possessions of her neighbours, and desires to live on terms of amity and brotherhood with them all, she is prepared and resolved to maintain her position, whenever and by whomsoever it may be menaced.

Amid such grave and portentous subjects of interest, while Nations seem tottering to their fall, and the lives of perhaps a million human beings hang upon the word of a single despot, "the whisperings of our petty burgh," the scraps of intelligence indicating the vitality and constant growth of our Order appear, by comparison, insignificant. Yet are they not so. By and bye these vexed questions between Russian and Turk will be laid at rest and forgotten; whilst Freemasonry will only have become the stronger, and its roots and branches more widely spread, for the lapse of time. The principles of the Craft, like the first principles of religion, are planted too deeply in the human heart to be ever uprooted. And whilst the spread of education will only add to the number of our brethren throughout the world, we may hope that it will ultimately render impossible the gusts of passion and deadly hatred which now, from time to time, sweep over the earth, scattering ruin and desolation in their path.

The Four Volumes of the CHRONICLE which have now been issued contain a record, as full and accurate as we could make it, of a most important epoch in the History of the Craft. During that period, the number of Masonic Lodges in England has been largely augmented; on the Continent a like vitality has everywhere been apparent, more particularly in France, Germany, and Italy; whilst in the Western World, Freemasonry has advanced with giant strides. For ourselves, we have ample reason for self-congratulation. The constant and increasing favour shown to the CHRONICLE are an evidence that our efforts to uphold the standard of the Fraternity, and to afford a trustworthy record of its proceedings, have not been without success. We ask our readers for a continuance of their sympathy; and to the Craft in general we look with confidence for increased support and consideration. If we are not prodigal of promises for the future, it is because we feel that the best guarantee of our devotion to Freemasonry is to be found in the Four Volumes of the CHRONICLE already issued. With resolve unimpaired and hope unchecked, we enter undismayed upon the labours and responsibilities of a FIFTH VOLUME.

NORTHERN LIGHTS.—No. I.

A GRAND LIGHT.

CONSIDERING the energy that the men of the "North Countree" impart to everything they undertake, it is no wonder that Freemasonry should flourish amain in the North East Corner of our tight little Island. Its geographical position is singularly appropriate for the foundation of our institutions, and the brethren seem to be devoted heart and soul to the ancient customs and established usages of our mystic order. Certainly nowhere under the broad rule of the united Grand Lodge of England is Masonry making more progress. The sons of "Northumbria's bleak shores" are second to none, not only in the solid support they give our Great Charities, but in the practical manner in which all provincial concerns are managed. Little is known of the great amount of good work done, for these canny men of the North are not given to trumpet forth their deeds, and, wonderfully enough (in these days), rather eschew publicity, and evince a singular desire not to appear in print. It is a positive fact that very many of the brethren shrink from having any Masonic proceedings reported. Like the Eastern sage, their motto is, "Say little, and do much." Here also, strange to relate, testimonials and presentations are all but unknown, brethren, after filling the highest offices in Lodge or Chapter, work their hardest in the cause of charity, do their utmost for the welfare of those over whom they preside, and further the interests of the Craft generally, by establishing new Lodges and Chapters; never looking for a higher reward than the pleasure of doing their duty, and receiving the approbation of their fellows. No doubt in all this they are behind the South, yet still it is not to be regretted, for the funds, in consequence, are generally in a flourishing state, and ready for any emergency, and when needed they are dispensed with a lavishness well worthy of emulation. Who shall say how much of this prosperity, this good management and general wellbeing is due to the kindly influence of the genial nobleman who is at the head of the Province, and than whom a brighter Masonic light scarcely shines? An exalted position, a historical name, for centuries entwined in the affections and linked with the fortunes of the county, a liberal hand, and a manner so winning that all are charmed by it, have doubtless done much to cement and knit the brethren of the Province together.

Had our Right Worshipful Brother been born to less exalted fortunes, his love of the Craft, together with his great Masonic ability, must have placed him in the foremost ranks of our Order. The manner in which he performed his duties when W.M. of the Alnwick Lodge, No. 1167, was as surprising as it was gratifying; to see one so highly born evince such knowledge of real working Masonry, and the instruction he then imparted to those who were fortunate enough to be members, will never be forgotten, for it has been instrumental in creating a body of officers who can hold their own against all comers. Many remember, with pleasure, the lucid explanations he was wont to give the initiates and candidates for the several degrees, on many points of our Ritual and History that

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are too often left untouched, and how much light he threw on what otherwise would have been but dim obscurity. Happily for the Craft in general, our R.W. brother is still young, and will, no doubt, in years to come, add to his already great Masonic services. That these have been appreciated is proved, not only by his present position as Prov. G.M., but also by his having filled the exalted office of Grand Mark Master Mason of England.

In the outer world he is as popular as within the inner circle of Freemasonry. Heir to princely estates, he is beloved by his tenantry, from the highest to the lowest; and the interest he takes in the welfare of the vast army of the labouring classes dwelling about him, and the efforts he is continually making to improve their intellectual and sanitary condition, by identifying himself with every movement of real progress, indicates him as one who will infallibly make his mark in the history of this great Empire. In the House of Commons, no member creates a more favourable or lasting impression, or commands greater attention and respect to any subject he speaks on. Proud indeed, and with just cause, are the brethren of Northumberland of their Provincial Grand Master.

BRO. CAUBET ON A RECENT SPEECH BY OUR GRAND SECRETARY.

IT will be within the recollection of our readers that last month, at the Consecration of the Crichton Lodge, our respected Grand Secretary, Bro. Hervey, in his speech as Consecrating Officer, referred pointedly to the recent action of the Grand Orient of France, and the contemplated elision from Article I. of its Constitutions of so much as contained a declaration of belief in the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. Bro. Hervey further expressed his opinion, not officially, but as an individual member of Grand Lodge, that the time might not be far distant when the Grand Lodge of England would find it necessary to impose certain restrictions as to the admission of foreign Masons into the Lodges under its jurisdiction, so far at least, as to exclude all such as did not believe in the existence of a Supreme Being. In reference to this Consecration and the speech of Bro. Hervey, *Le Bien Public*, of the 17th ult., appears to have drawn attention to the remarks of the speaker as illustrating the sense of disquiet entertained in England, at what it decribes "as in some measure the anti-religious movement" among our French brethren, and the probability that it may sap the very foundation of the fundamental principles of Universal Freemasonry. In the current number of *Le Monde Maçonnique* occurs an article by Bro. Caubet, one of the secretaries of the Council of the Grand Orient, in which he comments on this statement, and the event which gave rise to it. This article being an apology for the present conduct of French Freemasonry, or perhaps we should say, an explanation of the particular amendment proposed during the last Session of the Grand Orient, we feel it to be our duty to reproduce it *in extenso*.

"We cannot," says Bro. Caubet, "at the moment when the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient are on the eve of taking into their consideration the proposed revision of Article I. of our Constitutions permit the foregoing statement," in *Le Bien Public*, "to pass without rectification. The suppression, or rather the contemplated suppression of the second paragraph of Article I. can in nowise be described as the outcome of any anti-religious movement. Freemasonry—we have repeated it a thousand times, and shall only cease repeating it when everbody sees it clearly, and it has become stale news—Freemasonry is a society purely moral in its character, in which may be admitted all *free and reputable* men, whatever their opinions, political, religious or philosophical, may be. It is not a narrow-minded sect, but, on the contrary, the highest and noblest expression of perfect liberty of conscience. Now, the second paragraph of Article I. of the Constitutions, which declares that Freemasonry has for its fundamental principle the existence of God and the belief in the immortality of the soul, has again and again served as a pretext for manifestations of opinion essentially sectarian. In some Lodges free and reputable men have been rejected on the sole ground that they did not resolutely affirm these articles of faith. The reception into the bosom of our Society of a man who is one of the noblest of our country and of the present age, the reception of the illustrious Bro. Littré has aroused numberless protestations, because, in the extreme rectitude of his conscience, Bro. Littré would only affirm and proclaim what he knew was true and demonstrable, and because he maintains a respectful reserve on all hypothetical questions about beginning and end.

"Such protestations were not only a scandal, but likewise exhibited an utter contempt for the true spirit of our Institution. It is to put an end to these that the proposed modification of Article I. was taken into consideration at the last General Assembly of the Grand Orient of France. The question is not one involving any anti-religious Manifestation, for Freemasonry would not lend itself to such a proceeding; it is simply one of assuring and guaranteeing, within the limits of our Association, absolute respect for liberty of conscience. It is also a question having for aim to assure the peace of our Society by removing every pretext for theological or metaphysical discussions, which only divide us, as is super-abundantly proved by the discussions that arose in the Scotch Rite, after the Lausanne Congress, by reason of the definition laid down by that assembly of the attributes of the Great Architect of the Universe, and now again by the speech delivered at the consecration of the English Lodge Crichton by Bro. Hervey, which our readers will have noted in a previous page. Intolerant people, who consider every manifestation of liberty of conscience is but an outrage on their faith, will assuredly exclaim loudly against our purpose; but what matter? Formerly, they abused our mystic formulæ, now they reproach us because we wish to suppress them from our ritual. But, again, what matters it? We have nothing in common with them, and their bitterest criticisms in no wise affect us. It were impossible to be, at one and the same time, of the opinions expressed by our brethren and by liberal-minded organs.

That our English brethren should be mistaken as to our intentions afflicts us most profoundly; but that is in a measure explained, the moral atmosphere in which they live being essentially different from ours, and their conception of liberty of conscience being generally limited by such interpretations as the Bible affords.

"As for those journals which are truly liberal in their views, we should deeply regret to see them fall into any misunderstanding on this point, and unconsciously allow themselves to become nothing more than mere echoes of those numerous and angry recriminations in which our eternal enemies indulge. Under these circumstances we cannot too strongly advise them to distrust appearances, and not to launch into polemics till they have obtained a thorough knowledge of the subject in dispute."

THE DRAMA.

Christmas Programmes—Covent Garden.

AN unusual number of novelties have been crowded round the Christmas season this year. To be sure, some of them are not of the highest order of merit, and others are only quasi-novelties—revivals of pieces that had almost been forgotten. *Si Slocum* at the OLYMPIC may be taken as a specimen of the first class, and *Hunted Down* and *The Invisible Prince* at the GLOBE as samples of the second. *Si Slocum* strikes one as being more suited for a circus than a theatre. The Frayne family are very clever, and their speech is of the purest American order, but, as the late Mr. Tomlins remarked on a memorable occasion, "This is not the drama." Mr. Edgar Bruce deserves our thanks for the revival of Planché's burlesque, especially as it affords that excellent actress Miss Jennie Lee a further opportunity for the display of her talents. The theatres which have retained their programmes unchanged are the HAYMARKET (*Dan'l Druce*), the PRINCE OF WALES'S (*Peril*), the ST. JAMES'S (*London Assurance*), and the ADELPHI (*Shaughraun*).

COVENT GARDEN, of course, heads the list of Pantomimes. In magnificence of effects, in heartiness of fun, and in excellence of acting, Mr. Rice's production merits the first place. The subject of the pantomime, which by the way, is the work of Mr. McArdle, is our old friend *Robinson Crusoe*. Considerable liberties have been taken with the story as related by Defoe, but the result is a thoroughly amusing piece, with plenty of ludicrous situations and laughter-promoting lines. Amongst other absurd incidents, we may mention one that occurs on board Crusoe's ship. The sailors take to fishing, and succeed in landing an enormous shark. From the maw of this voracious beast, a number of extraordinary things are produced, amongst them the missing Gainsborough and Crusoe's wife. The pantomime is capitally acted by Messrs. Wallace, Furneaux, Cook, Augustus Glover, and Mesdames Pauline Markham, Nelly Bouverie and Rosalli; the scenery of Mr. Telbin is beyond all praise.

We will conclude our remarks on the Christmas novelties next week.

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ORDER OF PROCEEDING AT LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I can hardly understand a Lodge of Instruction finding itself in the difficulty described by Bro. Ockenden. Surely one among the brethren present might have been found equal to the emergency. Why was it not proposed to suspend the standing orders for the occasion, and then open in a higher degree? There would then have been no fear of censure. Or, perhaps, the W.M., or another brother, might have volunteered a short exposition of the ceremony. It would have been in keeping with the work assigned by the bye-laws for the particular evening, and, better still, would have been somewhat of a change from the monotony that attends travelling over the same ground again and again without any variation whatever. We need this relief occasionally.

Yours fraternally,

VIATOR.

WHICH IS CORRECT?

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My numerous engagements of late have precluded my giving the attention I desire to this correspondence, but I shall be glad if you will, by insertion of this letter, assure "Vigilant," and other brethren interested, that I have not "lost sight of, nor exhausted the subject."

I will write further as soon as opportunity is afforded me; meanwhile, if other pens were employed in promoting the discussion, so that the opinions of several might be ascertained, with a view to arrive at a just decision in respect of the variations already referred to, it would materially assist the discussion.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z.

Clapham, 28th December 1876.

MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I shall feel greatly obliged to any Brother who will answer the following questions:—

1. Why is no provision made in the Constitutions for filling the vacant chair when any officer, from S.W. downwards, dies, or otherwise withdraws during his year of office?

2. What is the usual practice in the oldest Lodges under such circumstances?

3. "The Tyler may be removed at any time by a majority," &c. Can a successor be appointed in the same way?

4. The W.M. is entitled to three TAUS on his apron. Is it ignorance or design that constantly attaches them *upside down*, so as to look like three levels?

5. What is the origin and date of the Ritual employed in opening a Board of Installed Masters?

23rd December 1876. W.M.C.L.

It has been justly said that the Granville Hotel at St. Lawrence-on-Sea is the establishment *par excellence* of all the hotels in the country, in fact, we might say, in the whole world. It is a residence combining all the luxurious domesticity of wealthy English life, with the manifold conveniences of an hotel. Originally planned for a terrace of magnificent private mansions, the Granville has been made into an hotel, and families may enjoy within its walls the delights of home comfort, and partake of the intellectual and fashionable amusements of the age, without leaving the grounds which surround the vast building. In winter, the climate of Ramsgate is especially pure, bracing and delightful, the more so from comparison with the dinginess and smokiness of the Metropolis, and we cannot imagine a greater treat for the jaded City or professional man than a run down to this bright and really picturesque little sea-port, with a stay at the Granville Hotel for some days. For such delightful excursions, the South-Eastern Railway and the management of the hotel have combined to offer unusual facilities, by arrangements for a special private express to run, every Friday afternoon, to Ramsgate, in two hours, returning every Monday. So short a railway journey is not an onerous undertaking, even for an invalid, and, considering the wonderful sanitary arrangements of the establishment, its facilities for baths of every description, its faultless cuisine and magnificently furnished suites of apartments—each a luxurious home in itself—it is certain that many persons would benefit far more by a winter's residence in the Granville than by going to a foreign country, worn out and exhausted by a fatigning journey, which only lands them in a warmer clime, where more than half the comforts of English home life are unknown.

ROYAL VETERANS PRECEPTORY, PLYMOUTH.

A regular meeting of this Preceptory was holden on Tuesday, 19th inst., at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth. Present—E. Sir Knights Charles Godtschalk P.P.G.D.C. Preceptor, J. Watts P.E.C. P.P.G.T., V. Bird P.E.C. P.P.G.B.B. Reg., J. Austin P.E.C. P.P.G.E. Treasurer, T. Heath, J. B. Gover P.P.G.T. Con., L. D. Westcott P.P.P.G.C.L. Prelate, S. Jew P.G.T., Marshal, J. H. Keats C. of G., Jas. J. Covery Sub Mar., J. P. Rogers, H. A. Arnold P.G.O. Organist, H. F. Hearle P.P.G.E., F. P. Holmes, T. Smith. The Preceptory having been opened in ancient form, and the call of muster roll over, the minutes of last meeting, on the 19th September, were read and confirmed. Apologies from the following Fraters were read and accepted, Sir Knights J. Harris P.E.P., Hiffey P.E.P., and Browning. Comp. John James, already incepted, was then announced, and received his initiate. The ceremony of installation and investment was most impressively performed by the E. Preceptor Sir Knight Godtschalk, whose zeal for and knowledge of the Order was never better displayed than in his admirable working in this exalted degree. The further business of the Preceptory was to elect the E.P. and Treas. for the year ensuing. Sir Knight Charles Godtschalk E.P. on rising, remarked, He should avail himself of the privilege of nominating a firm and staunch friend, in private life; an able and thoroughly hard working Mason, whether in Lodge, Chapter or Preceptory, one who did his work with love for the true interests of Masonry; one who not only worked with talent and skill in the various degrees, but who was closely identified with the Masonic Charities of our Province, in the real interests of which he was ever ready to work. He therefore proposed their esteemed Brother Sir Knight J. B. Gover as Eminent Preceptor for the ensuing year. This proposition being seconded by Sir Knight L. D. Westcott, was put to the ballot, which was unanimous. The Treasurer, Sir Knight Austin P.E.P., being proposed and seconded to retain that office, received the united votes of all present, added to which came the thanks of the Preceptory, freely expressed, for the able manner he had, for so long, carried out the duties of his office, to the well-being of the Veterans Preceptory. Sir Knight J. B. Gover, Constable of the Preceptory, expressed his deep sense of the honour conferred by the Sir Knights, by their unanimous election of himself to fill the chair of Eminent Perceptor, giving his heartfelt thanks, and stating it would be his special privilege to maintain the reputation and position the "Veterans" had earned for their Preceptory. The Treasurer, Sir Knight Austin P.E.P., in giving a few words of thanks for the honour of election and the kindly sentiments of all present towards himself, stated that what he had done in the past would, to the best of his ability, be repeated in the future. Upon the suggestion of Sir Knight J. Watts P.E.C., supported by Sir Knight Charles Godtschalk, who severally detailed what had taken place at the last meeting of Convent General, on 8th December last, in London, at which meeting certain resolutions were carried in reference to the words "Masonic," "First and Second Captains," "Post Rank," &c., and urging energetically upon all Sir Knights who had the right of voting in Convent General, the necessity and advisability, even at personal inconvenience to themselves, to be present and record their votes in favour of those resolutions being confirmed. The Preceptory having been closed, the Fraters retired, after a most successful and pleasant meeting.

ABDUCTION OF WILLIAM MORGAN.—In the year 1826, a painful circumstance occurred, which for awhile created a panic. Masonic societies had for some time existed in the United States to a very considerable extent; but it was not generally supposed that there was anything objectionable in their character. A man, however, named William Morgan, living at Batavia, in Genesee County, New York, conceived a dislike to these associations, and, knowing something about their organisation, announced his intention of publishing a book which should disclose what he called the secrets of Freemasonry. On Monday, 11th September, this man was taken from his home, under pretence of a criminal process, conveyed into Ontario County, a distance of fifty miles from his domicile, examined, and discharged. In the evening he was again arrested on a charge as frivolous as the first, thrown into goal by the persons who had taken the original proceedings, once more discharged, and immediately afterwards once more seized—this time in the obscurity of night. The last arrest had a much more alarming character than the two former. The man was gagged, bound, and forced into a carriage, which was rapidly driven off. In this way he was conveyed a hundred miles without interruption, and, as relays of horses were prepared along the whole line of road, it was evident that his abduction was the result of an organized scheme. It came out in subsequent inquiries that Morgan was carried towards the Canadian frontier, where he was lodged within the walls of an unoccupied fort. What ultimately became of him has never been clearly known. He mysteriously disappeared, and although it could never be proved that he was murdered, it is not easy to avoid the conviction that he met his death by treachery and violence. It is supposed that he was taken in a boat by night to the Niagara, and there drowned. A body, thought to be that of Morgan, was subsequently found below Fort Niagara; but it was impossible to identify it, and, notwithstanding that the Legislature of New York passed an Act ordering a strict investigation of the subject, and some Freemasons were charged with murder, a conviction could not be obtained. The report of the New York Committee of Investigation confirmed the general suspicion that the unfortunate man had been assassinated, and the agitation of the public mind was so great that it was proposed to exclude Freemasons from office. An anti-Masonic party was formed, which, having in a few years spread over several States, held a convention at Philadelphia in 1831. This party endeavoured to influence the elections, but, after a brief period of activity, collapsed and disappeared.—*From "Cassell's History of the United States."*

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REVIEWS.

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Early History and Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, 1781—1815. Published by authority of the Grand Lodge. Granted to Kane Lodge, No. 454, June 1874. Parts VI. New York: Masonic and Miscellaneous Publishers, No. 2 Bleecker-street D Sickles and Co., Managers 1876.

THIS further part of this valuable history contains several records of considerable importance or interest. At the outset we read that at the meeting of Grand Lodge held on the 4th of June 1800, the Grand Secretary announced that Union Lodge, Albany, acknowledged the jurisdiction of New York Grand Lodge, that a warrant had been delivered to the W.M. of said Lodge, on promise that the warrants should be delivered to the Grand Secretary, and that the rank and number of the Lodge would be regulated in accordance with the date of the first warrant issued by Provincial Grand Lodge of New York, on 21st February 1765. On 16th the same month the report of the Special Committee appointed to consider the present Constitution, and report any amendments or alterations that might be deemed expedient presented their report, which was read, when it was unanimously resolved that the Code of Laws, as amended and altered, should be referred to the consideration of the subordinate Lodges, and, if two-thirds of them signified their approval, then the new code should immediately come into operation as the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. At the same meeting it was unanimously resolved that the Grand Chaplain should be decorated with a jewel appropriate to his office. At the meeting held on the 3rd December of the same year, the question of ratifying the new Constitution came under consideration, and on noting the returns made by sundry of the Lodges, it was found that only seventeen were in favour of the ratification, while twenty-five were for its rejection, either wholly or in part. After some debate, it was carried, that, as the requisite two-thirds majority of the Lodges had not voted for its acceptance, the proposed code should be held to have been rejected. On the 4th of March 1801, it is minuted that "A person alleging himself to be a Mason of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania applied for admittance, but, not being known to or vouched for by any member present, his admission was refused." At the meeting on 3rd of June, it was announced that Grand Master Robert R. Livingston, having accepted the post of Minister Plenipotentiary to the French Republic, would shortly depart on his Embassy. Grand Lodge, accordingly, proceeded to the election of a successor, and the result was that Colonel Jacob Morton, Deputy Grand Master, was unanimously elected, and at once proclaimed as Grand Master. A resolution was also unanimously passed, appointing a committee for the purpose of conveying to M.W.G.M. R. R. Livingston the thanks of Grand Lodge for the valuable services he had rendered to Freemasonry in New York during the term of his Grand Mastership, as well as an expression of deep regret that Grand Lodge was thus deprived of his superintending care, and further requesting his acceptance of a Past Grand Master's Jewel as a slight token of their esteem and respect. At a Grand Lodge of Emergency on the 15th June the G.M. Livingston expressly attended for the purpose of installing his successor; but the address he delivered occupied so much of the evening that the ceremony of installation was of necessity postponed, and Bro. Livingston deputed R.W. Bro. John Lawrence to perform the ceremony in his stead. Accordingly, Col. Jacob Morton was installed with the usual formalities on the 25th June, in the presence of a large assembly of grand officers and brethren. We read that G.M. elect and R.W. Bro. John Lawrence, the installing Grand Officer, "were received at the entrance of the building by the body of Knights Templar, dressed with the insignias (*sic*) of their order, and with drawn swords, who conducted them into the Lodge and to the seat." The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and after a brief address, the Grand Master installed his officers, according to ancient usage. After another address from the Chair, and the appointment of a committee to consider the best method of procuring a suitable apartment for the meetings of Grand Lodge, Grand Lodge was closed. At a meeting on the 11th July, held in consequence of the death of Bro. R. J. Vandenbroeck, Past Grand Secretary, it was resolved to bury the deceased brother with Masonic honours, and the funeral took place accordingly the day following, in the French Church burial ground, the Rev. Bro. Ireland, Grand Chaplain, delivering an appropriate address over the grave. At the meeting on the 2nd September, a committee appointed to investigate a complaint made some time previously respecting the incautious admission of visitors by Lodge l'Union Francaise, No. 14, reported that the Lodge was not aware of having done anything of the kind, and would ever continue to exercise the utmost caution in receiving applicants for admission. Several instances, however, were mentioned by different brethren, in which the Lodge had shown laxity in this respect, and a committee was thereupon appointed to acquaint Lodge No. 14 with the information conveyed to Grand Lodge, and to request greater vigilance in the future. On the 2nd December the Grand Master announced that he had appointed Bro. Edward Livingston, Mayor of New York, to be Deputy G.M., and his installation was fixed for St. John's Day next ensuing. The report of the committee appointed to present a P.G.M.'s jewel to Bro. R. R. Livingston, together with the reply of thanks from that distinguished brother, were then read, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Notice of motion was then given that no Mason be permitted to appear in Grand Lodge or any of its processions in other than the distinguishing clothing, or with other ornament than those of a Master Mason, as conferred on members of that degree by the Constitutions of Grand Lodge. It was then resolved that the Lodges in the jurisdiction be recommended to associate and dine together as a Grand Lodge on the approaching festival of St. John. On the 4th of the month Bro. E. Livingston was installed as Deputy Grand Master, after which ceremony the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Little's Hotel, where an elegant entertainment had been provided.

On the 10th of February a most important communication was read in Grand Lodge, from Apollo Lodge, No. 49. This communication included a circular letter from the chairman of the joint committee of Union, Masters, and Temple Lodges, Albany, inviting other Lodges in the neighbourhood of that city to join in securing the removal of Grand Lodge to Albany, as being the seat of Government of the State of New York, and, therefore, more appropriate for the meeting of Grand Lodge. Several reasons were assigned for this action of the aforesaid Albany Lodges, among them being dissatisfaction with the system of proxies in force, and the engrossment by New York brethren of all the important offices in Grand Lodge. On receipt of this invitation, Apollo Lodge expressed its resolution, to the effect that the proposed transfer of Grand Lodge to Albany would effect no salutary change, and determined to report the matter forthwith to Grand Lodge. Upon this the Grand Lodge passed a resolution, thanking Apollo Lodge for its loyal conduct, and a further resolution warning the Lodges in the northern parts of the state against the impropriety of the joint committee of the three Lodges, the latter being also summoned to appear and answer for their conduct. On the 3rd March, the motion as to Masonic clothing, of which due notice had been given the December previous, was rejected, by a large majority. On the 14th May, a series of resolutions proposed by the committee appointed to deal with the question of suitable Grand Lodge premises, together with an alternative proposition, were submitted to Grand Lodge. The former proposed the issue of six hundred shares of twenty-five dollars each, which should be offered to brethren on sale, or exchange for notes payable to Grand Treasurer, or order, at six, nine, or twelve months. When a sufficient number had been sold, a site should be purchased, and a contract for the building at once entered into, the property so acquired being conveyed to trustees, who should be bound to appropriate it only to Masonic purposes; the rent received from Grand Lodge and other Lodges having accommodation to be distributed among the stockholders. These resolutions were agreed to, and a committee of seven appointed to see them carried into execution.

On St. John's Day 1801 (should be 1802), Grand Lodge went in procession from Adams's Hotel to Trinity, in accordance with a resolution agreed to the 2nd June. Ceremonies of the day were opened by the Grand Chaplain, with a prayer suited to the occasion, after which an eloquent and appropriate oration was delivered by Bro. Washington Morton, of Howard Lodge. A collection having been made on behalf of the Society for the Relief of Distressed Persons, and the Society for the Relief of Poor Widows with small children, to be divided in equal moieties between the said societies, "the Grand Officers proceeded from the Church, escorted by the Knights Templar, with drawn swords, to Lovett's Hotel, where the Grand Lodge and brethren spent the residue of the day in harmony and festivity." On the 1st September, warrants were granted, on petition, and recommendations presented for the following Lodges:—Military Lodge, Manlius, County of Onondaga; Phœbus Lodge, Norwich, County Chenango; Friendship Lodge, Stephenstown, County Rensselaer; Hiram Lodge, Plattsburg, County Clinton; and Erin Lodge, City of New York. A form of Masonic certificate was submitted by a brother, for the approval of the Grand Lodge, which resolved to recommend it to the Lodges under its jurisdiction. In the minutes of Grand Stewards Lodge of 24th November, it is noted that a sum of twenty-eight dollars, paid by the Grand Secretary for two boxes of cigars, furnished at the dinner of Grand Lodge on the last Festival of St. John the Evangelist, is to be allowed him on his account with Grand Lodge. On 15th of December, a reply, by Grand Secretary, to a communication received from a Convention of Lodges at Albany, was read, approved, and ordered to be transmitted, the said Lodges being required to appear and answer "concerning their un-Masonic conduct in holding the said convention without the knowledge or sanction of the Grand Lodge." On 2nd March 1803, "a communication from John Mitchell, of South Carolina, styling himself K.H.T.R.S., Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the thirty-third degree of Masonry, and Grand Commander in the United States of America, was presented and read;" the said letter being referred to a committee for report. On the 1st June, six petitions were granted for warrants to hold as many Lodges, namely:—Vernon Lodge, Hilldale, County Columbia; Columbia Lodge, Claverack, same county; Mount Moria Lodge, Palmyra and Philips, County Ontario; Revival Lodge, Windham, County Green; Constellation Lodge, Mayfield, County Montgomery; and Charity Lodge, Worcester, County Otsego. Another petition was referred to the Grand Officers, and yet another was rejected. On the 8th of the month, the Grand Master with his Grand Officers and a large assemblage of P.M.'s, W.M.'s, Wardens, and brethren, assembled in St. John's Hall, when the ceremony of consecrating the Lodge-room was carried out, according to the ancient usages and customs of the order. On 7th of December, a dispute between Hiram and Adelphi Lodges, as to priority of right of meeting in St. John's Hall, was referred to a committee. On 26th January 1804, Bro. Martin Hoffman was appointed D.G.M. vice Bro. E. Livingston resigned—his installation to take place on a day fixed by the G.M. A petition for a warrant recommended by Union and Masters Lodges, Albany, was ordered to stand over till said Lodges had discharged their arrears of dues. Two Masonic certificates, found among the papers of a deceased English brother—one signed by the Master and Wardens of Lodge No. 25, held at Liverpool, England, and the other from Grand Lodge, Ancients, signed by "ROBERT LESLIE Grand Master, and EDWARD HARPER Grand Secretary," were presented by a brother to Grand Lodge, and ordered to be destroyed. On 7th March petitions for Warrants were

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granted to hold the following Lodges:—Malta Lodge, Saratoga, Co. Saratoga; Bethlehem Lodge, Bethlehem, Co. Albany; and Albion Lodge, City of New York. Three other petitions for Warrants were referred to the Grand Officers. At a Grand Lodge of Emergency, on 27th April, some very irregular proceedings in Union Lodge, Albany, respecting the election of officers the December previous, were reported to G.L. by the aggrieved brethren who had been elected and installed officers of the Lodge on the 20th December, the said election being declared void at a meeting held the 26th of the month, and a new choice of officers made. Thereupon Grand Lodge unanimously ruled that the election of the 20th December previous was constitutional and regular, while that of the 26th was illegal, unconstitutional, and void. Accordingly, the officers regularly elected and installed should resume the execution of their duties. This is the last minute of any importance, the last record in this Part VI., under date 30th May 1804, relating to Grand Stewards Lodge, and minuting that as "no brethren attended excepting the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Treasurer," who did not by themselves constitute a quorum, "no business was transacted." However, the W.M. of St. Andrews Lodge attended before the above brethren had departed, and paid over to the G. Treasurer dues to the amount of twenty-one dollars.

Here endeth the sixth portion of this strange, eventful history.

NOTES OF AMERICAN TRAVEL.

DR. A. M. Robertson, of St. John's 3 bis, lately delivered a lecture to his Lodge, detailing some of the incidents he encountered, and describing the scenes he visited during a tour through the greater part of the United States. He has published those Notes, and they prove that with keen observation he combines a ready pen. The delivery of such lectures in a Lodge prove the advance that the Craft is making, as it is much better for the brethren, after the regular work is over, to listen to discourses that tend to enlarge the mind and improve the understanding, rather than to devote them—as our adversaries sometimes accuse us of doing—to the pleasures of the bottle, or "the singing of trashy songs." Not that such things often occur, but the outside world think they do, and the publication of a few descriptive passages from Dr. Robertson's pages, as delivered by him, may help to disabuse the mind of those who take up current Masonic literature for the purpose of trying to find fault with our ceremonies, while we are at labour, or our mode of passing the time when at refreshment.

THE MAMMOTH CAVE, KENTUCKY.

After describing the nine miles ride, over a route which he says is only by courtesy called a road, he arrives at the Cave, and the guide lights the lamp, which the strong current of air make it difficult to carry. "The atmosphere inside is wonderfully pure and invigorating, so as to do away with the lingering effects of the rocky ride. Several years ago the value of the place, as a residence for consumptives, was tested, but the want of natural light proved fatal, and the experiment has never been repeated. The main cave extends for six miles, being in some parts 100 feet high and 300 wide; one of the avenues leading from it is called the Rotunda, it has had its vicissitudes. The ground here is saturated with nitre. Many years ago a saltpetre manufactory was established here, of which the ruins still strew the floor. Here, too, fifteen years ago, cottages were built for consumptive patients, and they still remain uninjured, either by the lapse of time or the ravages of decay. A little further on, a smaller hall was pointed out as the Methodist Church; devotional services were really carried on for some time; the pulpit was a ledge of rock 25 feet high, and the logs for seating the congregation still retain their old positions. The roof and walls are varied; in some places as flat and level as art could make them, in others beautifully vaulted and arched; some are pure white in colour, and others perfectly black; in some cases black and white appear side by side, forming fancied resemblances to beasts, birds and men; but the most beautiful effects are produced by the exuding from the roof, of liquid, impregnated with various salts and lime. These form crystals, sometimes as corrugated pillars, rocks and alabaster flowers, and are termed stalactites, sometimes they rise from the floor and proceed upwards, these are termed stalagmites."

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"The Star Chamber has a ceiling composed of black gypsum, studded with innumerable white spots. The guide takes away all the lamps, and, descending behind a rock, leaves all in absolute darkness. He then, from his concealed position, throws the light on the vaulted roof. For a moment every one imagines that he is gazing up into the heavens, and that he sees innumerable stars shining on him through the darkness. The guide then passes something over the lamp, and a heavy cloud is seen slowly crossing the sky, thus completing the illusion, and making one imagine that a storm is approaching. He then proceeds further away, through a subterranean passage, to a lower cavern. In a minute he reappears, a great distance off, and slowly approaches, raising the light as he advances, and the visitor stands watching the dawn of a new day, and the rising of the sun."

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"Proctor's Arcade, named in honour of the proprietor, is the most magnificent natural tunnel in the world. It is 100 feet wide, 45 feet high, and nearly a mile in length; the ceiling is perfectly smooth, the walls are vertical, and present the appearance of having been chiselled out of the solid rock. When lighted up with a Bengal light, it is magnificent beyond description. At Wright's Rotunda, another light shows forth that chamber in all its grand proportions. It has a ceiling of 400 feet span, without a single pillar to support it; from this point seven avenues branch off.

We must not follow the doctor through all the intricacies of this stupendous piece of Nature's handiwork, but must content ourselves with quoting two more short passages:—

"No place, no castle, ancient or modern, can rival in beauty or in grandeur these halls and corridors of the Mammoth. There is a never ending variety; on one side we have lofty domes, on the other bottomless pits. Now we come upon the murmuring brooks and leaping cascades, and to 'roaring rivers.' The most magnificent dome is 250 feet, and is viewed from a terrace 40 feet from its base, at the left of it are five large Corinthian columns, cut out of the solid rock. The awful sublimity of the scene when strongly illuminated, exceeds any thing ever pictured by a mind frenzied by opium or hasheesh. Many of the chambers have stories attached to them, one has even a romance:—In Gothic Chapel there was once married a young lady. She had a true lover, but inexorable parents, who bound her by a solemn oath never to marry him, on the face of the earth. The young lady fulfilled the letter of her vow, for she descended into the earth,—and here, in Gothic chapel, married the man of her choice. No description—even the most detailed and minute—can impart the feeblest conception of the immensity, the grandeur, the awful sublimity that is revealed at every step. One hundred and fifty avenues have been explored, estimated to extend to above 100 miles. Yet we are told there are hundreds of other avenues that have never been entered. The shortest route that visitors are taken, occupies five hours in travelling—the longer one twelve hours. The impression produced on the mind by such a marvellous work of Nature's rearing will never be effaced while life lasts. One comes away with a more humiliating feeling of his own feebleness and smallness, and with a more profound sense of the wondrous nature of the power by which he is surrounded. But another feeling mingles with this, and takes from it its sting: 'Man is not the servant but the interpreter of nature,' and is raised by virtue of his worth and intellect above the blind forces that work around him."

SEGONTIUM LODGE, No. 600, CARNARVON.

Much interest was excited on Thursday, 14th inst., by the attendance of the Freemasons in full costume at the funeral of the late Bro. Thomas Williams, foreman in the shop of Mr. Lewis Lewis, draper, Bridge-street, Carnarvon. He died suddenly, after a very brief illness, and being highly esteemed by the brethren of the Segontium Lodge, in which he was a junior Officer, a large number of the fraternity assembled to pay him the last mark of respect in their power. The Lodge having been duly opened in the Castle, the brethren marched two-and-two to Bridge-street, the van being led by two officers with drawn swords, while the rear was brought up by four Past Masters bearing the Holy Bible on a cushion, with the W.M. in close attendance behind. In this order they headed the long procession through the town to the cemetery at Llanllyfni, where the W.M., standing at the head of the grave as chief mourner, was permitted, by the kind courtesy of the authorities, to recite the special Masonic office customarily used at the interment of a deceased brother. The ceremony being concluded, the brethren returned in the same order, when the Lodge was closed in due form.

NOTHING TO DRINK.—It may be said of many persons that it is almost literally the case they have nothing to drink, or nothing that they can drink with a regard to either their constitutions, safety, tastes or pockets. Certain persons have their choice of beverages limited by order; this person dare not drink beer; that cannot take sherry or port; another touches claret or hock, champagne or Moselle at a perilous risk to health; cider or perry must be eschewed by many, and water in several localities is strictly tabooed; but there are many people who may have all these beverages, and a thousand others into the bargain, if only they can afford to buy them—and so on *ad infinitum*. We have said enough to show that, at all events, at the dinner table this cry of "Nothing to drink" is by no means uncommon, and experience teaches us that the classes uttering it with most reason are persons with delicate constitutions.

It is, however, a remarkable fact that, ever since the existence of "Merrie England," we have had, growing in luxuriant abundance at our very feet, what, if carefully selected and judiciously and properly used (instead of being misused, as is generally the case), would be a remedy for this state of things. In the midlands,—

"When the breath of English meadows
Is fragrant on the breeze,"

there abounds an almost inexhaustible supply of cowslips, and from these, it is now an established fact, can be produced a light, delicate, wholesome and slightly sparkling wine, especially adapted and highly recommended for the above-mentioned classes. Particularly in Leicestershire do cowslips abound and attain the necessary degree of perfection for the production of wine, and we are glad to bear testimony to the fact that Messrs. Mott and Co., of Leicester, after much study and scientific application, are enabled to offer to the public, at the moderate price of 16s a dozen, wine which far exceeds, in excellence and medicinal properties, the cowslip wine generally made.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—It is indisputable that the dark and dreary days of winter depress the mind and disorder the body, the most certain precursors of sickness, which will assail those who disregard, at such times, the all-predominative necessity of purifying, regulating and strengthening the various organs of the body, whose functions are deranged. Holloway's remedies present the most safe and effectual means of attaining these ends. They cleanse the blood from any taint, the body from every noxious matter, and exert such a general good effect on the system, that indigestion, biliousness, headache, dimness of sight, loss of appetite, debility and nervousness disappear under the influences. These pills may be relied upon by both sexes, under all climates and circumstances.

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Old Warrants.

No. 49.

243, 260, 318 "Ancients" 306, 328, 403 at the "Union of 1813," No. 216 from A.D. 1832, and No. 184 from A.D. 1863 to the present time.

AUGUSTUS FREDERICK, G.M.

TO ALL AND EVERY OUR RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, WORSHIPFUL AND LOVING BRETHREN.

WE, PRINCE AUGUSTUS FREDERICK, OF BRUNSWICK, LUNENBURGH, DUKE OF SUSSEX, EARL OF INVERNESS, BARON OF ARKLOW, KNIGHT OF THE MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE GARTER, &c. &c. &c.

Seal

GRAND MASTER

OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND

SEND GREETING,

WHEREAS, Warrants of Constitution under the hands of the Grand Masters for the time being, and the seal of Masonry, bearing date respectively the thirteenth day of December One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty-seven, the sixth day of April One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety, and the twenty-eighth day of February One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-nine, authorizing and approving certain Brethren therein named, and their Successors, to form and hold Lodges of free and Accepted Masons, at Chatham, in the County of Kent, and which Warrants are respectively registered and numbered in the books of our Grand Lodge Nos. 306, 328 No. 216 and 403. And whereas, the Brethren composing the said several Lodges, in the Year One thousand Eight hundred and Twenty-four, agreed and resolved to unite, and henceforth to form one Lodge only, and for that purpose did apply to us for our sanction and authority so to do, and at the same time surrendered up the said recited Warrants, to be cancelled. And we having approved the proceeding did accordingly grant a Warrant of Confirmation and Consolidation, under our Hand and the Seal of our Grand Lodge, bearing date Seventeenth day of April, One thousand Eight hundred and Twenty-four, authorizing the Brethren therein named, and their regular successors, to hold the Lodge under the title or denomination of the Chatham United Lodge of Benovolence, and which was then Registered in our Grand Lodge Records No. 306, and which, by the general alteration of numbers, in the year One thousand Eight hundred and thirty-two, became No. 216. And whereas the said Warrant of Consolidation hath, by accident, been much defaced and obliterated, the Brethren have by their Memorial petitioned Us to grant them a renewed Warrant, upon the surrender of the said Warrant of the Seventeenth of April One thousand Eight hundred and Twenty-four, Do hereby grant this our Warrant of Confirmation unto our Right trusty and well-beloved Brothers, Charles Thomas, Thomas Mould, Richard Wells, Smithers Aldis, John Say, Daniel Christopher, William George Setley, composing the said Lodge, authorising and empowering them and their successors to assemble and hold a Lodge of free and accepted Masons in the town of Chatham aforesaid, at such times as to the Brethren thereof shall appear necessary, and be regulated by their Bye-Laws, and then and there, when duly congregated, to make, pass, and raise Free Masons, according to Ancient custom of the Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And further, on the Petition of the said Brethren, we do appoint the said Charles Thomas to be the Master, the said Daniel Christopher to be the Senior Warden, and the said William George Setley to be Junior Warden, for continuing to hold the said Lodge until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed, strictly charging that every Master who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge shall be installed in Ancient form, and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his office, the said Lodge to be upon the General Register of our Grand Lodge No. 216. And we do require you the said Charles Thomas, and your successors, to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are, or have been, regularly made Masons, And that you and they, and all other the members of the said Lodge, do observe, perform, and keep the said Laws, Rules, and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions, and all others which may, from time to time, be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us, or our successors, Grand Masters, or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. And we do enjoin you to make such bye-laws for the Government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to, or inconsistent with, the General Laws and regulations of the Craft, And a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such bye-laws and regulations, as also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge, to be entered in books to be kept for that purpose. And you in no wise to omit to send to us, or our successors, Grand Masters, or to the Right Honourable Lawrence Lord Dundas, or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being, at least once in every year, a list of all the members of your Lodge, and the name and description of all Masons initiated therein, and Brethren who shall have joined the same, together with the fees and monies payable thereon, it being our will and intention that this our Warrant shall be in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our said Grand Lodge. And you the said Charles Thomas are further required, as soon as convenient may be, to send us an account in writing of what may be done by virtue of these presents.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge, at London, this 24th day of July A.L. 5833, A.D. 1833.

By Command of the M.W. Grand Master,

DUNDAS D.G.M.

WILLIAM H. WHITE, EDWARD HARPER, } G.S.

The present title, No., &c. are, the "United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence," 184, Old Brompton, Kent.

No. 50.

No. 199, "Ancients;" No. 247 at the "Union of 1813," No. 174 from A.D. 1832, and No. 149 from A.D. 1863.

TO ALL AND EVERY OUR RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, WORSHIPFUL AND LOVING BRETHREN.

WE, PRINCE AUGUSTUS FREDERICK, OF BRUNSWICK, LUNENBUGH, DUKE OF SUSSEX, EARL OF INVERNESS, BARON OF ARKLOW, KNIGHT OF THE MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE GARTER, &c. &c. &c.

Seal

GRAND MASTER

Of the Most Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

SEND GREETING.

WHEREAS, it appears by the records of our Grand Lodge, that a Warrant bearing date 1st of April 1777 was issued, under the Seal of Masonry, enabling certain brethren therein named to open and hold a Lodge of Freemasons at the sign of the Cock, in the Town of Barnsley, in the county of York, which Lodge was afterwards removed to the town of Dewsbury, in the said county, and was then No. 199, 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. 247, and now meets at Honley, in the county of York, aforesaid.

AND WHEREAS, the brethren composing the said Lodge have by their memorial, dated the 30th day of May 1821 last, represented to us that their said Warrant hath, by some accident, been lost or destroyed, and they have, therefore, prayed us to grant them a Warrant of Confirmation.

NOW KNOW YE, that we being satisfied of the reasonableness of the said request, do hereby grant this our Warrant of Confirmation unto our right trusty and well beloved brethren Hamor Hanson, Thomas Beaumont, James Taylor, William Hawxwell, Davied Redfearn, John Marsh, George Kay, William Sanderson, and the other brothers composing the said Lodge, authorising and empowering them and their successors to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Woolpack Inn, at Honley, near Huddersfield, under the title or denomination of the Lodge of Peace, at such times as to the brethren thereof may appear necessary, and then and there, when duly congregated, to make, pass, and raise Freemasons, according to the ancient custom of the Craft in all ages and nations throughout the known world. And further, at the petition of the said brethren, we do appoint the said Hamor Hanson to be the Master, the said Thomas Beaumont to be the Senior Warden, and the said James Taylor to be the Junior Warden, for opening and holding the said Lodge, and until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed, strictly charging that every Master who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge shall be installed in ancient form, and according to the laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may be thereby fully invested with the dignities and powers of his office, the said Lodge to be upon the general register of our Grand Lodge No. 247. And we do require you the said Hamor Hanson, and your successors, to take special care that all and every the said brethren are or have been regularly made Masons. And that you and they, and all other the members of the said Lodge do observe, perform, and keep the laws, rules, and orders contained in the Book of Constitutions, and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or our successors Grand Masters, or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. And we do enjoin you to make such bye-laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the general laws and regulations of the Craft, and a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such bye-laws and regulations, and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge, to be entered in the book to be kept for that purpose. And you are in no wise to omit to send to us or our successors Grand Masters, or to the Right Honourable Lawrence, Lord Dundas, our Deputy Grand Master, or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being, at least once in every year, a list of the members of your Lodge, and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein, and brethren who shall have joined the same, together with the fees and monies payable thereon, it being our will and intention that this our Warrant of Confirmation shall be in force so long only as you shall conform to the laws and regulations of our said Grand Lodge. And

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you the said Hamor Hanson are further required as soon as conveniently may be, to send us an account in writing of what may be done by virtue of these presents.

Given under our Hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at London, this First day of June, A.L. 5821, A.D. 1821.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,

DUNDAS, D.G.M.

WILLIAM H. WHITE, EDWARD HARPER, } G.S.

The present title, No., &c. are the "Lodge of Peace," No. 149, Meltham, West Yorkshire.

No. 51.

No. 113, "Ancients;" No. 138 at the "Union of 1813," No. 109 from A.D. 1832, and No. 90 from A.D. 1863.

GRAND MASTER KELLY

No. 113

WM. OSBORNE D.G.M.

WM. DICKEY S.G.W. DANIEL GUMNERALL J.G.W.

To all to whom it may concern.—We, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin, at York, in the year of our Lord 926, & in the year of Masonry 4926, in ample form assembled.

The Right Worshipful & Right Honourable Thomas Erskine, Earl of Kelly, Viscount Fenton, Lord Dittenweem, &c. Grand Master of Masons. The Worshipful Brother Wm. Osborne Depr. Grd. Master. The Worshipful Brother Wm. Dickey Senr. Grd. Warden, & the Worshipful Daniel Gumnerall Jr. Gd. Warden, with the approbation & consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities & Suburbs of London & Westminster. Do hereby authorise & empower our Trusty & Well-beloved brethren Mr. Edward Payne one of our Master Masons, Mr. John Gillett his Senior Warden, and Mr. Wm. Meek his Junior Warden, with others, good and faithful brethren. To form & hold Lodge of Freemasons aforesaid, at the sign of the Maypole, in town of Greenwich & County of Kent, & in the sd. Lodge, when congregated, to admit & make Freemasons according to the most ancient & honoured custom of the Royal Craft, in all ages & nations throughout the known world, & we do hereby impower our well beloved brethren Messrs. Edward Payne, John Gillett, & Wm. Meek (with proper assistants), To nominate, chuse & install their Successors, whom they shall invest with their powers, dignities, & this Warrant, as Masons, & such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse & install their Successors, &c. &c. Such installation to be upon (or near to) every ST. JOHN'S DAY during the Continuance of this Lodge for ever.

Provided the above named Brethren & their Successors always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force or virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge in London this 19th day of May, in the year of our Lord 17[illegible], & in the year of Masonry 5763.

LAU. DERMOTT G.S. (L. S.)

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered Grand Lodge, Vol. 4, Letter D.

The present title, No., &c. are, The St. John's Lodge, No. 90, Aldersgate-street, London.

THINGS WORTH REMEMBERING.

From the *Masonic Advocate*.

THE present month, of all others of the year, is the most important as affecting the welfare of the Craft generally. The election of officers for the ensuing year, in all the Lodges, occurs during this month, at the last stated meeting previous to the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, 27th December. Every experienced Mason knows that the prosperity of a Lodge depends very much upon the character and ability of those who are chosen to rule over it, and hence there is no act that a member is called upon to perform that carries with it results of more vital interest to Masonry than when he deposits his ballot for one of its principal officers. As the chief officer, the Worshipful Master holds the station of first importance, and, as is generally the case, there being but a few members who are eligible to the place, it is most difficult to fill with just the right man. Having made the best choice that can be had under the circumstances, the election of the Wardens, next in order, is of scarcely less importance, for they are thus made eligible to the higher position. They should not only be competent to serve in the South or West, but should possess those peculiar qualifications necessary to preside in the East. Never lose sight of the fact that from among those who have served as a Warden, must come the future Worshipful Masters of the Lodge.

For Treasurer, vote for a brother whose word is as good as his bond. For Secretary, elect a good business man; one who is a good collector, and one who can attend regularly all the meetings of the Lodge. His office is really next in importance to that of the Worshipful Master. If the balance of the officers are to be elected, vote for those best qualified for their respective places, and always for those who are most regular in their attendance. Vote for no one simply because he wants an office, or because he is thought to be a good fellow, for such qualifications alone do not make an efficient officer. Let him earn the position first, by giving evidence that he possesses the necessary qualifications, or has the zeal to acquire them if elected. Above all, beware of those who are seldom seen in the Lodge-room, except on election nights, or immediately preceeding them, for the chances are that their chairs will be often found empty. Do not accept an office yourself when not qualified to fill the place, unless you intend to qualify yourself at once, nor then unless you will be so situated that you can generally attend the meetings of the Lodge during your term of office.

If you have no official position, remember that the officers, however well qualified, can accomplish but little without the hearty co-operation of the members. Give them your earnest support at all times, and be ready to perform such duties as may fall to your lot whenever called upon.

INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE BRITISH UNION LODGE, No. 114.

THE regular meeting was held on Thursday, 28th December, at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, when the installation of the W.M. elect took place. The V.W. Grand Secretary of England, Bro. J. Hervey, having accepted an invitation to be present, and to act as Installing Master, a very large number of members of the Craft attended. Amongst those present were—The V. W. Grand Secretary, Bros. J. Hervey, Rev. J. J. Burton W.M., Rev. J. B. Tweed W.M. elect, who is also P.G. Chaplain of Suffolk, C. Schulen P.M. Treasurer, W. Spalding P.M. Secretary; Bros. H. C. Casley S.D., Ridley King J.D., and G. S. Elliston I.G. The Past Masters of the Lodge present included Bros. P. de Laing Long, Dr. Elliston, W. Boby, Emra Holmes, P. Cornell, A. J. Barber, H. Harris, and J. South. The members of the Lodge included Bros. T. Clement Cobbold M.P. for Ipswich, Captain J. Parsons R.N. of H.M.S. Porcupine, Dr. A. Meadows P.G.S., Rev. T. G. Beaumont, Rev. G. N. Godwin, S. Shortridge, C. J. Meadows, J. Watkins, and E. W. Butler. The Visitors were Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Deputy P.G.M. of Suffolk, Dr. Muir P.M. 593, Dr. A. Fleming P.P.G.S.W., W. D. Paine A.P.G.D.C., G. Croswell P.M. 959, N. Tracy P.M. 376, J. H. Staddon I.P.M. 376, W. Daking W.M. 225, T. R. Elkington 376, &c., &c. Bro. W. Clarke P.G.D.C., was also present, and acted as Director of Ceremonies.

The Lodge having been opened in due and ancient form, and the ordinary business gone through, Bro. J. Hervey proceeded to perform the ceremony of the installation of Bro. the Rev. J. B. Tweed, which the worshipful brother well executed. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. H. Miller jun. S.W. (in his absence through illness W. Boby being invested), H. C. Casley J.W., C. Schulen Treasurer, W. Spalding Secretary, G. S. Elliston S.D., S. Shortridge J.D., S. W. Butler I.G., the Rev. T. G. Beaumont Chaplain.

Bro. P. de L. Long, in a few well-chosen words, asked the Lodge to accept a rule which had been presented him as Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes in connection with the Masonic Institution for Girls.

On the motion of the W.M., a vote of thanks was heartily accorded to the Installing Master for fulfilling the office on this occasion, to which Bro. Hervey responded, expressing the happiness he felt to be of service to the Craft.

Lodge having been closed in ancient form, the brethren retired to the banqueting room, where the usual loyal and Masonic toast list was gone through, interspersed with some choice music, Bro. C. Cooke presiding at the pianoforte.

BRO. SIR MICHAEL COSTA.—Sir Michael Costa has never married. He lives unostentatiously, but with such elegance of artistic and social refinement as befits one so distinguished by natural gifts and studious accomplishments. A brother, Mr. Raphael Costa, known in musical circles as a skilful amateur, is his constant companion. Sir Michael's compositions are in style eclectic, and his musician-like quality appears to most advantage in his two oratorios, with their splendid orchestration, beautiful melodies, fugal choruses, and melancholy recitatives. He is courted by the aristocracy, and enjoys the esteem of his Royal patrons; has few intimate friends; is steadfast and honourable; at home, courteous, and entertaining by his intellectual charms; in public and in his business, austere and distant. The secret of his success may be found in his truthfulness, industry, knowledge of details, perfect discipline, determination to know neither friend nor enemy in the orchestra, and, above all, to that mysterious magnetic influence which alone can rule and sway, and fashion the stubborn materials of diverse humanity.—From *Cassell's National Portrait Gallery* for December.

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THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON.

AS this is the last working day of the year, we take the opportunity of wishing all our readers all those good wishes which are usually described as the "Compliments of the Season." They have stedfastly supported us in our struggles to make this journal a success, and many among them have been most energetic in the assistance they have rendered. If our prospects are brighter now than at any previous period in our career, the gratification is due at least as much to their kindness as to our own perseverance. We have done our best, and they have shown their appreciation of that best by helping us to the utmost of their ability. We thank them, one and all, and trust the new year which we enter upon on Monday will be one of prosperity and unalloyed happiness to the Craft universal.

OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE QUEEN, contrary to her usual custom of late years, spent Christmas at Windsor Castle, where the regular festivities connected with Yuletide were faithfully observed. One of the consequences of Her Majesty's remaining has been, that the State apartments were closed to the public on Boxing-day, when ordinarily there is a great influx of visitors into the town. The Prince of Wales has been, and indeed now is in residence at Sandringham. The usual distribution of Christmas fare was made in His Royal Highness's presence, so that all on the estate might thoroughly enjoy themselves at this festive season.

We feel we owe some apology to our readers for making such frequent references to the weather. It is necessary, however, we should repeat the infliction, for this once only at all events, though what we are are about to say must not be regarded as news. Our announcement is simply to the effect that the weather has not been seasonable, not like the Christmas weather we read about in story-books, and which the longer we live the more firmly we believe is, after all, mere moonshine. A genial Christmas out-of-doors is a thing of the past. Our forefathers, many generations since, may have known what it was to have sharp, crisp, frosty weather, but it is not our good fortune who live in these degenerate days. At all events people who are desirous of knowing when the last genuine Christmas visited us, must go back a matter of over twenty years, when, if we remember rightly, there was a long and sharp winter of the right sort, that is as far as snow and ice are concerned. This year we have had slush and rain, varied, on Saturday evening, with what we must describe as a very

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sorry apology for snow, which, the next morning, in those places where traffic had not disturbed it, had a very dirty, disreputable look about it. Boxing-day, however, was an improvement on Christmas-day—at least till the evening came, when the rain again descended in torrents. Holiday-makers, however, made themselves as merry as circumstances would permit. If Englishmen had not the knack of enjoying themselves under most depressing circumstances, this happy little country of ours would be about the most miserable on the face of the earth. Of course in the evening the said holiday-makers flocked in numbers to the different theatres, especially to those among them which, like Old Drury, Covent Garden, the Standard, Britannia, &c., made a point of having Pantomime for the entertainment. At the first of the theatres we have enumerated the piece may be described by its short title of *The Forty Thieves*, and here the Vokes family are in their glory. Mr. Fred. Vokes turns his legs, if not inside out, at all events in such strange ways that at times they may be mistaken for a revolving spindleshaft. His three sisters comport themselves as genially, and act as well as ever we have seen them, and so does his brother, Mr. Fawdon Vokes. The harlequinade is under the direction of the veteran Mr. John Cormack, whose name for years has been quite a household word in connection with pantomime. At Covent Garden the piece is called *Robinson Crusoe*, at the Standard *Open Sesame*, at the Surrey *Jack and Gill*, at the Britannia *Turlututu*, at the Grecian *Grim Goblin*.

But while in our cosy homes and at our various places of amusement there have been all kinds of feasting and merriment, there have been many disastrous occurrences both by sea and land. The weather—which we have already described as unseasonable as regards Christmas—has been terrible along our coasts, and even inland places have suffered considerably. There have been several wrecks, attended in some cases with loss of life as well as of property, while in others the latter only has perished, the men having been rescued from impending death by the gallant services of our life-boat crews. Then, on Saturday, a fatal collision occurred on the Great Northern Railway, within a short distance of Hitchin, by which five persons—namely, the driver and stoker and three passengers, were killed outright, while a number of other passengers, some dangerously, some seriously, injured. The accident was caused by an express dashing at full speed into a luggage train, which was being shunted across the down line. The destruction of the company's property was very great, and the scene immediately after the catastrophe is described by eye-witnesses to have been appalling. These are sad things to record at the festive season of Christmas.

But to pass to livelier themes. On Wednesday, our patriarchs will have their annual entertainment at Croydon, and doubtless there will be a sufficient muster of visitors to do honour to so important an occasion. We sincerely hope so, for nothing gives us greater pleasure than to witness the rejoicing of our old friends. A goodly programme was prepared for them at the last summer and winter festivals, and a bird whispers to us that the present will not fall short in merit of either of its immediate predecessors.

The same day a special communication of Grand Lodge has been appointed, by Lord Carnarvon, to be held, in order to receive the report of the Special Committee appointed to consider the best plan for commemorating the Prince of Wales's safe return from India.

Weston's second attempt, at the Agricultural Hall, to walk 500 miles—or rather on this occasion the distance was 505 miles—has proved a failure, only 460 miles having been covered within the allotted time. Considering that he had completed 400 miles by the end of the fifth day, this is less than was generally expected. His three opponents, Parry, Ide and Crossland, among them accomplished about 486 miles, thus exceeding Weston's distance by 26 miles. They became, therefore, entitled to the three prizes of £60, £30, and £20 respectively, together with the additional £25 each as their united distances exceeded Weston's. From an observation the latter made in a short speech at the end of his performance, we should gather that a match to cover 505 miles in six days, is in contemplation, when our pedestrians will have a chance of pitting themselves against him.

On Saturday, at the very time the Plenary Conference at Constantinople was holding its first meeting, a number of salutes announced to the Plenipotentiaries and the inhabitants of the Turkish capital that a new and extremely liberal Constitution had been granted to all his subjects by the Sultan. This, then, is the first act of the new Grand Vizier, Midhat Pacha. His second has been to annul the Irade issued some time since by his predecessor, Abdul Aziz, declaring that only one-half of the interest payable to the holders of Turkish Bonds would be paid them. As regards important news relating to the crisis, there is little that is trustworthy. A monstrous shave appeared a day or two since, to the effect that Lord Salisbury had had an interview with the Sultan, and announced that if the programme agreed to by the six Powers was not accepted, he and the embassy would leave Constantinople, and the British fleet be withdrawn from Turkish waters. We do not imagine that Lord Salisbury is the man to have taken newspaper correspondents into his confidence, and have told them what he had not yet told the Sovereign to whom he is accredited. There is an etiquette in all these matters which an English gentleman is not likely to overlook. Beyond other vague rumours, there is nothing to record at the moment of writing.

It is announced in the *Keystone* that the regular Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held on the 6th instant, when the usual election of Grand Officers for the year, commencing on St. John the Evangelist's Day, the 27th instant. M.W. Bro. Robert Clark was re-elected Grand Master, Bro. James Madison Porter Deputy Grand Master, Bros. Nisbet and Dick Grand Wardens, and Bros. Patten and Thompson Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary respectively. At the same time Bros. Landenslager, Griscom, Britain, Harrold and Strickland were re-elected Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, and Bros. Perkins, Thompson, Prevost, Howell, and Roberts Trustees of the Girard Bequest. The next important business of the meeting was the reception of the Report submitted by the Committee as to the proposed revision of *Ahiman Rezon*. On the motion of Past Grand Master Lamberton, and at the instance of the Committee itself, the Report was referred back to the Committee, which, till June next, will receive through the Grand Master all amendments that may be suggested by Lodges or individual brethren, and report thereon at the Communication to be held next September, when five printed copies of *Ahiman Rezon*, as finally determined by the said Committee, will be forwarded to all Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvanian Grand Lodge. Meanwhile, a circular letter will be addressed by the Grand Master to all the Lodges, earnestly requesting their consideration of the revision of the work, and their fraternal help in the suggestions of any further amendments that may seem advisable. It is further arranged that the Committee, which had hitherto consisted of seven members, should be enlarged to thirteen. The attendance was numerous, and everything passed off most harmoniously.

A Masonic Conference, which was attended by the representatives of nearly every Lodge in the eastern districts, has been held at Grahamstown, for the purpose of considering a letter which had been received from the Grand Lodge of England, recommending the district to select one of its most able men for the office of District Grand Master for the Eastern Province of South Africa. The Conference took place in the Albany Lodge, No. 389, and out of 20 Lodges on the roll 13 were duly represented. Bro. C. J. Egan, M.D., M.A., of King William's Town, and P.M. of British Kaffrarian Lodge, No. 853, was nominated and recommended to the Pro Grand Master Earl of Carnarvon as the designate of R. W. District Grand Master for the Eastern Province of the Cape of Good Hope.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P.) and the D.P.G.M. (Bro. W. Hickman), performed the ceremony of installing the W.M. of the Clausentum Lodge, Woolston, near Southampton, on Monday, the 18th of December. The W.M. (Bro. F. A. Rosoman) appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bro. Captain T. H. M. Martin, R.N., I.P.M.; Bro. George J. Tilling S.W., Bro. R. R. L. Rosoman J.W., Bro. Captain R. W. Evans Treasurer, Bro. H. Phillips P.M. Secretary, Bro. E. A. Andrews S.D., Bro. W. H. Chapman J.D., Bro. J. Methven I.G.; Bro. E. Waters D.C. Subsequently the brethren adjourned to the Woolston

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College (lent for the occasion by Bro. J. Methven), where a splendid banquet was provided by Bro. Dartnell of the High-street, Southampton.

The festival of St. John was celebrated on Wednesday by the St. John's Lodge, Melrose, to the number of between 80 and 90, marching in procession, headed by the 4th Roxburgh (Hawick) Volunteer band, thrice round the Market Cross, and then making a circuit of the town. After dining in the Corn Exchange the procession was resumed, each member being armed with a flaming torch, and again the Masons perambulated round the Market Cross. Thereafter the Abbey was visited, where the customary parade was gone through, amid a fine display of fireworks, which, in combination with the torchlight, illumined the ancient ruin to great advantage.

We are pleased to announce that the annual Christmas treat to the annuitants of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place on Wednesday next, at the Institution, Croydon. We understand that some of our energetic brethren have provided an amusing entertainment. As usual, Bro. Terry, the worthy Secretary, who will be assisted by Dr. Strong, will conduct the proceedings.

The first meeting of the brethren who have kindly accepted the office of Steward for the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the widows of Freemasons, will be held on the 4th of January next, at four o'clock in the afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. Brethren who have not yet enrolled their names can do so on application to Bro. James Terry, the Secretary to the Institution.

Our worthy brother T. A. Adams P.G.P., The Octogenerian, announces his Annual Ball, which will take place on Tuesday, 6th February, at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's; an efficient body of Stewards, many of them distinguished in the Order, have consented to act, and we trust their combined efforts will ensure the success that has hitherto attended Bro. Adams' annual gatherings.

The report of the Special Committee appointed by Grand Lodge on the 6th of September last, for the purpose of recommending the most appropriate mode of recording the thankfulness of the Craft for the safe return of the M.W. the Grand Master from India will be presented to an especial Grand Lodge to be holden on Wednesday next, the 3rd January, at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., and, if approved of, the report will be recommended for adoption at the next Quarterly Communication. The Grand Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock.

MASONIC BANQUETS.

(From the Keystone).

WE have reached the season of Masonic Banquets—not that they are especially numerous, even now, but they are more frequent than at other seasons. Many Lodges meet "around the mahogany" at their annual meetings, that do so at no other time. In our opinion, such a custom is promotive of genuine Masonic feeling, and strengthens the mystic tie between brethren. In proof of this fact we propose to consider some of the pleasures of the table.

How refreshing are the memories that fill our minds as we recur to the joys of our childhood's home, when we gathered, a gay and loving band, around our father's board, and feasted not less upon a mother's cheerful converse, than upon the viands her love and care had prepared. Sometimes they portray the scenes of later days, when fatigued with the toils of the day, hungry and thirsty, we sought at night our sheltered home. How refreshing the welcome that greeted us! How quickly was the whole current of our feelings changed! A table arranged with neatness, and prepared by generous hands, awaited us—what though it was spread with a simple, or scanty fare? Love prepared it. Love presided over it. Beaming happy faces surrounded it. Cheerful voices mingled over it—faces all the brighter for our coming—voices whose cheerful tones awakened a responsive echo in our own breasts. Such a table does more than appease hunger. It refreshes the soul. It invigorates the moral and social nature. No man can come under its influence without being made happier and better. It is a school of training as well as a fountain of pleasure. How many of the vivid recollections of our childhood's home are associated with those cheerful gatherings around the family board. How many a care-worn man has been sustained by the heart sympathies—the pure and radiant cheerfulness, that pervades the circle which gathers daily around his well-ordered-table! Such a table has been styled the "emblem of home." It is more than this; it is home itself—the centre of its attraction, the radient point of its beneficent sway. It is the seat and soul of its power. *Banish this regular gathering around the family board and you banish home from our land.* If each member of the family should take his meals alone, like the prisoner in his cell, who does not feel that home would be home no longer? The sweet amenities, the unselfish courtesies, the habits of regularity which are the daily discipline of a well-ordered and happy home, would all be lost. The family board is the strongest conservator of the family tie—the legitimate fruit of civilization, the harmonizer of every domestic and social organization. It is degraded when made to minister only to the demands of appetite. It has a higher mission. Influences centre around it and radiate from it in the cementing of friendship, the nurturing of love, the healing of alienation, the cultivation of refined and genial manners, which leave their impress upon the entire character and life. Who can tell how much he owes to their constantly recurring power during all the years of childhood and the riper experience of manhood? What happy hours have we passed—what valuable lessons have we learned—what sweet communion with kindred hearts have we enjoyed around that common table in our dear old home!

Now apply these acknowledged principles to our life in the Craft. Freemasonry is a moral, intellectual, social, and convivial fraternity. It, too, should rightly esteem and judiciously profit by the pleasures of the table. Masons should meet statedly around the convivial board, not necessarily at every Lodge meeting, but certainly upon at least one occasion during every Masonic year. The annual banquet should gather together all of the brethren into a loving throng. It should seat them in an unbroken circle "around the mahogany." It should fill them with the home feeling that we experience so fully when seated at our own board, surrounded by the members of our family. Every brother is a member of the Masonic family, especially every brother who is a member of our own Lodge. Freemasons should be loth to entirely surrender their Lodge banquets. True, they should not be suffered to degenerate into occasions for gormandizing, or bacchanalian orgies. Perhaps such an experience in the now somewhat remote past led to the comparative disuse of the banquet. There was a time when knife-and-fork Masons brought disrepute upon the Craft, and when the excessive drinking customs of society were prevalent at convivial Lodge gatherings; but the times are now altered. It is no longer respectable to be either a glutton or a drunkard. A "three-bottle man" is not considered any longer the highest class of man in society. We may, then, safely indulge in the pleasures of the table. We may at least annually gather the Craft for social and convivial enjoyment—that is, we may if we have the means. Poverty and banquets are not twins. So long as we have empty treasuries we must have, so far as the Lodge is concerned, empty stomachs, and forego the social joys that are associated with the festal board. Of course we do not advocate the squandering of Lodge funds, or the wiping out of the treasurer's account. Neither a Lodge nor an individual should give a banquet without having ample pecuniary ability to do so. But wherever the funds permit it, or subcriptions are obtainable forthe purpose, we are sure that the gathering of the brethren, *en masse*, on or near St. John's Day, and their joint participation in healthful convivial pleasures, can only result in rational enjoyments that is peculiarly Masonic. The earliest Lodge record we possess, dated December 18, A.D. 1599 (Lodge of Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, No. 1 Scotland), refers to the banquet, and for many years thereafter it was deemed an indispensable adjunct to the ceremonies of the Craft, and was provided at the expense of the newly-made brethren. If there be any truth, beauty or force in the principles we enunciated in the beginning of this article, then Freemasons should be loth to dispense with Masonic banquets.

CONSECRATION OF KENMUIR LODGE, 570, SPRINGBOURNE.

THE consecration of Lodge Kenmuir took place on Friday, 22nd December 1876. The ceremony was performed in a highly creditable manner by Bro. F. A. Barrow P.G.D.M., Provincial Grand Lodge, Glasgow. In the course of the evening Bro. Barrow delivered an address on the principles of the Order, in which he strongly enjoined the brethren to maintain in all their integrity the genuine tenets of the Order, and above all to be upright and just in all their actions, and seek to feel and cultivate love to God and good-will to man. The Provincial Grand Lodge being closed, Lodge Kenmuir was opened by Bro. Aikman, who requested Bro. Gilles to confer on Bro. Barrow and the other members of the deputation the honour of affiliation, for which Bro. Barrow returned thanks on behalf of himself and the deputation, and expressed how highly they appreciated the honour conferred upon them, after which Bro. Law, in a felicitous speech, passed a high eulogium on Bro. Barrow for his eloquent and practical address, and commented in glowing terms on the zeal and interest Bro. Barrow had shown for many years towards Freemasonry.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—We understand that this prosperous young Lodge intends holding its first banquet on the 18th January next, at the Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.

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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 DECEMBER.

186—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W.

MONDAY, 1st JANUARY.

45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem, St. John's-sq., Clerkenwell, at 8. (Instruction.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
188—Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C. (Installation).

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.
189—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
461—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1379—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.

TUESDAY, 2nd JANUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
45—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
705—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1206—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.

79—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
169—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
180—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
194—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
188—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
293—St. David, Masonic Hall, Parade, Berwick.
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
946—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd JANUARY.

Special Meeting of Grand Lodge, at Freemasons' Hall, London, at 7.
193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, 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.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (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.)

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester (Emergency) at 7.
298—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hal , Dorchester.
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.
1085—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.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

THURSDAY, 4th JANUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
1426—The Great City, 111 Cheapside, E.C., at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
1480—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

31—United Industrious, Guildhall, Canterbury.
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
125—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.
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
390—Pomfret, Masonic Building, Abington-street, Northampton.
442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
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.
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.
1473—Bootle, Molyneux's Assembly Rooms, Bootle, Lancashire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1504—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery.
1509—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.

FRIDAY, 5th JANUARY.

766—William Preston, Feathers, Upper George-st., Edgware-rd. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (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.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
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's, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
709—Invicta, Corn Exchange, Queen-street, Ashford.
879—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.

SATURDAY, 6th JANUARY.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
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.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
1456—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
1108—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1302—De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.

TUESDAY.

263—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
448—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

WEDNESDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

THURSDAY.

289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
974—Pentelphia, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
K.T. 58—Fearnley Masonic Temple, Dewsbury.

FRIDAY.

242—St. George's, Victoria Room, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield.
1648—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—429—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, E. Register-street.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—332—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" R. A. 119—Rosslyn, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
TUESDAY—3 bis.—St. John's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 73—Thistle and Rose, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 87—Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, Cathedral-street, Glasgow.
" 437—Govandale, Partland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow.
WEDNESDAY—117—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Douglas-street, Partick.
" 128—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.
" 354—Caledonian Railway, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" R. A. 87—Shamrock and Thistle, 12 Trongate.
THURSDAY—27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 465—St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road, Glasgow.
FRIDAY—116—Royal Arch, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.
" 275—Shamrock and Thistle, 24 Struthers-street, Glasgow.
" 408—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 560—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" 542—Thorntree, School Room, Thornliebank.
" 553—St. Vincent, Freemasons' Hall, Dumbarton-road.
SATURDAY—28—St. John's, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch.
" 305—St. John Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.
" 459—St. John's, Freemason's Hall, Busby, 6 p.m.

CHINESE CARVING.—For Sale, an elaborately carved set of Ivory Chessmen. The Kings stand 8½ inches high, the other pieces in proportion. Knights and Pawns on horseback, all mounted on stands, with concentric balls. Can be seen, and full particulars obtained, on application to W. W. MORGAN, 67 Barbican.—*Adv.*

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Lodge St. John, 3 bis.—Election meeting of this, the oldest Lodge in Glasgow, called together a very large muster of the brethren. Bro. D. M. Nelson R.W.M., after opening the Lodge, apologised for the absence of the Secretary, Bro. Dick, who was attending the bedside of his dying father. He had that day called to see Bro. Dick sen., one of the oldest of their members, and he feared they would not see him in the Lodge again. The election then proceeded, with the following result:—Bros. Wm. Kyle R.W.M., J. Sellan D.M., David Harne S.M., Peter Brownlie S.W., J. Ferguson Treas., Wm. Checkerm Sec., A. Beddie S.D., Hugh Tennant J.D., Robert Craig B.B., J. S. Cowan Architect, T. A. Tennant Jeweller, T. F. Pollock G.M., R. D. Samuels P.G.S., G. Galloway S.S., Alex. Carrick D. of M., Jas. Duthie I.G., and A. J. Young Tyler. Bro. Nelson brought forward a case of charity, on behalf of the widow of a Brother not of their own Lodge, when the sum of £5 3s was subscribed by the brethren present. Bro. T. Smillie P.M. proposed the thanks of the Lodge to the retiring Master, not only for his conduct in the Lodge, but also for the way he had transacted its business outside. Bro. Wm. Bell I.P.M. seconded, in a speech expressive of true Masonic principles. Bro. Nelson said it was gratifying to find his conduct thus appreciated; he had during his year of office made many friends, and he would fain hope that he had made no enemies.

St. Cuthbert Lodge, No. 41.—This Lodge held a special meeting at the Masonic Hall, Kirkcudbright, on Monday, 25th December. Business—Installation of Bros. John Erskine R.W.M. and James Clark P.M. as installed Masters, now held necessary by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The installed Masters present were Bros. J. Ritchie R.W.M. of Granite Union Lodge, No. 480, Dalbeattie, and James Cowan and James McMuldrew, Past Masters of St. Cuthbert Lodge, No. 41. The following other brethren were present—John A. Osborne, William Mouncey, Laurentius Noren Secretary, J. Livingston Tyler. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Ritchie, in an excellent manner. The business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Caledonian of Unity Chapter, No. 73.—This Chapter held its regular meeting at 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on 27th Dec., G. W. Wheeler Z. presiding. There were two brethren for exaltation, and the ceremonies were performed with that completeness which can only be secured when each Companion knows his duty and is able to perform it efficiently.

St. Mirren's Lodge, No. 129, Paisley.—The meeting for the election of office-bearers of this Lodge took place on Monday evening, the 18th inst., in the Masonic Hall, 15 Moss-street, Paisley. The office-bearers present were Bros. H. S. Edmonds R.W.M., T. Bustard D.M., A. McLeod I.P.M., William Gemmell S.W., George Fisher J.W., Peter Blair Treasurer, A. McPherson Secretary, R. McLeod S.D., H. Buxton J.D., William Craig I.G., &c., &c. The attendance of brethren present was the largest ever known to assemble at a similar meeting of this Lodge, over 160 members having signed the attendance book. After the Lodge had been opened in due form by the R.W.M., and the minutes read and approved, the auditors appointed at the last meeting read their report, which showed the funds of the Lodge to be in a very satisfactory condition, there being a balance this year of £37 to its credit. The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—Bros. George Fisher R.W.M., Thomas Bustard D.M., H. S. Edmonds I.P.M., T. J. Bustard S.W., R. C. McLeod J.W., Peter Blair Treasurer, R. C. Kilgour Secretary, Rev. W. F. Mills Chaplain, Peter Moir S.D., William Russell J.D., A. Morrison S.S., W. Wotherspoon J.S., John Barnet S.S.B., Andrew Moffat J.S.B., William Scott Jeweller, William Robin Architect, C. A. Hardie Director of Music, William Craig I.G., and William Alexander Tyler. The installation of the newly-elected office-bearers was immediately thereafter proceeded with, Bro. H. S. Edmonds I.P.M. officiating. The Lodge unanimously voted from its funds the sum of £10 to the retiring Secretary, Bro. Alexander McPherson, in recognition of his highly appreciated services whilst holding that office. Some business of minor importance having been transacted, the Lodge was thereafter closed, in due and ancient form, by the newly installed R.W.M.

Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276.—The Installation Ceremony in connection with the Lodge of Good Fellowship, Chelmsford, took place on Thursday, in the Lodge room, at the White Hart Hotel, in the presence of several brethren from a distance, as well as a good muster of the ordinary members of the Lodge. The Ceremony of Installation was ably undertaken by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Grand Chaplain for England, and D.P.G.M. for Surrey. The new Master, Bro. E. Robbins, having been duly installed, proceeded to the appointment of the following officers, viz.:—Bros. E. Hunt Carter I.P.M., D. M. B. Wheeler S.W., A. F. Ginn J.W., F. Whitmore Treasurer, J. Nicholls M.D. Secretary, Rev. F. B. Shepherd Chaplain, J. S. Brown S.D., J. H. Lewin J.D., A. Durrant D.C., E. Shedd I.G., Thomas Sarel Tyler. Amongst the brethren present besides those above mentioned were W. Bro. M. E. Clerk D.P.G.M. for Essex, Bros. J. P. Sarel, W. Pullen, A. Goodchild, Captain Bannister, W. Hart, T. F. Bishop, R. W. Skelmerdine, G. Inskipp, A. Clarke, Rev. H. L. Elliot, T. J. Ralling, G. Cooper, Dr. Jackson, Rev. E. H. Crate, &c., &c. The brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet, when the usual Masonic Toasts were duly honoured.

Perseverance Chapter, No. 290, Huddersfield.—A Convocation of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, South Parade, on Wednesday, 20th December. The Chapter was opened by Comps. Wm. Schofield Z., Harrop H., and J. W. Turner J. There were also present at the business of the Chapter Comps. Wm. Smith P.Z., Joshua Lee P.Z., B. Hutchinson P.Z., C. Wheavill, E. Wall P.S., Brierley, Dyson and others. There being no candidates for exaltation, and the minutes of the previous Convocation having been read and confirmed, the only business was to hear the report of the auditors of the accounts for the two previous years, which report was unanimously accepted, it showing the Chapter to be in a most flourishing state, having a considerable amount of money for investment. The Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to the banquet, when the usual toasts were duly honoured, and a very agreeable evening was spent; each Companion going home satisfied at having enjoyed himself.

St. George Lodge, No. 333.—Held their election meeting on the 13th inst., Bro. A. Thompson R.W.M. presiding, when the following brethren were elected as officers for the ensuing year, and duly installed by Bro. T. Halkel P.M. 102, viz., Bros. James Findley R.W.M., Jas. Forsyth S.M., Robert Anderson S.W., Thos. Hill J.W., R. Fairburn Treas., A. Dunn Sec., A. McIntyre S.D., John Findley J.D., John Whinton P.M. Chaplain, C. Kennard Architect, Jas. K. Adams S.B., Jas. Grohn S.S., Wm. McLeish J.S., G. Cranslin P.G.S., A. McIntyre M. of C., G. Thompson I.G., and W. G. Hickson Tyler.

Clydesdale Lodge, No. 556.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 26th December, as owing to the lengthened proceeding at the election, the Master and his deputy were the only officers installed at the last meeting. Bro. Phillis R.W.M. now proceeded to instal the other office bearers, the list of whom appeared in our last impression. Amongst the visitors we observed the following brethren:—N. Duncan and G. W. Wheeler 78, Louis McGellan 88, J. Denby 137, D. McDougar 175, R. Jack R.W.M. 128, W. Hart R.W.M. 178, W. West 347, J. Gard 347, A. B. Fergerson R.W.M. 354, with his Warden Bro. Harley, Bro. Harley sen., C. McKenzie S.M. and others of a deputation; D. Reid R.W.M. 465, and Bros. Gould and Fife D.M., J. Fergerson D.M. 381 and J. McInnes 360, of the *Glasgow News*. After the installation, the Lodge was placed under the care of the new J.W., Bro. McKechney, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Phillis then said as they had the Master and Wardens, as well as a deputation from the Caledonian Railway Lodge 354, he would follow the old time-honoured custom of placing the Lodge in their charge for a short time. After Bro. A. B. Fergerson had taken the chair, he proposed the health of Bro. Phillis, highly eulogising his work, by which he had raised the Lodge to its present proud position. Bro. Phillis said it had been his ambition always to keep before the Lodge, whether at work or at refreshment, the three great principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, as well as the cardinal virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity; and though the Lodge had just had a sharp contest, he hoped that now all would again unite to carry these principles into practice. He knew he should have the assistance of the new office-bearers, and trusted that the rest of the members would second their efforts in the good work.

Albert Edward Lodge, No. 592.—The election and installation of officers of this Lodge took place on the 21st. Amongst those who took part in the ceremony were H. S. Edmund I.P.M. St. Mirrens 129, who acted as installing Master, J. E. Caldwell P.G.S.M. of Renfrewshire East, D. M. Nelson I.P.M. 3 bis G.J.D., L. M. McKeller R.W.M. 512 and J. Stewart 360. The following is the list of officers:—R.W.M. Robert Nesbitt, D.M. T. White, S.M. J. Clark, I.P.M. R. Horne, S.W. A. C. Kellock, J.W. Jas. Gray, Treasurer J. E. Shand, Secretary M. Nash, S.D. Walter Gums, J.D. G. Kitto, S.B. J. Gallings, S.S. R. McMillan, J.S. J. B. McKellock, I.G. G. Stein, and Tyler R. Breen. When the Board of Installed Masters was formed, Bro. L. M. McKellar, the newly elected Master of the Thorntree 512, was duly installed, along with Bro. Nisbett. Although the Albert Edward is only just formed, it promises to rival some of its compeers in Renfrewshire East, as from its situation in the suburbs of Glasgow it has a good field for its labours.

Lodge of Montefiore, No. 1017.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Café Royal, Air-street, Regent-street. Bros. J. Blum W.M., V. Myers S.W., Gulliford J.W., L. Jacobs Treasurer, E. P. Albert G.P. Secretary; and P.M.'s Bros. Grunebaum, J. Lazarus, S. Pollitzer, J. De Solla, A. Blumenthal, A. D. Loewenstark, A. Eskell, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Sampson Samuel and A. Marks, the latter gentleman being the father-in-law of the W.M. elect. Bro. Victor Myers was presented to the Lodge, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. S. V. Abrahams P.M. duly installed him into the chair, perfectly and impressively. At the conclusion of the ceremony he received the congratulations of every brother and visitor present. Bro. T. Fenn P.G.A.D.C. occupied the J.W.'s chair. There were 18 W.M.'s and P.M.'s present at the ceremony. On the admission of the brethren, the W.M. invested his officers: Bros. Gulliford S.W., J. Lazarus P.M. J.W., L. Jacobs Treasurer, E. P. Albert G.P. Secretary, L. J. Salomons S.D., Hockfield J.D., Ellis I.G., M. Levy D.C., B. Simonds and Davis Stewards, Smith Tyler. The W.M. showed his aptitude for the office by the pertinent remarks he made. Bro. S. V. Abrahams said, He had a pleasing duty to perform; to present, in the name of the Lodge, Bro. Blum with a Past Master's jewel. By the way he had performed his duties, he had won the esteem of all the brethren. The jewel he was about to present was but a feeble expression of the respect of the members. It might be of considerable value,

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but that ill represented the great jewel that lay beneath it,—The truly Masonic heart. Not only had he been the means of introducing many influential members, but he had also not been unmindful of the Masonic Charities. Bro. J. Blum returned thanks for the valuable gift. When he accepted the office of W.M., he did so with a view to benefit the Lodge, and he was pleased his duties had been done to their satisfaction, it was in every respect pleasing to hear the manner in which he had been spoken of by their worthy Bro. Abrahams. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to banquet and dessert. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. The National Anthem was then sung, by the Misses Perfitt, accompanied by Bro. Grove Ellis. The toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. was given and enthusiastically received. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, said he felt honoured by the presence of one of those distinguished brethren who had favoured them with his company, he referred to Bro. T. Fenn P.G.D.; he had only to mention the name, and all would know what he had done for Freemasonry. He would, however, not forget another Grand Officer, who was a member of the Lodge, one who they not only respected, but of whom they were proud. Bro. Fenn, who, on rising, was loudly cheered, in the course of a very eloquent speech, said he had to thank the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had spoken. He regretted the absence of Bro. John Hervey, who he said was unfortunately prevented from attending. You have among you a Grand Officer, Bro. E. P. Albert, who is known and respected by all. He felt it a great honour to be called upon to respond to the toast. Loud calls for Bro. Albert were then made, and that Brother also spoke to the toast. The W.M. proposed the newly Initiated Brethren; he was pleased to see them, their contributions to the Benevolent Fund attached to the Lodge was sufficient to show their appreciation of the obligations of Freemasonry. Bros. Samuel and Marks responded. Bro. Blum I.P.M., on rising for the first time as a P.M., had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the W.M. (Cheers.) He had seen him initiated five years since, he had carefully watched him, and he had showed his capacity for filling any office; he was one who would fully maintain the welfare and integrity of the Lodge, and he was sure the Lodge would have a happy and prosperous year. The W.M., in the course of his speech, thanked Bro. Blum for his kind wishes, he could only reiterate what had already been said; he would say deeds, not words, would be his motto, and at the expiration of his year of office he hoped to receive their approbation. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, who were so distinguished and numerous that he could not mention their several qualifications, but he would call on Bro. Myers to respond. That brother justified the call of the W.M., speaking highly of the working of the Lodge in every respect, and also of the hospitality shown them. The W.M. then proposed the toast of Bro. Blum I.P.M., who he characterised as a good Mason, and one who had discharged his duties to their satisfaction. He would indeed feel satisfied if, on retiring from the chair, he could hear the same expressions from the brethren that had greeted Bro. Blum. Bro. Blum said he could hardly find words to express his gratitude. He had to thank the Past Masters and the brethren for their kind and valuable assistance during the last twelve months. He was sure they had forgiven his shortcomings; he had the welfare of the Lodge at heart. He thanked them for their valuable presentation; he would always wear the elegant jewel with pride, in whatever country he might visit, and he would look upon it as a paramount duty to further the interests of the Montefiore Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters, he mentioned their Masonic qualifications, and particularly referred to the services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. S. V. Abrahams, P.M. Bro. Abrahams said he now felt his duties were at an end; by his observance of the manner of the junior officers—he might say every officer—they were qualified to fill any office, and he was sure they would efficiently carry out their duties. He would only be too happy, at all times, to assist them. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Wardens, which was responded to by Bros. Gulliford and J. Lazarus. Bros. J. J. Salomons and Ellis replied for the Junior Officers, and the Tyler's toast concluded a very agreeable and harmonious evening. A special musical treat was provided by Bro. Grove Ellis, who was assisted by the Misses Perfitt, Grove Ellis jun., and Mr. Field. The Visitors were Bros. T. Fenn P.G.D.C., J. Ebner, G. H. Jaffa 1579, J. Luisner 25, G. Goody 34, A. M. Cohen P.M. 205, H. Massey P.M. 619, A. G. Dodson W.M., C. F. Hogard P.M. 205 P.P.G.S.W. Essex, J. Levi 1507, Eisenstein 177, Grove Ellis 188, Lowe 205, Barnett W.M. 185, Diepenheim 188, Shnieder, Weingott, Blum late 1017.

Chiltern Lodge, No. 1470.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 19th of December, at the Town Hall, Dunstable. Present—Bros. Frederick Howell W.M., J. W. Haselgrove S.W., William Randall J.W., Otway S.D., Sinkwell J.D., Rev. C. B. Harris Chaplain, Cutler Steward, M. M. Harris I.G., T. Day Tyler, Bros. Hopkins, Benning, Stevenson, Gard, Teale, Crew, Rest, &c. Business—The Lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, when the unanimous choice of the brethren proved to be in favour of Bro. J. W. Haselgrove S.W. (P.M. No. 475), and in a few suitable sentences the W.M. congratulated Bro. Haselgrove, and that worthy brother replied. Bros. Cobley and Day were re-elected to their respective offices of Treasurer and Tyler. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Ezekiel Jones, and that gentleman was declared elected. The Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. Stevenson was raised, the beautiful ceremony being most impressively rendered. The Lodge resumed, and as Mr. Jones was present, he was initiated into our mysteries, and took his seat. The S.W. then proposed that, to mark the ending of the W.M.'s second year of office, and the high esteem of the brethren for him, and their appreciation of his excellent working, a clasp should be added to his P.M. jewel, with a proper inscription. This being seconded by the Chaplain, was carried. Bro. Howell returned thanks for the honour done him. The Lodge was then duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Saunders', Sugar Loaf Hotel, where their comfort was in every way studied by the host. Bro. Latham was present as a visitor.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday 21st inst., at the Metropolitan Club, Pentonville Road. Bros. T. Williams W.M., R. T. Kingham S.W., J. Douglass J.W., W. M. Stiles Sec., C. J. Scales S.D., W. Side J.D., H. Stiles I.G., and P.M.'s J. J. Michael and James Willing jun. Bros. Ormiston, Solomon, Wrigley, Sainsbury, Gilbert, Cook, Van Camp, Brooker, Tims jun., Baron Von Tittenborn, Little, Cooper, Tuck, Clark, Beattie, Rainey, Clare, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. T. J. Clare and S. Beattie were passed to the 2nd degree, and Messrs. T. J. Thorn and C. Killingback were initiated into the Order. The working was carefully and impressively rendered by the W.M., and the Officers were perfect. An election for Treasurer then took place, in consequence of Bro. Rose having resigned that office. The election was unanimously in favour of Bro. James Willing jun., P.M., and the W.M., in investing him with the collar, said, that ever since the consecration Bro. Willing had performed every duty the Lodge required of him, and that no better selection could have been made. They had seen what he had done, not only for the interests of the Lodge, but also how, in every respect, he had performed the duties of W.M. They were proud to see him among them in any capacity he occupied. A notice of motion was given by Bro. Kingham S.W., "That the removal of the Lodge be discussed at the next meeting." The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Cox. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. His remarks were brief, and to the purpose. Bro. J. J. Michael I.P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M. Bro. Williams had on several occasions done his work well, and all present would drink his health with enthusiasm. Bro. Williams said that he was very proud of the position he held. As W.M. of so flourishing a Lodge, his best services would ever be at their command. He was much indebted to the I.P.M.'s, in whose footsteps he hoped to tread. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge, they were energetic in all they undertook, and were never tired in working for the good of the Lodge. Bro. Michael returned thanks. The more the Lodge flourished, the more pleased the Past Masters would be. He had great pleasure in announcing that he should represent the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at the next Festival, and he would ask the brethren to contribute any sum they could afford, a vote would accrue to each donor of 5s. Bro. Michael's appeal was liberally responded to by each brother present. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiates. It was a toast all were pleased to receive. Both had paid great attention to the ceremony, and all present were proud to see them. He hoped that at a future time they would be enabled to occupy the post of W.M. Bro. Brooker here sang a very humorous song. Bros. Killingback and Thorne returned thanks. Bro. J. Michael sang the E.A. song. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Visitors, who were Bros. McKenzie 261, Winn No. 25, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. They were pleased to see them; Visitors were always welcome among them, and he hoped they would be present on many occasions. Bro. Tuck then favored the company with a capital song. The Visitors severally returned thanks, each brother complimenting the W.M. on his working, and also Bro. Michael for the interest taken by him in the Masonic Charities. The W.M. said he had great pleasure in proposing the health of the Secretary, who was unfortunately absent through illness. They had, however, among them that evening one who, by the numerous votes of the brethren, had been elected Treasurer. He referred to Bro. James Willing, whose knowledge of the duties of Freemasonry was such that they were proud he had accepted this office. He had lately been elected W.M. of a very powerful and influential Lodge; that alone would tend to shew that their interests would be carefully looked after. Bro. Stiles, as Assist. Secretary, was one who was in every way qualified to fill the office. Bro. James Willing, in an excellent and humorous speech replied, and was followed by Bro. Stiles. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Wardens, said, That however competent the W.M. might be to carry out his duties, those duties could not be performed without the co-operation of his principal officers they had performed their task satisfactorily and he hoped all would drink the toast in a befitting manner. Bro. Kingham S.W. returned thanks, he was gratified at the expressions of the W.M. and the approbation of the brethren. He, as well as his brother officers, would endeavour to follow in the footsteps of those who had preceded them. Bros. Scales and Side also acknowledged the compliment. The Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren, after having passed a very agreeable evening, separated, wishing each and all the compliments of the season and a happy new year.

Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Bros. J. C. Mason W.M., E. S. Stidolph S.W., W. J. Kemp J.W., T. J. Sabine, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex Treasurer, F. Walters P.P.G.J.D. Middlesex Secretary, C. W. Hudson S.D., H. Faija J.D., C. Grabham W.S., A. J. Hawkes I.G.; and Bros. Harding, C. Winstanley, and several others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The W.M. raised Bro. Carter to the 3rd degree, passed Bro. A. Ward into the 2nd degree, and also initiated Mr. John Simpson. One gentleman was proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The Special Grand Lodge meeting for the 3rd of January was announced, and the Lodge was closed, slight refreshment followed. The Visitors were Bros. J. W. Baldwin P.G.G.P. Middlesex P.M. 1423, J. W. George S.W. 1309, T. W. Adams S.W. 1623, and T. Knight 1326.

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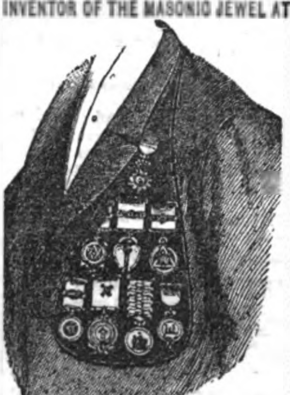
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SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

IT will be seen elsewhere in our columns that on Wednesday was held, by order of the Pro Grand Master, a Special Communication of Grand Lodge, the purpose being to receive and recommend—or otherwise as the case might be—for adoption at the next regular meeting of Grand Lodge, the Report of the Special Committee appointed to consider the most suitable way of commemorating the auspicious visit to, and safe return from India, of Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The Pro Grand Master presided in person on this important occasion, and there was a large attendance of brethren present. Lord Carnarvon, in his capacity of Chairman of the Special Committee, himself submitted its Report for the adoption of Grand Lodge. The proposition they offered was, to the effect that a sum of £4000 should be handed over to the National Lifeboat Institution for the purpose of building and endowing two additional Lifeboats, to be placed at two different spots on the English coast, where their services would be most needed, a Sub-Committee being further appointed in order to confer with the authorities of the Institution as to the fittest places for stationing the boats in question. His Lordship strongly urged on the brethren present that the proposition should be recommended to Grand Lodge for adoption at its next regular Communication, and in doing so, exhausted well nigh every argument that could be suggested in support of his motion. As regards our Charities, his Lordship pointed out, on the one hand, that they were not in need of funds. They had but to indicate to the brethren the sum that was required to keep them in sound working order, and the brethren took care there should be no deficiency in the amount required. On the other hand, this was undoubtedly an occasion on which the beneficence of the Craft might legitimately be extended to objects outside the pale of Masonry. It was a visit which had excited the enthusiasm of the whole nation, and a safe return home from which had been the subject of general thanksgiving throughout the whole of the British Empire. Thus, the appropriation of this money might be regarded in the light of a thank-offering to the G.A.O.T.U., who, in His infinite wisdom, had watched over and restored to us, in health and strength, the eldest son and heir of our Most Gracious Sovereign. The proposition was seconded by Lord Leigh, Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire. An amendment was then moved and seconded by Bros. J. G. Marsh and Baxter Langley respectively, to the effect that the Freemasons' Lifeboat, presented, a few years since, to the Lifeboat Institution, and now stationed at North Berwick, should be endowed to the extent of £1,500, that a sum of £1,000 be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and £1,000 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, while a further sum of £2,500 should be handed over to the Boys' School, for the purpose of founding, in connection with it, a Prince of Wales's Scholarship. An appeal, however, was made by the Rev. Bro. Simpson to Bros. Marsh and Langley to withdraw their amendment, and it was likewise pointed out by the Grand Registrar, Bro. McIntyre, that to move an amendment under the circumstances was out of order, as Grand Lodge had been convened with the one object of receiving the report of the Committee, and accepting or rejecting it, as might seem fit to the majority of those present. Thereupon, the Pro Grand Master submitted the report for adoption, and it was declared to be adopted unanimously, though many of the brethren gave no indication whatever of the opinion they held.

So much for the events of this Special Communication. When, however, we come to examine the character of the proposal, we confess to feeling a certain sense of disappointment. We have, from first to last, inclined to the belief that the most fitting memorial of the Grand Master's safe return from India would be a special grant of money to each of our Charitable Institutions. They sorely need it. Their sphere of operations is becoming larger and larger every year. The number of candidates for election on the lists is always hugely in excess of the number of vacancies. True, the subscriptions and donations of Craftsmen are on a very munificent scale. But we may not always be in a position to reckon on a continuance of this munificence. A time of commercial distress, or a grave political crisis may so affect the ability of Craftsmen to contribute, that, with all their old will to give as freely as ever, they may yet lack the means to do so. In such case, the benefits of our Institutions must be curtailed, at a time when those benefits are most likely to be needed, or the Institutions must use their invested moneys, or, having none, run into debt. Our Charities are not endowed, at least to any appreciable extent, as are so many other similar institutions scattered throughout the country. They depend for the greater part of the funds necessary to maintain them in good working order on voluntary contributions. Any increase, therefore, of their invested moneys, how small soever, speaking comparatively, it might be, would be of infinite and lasting service to them. There is, be it remembered, no narrow-minded selfishness in advocating gifts of so special a character to our several charities, nor need such gifts be absorbed in the general body of donations, and so lose their distinctive character. A Prince of Wales's endowment fund for each of our Charities would be a fitting memorial of an event in his life we are all so anxious to commemorate, worthy alike of the Body which grants it and the Grand Master in whose honour it is granted. This, in our honest opinion, would have been the most suitable way of commemorating the visit and return home, and we regret the Special Committee have not elected to recommend some such proposition for acceptance by Grand Lodge.

As to the proposition itself, as submitted and approved, and now only awaiting confirmation at the meeting of Grand Lodge in March next, taking it on its merits, and apart from the views to which we have already given expression, we do not know of any proposal more likely to command general acceptance. The Institution, whose funds it is thus proposed to augment so considerably, is one of the noblest of which even England, with all its splendid charities, may honestly feel proud. Its labours are arduous and unceasing, and the services it renders to our common humanity are such as must command the admiration of the whole world. Those whose knowledge of the seas which gird this happy little island of ours, is derived from a holiday visit to one of our fashionable watering-places, can form little idea of the dangers which await the tempest-tossed mariner when he finds his ship driven, slowly perhaps, but surely, towards our rock-bound coasts. And those, too, whose experience of ocean-travel is limited to a pleasure trip on board some yacht or passenger-boat at the best season of the year, can in no wise gauge the perils which those encounter who man the lifeboat in order to rescue their fellow creatures from a terrible death. There is, indeed, no service so skilfully and courageously per-

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formed as that of our Lifeboat Institution, and it is certain there is no service for which there is greater need. The lifeboats stationed along our coast-line are numerous, but not numerous enough for the demands that are constantly being made upon them. Many a stout ship goes down, many a score of lives are lost which would be spared to us were the means of rescue more numerous. The dreadful accounts of disasters which have figured so conspicuously in our daily contemporaries during the last few days are evidence enough that we are still insufficiently furnished with life-saving apparatus. Therefore it is we have said there is no Institution throughout all England we should more gladly see benefited substantially than the Lifeboat Institution. The whole world will, to a certain extent, benefit by the gift, and Grand Lodge will have the gratification of feeling that it has adopted a right worthy plan for commemorating the most auspicious event in the recent history of our Craft, though not, in our opinion, *the* most worthy. Nor must it be forgotten that, barely two years since, when a proposition was made to vote £100 from Grand Lodge funds towards the endowment of the existing Freemasons' Life Boat already referred to, the motion was rejected, one of the grounds urged against the proposal being that the funds of Grand Lodge were intended for Masonic purposes only. Thus, by their present action, our rulers are to some extent stultifying themselves. The endowment of our Charities is a legitimate Masonic purpose, and certainly the endowment of Lifeboats is as much outside the main object of Freemasonry now, as in the first quarter of the year 1874. We repeat our opinion, that the Masonic Charities should have received, each of them, a handsome contribution from Grand Lodge Funds, to be known always as the Prince of Wales's Endowment. But as this, it seems, is not to be, we cannot but state our belief that the Special Committee have made the second best proposal it was in their power to make.

TOLERANCE AND INTOLERANCE.

OUR readers must not run away with the notion that all Masons practise what they profess. We are no more free from human infirmity than the rest of our fellow-creatures. We all of us have our special idiosyncracies, and are not always sufficiently careful to sink them in the company of our fellows. Were brethren as disposed to study the beauties of Freemasonry as they are prone to cultivate the fourth degree, the Fraternity would rub on the better for this disposition. But precept and practice do not always go hand in hand together; there is even at times a very strong antagonism between the two. We ought to be perfect illustrations—as perfect, that is to say, as men can be; we ought, we repeat, to be perfect illustrations of all the cardinal virtues; but we are not, and perhaps in no one particular do we more exhibit the innate weakness of our humanity than in the tenacity with which—paradoxical as it will seem to many or most of our friends—we cling to the vices of tolerance, and neglect the virtues of intolerance. We are tolerant to a fault in many instances—that is, we exhibit forbearance towards many things and on many occasions which we have no business to, or, at all events, which it were better we should not, exhibit. We are also intolerant to a fault—that is, we are not always as forbearing towards our fellows as we should be. This is what we mean by saying that we cling to the vices of tolerance, and eschew the virtues of intolerance, so that our readers need have no fear on the score of our perfect orthodoxy. But to the proof of our proposition.

Is it not within the knowledge of every one of our readers that all of us endure what ought not to be endured, on the plea that harmony and good fellowship require us to do so? We see around us brethren who are as careful in ignoring the fundamental principles of the Craft, as they should be in observing them. We give them all credit for possessing the will to observe them, but they lack the courage to exercise that will. They allow the natural vices of their disposition to ride roughshod over the beautiful teachings of our Society, and the consequence is their whole Masonic career is, in very truth, a lie. Setting aside the infirmities of our humanity, for which, indeed, we have already made sufficient allowance, we find there are many who neglect their duties, or defy our principles almost as a matter of course. For instance, we are enjoined to study the doctrines of Masonic science, yet we study them not, or only in a perfunctory sort of way. We are taught to speak well of a brother in his absence as well as in his presence, and if that cannot be done honourably and with propriety, to observe silence! Yet there are far too many who are slanderously given; or, we should rather say, there is a good deal of backbiting among Craftsmen. It is gently insinuated by some one that Bro. So-and-So is not the model Mason he appears to be. True, he is active and attentive in the fulfilment of his duties, but then he has some purpose to serve in being so. He is a subscriber to our Charities, but he takes good heed beforehand to satisfy all his own luxurious wants. He is a zealous official, but in private life he has, or is said to have many and great infirmities, and to indulge them incontinently. These backbitings, of course, are only ordinary weaknesses to which all men yield more or less at home, but the Mason who yields to them is guilty of a two-fold crime. The religion he professes teaches him to behave towards others as he would have others behave towards himself; and the Masonic obligations he contracts long after he has imbibed his first lessons of religion enjoin on him the fulfilment of the same righteous duty. There is, then, in the case of the Mason who neglects the observance of what he has been taught is right, in the first place, an infraction of religious duty, and secondly an infraction of Masonic duty, the latter being, in our opinion, the more blameworthy of the two, seeing that, in a certain sense, Masonry is higher than any or all religious faiths. It includes them all, for no man can become a Mason who does not at least solemnly declare himself to be of some religious persuasion. And as the whole is greater than any one of its parts, so is Masonry, in this sense, greater than any or all of the religions it includes, or requires its members should profess. Far be it from us to prefer, ordinarily, a system of morality to any religious creed. We are merely now indicating that the Brother who violates his Masonic oath—and the backbiter does so unquestionably—is doubly guilty, towards his religion and towards Freemasonry. Moreover, there is no such thing as free will in being a religious man — the *forms* of religion are a matter apart and may justly be left to one's own conscience—but men become Freemasons voluntarily. We are, however, digressing, and must return to the main purpose of our article. We have said there is much backbiting among Craftsmen. There is also much ostentation, which exhibits itself principally in a love of vain display. The original simplicity of the Craft is lost sight of in the painful eagerness with which so many among us strive after Masonic decoration. We see no particular harm in a brother wearing a score or two of jewels, but we see great harm in the jewels being assumed to be the evidence of a Mason's worth. The Charity Jewel, for instance, was instituted as a reward for meritorious exertion in the cause of our Institutions, but many brethren virtually purchase the right to wear them. They serve the requisite number of stewardships, paying their own subscriptions, but concerning themselves little about the further duties of the office. There are numbers of brethren who wear several P.M.'s jewels. In many instances they are the just reward of superior merit, but in many also they are merely the evidence that the wearer has been W.M. of, and subscribes to, a corresponding number of Lodges. Sometimes, too, we see a brother wearing a P.M. jewel, who, during his term of office as W.M., properly fulfilled no single duty of the Mastership, and who is, in fact, almost as ignorant of Lodge duties as the initiate of yesterday. We are not citing imaginary cases, but cases which are generally known to have occurred, and we ask our readers, is it not carrying Tolerance to a fault when we sanction or connive at these evils? We go further, and ask, Is it not worth while making a vigorous effort to repress them? The backbiter would soon find his occupation gone if brethren resolutely declined to hear his tittle-tattle. The silly ambition to be covered with jewels and gold would quickly give place to loftier and worthier aims, if the practice of wearing so many decorations were discouraged. As a rule, men in high places in the State are simpler in their habits and personal adornment; the higher their position, the greater their merit. Let this be the case in Freemasonry. Let a brother's worth be judged more by his ability, and less by the number of his jewels, and we shall approach more nearly to the true principles of our Craft.

The endurance of these evils of which we have spoken is one of the foremost vices of Tolerance. Let us now turn

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for a moment to what we have called the virtues of Intolerance. We have said there are many among us who are intolerant to a fault, who make no allowance whatever for the frailty of human nature, but condemn utterly, without one spark of charitable feeling, the faults to which this or that brother is unfortunately given. This kind or degree of intolerance is the least likely to prove of any effect, the last that will bring about a reform in the conduct of the condemned brother. Intolerance becomes a tyranny when it closes all the avenues against his reinstatement in the good graces of the Craft. It was said, on a certain memorable occasion, by one of the greatest teachers of Morality the world has ever seen—by *the* greatest Teacher in the estimation of some hundred millions of our fellow-creatures—"Let him that is without sin cast the first stone." This implied that before utterly condemning, before showing ourselves wholly intolerant towards the sins which others commit, it is well we should bear in mind that we are not ourselves entirely without stain. When, then, a brother errs in his conduct, let us not send him to Coventry, but rather encourage him, by that kind forbearance which a sense of our own frailty will suggest, to repent him of the evil he has done. The just condemnation of human error must be tempered with mercy, which blesseth him that showeth it as well as him towards whom it is shown. It is no duty of ours to condemn utterly the man who has sinned. Charity—that Charity which is the proudest boast of our Freemasonry—requires rather that we should encourage him to abandon his evil ways. We must be intolerant of error, but virtuously so; and this is what we mean when we exhort our friends to remember the virtues of Intolerance. We have a mind to prolong the subject, but we have said enough to fulfil our original aim, which was to show that even the virtue of Tolerance may have its vices, and the vice of Intolerance its virtues. As Charity is the mainspring of Freemasonry, and the avoidance of error and the encouragement of rectitude are among the leading principles which Charity inculcates, we exhort our readers to be neither tolerant nor intolerant to a fault; and we do this in the name of that Charity without which Freemasonry is nothing worth.

Le Monde Maçonnique announces, that with the concurrence of Grand Master Mazzoni, the Lodge *Tito Vezio*, of the Orient of Rome, is about to establish a Masonic Mutual Benefit Society, and that, in all probability, it will be a great success. The same journal announces that Bro. Pasquali, of Turin, is engaged in writing a history of Piedmontese Freemasonry, and also that a certain militant priest of Corsica is about entering the lists against Freemasonry, and will commence his onslaught by translating the pamphlet of Bishop Dupanloup.

The *Masonic Jewel* for last month records the death of Bro. Dr. John Dove, Grand Secretary of the Masonic Grand Bodies of Virginia, at the ripe age of eighty-four. Bro. Dove was, it seems, the oldest Grand Secretary in the world at the time of his decease, having been elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Virginia in 1813, and of Grand Lodge in 1832. In 1822 he was a Deputy District Grand Master, and had also at different times held the offices of Grand Junior and Senior Deacon, and Grand Junior Warden. He was the author of several Masonic works, the most valuable among them being his "Masonic Text Book," containing a history of Freemasonry and Digest of the Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. He was born in Richmond, Va., in September, 1792, and was initiated into Freemasonry in St. John's Lodge, No. 36, of that city, in 1813. He joined the Randolph Lodge, No. 19, at an early date, and remained a subscriber to both these Lodges till his death. He was also honorary member of several Lodges and Chapters, and two Lodges in his native State bear his name. One who knew him well speaks of him thus: "Dr. Dove was a model man, kindly, courteous, intelligent, and considerate to all; he was an honour to his native City and State. But it was as a Freemason he was best known. Never father loved a child more devotedly than John Dove loved Masonry. Never child loved a father more devotedly than the Masons of Virginia loved John Dove." He was buried with Masonic honours by St. John's Lodge, No. 36, assisted by the Grand Lodge of Virginia and the Masonic bodies in and near Richmond.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE PROPOSED INDIAN THANKOFFERING.

ON Wednesday evening an Especial Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, was held at Freemasons' Hall to receive and consider the Special Committee's Report on the most appropriate mode of commemorating "the Most Worshipful Grand Master's safe return from India." The Temple was thickly filled, and a great many of the brethren could not obtain seats. The Earl of Carnarvon, Right Worshipful Pro Grand Master, presided, having the Earl of Donoughmore S.G.W. in his place, Bro. F. Pattison as J.G.W., Lord Leigh as D.G.M., and Lord de Tabley as Past G.M. Among the other brethren who were present were Bros. Æ. J. McIntyre Q.C. G.R., the Earl of Limerick, Sir Albert Woods (Garter) G.D.C., Dr. Rhys Williams A.G.D.C., Gen. Brownrigg Prov. G.M. Surrey, Capt. Platt P.G.D., Bro. S. Tomkins G.R., Rev. Sir J. Warren Hayes, Bros. W. Gauz, Brackstone Baker, Clabon, Joshua Nunn, Rev. R. J. Simpson, Bro. Grissell, Revs. C. J. Martin, S. R. Wigram and C. W. Arnold, Bros. Hervey Grand Secretary, S. Rawson P. District G.M. of China, Rev. A. B. Frazer, Bros. Boord M.P. G.D., A. J. Filer P.G.S.B., Cottebrune, James Mason, James Glaisher, J. A. Rucker P.G.D., Thomas Cubitt P.G.P., Joseph Wright, E. P. Albert, S. G. Foxall, Raynham Stewart, J. M. Case G.D., &c. The dais was quite full.

After Grand Lodge had been formally opened, Grand Secretary, by direction of the Earl of Carnarvon, read the following report of the special committee:—"The committee have carefully considered the matters submitted to them, and beg to report as follows:—1st. That the sum of £4,000 be voted for the Royal National Life-boat Institution, for the purpose of founding two life-boat stations in perpetuity, and in such localities on the English coast as the sub-committee hereinafter mentioned shall decide; 2nd. That a sub-committee, consisting of the Right Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and the Right Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon, be appointed to wait on the Secretary of the Royal National Life-boat Institution, with full powers to arrange all matters as to locality, details, &c; 3rd. That a memorial tablet be erected in Grand Lodge in commemoration of the event."

The Earl of Carnarvon rose, amidst loud cheers, to propose, "That this report be now received, and that the scheme which it proposes be recommended for adoption to the next Quarterly Communication. In doing so he said that his general duty in that chair and his desire was to act simply as a speaker, to offer no personal opinion, and not to influence in any degree the resolutions which might be arrived at. His general duty, to which he desired to confine himself, was to regulate the proceedings, and to see that they were conducted with that propriety and dignity which befitted this great meeting of Freemasons of England. But on that evening there were exceptional circumstances, and he passed beyond all that limit and took upon himself, as chairman of the special committee, to make a special and exceptional recommendation to Grand Lodge. Under those circumstances he asked the brethren to give him that cordial support which he had invariably met with at their hands. The committee, of which he was the chairman, met, and he wished, in the first instance, to do that committee the simple justice of saying that no inquiries could have been fuller, no discussions could have been more exhaustive, no attention could have been more patient than that which the committee gave to the question before them. They were a committee which represented very fully the opinions of the Craft. Each separate opinion that could find favour with the Craft, either in its general body or in its individual section, were fully brought forward and discussed, and he had now, as the chairman of the committee, to present the brethren with their resolutions, which embodied in fact the report which had been read by the Grand Secretary. The cause of their attendance in Grand Lodge that night was due solely and entirely to himself. He felt—and felt strongly—that in a matter of this sort and of this importance, where such an unusual course was proposed, it was due to the Craft that every conceivable opportunity for discussion should be afforded, and the fullest publicity granted, that no one should have a right hereafter to say that a course had been adopted without the full knowledge and sanction of the Craft, as represented in Grand Lodge. This was his excuse for putting the brethren to the trouble of coming to an especial meeting of Grand Lodge. He hoped that the resolution which he proposed would meet with no opposition. He did not ask this for himself, though he was entitled to look for the brethren's support; but he asked it in consideration of the importance of this question, and above all of the illustrious person in whose name and for whose sake he was now proposing it (hear, hear). It was not so long since his Royal Highness made that most remarkable progress through India that he need recall any of its special incidents to the brethren; it was doubtless fresh in their minds how his Royal Highness passed through the length and breadth of that wonderful—he might almost say fabulous—empire, which it was the boast and glory of the English Crown to hold as its own. They would remember how he passed from one native state to another; how the whole pageantry, so to speak, of Indian pomp, was unrolled before him; and how he, the first of English princes, became acquainted, as it were, both with the public and the private life of the great chiefs of that vast dependency (hear, hear.) It was not merely a matter of private interest and of legitimate curiosity; he fulfilled from his (Lord Carnarvon's) point of view a great public duty (hear); he learned a lesson that no books, no public offices, no documents could possibly have taught him; he saw the inner life of India; and he returned more fitted to advise and to govern than when he left these shores. He discharged a great public duty, and he discharged it well; and when he returned to this country he met with a welcome and a reception such as no Prince of Wales ever met with before. From one end of the country to the other there ran a thrill of congratulation that he had been preserved through all the difficulties and the perils of this long journey, and that he had been restored, as they truly hoped, for the good

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and the welfare of the country. But if that was the welcome throughout the length and breadth of the land, nowhere was it more strongly felt, nowhere was it more heartily expressed, than it was among the Freemasons of England (hear, hear). Their object that night was to find some means by which they could, so far as they were concerned, erect a memorial of that successful progress of their illustrious Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; and at the same time record their thankfulness to the Great Architect of the Universe that it had pleased Him to preserve his Royal Highness through all those perils and difficulties, and restore him back to us in England. As far as finance was concerned there was no difficulty. Happily for Freemasons, unlike almost every other society, this difficulty did not exist. Their funded property afforded them the means of being just and even generous. Their annual surplus was not less than £3,000. The difficulty really was, according to an old French proverb, the embarrassment that proceeded from an excess of wealth. It was difficult to select the object to which their money should be appropriated. At former meetings of Grand Lodge there was some difference of opinion on the point. Many different schemes were proposed, all admirable in themselves. It had been proposed to devote a sum to the restoration and decoration of certain old churches that were more or less connected with Masonry. It was also proposed, at another time, to devote a certain portion to the foundation of scholarships. It was also proposed (and this had at one time found great favour with him) to appropriate it to the charities of Freemasonry (great cheering). He perfectly understood that cheer, and heartily sympathised with it. Had he seen his way to devote this money to the charities, he should have been the first to come forward and give his voice in favour of it. But it was not from want of consideration or predilection for that course that he had come to a different conclusion. If they adopted that course they must either create a new charity, give to one of the old charities exclusively, or divide among the three charities equally. He was opposed to the foundation of a new charity, and he thought the Grand Lodge would not be prepared to devote the money to one only of the existing charities. As to its being divided among the three charities, it appeared to him that it would then be a paltry sum. The charities were the great jewel in the Masonic crown, and if any money was wanted for them it could be got immediately by the voluntary subscriptions of the craft. In illustration of this he submitted to the brethren an experience of his own. He took the chair for the Boys' School the year before last, and over £13,000 was raised on that occasion. Did they mean to tell him, or any one else, that the Boys' School needed the paltry addition of £1,500? If the Boys' School needed funds they had nothing to do but to appeal to the Craft for what they wanted. Therefore he appealed to the brethren not to do the Masonic Institution the wrong and the injustice of applying this money to them; let them not stop the free flowing fountain of benevolence which was ever running in their behalf. The object of the present vote was to record a particular event in history in which the Grand Master of Freemasons played an important part. He thought the brethren had gone along with him so far. He would ask what were the objects to which they should look in this case? They were—Firstly, that any memorial they might create should be special and definite; secondly, that it should be lasting; thirdly, that it should be inseparably connected with some great case of charity; fourthly, that it should go beyond the bounds of the Craft, and embrace the whole nation; and, lastly, that it should be connected with something in which they knew the Grand Master took a lively interest. The present proposition satisfied all these conditions. This memorial would be lasting; it would not be only for a few years one that was to be the sport of the winds and waves, to be worn and torn, and to disappear in time; but it was to last in perpetuity, and to record, as long as the waters washed our shores, the intention and purpose of Grand Lodge. He had gone into the matter carefully, and he found that by arrangements with the Lifeboat Institution they could, for £4,000, furnish two life-boats. The cost of one boat would be about £550; her transport to her place of destination, £150; a building for housing her from decay £350. Her maintenance would be £70 a year, which would require £2,000 at 3½ per cent.; but as the Life-boat Institution extended over a large area, they could afford to do it at a cheaper rate, and they would pledge themselves for £1,000 a year to maintain the life-boat. Therefore, £4,000 would be enough for the two. He thought this was a very satisfactory bargain. He was aware that in a matter of this sort one person would like one thing, and another person another; but he would put it to them that they should forego to a certain extent their own individual opinions. They were met together for a great purpose, and had no private or selfish interests or objects in view. He would exhort them to endeavour at once to act with unanimity. He thought that the foundation of two lifeboats would satisfy all the conditions he had mentioned. It was special and definite, lasting and permanent, and unquestionably charitable. It was national as well as Masonic, and no one could doubt that the Prince of Wales took the liveliest interest in it, because on one occasion he had Presided at its Anniversary Festival. They would not go far astray in giving it for the endowment of two lifeboats. The gift would be made in the cause of Masonry. Masons were on board most ships, labouring in many a gale. Those who had heard the howling of the wind during this last week, those who had listened to the touching services in many of our churches,

"For those in peril on the sea,"

still more, those who, under such circumstances had had a father or mother, brother or sister, relation or friend, on board those ships, would feel that such a grant as he now asked the brethren to make did not really fall beyond the circle of Masonry. True it was that in a certain sense such a vote appealed, beyond Masonry, to the whole outward world, and he, for one, rejoiced when, once in a way, they could put forth a hand to the outer world, and show they were united to it by the common ties of humanity and sympathy—that they could give the lie to what had been so often urged against the Order, that it was a mere selfish body, actuated by selfish motives and selfish feelings. He rejoiced to give a practical proof in refutation of such a vile calumny as that. Sometimes it was said that Masonry was a mere benefit society. Freemasons, who knew its principles better, and saw its workings more intimately, were aware that there was no truth whatever in such an assertion, and he ventured to think that they who that night recorded by their vote their assent to his proposal would do a great and signal service to English Freemasonry throughout the whole of the world. One word more. This proposal might be better, or it might be worse; he believed it to be good; he believed it to be one of the very few proposals which could be made that on the whole comprised all the conditions that he had mentioned, and which recommended it alike to Freemasons and to others for the objects it had in view. He ventured to put it to Grand Lodge that this vote should be absolutely unanimous. He trusted sincerely that there would be no one single voice raised in opposition to it. Under ordinary circumstances he courted criticism, he rejoiced in criticism, but he would ask them, that, having remitted this question to a Committee, that Committee having given the fairest, fullest, and most impartial consideration to it, the brethren who had appointed the Committee should forego, so far as they conscientiously could, their individual desires (which, he admitted, were perfectly legitimate in every one), and, if it was possible to do so, give the resolution a cordial and unanimous approval. He asked this, not for the sake of the Committee, not for the sake of the Chair from which he was addressing them, but specially for the sake of the particular object they had in view, and of the illustrious person their Grand Master, with whom that object was indissolubly connected, and for whose sake he would not have, if it were possible, the slightest difference of opinion on the subject (loud applause).

Lord Leigh seconded the motion. He regretted very much the absence of the Deputy Grand Master, who was to have seconded the resolution. He was pleased, however, himself to have the honour of doing so, but his task was an easy one, as the noble Earl had fully, ably and feelingly gone into the whole subject. He must, however, be permitted, on his own part, and on behalf of the Province over which he had the honour of presiding, for six and twenty years, to express the great pleasure it had given him to hear read the resolution which had emanated from the Committee. He agreed with all the remarks of Lord Carnarvon when he said he rejoiced to think that they stepped beyond Masonry with the proposed memorial. He agreed with the noble Earl that it was an unusual subject, and that they ought to show the great world outside Masonry that they were capable of stepping outside their circle, and associating others than their own body with them. The three great Masonic Charities were nobly supported, and if they wanted more support they could not require that paltry £3,000 or £4,000 which was represented by this vote. Lord Carnarvon had said that there were many Masons on board different ships; he, Lord Leigh, might go beyond that, and say that there were tens of thousands of their brethren on the broad seas who might require their assistance; on this ground, therefore, he appealed to his brethren to carry the resolution. He could not conceive a more English mode of assisting charity than for such a great maritime nation to assist their brethren on the seas. He might add for himself, and also for his Province, which numbered a very large body of Freemasons, that they all most cordially agreed with the proposition which had been made. (Applause.)

Bro. W. R. Marsh, amidst loud and continued expressions of dissent, addressed Grand Lodge in opposition to the vote, and submitted an amendment, to the following effect: That £1,500 be applied to endow the Freemasons' Life Boat already stationed at North Berwick. That £1,000 be given each to the Girl's School and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and £2,500 to found a Scholarship for the Boys' School, this amendment Bro. J. Baxter Langley seconded, upon which Bro. E. J. McIntyre explained that an amendment could not be received, whereon Bro. Marsh moved that the report be referred back to the Committee. However, Bro. J. Baxter Langley and Bro. Marsh subsequently withdrew their amendment, and the resolution was put to Grand Lodge and carried unanimously, amidst hearty cheering.

The Earl of Carnarvon complimented Bro. Marsh and Dr. Baxter Langley on their good feeling, which, he said, all the brethren appreciated; and he requested Grand Secretary to make a formal note that the resolution had been accepted unanimously.

We learn from the *Masonic Journal* of Greensboro', N.C., that the Grand Lodge of North Carolina held its ninetieth Session at the Hall in the City of Raleigh, on Tuesday the 7th ultimo and three following days. The Grand Master, Bro. Geo. W. Blount, presided, and was supported by his Grand Wardens and other Officers, there being present about two hundred representatives of the Lodges under this jurisdiction. On the second day, the Grand Officers were elected for the ensuing year, namely, Bro. H. H. Munson, Grand Master, and Bros. R. M. Hardee, and J. C. L. Gudger, Grand Senior and Junior Wardens respectively, while Bros. W. E. Anderson and D. W. Bain were re-elected, the former Grand Treasurer, and the latter Grand Secretary. The various Committees having delivered their several reports, and Grand Lodge having accepted them, in some cases with, in other cases without amendment, and having promulgated certain resolutions thereon, the installation of the Grand Officers was held on the evening of the third day. On the last day, further business was transacted, and the Lodge was then closed in ample form and amidst the greatest harmony.

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PROVINCE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

CONSECRATION OF STARKIE LODGE, No. 1634.

ON Wednesday, 27th ult., the anniversary of the festival of St. John, a new Lodge was consecrated and constituted at the Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom. Hitherto there had been no Masonic Lodge in Ramsbottom, and brethren resident there had to travel a number of miles, either to Bury on the one hand, or Haslingden on the other, in order to participate in the proceedings incident to the mystic Craft. Wednesday's ceremony was numerously attended, and passed off with great eclat. About ninety of the brethren were present from different parts of the province of East Lancashire, including the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Colonel Le Gendre, N. Starkie R.W. Provincial Grand Master, William Harrison S.G.W., of Samlesbury Hall, near Preston, Thomas Charlton G. Registrar, Manchester, John Tannah G. Secretary, Bolton, W. O. Walker S.G.D., Bury, John Pilling G. Superintendent of Works, Bacup, C. M. Jones G. Director of Ceremonies, Rochdale, J. H. Sillitoe assistant ditto, Manchester, James Mills G.S.B., Heywood, Thomas Hargreaves G. Organist, Haslingden, Westray Bonn assistant G. Pursuivant, Bacup, Rawdon Ashworth P.G.S., Joseph Handley P.P.G. Treasurer, Bury, Henry Maiden P.P.G.S.B., Bury.

The proceedings commenced about half-past two o'clock in the afternoon. Bro. S. Perritt P.M. opened a Craft Lodge to the third degree, after which the R.W. Prov. Grand Master and his officers were admitted in procession, and Bro. Le Gendre Starkie having taken his seat in the W.M.'s chair the ceremony commenced, and was performed in a most impressive manner. Bros. A. Wroe, S. Bailey, J. Simpson and Kershaw, of Bury, sang the anthems and musical responses most effectively, Bro. J. R. Fletcher, of Bury, officiating as accompanist. The petition and warrant of the new Lodge—which bears the name "Starkie," No. 1634—having been read, and the petitioning brethren having signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant.

The Prov. Grand Master delivered a short oration on the nature and design of Freemasonry. In the course of his remarks he said he hoped that the brethren composing this new Lodge would maintain the dignity and unity which were so essential in Masonry, and which would not only be a credit to themselves, but would show to the outer world that there was something more than mere banquets. Far be it from him to say they should not have their banquets and convivial meetings. He did not see, in their own precepts nor yet in any system of morality, why men should not meet together to enjoy themselves; but when they had certain rules laid down, as they had in Freemasonry, that those enjoyments should be fraternal and rational, a Mason who outstepped them and traduced his obligations was much more culpable than the man who had never been taught them or had the principle brought before him. He wished them to be very careful, concerning character and antecedents, as to who they elected into this Lodge, so that no trouble need be experienced by having among them persons who joined Masonry for ultimate ends of their own, and not for the good of society. The Christmas of 1876 had brought to them the nativity of their Lodge, and he hoped it would be a Christmas hereafter which to the poor might be a benefit, to the oppressed a solace, and to the well-doing a source of brotherly association whereby they might receive benefit.

The remaining portion of the ceremony was then proceeded with, and the consecration being completed, the Prov. Grand Master vacated the chair in favour of the installing master, Bro. W. O. Walker, who installed Bro. Henry Heys as the W.M. of the Lodge, following which Bro. Jos. Handley invested the W.M.'s officers, viz., Bros. Thomas Peak S.W., Samuel Porritt J.W., George J. Cottrill S.D., Samuel Wilson J.D., Samuel Horrocks I.G., Lawrence Stead Ch., John Spencer D. of C., George Thorpe Treasurer, Hazell Imeson Secretary, Henry Lee Sladin Organist, Abel Booth T., John Schofield and Thomas Smith Stewards.

This being completed, the Prov. Grand Master returned his hearty thanks to the Provincial Grand Officers for the assistance they had given him, and especially acknowledged his obligation to Bros. W. O. Walker and Jos. Handley for the admirable manner in which they had performed the installation and investiture respectively. They were not, he was happy to say, under the necessity of procuring extraneous aid from other provinces. It was an honour and credit to the province to have brethren who could perform the ceremony as it had been performed that day, and it was no small gratification to him to know that he had officers under him who were capable of doing their duty, and ever willing to do it, in a manner that could not be beaten by the officers in any other province.

The Prov. Grand Master and his officers then retired, and the W.M. closed the Lodge in due form, announcing that the regular meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of every month. It may be stated that the Lodge furniture, &c., are of an unusually rich and costly description, and excited much admiration on the part of the visitors.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to St. Paul's school-room, which had been appropriately adorned, with a variety of festoons, mottoes, &c., and where a most substantial banquet was served, to a company of 93, by Bro. John Rostron, of Bolton. The chair was occupied by Bro. Heys, who was supported by the Prov. Grand Master and his officers. In the course of the evening a number of choice songs, duets, and glees were given by the vocalists already named as sustaining the musical part of the consecration ceremony, a song of Bro. J. R. Fletcher's, sung by Bro. Wroe—"Here's to his health"—being enthusiastically encored.

The W.M. proposed in succession "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master," "H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal family," "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers past and present," and "Colonel le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. Grand Master. In giving the latter toast he referred in terms of high praise to the good qualities of Bro. Starkie, and said that they must all feel that the Lodge No. 1,634 had not been misnamed in being styled after him. (Cheers.)

The Prov. Grand Master, on rising to respond, met with a perfect ovation. After some preliminary observations, he said Masonry was a system which, if properly and duly studied, would elevate a man in his social position—would elevate his thoughts and inspire him with ideas whereby he could not only ameliorate himself, but also be of great advantage to his brother citizens. Freemasonry was open to the world—to all who believe in Him who is the Great Architect of the Universe. An atheist or deist could not conscientiously enter within the precincts of their Order, but a man was allowed that grand liberty of conscience whereby he could make himself known to be a good citizen, a moral man—and there was no morality without a certain amount of religious feeling—and an obedient citizen to the civil law. Everything noble, generous, and sublime that a man could wish constituted the elements of the great cardinal virtues, the basis and bulwarks of their Order—Faith, Hope and Charity. Would anyone tell him that in this large province of East Lancashire over which he ruled—with its muster roll of 3,880 to 4,000 brethren—Freemasonry had not done good? As this was the christening day of one of the junior members of his provincial family of 84, he thought it would not be inopportune if he gave them a few statistics relative to their numerical position. There were 41 Provincial Grand Lodges in England and Wales, and 37 District Grand Lodges in the colonies and foreign parts, giving a total of 78 under the Grand Lodge of England. There were on the register of the Grand Lodge of England 1,648 Lodges, dividing which by the 78 Provincial or District Grand Lodges they had an average of 21 Lodges to each province or district. How did they stand in the province of East Lancashire? Why they had 84 Lodges, or nearly one-twentieth of the whole of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. Taking Lancashire as a whole—84 in the East, and 74 in the West province, or a total of 158 Lodges—they had nearly one-tenth of the whole of the Lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. He did not think the accusation had ever been made of Lancashire people that they were wanting either in enterprise or acumen; they did not take things up with a futile notion. It was with great pride when he came through those valleys to see how his friends had made fortunes for themselves by their industry and enterprise and knowledge of commerce; and when he found those men likewise great advocates of Freemasonry, it was still more gratifying to him that he held the high and honourable position which he had among them, because they must have taken up Masonry in a very earnest and proper sense, or he should not have found their Lodges so strong and flourishing. This portion of Christmastide had been one of the happiest days he ever spent in his life, and he thought that if Dickens, the great master of Christmas literature, had been a Freemason and could have been with them that day, and have described the proceedings of that day, it would have formed a chapter that would have been eagerly perused by the Masons of Lancashire, and never have been forgotten. It was likewise the Festival of St. John, and he had never spent a happier St. John's Festival than this one. He congratulated Bro. Heys upon being the first Master of this new Lodge, and he must also congratulate them upon the Lodge furniture. He was a sort of provincial octogenarian, and he trusted that his family of 84 Lodges might thrive apace, and that his rule over them might be long. He trusted they might steer clear of all shoals, and that they would keep their charities well supplied with funds, remembering that charity should begin at home. Let not the outer world have to accuse them of indifference or neglect in respect to poor and distressed Masons or their children. They had to be judged by the world, and the world judged very fairly by men's actions. Let them show an example to others, proving by their actions that they wished to enhance the value of morality, pay respect to religion, obey the civil law, and, whatever their political or religious opinions, prove themselves loyal and true to those who were above them; so that as they passed away they might be remembered as men who worked for the good of their country, their neighbours, and the Almighty. (Cheers.)

Bro. Peak proposed the health of "George Mellor, Esq., W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Officers, present and past," and Bro. Harrison responded. Bro. Hargreaves proposed "The new Lodge," and Bro. L. Stead responded. The Prov. G.M. gave the next toast, "The newly-installed Master," and expressed much pleasure at the selection which had been made; to which the W.M. responded in appropriate terms. "The Officers of the Lodge" was proposed by Bro. George O'Neil P.M. 191 Bury, and responded to by Bro. Peak; "Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. Heywood, of Clayton-le-Moors, and responded to by Bro. Spencer; "The Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. Porritt, and responded to by Bro. Smethurst; and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

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We must row with the oars we have, and, as we cannot order the wind, we are obliged to sail with the wind that God gives.

Nobility of birth is like a cipher; it has no power in itself, like wealth or talent, but it tells with all the power of a cipher when added to either of the other two.

Freemasonry has its history—a history full of generous and noble deeds, well worthy to be preserved and cherished through ages to come. She has survived the vicissitudes, the wars and revolutions of nearly thirty centuries; has witnessed the rise and growth of all the civilised nations on the face of the globe.

Death comes equally to us all, and makes us all equal when it comes. The ashes of an oak in a chimney are no evidence of how nigh or how large it was; it tells me not what flocks it sheltered when it stood, nor what men it hurt when it fell. The dust of a great person's grave is speechless too; it says nothing—it distinguishes nothing.—*Masonic Advocate.*

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NEW ZEALAND.

FILES of New Zealand papers to hand this week contain some items of interest to the Craft. The *Thames Advertiser* of the 17th November gives a report, extending over five columns, of the opening of a new Lodge under the English Constitution, at the Thames Goldfields, of which we give a condensed account:—

On the 16th November, the Corinthian Lodge was consecrated at the Thames. The ceremony was largely attended, not only by the Thames Masons, but by Masons from other parts of the province. The Corinthian Lodge is the first under the English Constitution started at the Thames, and the first in the North Island province since the appointment of Bro. Sir Donald McLean as P.G.M. under this Constitution. It was intended that the P.G.M. himself should have inaugurated the Lodge and installed its W.M., but Sir Donald McLean, finding himself unable to attend, appointed Bro. M. S. Leers, P.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, E.C., Auckland, acting D.P.G.M. for the occasion. The Prov. G.M. could not have made a better selection, Bro. Leers being an enthusiastic Mason, very popular amongst the brethren and thoroughly well up in Masonic usages. He was accompanied from Auckland (a distance of 40 miles) by Bro. T. Jenkins P.M. and Prov. G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, Bros. Reece P.M. Ara Lodge I.C., Dyson P.M. Ara Lodge I.C., G. S. Graham P.M., Gossett, Prince of Wales Lodge E.C., W. R. Robinson P.M. Ara I.C., Prince of Wales E.C., Dr. Dawson, Prince of Wales Lodge, Rev. C. M. Nelson, Prince of Wales Lodge. Visitors from Mackaytown and the Ohinemuri district also attended, and amongst these were Bros. A. J. Allom, D. H. Bayldon, J. Hayman, Ara Lodge, and W. Climo, Lodge of Light I.C. Bro. Keddell P.M. from Coromandel was also present. In fact, the interest shown by the brethren under all three Constitutions was most gratifying. The Sir Walter Scott Lodge S.C. and the Lodge of Light I.C. having assembled at the Masonic Hall, a Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, who read his warrant, under the hand of the Prov. G. Master, empowering him to officiate on the occasion. The following brethren were appointed to act as Prov. Grand Officers *pro tem*: Bros. G. S. Graham Prov. S.G.W., W. R. Robinson Prov. I.G.W., C. M. Nelson Prov. G. Chaplain, W. Davies Prov. S.G.D., J. Reece Prov. J.G.D., Jenkins Prov. Director of Ceremonies, A. Brodie Prov. Grand Pursuivant. The Prov. G. Lodge having been duly saluted by the brethren present, the ceremony of Consecration of the new Lodge began, and the choir sang an anthem, Bro. Bell presiding at the harmonium. The Prov. G. Chaplain read the first seven verses of the 95th Psalm, and pronounced an invocation to the Great Architect of the Universe to bless the object of the present assembly. The Grand Officers and Past Masters then marched round the hall (the choir in the meantime singing the usual music), and poured out the customary oblations of corn, wine, and oil, and the Chaplain having invoked the Divine blessing on the officers and members of the new Lodge, and on the brethren scattered throughout the world, and the usual responses and honours being given, the Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, proclaimed the Corinthian Lodge, duly constituted according to ancient usage. The Prov. Grand Chaplain then read a selection from the 8th chapter of the First Book of Kings; after which the Rev. James Hill delivered an oration. Bro. E. T. Wildman, the W.M. designate, was then duly installed into the chair of K.S., the acting Deputy Prov. G.M. acting as installing Master, and he afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. L. Ehrenfried S.W., H. Goldsmith J.W., the Rev. V. Lush Chaplain, F. R. G. Woodward Secretary, J. Osborn Treasurer, T. Bell Organist, G. Best S.D., D. Boone J.D., Hopkins I.G., O. Garrett Tyler. The brethren afterwards marched in procession to the Anglican Church of St. George, where the order for evening prayer was conducted, and the Prov. Grand Chaplain preached from Hebrews viii. 1, "Let brotherly love continue." A Grand banquet wound up the day's proceedings, this was held in the Academy of Music, where the usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured, and where the brethren spent a most pleasant evening, every satisfaction being expressed at the very able manner in which Bro. M. S. Leers had discharged the onerous duties of his office. The gallery of the banqueting room was occupied by a number of the fair sex, invited by the brethren, who appeared much interested in the proceedings.

"From all parts of the Waikato," says the *Waikato Times*, "there was a large muster of the brethren of the mystic tie assembled at Hamilton East, on the 9th November, to lay the foundation-stone of a Masonic Hall for Waikato. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren sat down to a sumptuous dinner, after which the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and responded to."

SCOTLAND.

FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN'S DAY.

ST. JOHN'S DAY is kept by most of the Scotch Lodges as a high festival. They generally speak of "St. John's Masonry," when their English brethren would describe it as Craft Masonry. From the numerous reports that have reached us we select brief notices of some of the more important meetings. In Glasgow perhaps the most influential was that of

St. John's Lodge, No. 3 bis.—The meeting was held in the Lodge's own hall, under the presidency of the retiring Master, Bro. D. M. Nelson, who said he considered it a higher honour to have been Master of this, the oldest Lodge which had preserved its ancient records, than even that of holding the position of G.S.D., to which he had been recently elected by the suffrages of the brethren in the West of Scotland.

Commercial Lodge, 360, under the presidency of Bro. J. Munro R.W.M., J. M. Oliver D.M., and other officers, also held a highly successful meeting, as did **St. Mungo, No. 27,** and **St. Vincent, No. 553.** Space forbids our noticing other of the Glasgow Lodges.

Auchterarder.—Bro. B. Malcolm was installed as R.W.M. and A. G. Reid as Secretary, after which a torchlight procession was formed through the "Lang Toun," and although the deep snow somewhat impeded the march of the brethren, yet it added to the effect of the torches.

Beith, No. 157.—After electing and installing Bro. William Gray as R.W.M. for the ensuing year, the members dined together at the Town Hall.

Creif.—Captain Moray, of Blair Drummond, was installed as R.W.M., the brethren afterwards holding high festival.

Dundee, with its seven Lodges, showed its appreciation of the day, by four of them supping at their respective Halls.

Grangemouth, No. 391.—Elected and installed Bros. Selkirk and Watts as R.W.M. and Secretary, and concluded their proceedings with a supper.

Hamilton and Hawick both had suppers, with P.G. Officers present.

Millport, though only an island, was as demonstrative as the main land. The R.W.M. elect, Bro. Wishart, was unable to be present, having met with an accident of a serious nature during a recent storm, but his place was ably supplied by the Rev. H. H. Richmond D.M., who has recently been appointed as Chaplain to the "P.G.L. of Argyle and the Isles."

Rothesay St. John's, No. 292.—At the adjacent island of Bute, the members, under the presidency of Bro. A. Duncan, to the number of about fifty, supped together at Bro. Keeble's, the Victoria Hotel. Both Lodge and Chapter in Rothesay are in a flourishing position.

Stirling No. 30.—Installed Bros. R. Brown and Hawkshire as R.W.M. and Sec., and then dined together in the Corn Exchange. Amongst the Visitors was the Provost of the borough and the Provincial Grand Master, General Sir James E. Alexander, of Westerton. No. 76 also celebrated the day by supping together at their own hall.

Thornhill No. 252.—Held its election during the day, and installed Bro. J. Sutton as Master. In the evening they had a supper, when the Master dwelt on the fact that they had a benefit society in connection with the Lodge, which had a reserve fund of upwards of £100, recommending other Lodges to follow their prudent example. The Blair Dalry Lodge, No. 290, the Melrose St. John, and several other Scottish Lodges, have also benefit societies in connection with them, the officers being elected by the Lodges, and the membership confined to the brethren of the Lodge. Some think this but a sorry kind of substitution for the English style of the Lodge of Benevolence, and the Institution so ably conducted by Bro. Terry, though most Lodges have a private benevolent fund as well, which grant relief in small sums to worthy brethren.

Thistle and Rose Lodge, No. 73, Glasgow.—Held its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., when the new R.W.M. opened it, with Bros. G. M. Donald I.P.M., A. McLeod S.W., John Kay as J.W., in place of his brother William, R. M. Richard Secretary, J. S. Ampleford Treasurer, and the rest of the Officers were in their places. Bros. James Crossley and Duncan McIntyre were raised to the 3rd degree by Bro. G. W. Wheeler, after which the brethren celebrated the new year by an hour's harmony.

St. Mungo Encampment K.T.—Held an emergency meeting on the 3rd inst., at 3 p.m. Sir Knight W. F. Shaw M.E.C. presiding, there were present Sir Knight T. Clavahan P.E.C., J. O. Park D.C., G. W. Wheeler Prelate, J. Ferguson T., J. Tweed S.C., McClanachie J.C., D. Baker 1st A. de C., H. J. Shields 33° P.E.C., Munnohutain Commander, J. Kay, J. B. Hardie, Reddie Carrie, and also, as visitors, Sir Knights D. Russel and D. Ramsey.

LODGE "CANONGATE AND LEITH, L. & C." No. 5.

ODE FOR ST. JOHN'S NIGHT, 27th DECEMBER 1876.

Tune—"*Lead kindly Light.*"—Hymns Ancient and Modern.

HAIL! holy *Light*, with *five* mysterious rays,
Nor fierce nor wan;
Monarchs have fed and prophets watched thy blaze
In ages gone:
Hail! holy Light, thou star of *brotherhood*,
O! bless us still, and guide us to the *Good*.

Hail! *Master** bright, twice *raised* to yonder *throne*
The *Light* shines on,
Thou soul of truth, that *Love* declares His own
When time is gone,
All joy be thine; oh! *reign* supremely blest,
Till angel *signs* shall *ope* the *Lodge* of rest.

Hail! *Wardens* true, and *all* the *mystic tie*
Has bound in one;
Behold the glorious *Light* that streams on high,
Each faithful son:
In compass and *on square to order stand*,
Till Death shall *knock* by the *Supreme's command*.

PETER GARDNER, *Poet Laureate.*

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* Bro. J. Laurie, Grand Secretary of Scotland.

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THE DRAMA.

The Pantomimes—Drury Lane—The Adelphi—The Surrey—The Aquarium—National Standard—The Princess's—The Strand—The Gaiety—Opera Comique—The Royalty.

RESUMING our notes on the various Christmas productions, DRURY LANE, of course, commands our first attention. The subject of the pantomimo this year—which, again, is from the pen of our perennial friend, Mr. E. L. Blanchard, is the well-known story of the *Forty Thieves*. Every one is familiar with this story, and Morgiana, Ali Baba, and Cassim are amongst one's earliest acquaintances. It is needless, moreover, to assure our readers that the tale does not suffer in the telling; for there is not a man living, if we except, perhaps, Mr. J. R. Planché, who can render an Eastern legend or fairy tale like Mr. Blanchard. The piece is full of fun and vivacity, from the first rising of the curtain to the final transformation scene. Amongst the exponents of the story the Vokes family occupy their usual foremost position. Mr. Frederick Vokes figures as Ali Baba, Miss Victoria as Morgiana, Miss Jessie as the Captain of the Thieves, and Mr. Fawdon Vokes as Hassarac. The company has been further reinforced this year by a most marvellous donkey, which certainly ought not to pass unnoticed. The animal wags his ear and winks his eye in a most knowing fashion, and his tail is a perfect cyclopædia of expression. Altogether the pantomime at Old Drury must be pronounced a most decided success.

At the ADELPHI, Mr. Chatterton presents a decided novelty. While the successful drama of *The Shaughraun* follows its course uninterrupted at night, a morning pantomime is provided for the juveniles. Unlike other pantomimes, however, it is played entirely by children. The piece is based on the story of *Goody Two Shoes*, and clever children from all parts of the country have been engaged to sustain the leading *rôles*. The idea is a good one, and the programme will probably be largely patronised during the holiday season.

Despite his recent financial embarrassments, Mr. William Holland, "the people's caterer," is once more to the fore at the SURREY. The pantomime, *Jack and Jill*, or, *Harlequin Sing a Song of Sixpence, the Demon Blackbird, and the Good Fairies of the Gold and Silver Ferns*, is the production of Mr. Frank W. Green. It is an amusing piece, with an abundance of the popular melodies of the day interspersed, and it is mounted with great splendour. Mr. Holland may be congratulated on his success.

The AQUARIUM pantomime is entitled *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*, a title that somewhat unfairly hides the fund of humour and comicality which the piece contains. The scenic effects are very fine, and the acting leaves nothing to be desired. A little army of children, clad in mail, and armed with lances, and the various other accompaniments of a mumalino Tournament form perhaps the most striking feature in the performance. But where all is good, it is difficult to award the palm of merit.

The NATIONAL STANDARD pantomime is based on the same story as that of Drury Lane, and in magnificence of scenery and splendour of appointments the one theatre may be considered not altogether an unfair rival of the other. Here the part of *Ali Baba* is sustained by Mr. Cyrus Bell, whilst Miss Rose Bell, late of the Alhambra, appears to great effect in the character of the Captain of the Forty. Miss Frederica Taylor, in the part of Hafriz (son of Ali Baba), Mr. Orkins in that of Cassim Baba, and other established favourites make a cast of even excellence throughout.

FREEMASONRY AT BEVERLEY.

From the Hull and Lincolnshire Times.

THE installation of Bro. George Ford as Worshipful Master of the Constitutional Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons took place on Thursday evening, at the Assembly Rooms, Norwood, Beverley. There was a moderate attendance of the brethren, at seven o'clock, including several Provincial and past officers, together with some Visitors from the Humber Lodge No. 57 Hull, the York Lodge No. 236 York, the Alexandra Lodge No. 1511 Hornsea, &c. The chair was taken by the retiring W.M. Bro. Tom Turner, who opened the Lodge in due form, and afterwards performed the solemn rite of installation in accordance with the ancient formularies of the Craft. The newly-installed Worshipful Master then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. Tom Turner I.P.M., Henry Grover S.W., T. C. Heselton J.W., W. E. Dixon P.M. Sec., J. F. Wynn P.M. Orator, J. Ford S.D., Findlater J.D., J. B. Naylor D. of C., Eli Bryan I.G., Thomas Marshall P.M., M. Wray Steward, Steele Caterer, and Waudby Tyler. The usual charges having been delivered, and other business transacted, the Treasurer's report was read, from which it was shown that there remained a balance of over £46 in favour of the Lodge. At the conclusion of the interesting proceedings, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Burrell, of the White Horse Hotel, where there was a goodly muster, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. George Ford. The W.M., in suitable language, expressed his thanks to Bro. Turner for the kind manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, and hoped that the I.P.M. and other officers would support him, as he felt convinced they would do, during his year of office. Bro. A. Shepherd P.M. P.P.G.S.D. moved that the very valuable services rendered to the Lodge during the past year by Bro. Tom Turner be recorded on the minutes. Although he had removed from Beverley, yet he had at some inconvenience attended meetings regularly, and had by his experienced aid rendered great service to the Lodge. (Applause). Bro. R. Norfolk P.M., seconded the motion, which was carried amidst great applause. The Immediate Past Master, in acknowledging the compliment paid to him, assured the brethren of the pleasure it had afforded him to render any little service he could to the brethren, and he hoped the time would not soon come when his interest in the Lodge should be diminished. (Applause). It had been a source of unfeigned pleasure to him to install his old friend, Bro. Ford, to whom he wished a happy and successful year of office. He was supported in the chair by Bros. S. T. Camidge P.M. P.P.G.O., W. D. Keyworth P.M. P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, Tom Turner I.P.M., W. E. Dixon P.M. P.P.G.S.D., R. Norfolk P.M., T. Marshall P.M., J. F. Wynn P.M., &c. The vice-chair being ably filled by Bro. A. Shepherd P.M. P.P.G.S.D. At the conclusion of a very sumptuous repast, the customary Loyal and Craft toasts were given from the chair and most enthusiastically received.

Bro. R. Norfolk P.M. then gave the health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Tom Turner. (Applause). They must all acknowledge the valuable aid they had always received at Bro. Turner's hands, and the efforts he had put forth for the furtherance of Masonry generally. His heart was thoroughly in the cause, and his whole actions testified that he wished to see it progress. Bro. Turner had risen rapidly through the various grades to the highest position in the Lodge, and this was due to the very high esteem in which he was held among the brethren. (Applause.) He trusted their excellent I.P.M. might long be spared to maintain his connection with the Old "Constitutional" Lodge, and that his zeal in the furtherance of the interests of the Craft would be as marked as it had been in the past. (Applause.)

Bro. Tom Turner I.P.M., in responding, thanked the officers and brethren sincerely for the support they had accorded to him during his year of office. He must say he felt some regret that he had not discharged his duties to his own satisfaction, for living out of the town it was not always possible for him to remain during the whole time their meetings lasted. That absence, however, he was glad to say, would be only temporary, when he hoped to be able to meet them more regularly. (Applause.) He should be happy to assist the new Master in every possible way; and he trusted the brethren would rally round him in such a manner as would render his year of office a happy and successful one. (Applause.) Bro. Ford had been the Treasurer of the Lodge for many years, and had managed their funds in the most satisfactory way. They were now entrusting him with higher duties, and he had every confidence their new Master would acquit himself with satisfaction to all who took an interest in the Lodge. (Applause.)

Bro. Geo. Ford W.M., who was received with prolonged applause, thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which he had been received, and assured them he should endeavour to discharge the duties of the exalted office to which they had elected him to the best of his ability. (Applause.)

Bro. J. F. Wynn P.M., in proposing the Health of the Visiting Brethren, spoke of the value of an interchange of thought and action between members of the various Lodges. Nothing more tendered to promote the grand principles that the Craft inculcated, than these reciprocal visits, not only because the brethren became better acquainted with each other, but also because they afforded an opportunity of observing the manner in which the ceremonies were conducted in various Lodges (hear, hear). By this means they caught the spirit which pervaded all the Masonic symbols, and he felt certain if they studied the principles of Masonry, as depicted on those emblems—he might say the ethetics of Masonry—it would elevate them in the standard of human excellence, and raise Masonry into that estimation which it so justly merited. It was well known that Masonry was not only the most ancient, but also the most honourable institution that ever existed, inasmuch as it inculcated the highest principles of piety and virtue, amongst all its genuine purposes (applause). He hoped they would strive to rise in intellectual knowledge, in accordance with the principles which Masonry taught them, if so, it would not only make them better members of society, but would tend to influence their homes, and make home what it ought to be, the scene of mutual happiness and love. That influence, like the circle in the water, would extend, not only to the benefit of this Lodge, but of all other Lodges, and through them to the whole human family. (Applause).

The toast, having been received with the utmost cordiality, was acknowledged in suitable terms by Bro. Camidge, P.M., P.P.G.O., on behalf of the York Lodge, by Bro. W. D. Keyworth, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. Works for the Humber Lodge, and by Bro. H. J. Amphlett for the Alexandra Lodge, Hornsea.

Several other toasts followed, and the proceedings—which were of a very harmonious and interesting description—were enlivened by some excellent songs, &c.

MISTAKES IN FEEDING FOWLS.—We need not stop to prove that as an egg contains animal food in its most concentrated natural form—a fact well known to all physicians—its regular production must demand a regular and sufficient supply of food adapted to produce it. There is an amazing difference between the appetites of hens which are not laying and those which are, or are about to commence. Hence the starving system of feeding poultry can never afford any return; and fowls which are only allowed to eat "what they pick up," will, in England at least, rarely produce anything worth speaking of. In America and the colonies, where grain is little thought of, and abounds to some extent all over the farm, or in the English stack-yard at harvest seasons, it may be different; but, as a rule, chance feeding will always result in very chance receipts, added to which birds thus left to forage for themselves will in many cases lay away, where their eggs can never be found. But in general the mistake is the other way; and with respect to adult fowls we have not the slightest hesitation in saying that at least three-fourths of all kept by the middle classes, excepting those of experienced "fanciers," have far too much to eat. Farmers' fowls get far too little; other people's mostly the reverse. They get fat; and a fat hen is never a good layer, while a pampered male bird is lazy, if not altogether useless for purposes of breeding.—*From "The Illustrated Book of Poultry."*

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A QUARTERLY General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Saturday, the 13th day of January 1877, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution, to place candidates on the list for election in April next, and to declare the number of girls then to be elected.

Also to consider the following notice of motion:—

By Colonel Crealock, J.P., Vice-Patron and Trustee:

"That the sum of £300 additional be granted to complete the amount required, agreeably to tender for the New Laundry."

R. WENTWORTH LITTLE,
P.P.S.G.W., and P.G. Soc. Middx., *Secretary*.

The Eighty-Ninth Anniversary Festival will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on 9th May 1877, on which occasion the Right Hon. the Lord Suffield, K.C.B., R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk, will preside.

Names of Stewards will be thankfully received by the Secretary, and as the School is now being enlarged to accommodate 60 additional girls, the Craft are earnestly urged to support this Institution.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION

FOR

AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THIS INSTITUTION will take place on Monday, the 12th February 1877, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, upon which occasion

H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., &c., &c.
R.W. Prov. G.M. for Oxfordshire,

has graciously signified his intention of presiding.

Brethren desirous of accepting the office of Steward upon this auspicious occasion will greatly oblige by forwarding their names, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give every information required.

JAMES TERRY, Prov. G.D.C. Herts,
Secretary.

*** H.R.H. Prince Leopold has been pleased to alter the day of the Festival from Wednesday the 14th February (being Ash Wednesday) to Monday the 12th.

4 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

EASTERN STAR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Members of this Lodge of Instruction will be held at the Royal Hotel, Burdett Road, Mile End Road, on the evening of Monday, 15th January 1877, at 7.30 precisely.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE event of the week is, undoubtedly, the solemn proclamation of Her Majesty, at Delhi and the chief cities in our Indian Empire, Empress of India. Delhi, it will be remembered, was the capital of the old Mogul Empire, of which most of the other princes of India were vassals, and from which we first obtained permission to erect factories for the purpose of trade, in the early part of the 17th century. It was, therefore, the fitting place for the most important of the ceremonials to take place, namely, that in which the Viceroy himself took a leading part. The event passed off most auspiciously. There was a grand gathering from all parts, of the principal vassals of India. The diplomatic and consular bodies were strongly represented. The splendid display made by the chiefs was in keeping with the occasion, and there was a fine body of troops, numbering some 15,000 men, of all arms of the service, present as an illustration of our Imperial Power. The Viceroy played his part vice-regally, and the usual salutes announced the event to the population of the Imperial city of the old Moguls. A new Order of Knighthood has been instituted in commemoration of the event, while numerous appointments and promotions in connection with the Order of the Star in India have further signalised it. We note, for the benefit of those who have objected to the assumption by her Majesty of the Imperial title, on the ground that the more ancient and honourable title of Queen would be lost sight of, that the National Anthem of "God save the *Queen*" was played, at the fitting moment, by the military bands. So long as our National Anthem is what it is, there need not, we imagine, be any fear of the Queenly title yielding precedence to the Imperial. The same formal proclamation of her Majesty's assumption of her Indian title was made simultaneously in Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, and other cities.

Wednesday was an important day in the history of our Craft. A special meeting of Grand Lodge was convened on that day, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Special Committee appointed to consider the fittest means of commemorating the Grand Master's visit to India. A full report of the proceedings will be found in another part of our columns, and also our remarks on the nature of the proposition, so that no further comment here is necessary.

The almost daily record of storms and inundations is very terrible to read. There has been nothing of what is known as genial Christmas weather, but a warm spring temperature and a succession of tremendous gales and storms of rain almost unprecedented, even in our fickle climate. Hardly, indeed, has any part of the country escaped without sustaining damage more or less considerable. Turn we in which direction we may, we hear of rivers rising and flooding the country for miles and miles on either side of the banks. The towns along our southern coast have suffered severely. The pier at Eastbourne has been washed away, and the officials had a narrow escape of being washed away with it. Seaford, a few miles from Newhaven, has been inundated. The piers at Brighton and Hastings experienced some rude shocks, and indeed all the favourite sea-side resorts of our London population have latterly had a hard time of it. In Scotland, the storm has been terrific. In the valley of the Thames, the country for miles around is under water, and so, too, has it been the case in the valleys in the Midlands and to the West and East of England. In London the Thames rose, in the early part of this week, and caused immense loss of property in the low lying districts, especially along the southern shore. But, fortunately, the inhabitants had received warning of the threatened rise of the river, and had made preparations accordingly. At sea, ships have been driven out of their course, and many have perished. There has, too, been serious loss of life as well as of property. In fine, we have latterly had a continuance of

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stormy weather such as few people remember to have visited us for many a long year.

From the annual report, just issued by the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, it appears that during the 52 weeks of the year 1876 the births registered in London numbered 127,015, and the deaths 77,411, the difference being 49,604, which represents, of course, the year's growth of population. This means an increase of over half a-million for the decennial period which elapses between one census and another. The birth-rate was equivalent to 36·5 per 1,000 as against 35·7 for the preceding year, while the death-rate was slightly increased, being 22·2 per 1,000 as against 21·5 for 1875. The more fatal diseases appear to have been small-pox, which shows an increase of 660 over last year; measles, which has caused 314 more deaths, and diarrhœa 320. On the other hand, scarlet fever has declined by 1,354 fatal cases, other fevers by 108, diphtheria by 187, and whooping-cough by 493. The number of marriages in the year was 33,248, of which 6,500 were celebrated in the March quarter, 8,689 in the June quarter, 8,883 in the September quarter, and 9,176 in the December quarter. Of the persons married 4,612 were widowers and 3,309 widows. While as to age 1,531 men and 5,582 women were under the age of 21.

One of those fine-spirited men of energy to whom this country is so largely indebted for its commercial success, died on Friday last, at the age of seventy-three. Sir Titus Salt, Bart., was the son of a woolstapler near Bradford, and was born in September 1803. He devoted himself in early life to the manufacture of stuffs, but his success in life is in the main attributable to his being the discoverer for practical purposes of the wool or hair of the alpaca. In 1836 he showed some cloth manufactured from this to a Liverpool broker. In 1848 he was elected mayor of Bradford. In 1851, his works at Saltaire for the manufacture of the new material were commenced, and in 1853, on the anniversary of his fiftieth birthday, they were opened for business purposes. In 1859, he entered Parliament, as one of the members for Bradford, but resigned in 1861. He was a magistrate for this town, and also on the commission of the peace for the West Riding of Yorkshire, while he was also a deputy lieutenant for the latter. In 1857 he filled the office of President of the Bradford Chamber of Commerce, and in 1869 had the honour of a baronetcy conferred upon him. His works at Saltaire furnished employment to a large number of persons, there having been, according to the last census, 820 houses occupied by 4,389 persons. In 1863 he erected baths and washhouses for his people, besides schoolrooms and a congregational church, the latter at a cost, with the site, of £10,000 In 1871 he gave a beautiful park of fourteen acres in extent for the use of the public; and, besides these acts of beneficence we have mentioned, distinguished himself by innumerable acts of charity towards the inhabitants of his neighbourhood, and especially towards his workpeople. Indeed, his contributions to charities and public donations during the last quarter of a century, are said to have amounted to some hundred thousand pounds. Be this as it may, he was a very worthy man, and deserved his success.

The year opened more auspiciously as regards the prospects of peace, now, however, the political horizon is again clouded and the outcome of the conference presents, at present, a very gloomy aspect. It is said that Turkey declines to yield on those points submitted for her acceptance which affect her Sovereign independence. In some quarters, indeed, it is rumoured that she has declined even to entertain the various propositions that have been presented by the Ministers of the Great Powers. If this be the case, the future would indeed be a sad one, for Russia, in the general opinion, has gone too far to recede from the advanced position she took up on the 1st November last. However, the armistice as between the late contending powers has been prolonged for a further period of two months, and the Russian army in Bessarabia is said to be quite unfit to take the field. It is rumoured also that Russian enthusiasm for the Slavonic cause has calmed down greatly since the return home of the officers and soldiers engaged in the recent Servian campaigns. If this be the case, and Turkey shows herself not too unyielding, there is hope after all that the peace of Europe may not again be disturbed. That the present time, however, is a critical one may be gathered from the fall in stocks which has occurred on most of the European Exchanges. One thing is certain amid all these painful uncertainties, and that is, that the conduct of our special ambassador the Marquis of Salisbury is both firm and conciliatory, as befits that of a great civilized power like ours. Whatever may betide us we shall have great reason to be proud of his conduct throughout these difficult negotiations. He has upheld the dignity of the British Crown in the most trying circumstances. It is not England that will lose in public estimation by her conduct throughout this critical negotiation.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE first meeting of the Board of Stewards was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street. Bro. Jas. Terry announced that H.R.H. Prince Leopold would take the chair on the 12th February (the 14th being Ash Wednesday). Bro. J. March Case G.J.D. was elected to the chair, Bro. S. Tomkins G. Treasurer was appointed Treasurer, Bro. Jas. Terry Secretary to the Board. He announced that up to the present time there were 221 stewards. Bro. Dawkins, manager of the Tavern, produced his bill of fare, which was accepted, and the price of the tickets fixed at 21s, ladies' tickets 10s 6d each, and that the sum of 30 guineas be disbursed. Bros. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., S. Rosenthal, C. J. Levitt, and H. M. Levy, were appointed a Musical Committee. After a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the meeting was adjourned to the 29th January at 4 o'clock. Among those present were Bros. G. Ward Verry, W. Hall, S. Rosenthal, G. Lambert, Faulkner, W. Baldwin, Rev. J. B. Simpson, H. Massey, Foxall, H. M. Levy, Levitt, Turner, Ferguson, Rowley, &c.

LIFEBOAT SERVICES IN 1876.

THE Lifeboats of the National Lifeboat Institution during the storms of the year which has just closed rendered goodly service in saving life from shipwreck on various parts of the coasts of the United Kingdom. 498 lives were rescued by the Society's Lifeboats during the year, in addition to 18 vessels saved from destruction. In the same period the Lifeboat Institution granted rewards for saving 85 lives by fishing and other boats, making a total of 583 lives saved last year, mainly through its instrumentality. It should be also stated that the launches of the Lifeboats, unattended with positive results, have, as in previous years, been during the year very frequent. But on such occasions there is no time for hesitation, and the Lifeboat proceeds out at once to offer help, which, as it often happens, the vessel in distress may not, from various subsequent causes, ultimately need. Altogether, since its formation the Society has contributed to the saving of 21,372 shipwrecked persons, for which services it has granted 968 Gold and Silver Medals, besides pecuniary rewards to the amount of £30,029. The character of these noble Lifeboat services has varied much, some having been performed during the darkness of the night, others in the daytime; but nearly all have been rendered during stormy weather, which would have prevented any ordinary open boat from accomplishing the rescue. Again, it is most gratifying and encouraging to know that, notwithstanding the peril and exposure incurred by the gallant crews last year, only one life was lost from the 256 Lifeboats of the Society, although about 12,000 men were out in them on all occasions during the twelve months. We feel assured that an Institution so truly national and benevolent in its character will maintain its firm hold on British sympathy and support; and that while it continues to pursue its course of usefulness with unabated vigour, the support and appreciation of the public will be proportionately liberal. We will only add that contributions in aid of the great and important work of the National Lifeboat Institution are received by all the Bankers throughout the United Kingdom, and by the Secretary at the Institution, 14 John Street, Adelphi, London.

A meeting of this institution was held on Thursday at John-street, Adelphi, Mr. Thomas Chapman in the chair. The meeting expressed great gratification at the fact that, at a special meeting of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons, it was recommended that two life-boat stations should be provided and endowed by the Freemasons of England, at an expense of £1,000, in thankfulness for the safe return from India of the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales. The thanks of the institution, inscribed on vellum, were voted to the Rev. Henry R. Wilson, curate of Drumbeg, for going out in the Ballywalter life-boat, during a very strong gale from the south-east, and in a heavy sea, on the 15th ult., when she was the means of saving the crew of five men from the brigantine Jenny Lind, of Whitehaven, stranded on the rocks off Ballywalter. The sum of £12 19s 6d was also granted to pay the expenses of that lifeboat service. Other rewards, amounting to upwards of £100, were also granted to the crews of various lifeboats of the institution for gallant services during the late severe and long-continued storms. Payments to the amount of £3,700 were ordered to be made on the 256 life-boat establishments of the society.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Safety Amulet Danger.—Surrounded on [illegible] by the [illegible] of [illegible] world proclaim it, "As the [illegible] so [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] keep up constant watch it be would [illegible] or [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

SATURDAY, 6th JANUARY.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

1459—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

MONDAY, 8th JANUARY.

45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem, St. John's-sq., Clerkenwell, at 8. (Instruction.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)

104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven.
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
889—Druids' Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
665—Montagne, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1089—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
1363—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
1396—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1611—Eboracum, Micklegate, York.

TUESDAY, 9th JANUARY.

46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
863—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
194—United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
273—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
893—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1405—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1503—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

WEDNESDAY, 10th JANUARY.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
9—Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, 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.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (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.)

199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1209—Lewisses, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1246—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1342—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Staffs.
1562—Llandloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llandloes, North Wales.

THURSDAY, 11th JANUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.
1426—The Great City, 111 Cheapside, E.C., at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter.
218—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
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.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1065—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1068—St. George's, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1114—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1204—Royd's, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Monmouthshire.
1457—Bagshaw, Bald Faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill.

FRIDAY, 12th JANUARY.

764—William Preston, Feathers, Upper Gebrge-st., Edgware-rd. (Instruction.)
911—Dane, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (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.)
1274—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1361—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
497—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
1087—Bentinck, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford Road, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
1439—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.

SATURDAY, 13th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1426—The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.

1291—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1556—Addiscombe, Alma Tavern, Addiscombe.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
R. A. 303—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
R. A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
R. A. 496—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.

TUESDAY.

496—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
1523—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Balldon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Balldon.
R. A. 255—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.

1018—Shakespeare, Freemason's Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.

THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

FRIDAY.

458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
K. T. Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.

SATURDAY.

R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.

Lodge La Tolerance, No. 538.—The installation meeting was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bros. C. F. Burmeister W.M., H. Wood S.W., Walters J. W., J. Kench P.M. Treasurer and Acting Secretary, and Past Masters Bros. Lindus, Wilson and Sly. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. The W.M. raised Bro. Frank. Bro. H. Wood S.W. and W.M. elect was then presented to the Lodge, and a Board of Installed Masters was opened. Bro. H. Wood was duly installed by Bro. J. Kench P.M., in a manner that reflected great credit. The brethren having saluted the W.M., he invested his officers, C. F. Burmeister I.P.M., Walters S.W., Quitman J.W., Kench P.M. Treas., Child Secretary, T. Cooper S.D., Marshall J.D., Williams I.G., Dudgeon D.C., Humphreys W.S., Sweares Steward. The W.M., in a very genial manner, addressed appropriate remarks to each brother on his investure. Bro. Seymour Smith presided at the harmonium. The W.M. said he had great pleasure to inform the brethren that, by the unanimous votes of the brethren, they had decided to present Bro. Burmeister with a Past Master's Jewel. He had discharged his duties ably. Bro. Burmeister, in feeling and appropriate remarks, returned thanks for the valuable gift. The Secretary stated that Bro. Humphreys had presented the Lodge with an elegant album, where he hoped the portraits of the members would be placed. The W.M. also presented the Lodge with two Deacon's wands. Votes of thanks were unanimously accorded to the brethren. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent dinner and dessert, provided by Bro. Dawkins. Grace having been said by the Rev. P. M. Holden, the W. M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Burmeister I.P.M., said the Gavel had been placed in his hand for a pleasurable duty, that was to propose the toast of Bro. Moore, the W.M. He hoped he would be spared for many years to be among them; he was one whom they all respected, and who he was sure would carry out every detail to their satisfaction. (Cheers.) The W.M. responded to the toast. It was his pleasure to do all he could to give satisfaction to the Lodge; he, however, had to follow a good predecessor. He gave a poetical idea of the good fellowship that sprung from Masonry; he might claim many brethren amongst those who he saw surrounding him. The next toast was that of the "Visitors." The distinguished brethren present they were all pleased to see. Bros. Rev. P. M. Holden, Swallow, Harrison, and H. M. Levy responded, and each one paid a compliment to the working of the I.P.M., the Installing Master, Bro. Kench, and the hospitality of the Lodge. The W.M. in eulogistic terms spoke of the excellent qualifications of the I.P.M. Bro. Burmeister, who they were all proud of. He had discharged each duty required of him, and he hoped that every brother would drink the toast with the enthusiasm it merited. Bro. Burmeister said he was one of the oldest members of the Lodge. He felt it an honour to be among them as a Past Master, and he hoped to be with them for many years, to look after the interests of the Lodge. The W.M. was pleased to see among them five Past Masters. All knew their value, and the manner every one had discharged his duty in the chair. He hoped they would give them a hearty fire. The toast was responded to by Bros. Wilson, Sly, Kench, and Lindus. The W.M. next gave "The Officers." All were qualified to fill any office required of them; while they had such brethren he was sure the Lodge would flourish. This toast having been responded to, the Tyler's was given. Bros. Seymour, Smith, Mutton, Crump, Simmonds, and Davis contributed to the harmony. The Rev. P. M. Holden gave a recitation. The visitors were—Bros. Gunerall 1228, Rev. P. M. Holden W.M. City of Westminster, T. Fox P.M. 19, C. J. W. Davis W.M. 382, Maybrick 1491, W. J. Crump 58, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, B. Swallow P.M. 1653, J. Dentor P.M. 837, P.P.G.D.C. West Yorkshire, S. Cooper 1017, S. Smith 714, Mutton 1228, S. Harrison, Stanhope Lodge.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—Met on 4th January at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Taverh, Leadenhall-street. Present—Bros. Powell W.M., Hill S.W., Biddle J.W., Hollands S.D., Hewlett J.D., Levy I.G. Past Masters Bros. Davis, Webb Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. Hogarth and Horsley. The Lodge was opened. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by Bro. Powell, Bro. Davis P.M. candidate. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by Bros. Webb and the brethren. A vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Powell for the able manner he worked the ceremony for the first time in this Lodge. Bro. Hill was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on 2nd Jan. Present—Bros. Hill W.M., Bedell S.W., Ellis J.W., Maidwell S.D., Sayer I.G., Symonds, Baxter, Daniel, Hollands, Davey P.M., Richards, Marks, Dart, Hewlett. After Lodge had been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hewlett candidate. Bro. Dart answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge resumed to the second degree, and Bro. Dart was passed. The Lodge resumed to the first degree, and the first and second sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Ellis, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Symonds, Hewlett and Dart were elected members. On the ensuing Tuesday arrangements will be made for the annual banquet.

St. John's Lodge, No. 70.—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on the day of St. John the Evangelist. The minutes having been confirmed, two gentlemen were ballotted for, and, having been duly elected, they were initiated. This ceremony was performed by the W.M., Bro. Thomas. The next business was the installation, which was also conducted by the retiring W.M., Bro. H. W. Thomas, who very ably installed his successor, Bro. Richard Pengelly S.W. He had the able assistance of the W. Bros. J. J. Avery, Gover, Westcott, V. Bird, and a large Board of Installed Masters. The officers appointed for the ensuing year were:—Bros. H. W. Thomas I.P.M., J. Arnold S.W., Samuel Roach J.W., L. D. Westcott P.P.G.S. Works. Treas., J. B. Gover P.P.G.A.D.C. Sec., J. Lean S.D., J. Willcocks J.D., C. Stribling P.G.S. D.C., E. Tout A.D.C., H. Arnold Org., W. Odam I.G., J. Fox S.S., H. Richardson J.S., T. Smith Tyler. The usual business consequent at the yearly meeting having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the Globe Hotel, where the banquet was held, which, as on former occasions, was all that could be desired. The W. Master proposed The Queen, the Patron of the Order, which was received with the usual enthusiasm. W. Bro. Stribling, in proposing the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Grand Master, alluded to the eminent services rendered to the Order by its illustrious head; our Grand Master always efficiently performs his duty, and had been ably assisted by the Grand Officers. W. Bro. J. B. Gover proposed the toast of the R.W. P.G. Master, the Rev. Bro. Huyshe the R.W., Bro. L. P. Metham D.G.M., and the Officers past and present of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Devon. He said that the name of Bro. Huyshe was always identical with pure Freemasonry. As a landowner and landlord, he was universally respected; as a magistrate, his decisions had never been questioned, because he always tempered justice with mercy; as a clergyman, he was the venerated adviser and helper of his parishoners, in fact, no one of them ever wanted either the necessaries or comforts of life, because Bro. Huyshe, or his amiable wife (who was a Mason in heart and practice), always cared for every poor and needy person in their district; as a Freemason, the Prov. Grand Master was respected throughout the length and breadth of England; his experience of more than half-a-century, his munificent donations and subscriptions to every charity, whether inside or outside of the Order, and the high and exalted positions he had filled in every degree, had caused him to be regarded as 'one of the pillars of the Order, whilst in his own Province of Devon, over which he had ruled for a quarter of a century, he was universally beloved. Bro. Metham was also known far and wide for his practical Masonry. The Female Orphan Asylum at Stoke would be a lasting monument to him; it would remain, when marble memorials have crumbled into dust, a lasting tribute to his indomitable energy and perseverance. As the second ruler in the province, he was always accessible, always ready to give advice and assistance to his brethren, however humble, and he had done very much to raise the tone of Freemasonry in Devon. The P.G. officers, past and present, were the right men in the right place. The Masons of Devon need never be ashamed of their officers. The Rev. W. Whittley returned thanks for the Past Grand officers. He endorsed all that had been said by the proposer. As to the practical Masonry of the P.G. Master and the D.P.G. Master, their names were household words, and their example, if followed by all the brethren, would cause Freemasonry to assume a higher position than even the exalted one which it at present held. W. Bro. Curtcis P.G.S.W., in returning thanks for the P. Grand officers, said it occurred to him that Bro. Gover had remarked, some years ago, that the Grand officers were always the best Masons, and accepting that as a truism, he had much pleasure in occupying the proud position of Senior Grand Warden. His name had been mentioned on many occasions as a beggar, he was proud of the name; he had begged before for other Charities. He was begging now for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and their Widows; and having carried up a large amount for that Institution, he hoped at no very distant period, to ask the cordial co-operation of the brethren to a new Charity, to be introduced by the R.W. Bro. Metham, and to be called "The Huyshe Educational Fund," its object being to clothe and educate the sons and daughters of deceased or indigent Freemasons. W. Bro. Westcott proposed the R.W. Bro. the Earl Mount Edgecumbe P.G.M., the R.W. Bro. Sir F. M. Williams D.P.G.M., and the officers of the Grand Lodge of Cornwall. He alluded to the rapid progress of the Order under the genial sway of the present rulers; the courtesy and urbanity of manner of the P.G. Master was widely known and appreciated, and the cordial manner in which he had acted with Devon, on the occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales to Plymouth, had cemented the two provinces. He also bore willing testimony to the eminent services rendered to the Craft by the W. Bro. Hughan P.G.D. of England, who was an authority, not only in his own province, but throughout the world. He regretted that a previous engagement prevented the noble Earl Mount Edgecumbe, and indisposition prevented Bro. Hughan from being present. Bro. H. Clarke S.W. of Lodge 1071, Cornwall, returned thanks, reciprocating all kindly feelings. R.W. Bro. Moore (the Mayor of Plymouth) proposed the health of the W. Master, Bro. Pengelly. He said, his short experience in the Order had taught him that no one could be unanimously elected to the proud position of W.M. of such an influential and numerous Lodge as St. John's, unless he had proved himself to be worthy of the proud position which he held; from what he knew and what he had heard, he believed that Bro. Pengelly would preserve the prestige of his Lodge, and he sincerely wished him a very successful year of office. The W. Master, in a few well chosen words, returned thanks: He thoroughly appreciated the high honour of presiding over the senior Lodge of this portion of the province. He knew he could always rely on the assistance of the Past Masters, and he hoped his officers would be punctual in attendance, and perfect in their duties. Bro. J. J. Avery proposed the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Henry W. Thomas, who had well and efficiently performed his duties for the past year. Under his presidency, there had been nothing but peace and unanimity; there had been a large increase of members, a large increase of subscriptions to various charities, a marked improvement in working, and he handed to his successor the warrant pure and unsullied. The brethren of the Lodge, duly appreciating his services, had resolved to present him with a P.M.'s jewel. It was not a vote from Lodge funds, but a gift from the members individually, to mark their appreciation of the efficient services rendered by Bro. Thomas. During his Mastership the Lodge had been very happy and prosperous. He left the chair with the warmest wishes of the brethren for his continued health and prosperity, and all hoped that he might be long spared to continue his very valuable assistance to the Lodge. Bro. Thomas said he was taken by surprise, and could not find words to express his thankfulness to the brethren for their generous and thoughtful kindness. He should always set a high value on the jewel just presented, not on account of its intrinsic value, although that was considerable, but because of the true brotherly feeling manifested towards him by every member of the Lodge. He was very glad to think that faults of which he was conscious had been overlooked by the brethren, they had each and all done their utmost to make his year of office a pleasant and prosperous one, and they had succeeded. The amount of work done had been very large. Their donations to different charities bore favourable comparison with any other Lodge in the province, and their funds were in a flourishing condition. He left the chair with regret, because of its many happy associations, but he was proud to think that whilst there he had, however undeservedly, won their approbation, and he should ever remember with gratitude their many kindnesses. The W.M. proposed the healths of the Wardens. Bro. J. Arnold had been constant in attendance, and efficiently performed his duties. Bro. S. Roach was an old Mason, he was highly respected by his brethren, and he was sure he could rely upon the Wardens carrying out their duties to the satisfaction of the Lodge. Bro. J. Arnold thanked the Lodge for his position in it; he would endeavour faithfully to carry out the duties of his office. Bro. S. Roach said that from various causes he had been prevented from attending Lodge so often as he could have wished, but he fully intended being present on every possible occasion. He had a high respect for the Order. None could fail to be impressed with the loyalty and power for good which was contained in Freemasonry. Bro. Thomas proposed the healths of the Treasurer and Secretary. A Lodge owed a great deal to those officers; their work was arduous and continuous. Their Treasurer was always at his desk, ever ready to receive dues and fees, and equally ready to expend. He occupied a proud position in the Lodge, and deservedly so. The Secretary had for many years occupied his position, to the satisfaction of all. His Masonic experience was invaluable, his advice and assistance were always available, and he was sure that the Treasurer and Secretary had the respect and best wishes of the members. Bro. Westcott returned thanks to the brethren for their renewed confidence. His motives were to so manage the funds that there might always be an available balance, but when votes were made for any charity it had never been his custom to see which side the balance stood; he was only too happy to pay. He congratulated the Lodge on its present financial position. Bro. Gover said his position was no doubt highly honourable, but the Secretary was very generally the scapegoat for the sins of the Lodge, and it required some amiability of temper to bear the faults of others in addition to his own. He, however, always acted with the best possible intentions, and if in the execution of his duties he inadvertently offended any one, he assured them that it was not intended; that he aimed to please every member, and preserve intact the dignity and honour of his mother Lodge. The Worshipful Master proposed the Past Masters. Few Lodges were so favoured with large attendances of P.M.'s as Lodge 70. They could always be relied upon for advice and assistance, thus rendering the duties of the chair comparatively easy. W. Bro. Holmes could speak for all the others, they were always happy to be of assistance to the W.M., or to fill any vacant office, however humble. W. Bro. Andrews proposed the Assistant Officers, without their constant attendence, and knowledge of their duties, the work of the Lodge could not be carried on with effect; he thought it was the toast of the evening. W. Bro. C. Stribling P.M., &c., thought

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the Assistant Officers would be equal to any occasion; the W.M. might rely upon them. W. Bro. Du Pre proposed the Visiting Brethren. He thought his was the toast of the evening. It had been his lot to travel over the world, and whether in India, America, or any part of Europe, he had always received a hearty welcome and invaluable advice. Lodge 70, like every other Lodge, was always delighted to have visitors, they could not come too often, or in too great numbers. He should ask the W.M.'s of Lodges 105 and 156, and W. Bro. Vincent Bird, the Treasurer of the Three Towns Casual Relief Fund to respond. W. Bro. Twose 105, and W. Bro. J. Y. Avery 156, reciprocated all the kind wishes of the proposer, and enforced the principle that it was the duty, as well as the pleasure of Masons to visit each other as often as practicable. W. Bro. V. Bird in the course of his remarks adverted to the Educational Scheme which had been previously spoken of by Bro. Curteis. Years ago he had advocated it; had recently endeavoured to initiate it; and was ready to support it in a practical way, and to the best of his ability. Bro. Gover said that, notwithstanding what had been uttered by previous speakers, they came now to the real toast of the evening, they could do without assistant officers, they might, however, hardly do without Masonry, but it was quite impossible to exist without the ladies. All true Masons were poets, all true poets were Masons, and from time immemorial had united to bear willing testimony to the influence of the better and fairer part of mankind. Truly they were "ministering angels." He could not understand how a bachelor could exist, but he knew all who were happily married sympathised with them in their unhappy condition. Bro. W. F. Moore, with much pleasure, returned thanks, although his idea was that it should have been the pleasant duty of a younger bachelor, still he would yield to none in his respect and admiration of the ladies, for whom he esteemed it an honour to respond. The Rev. W. Whittley proposed the last toast. Our Poor and Distressed Brethren. In Masonry the poor were never forgotten, the charity of the Order was universal, and he appealed to the brethren to keep up their high prestige, and to go on in a pure rivalry to do good to their fellow men, The enjoyment of the festivity was much enhanced by excellent songs from Bros. Thomas, J. J. Avery, J. Y. Avery, Mitchell, Goodchild, and others, who were accompanied by the Organist, Bro. H. Arnold. Bro. Twose gave some readings in his usual brilliant manner. The following brethren were present:—Bros. R. Pengelly W.M., H. W. Thomas I.P.M., W. F. Moore 156, Rev. W. Whittley S.W. 156 P.P.G.C., V. Bird P.M. 954 P.P.G.T., E. A. Davies P.M., P.P.G.S. Works, J. D. Westcott P.M. P.P..G.S. Works, J. B. Gover P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., R. B. Twose P.M. and W.M. 105, J. J. Avery P.M. P.G. Treasurer, C. Stribling P.M. P.G.S., J. E. Curteis P.M. P.G.S.W., J. Du Pre P.M. P.P.G.D.C., H. F. Hearle P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., F. P. Holmes P.M. P.P.G.S. Works, J. Hiffley P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., W. Browning P.M. P.P.G.D.C., H. Hearle W.M. 1255, J. Watts P.M. P.P.G.S., W. K. Michell P.M. P.P.G.D.C., W. M. Andrews P.M., &c., J. H. Keats S.W. 1247, F. W. Westlake, M. Williams P.M. 105, G. Thorne, E. Lean, S. Reach, J. Arnold, H. Arnold, J. Richardson, Farthing, Mitchell, Fox, Williams, Tout, Holloway, Adams, Tarratt, Cooper, Boon, Popkiss, Griffin, Symons, H. Clarke 1071 S.W., Smith, Goodchild 1247, Lewis 1217, T. Cuming. Letters of regret of inability to be present from various causes, and conveying best wishes, were read from the R.W. Bros. L. P. Metham D.P.G.M. &c., Earl Mount Edgecumbe P.G.M. Cornwall, W. J. Hughan P.G.D. England P.P.G.S. Cornwall &c., Charles Godtschalk P.G.J.D. &c., R. R. Ellis P.M. 105, C. Mutten 1205 J.W. and others. The dinner was supplied in Bro. Watts' usual style, the viands being varied, ample in quantity, and excellent in quality; the wines all that could be wished, and the attendance unusually good—all things tending to mark the Festival of Lodge St. John for 1876 with a white stone.

Royley Lodge, No. 105.—This Lodge held its installation meeting on Monday, the 1st of January, at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster. Present—Bros. Henry Longman W.M., Thomas Jackson S.W., J. L. Bradshaw P.M. as J.W., J. Daniel Moore P.G.S.B. of England Secretary, W. J. Sey Prov. G.D. Treasurer, N. W. Helme S.D., J. J. Croskell as J.D., George Taylor I.G., Allanson and Beeley Tylers. Past Masters—Bros. Captain C. H. Garnett W.M. 1561, E. Simpson P.M. 281, R. Taylor W.M. 281, A. Sherriff, J. T. Jackson, G. H. Chippendall, W. C. Edmonds, E. G. Paley, J. Aldons. Visitors—J. Bottomley 139, R. Pandolfini 281, J. Roberts 662, &c. Business—Bro. Paley, a re-joining member, was elected. Bro. Dr. Moore then took the chair, and installed the W.M. elect, Bro. T. Jackson. The following were the officers appointed:—Bros. N. W. Helme S.W., A. Sherriff J.W., Sly Treasurer, Moore Secretary, G. Taylor S.D., J. T. Jackson J.D., W. C. Edwonds I.G., Aldons Organist, Allanson and Beeley Tylers. The I.O. gave appropriate addresses to each officer on his being invested, and afterwards gave charges to the W.M. and brethren. Charge to Wardens being given by Bro. Longman I.P.M.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—On Tuesday last, at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, the Chapter was opened by the following officers:—J. Constable M.E.Z., C. Nash, H. J. Clever J., Thos. W. White Scribe E., J. W. Berrie Scribe N., J. Boyd Treasurer, A. Barfield P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was completely rehearsed by the officers, Comp. Thos. Mason, Acting Candidate. The following Companions were elected for the ensuing fortnight:—G. K. Lennan Z., C. Nash H., J. W. Berrie J., A. Barfield S.N., J. Clever P.S. Companions J. Clever, A. Barfield, E. Letchworth, and W. Miller Goss were elected members. Besides those already enumerated, there were present E. H. Finney, W. H. Green, C. W. Nochmer, G. A. Smith.

Royal Gloucester Lodge, Southampton, No. 130.—On Wednesday, the 27th of December, Bro. Robert Sharpe, Past Prov. Grand Organist, was installed the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by the Grand Secretary for the province of Hants and the Isle of Wight, P.M. Le Feuvre, in the presence of a goodly number of brethren, twelve past masters forming the board of Installed Masters. At the conclusion of the ceremony, which was performed in a most impressive manner, and subsequently acknowledged by a special vote of the Lodge, the newly-installed Master invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. C. J. Phillips S.W., C. W. A. Jellicoe J. W., Rev. E. Y. Nepean Chaplain, J. E. Le Feuvre P.M. Treasurer, J. R. Weston P. M. Secretary, J. Cole S.D., Jennings J.D., H. M. Pike Organist, Meyer I.G., Robertson and Obree Stewards, Biggs Tyler, and Headlam and Vare Assistant Tyler. Before the Lodge was closed a grant was made to the Masonic Charities, and a Past Master's jewel voted to the retiring Master, Bro. W. J. Hickman, in recognition of his services during the past year.

Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Warrington.—On Thursday, 28th December, the brethren of the Lodge of Lights, No. 148, met in the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, to celebrate their 111th anniversary, and to instal in the chair of K.S. Bro. Thomas Tunstall, Past S.W. A large number of members and visitors assembled to do honour to the new Master, who, though the youngest Mason who has filled that office in their Lodge for many years, gives promise of being a most efficient Master, and one in whom the brethren have great confidence that the prestige and usefulness of the Lodge will not deteriorate. The Lodge was opened in due form, at three o'clock p.m., by Bro. William Robinson, the retiring W.M., assisted by Bro. Henry Poynter W.M. 948, P.M. 1087, P.P.G.P., Prov. G. Reg. Berks and Bucks, Z. 948, &c., as S.W., and Bro. D. W. Finney P.M. 148, P.M. 1250, P.Z. 148, &c., as J.W. The Board of Installed Masters was opened in ample form, and the ceremony of installation was most efficiently performed by Bro. Robinson, who is the first retiring Master that has exercised his privilege in this respect for many years. Bro. John Bowes P.M. 148 P.J.G.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, assisted Bro. Robinson, and gave the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, in that emphatic and perfect style for which Bro. Bowes is so widely known and so deservedly famous. Before the Lodge was closed, the Treasurer's accounts for the past year were read and passed, and ordered to be printed and circulated. We were pleased to notice that, although large sums had been voted to the central and provincial charities, a good balance was left in the hands of the bankers. The brethren passed a unanimous vote of thanks to Bro. Robinson, and a P.M.'s jewel was cordially voted to him for his able conduct while in the chair. Bro. Hannah, who had faithfully filled the office of Tyler for about ten years, now resigned that position, and was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge. The Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren separated in harmony. Among the members present were:—Bros. T. Tunstall W.M., W. Robinson I.P.M., J. Pickthall S.W., John R. Young J.W., J. Armstrong Treasurer, John Bowes P.M. Secretary, Dr. Alfred H. Young S.D., James Paterson J.D., T. M. Pattison Organist, Dr. G. W. Joseph I.G., Thomas Domville Tyler, James Hepherd P.M., John Harding P.M., C. E. Hindley, T. Grime, T. W. Thorpe, E. Edwardson, Charles Skinner, John Laithwaite, A. Peake, J. Dimmelow, T. Jones, H. Ferguson, C. Savage, C. Ekkert, E. P. Sherwood, John Pierpoint, Robert Gibbons, James Hannah. Visiting brethren:—Bros. R. Brierley P.M. 1250, J. Kenworthy 1565, W. S. Hawkins P.M. 1250, D. W. Finney P.M. 148, P.M. 1250, P.Z. 148, Henry Poynter W.M. 948, Z. 948, Prov. G. Reg., &c., F. C. Hunt P.M. 43, L. R. Barnes P.M. 113, W. Richardson P.M. 1250, &c., &c. At five o'clock p.m. the brethren reassembled at the Lion Hotel for their annual banquet, which was served by Bro. and Mrs. Pratt in their best style. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the toast of "The Queen," the brethren singing the National Anthem, led by Bro. Pattison. The next toast was that of "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," after which "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was sung, Bro. Pattison again leading. The W.M. then entrusted his Gavel to Bro. Hepherd P.M., who proposed, in most glowing terms, the health of the M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. In the course of his remarks Bro. Hepherd impressed on the brethren the fact that the Craft generally did not want patronage, yet was glad to receive support from those who were high in authority and position. The toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master," was proposed in suitable terms by Bro. Robinson, followed by a song, "The Village Blacksmith," from Bro. Dr. Joseph. Bro. Robinson proposed "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Prov. G.M., the Hon. F. A. Stanley, R.W.D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers;" song from Bro. W. Milner. Bro. Pickthall S.W. proposed the health of the Prov. G.M.'s of East Lancashire, Cumberland and Westmoreland, Cheshire, and other neighbouring provinces, coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Bowes P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, and Bro. Poynter Prov. G.Reg. Berks and Bucks. Bro. Bowes, in response, thanked the brethren for the uniform kindness he received from the Lodge. He felt no little pride in being a member of 148, and of the training he had received in that Lodge. He had filled all the offices, and had worked all the ceremonies, and felt inward satisfaction that his services had been so highly appreciated by the officers and brethren; he should always feel happy in placing his services at the command of the W.M. Bro. Poynter, who upon rising was greeted with applause, thanked the brethren, both on behalf of himself individually, for the kindness he always received when he came amongst them, on behalf of the Lodge 948, of which he is the present Master, for the post of honour they had acceded to him in the Lodge that afternoon, and on behalf of the province of Berks and Bucks, which he represented. He remarked that Sir Daniel Gooch Prov. G.M., and the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg D.P.G.M., were good men and true Masons. They had the good of Freemasonry at heart, and worked hard to further the interests of the Lodges which were under their supervision, and they dispensed honours to the different Lodges in the province without fear or favour. With regard to Lodge 948, it was one that was doing its work faithfully and well, but it was greatly indebted to Lodge 148

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for its able and efficient Installing Master, Bro. Bowes, of whose services the Lodge of St. Barnabas was glad to avail itself at their last annual meeting. Moreover, Bro. Bowes had promised to repeat his visit for a similar purpose next year. (Applause.) The toast of the evening was "The Health of the new W.M. Bro. T. Tunstall," proposed by Bro. Robinson I.P.M., who complimented him on his accession to the chair, which had hitherto been filled by Masters much older both in years and in Masonry. But the efficient discharge of his duties in the minor offices was a guarantee that the office of W.M. would be well and ably filled during the next twelve months. Bro. Tunstall, who on rising to respond was greeted with several rounds of applause, said that though young in years he was not deficient in Masonic zeal. He should endeavour to hand down the office of W.M. to his successor with the same lustre with which he had received it. He hoped the brethern would not expect too much from him, but would render him all the assistance they could in his new office. It would be his constant aim and pleasure to enhance the interests of the Lodge and the comfort of the brethren while he presided over them in the capacity of W.M. Before sitting down he proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s and Officers of the Lodge of Lights, 148," which was suitably replied to by Bro. Robinson. The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by each respectively. "The Success of the Masonic Charities" was given by Bro. Bowes, and responded to by Bro. Gibbons, who remarked that next to the Gospel Freemasonry taught the grandest principles under the sun. He felt thankful that the Craft so well looked after the aged, and took such care of the sons and daughters of deceased brethren. He concluded by recommending the Masonic charities to the increased support of the members of the Craft. The Tyler's toast brought this very pleasant gathering to a close.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 28th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Present—Bros. A. G. Dodson W.M., M. Spiegel as J.W., E. P. Albert G.P. Secretary, A. Auerhaan Treasurer, H. Hymans S.D., H. P. Isaac as J.D., Campion I.G. Past Masters Bros. L. Alexander, I. Abrahams, S. Hickman, &c. The Lodge was opened, and ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Wilenski, Buck and Lenzburg, who were duly initiated into the Order. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated.

The installation meeting was held on Monday, the 1st January, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, and was well attended. The chair was taken by Bro. A. G. Dodson. Present—Bros. Miller S.W., L. Lazarus J.W., E. P. Albert G.P. Secretary, L. Auerhaan Treasurer, M. Spoigel S.D., Campion I.G., D. C. Woodstock Tyler, P.M.'s L. Alexander, S. Hickman, H. Berkowitz, M. Alexander, H. M. Levy, O. Roberts, and I. Abrahams. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the former meeting and of emergency meeting were confirmed. Messrs. W. R. Blanks and B. Althorp were initiated into the Order. Bro. L. Lazarus S.W. and W.M. elect was then presented to the Lodge, a procession was formed, and the brethren proceeded to an adjoining room, where a Board of Installed Masters (numbering 22) was opened. Bro. Lazarus was then installed into the chair, by the retiring W.M., Bro. A. G. Dodson, who rendered the ceremony in a fluent and perfect manner, he at the conclusion receiving hearty congratulations from all present. The brethren then returned to the Lodge room, where the W.M. was saluted. He then invested his officers, Bros. Miller S.W., M. Spiegel J.W., L. Auerhaan Treasurer, E. P. Albert G.P. Secretary, H. Hymans S.D., Campion J.D., R. Baker I.G., H. P. Isaac D.C., P. E. Van Noorden Organist, S. Geneso and Snelling Stewards, Woodstock P.M. Tyler. A distressed brother was then relieved with a small gift. Five gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The resignation of two members was accepted. The selection of officers by Bro. Lazarus appeared to give great satisfaction. After this the Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Br. Keeping. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and the National Anthem was sung. The toast of "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M." was next given, and that of the Pro. G.M. and Deputy G.M. In the course of his speech the W.M. said they were honoured by the selection that had been made of Bro. E. P. Albert, their respected Secretary, for a Grand Officer's post. They had a Past Grand Officer with them, Bro. Wright, and he would also couple his name with the toast. Bro. E. P. Albert could say very much on behalf of the Grand Officers, but if he spoke for himself he might be thought egotistical. The Grand Officers were always ready and willing to do all that was required of them. Bro. Wright P.G.P. followed. However pleasing it was to be a G.P., they had to rely on the assistance of the Scrutineers, who always do their duty, and their duty was very arduous. All have to thank them, for their exertions always result satisfactorily. The W.M. then proposed "Prosperity to the Joppa Benevolent Fund," and he called on Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. and President, to respond. Bro. Alexander said he was pleased to hear the expressions of the brethren as the name of the Benevolent Fund was introduced. The V.P.'s and the Committee are pleased to hear that their exertions have been appreciated. The Fund was instituted in 1849, by Bro. Carrobutt P.M. It was a Fund from which large sums were given. The Secretary read the report of the audit meeting of the Fund, which stated that the amount in hand now reached £1269 4s. The W.M. announced that through the liberality of the brethren who had severally contributed that evening, the amount of £17 1s 6d had been raised. Bro. Dodson I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., said it afforded him a great amount of pleasure to have the honour of performing this duty. He was pleased to find Bro. Lazarus on his right hand. He had for many years been working from the bottom of the tree, with a view to get to the top, and he (Bro. Dodson) hoped Bro. Lazarus would have health and strength to carry him through his year of office. He had been associated with him for many years, and he felt the Lodge would never regret the selection they had made. Bro. Lazarus returned thanks for the kind way in which Bro. Dodson had spoken of him. It was six years since he had to return thanks there as an Initiate. He had many friends in the Lodge whom he had known from boyhood. During his year of office he hoped his duties would be conducted to their satisfaction. Bro. Lazarus then proposed the toast of "The Initiates," some of whom were introduced at the emergency meeting on Thursday last. All had shown that the seeds of charity were sown in their breasts; each contributing liberally to the Benevolent Fund (cheers). The toast was responded to in excellent speeches by each initiate. The W.M. next proposed the health of "The I.P.M." Bro. Dodson. Their worthy brother has many friends, and all have seen how he has conducted himself during his year of office. He had now great pleasure in placing on his breast a jewel, that had been presented to him by the Lodge of Joppa, as a mark of respect and for the high estimation he is held in. Bro. Dodson thanked the brethren very much for their kindness. He could not say how grateful he felt. The expressions given utterance to could never be forgotten by him. The jewel, which was of elegant design, and bore an appropriate inscription, was then handed round the Lodge. The W.M. gave the toast of "The Visitors," they were a numerous and distinguished body; he would call on Bro. V. Myers W.M. 1017 to respond. Bro. Myers said there were many more Past Masters present who were far more eloquent than he; but, on behalf of those brethren, he felt great pleasure in responding to the toast. The toast of "The Past Masters" was coupled with the name of Bro. M. Alexander, who said he felt gratified in returning thanks. He had the pleasure, six years since, of initiating the W.M., and it was gratifying to see him in the chair. He was a credit to the Lodge. The toast of the Senior Officers was replied to by Bros. Miller and Spiegel. After due honour had been paid to the Press and the Junior Officers, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. An excellent concert, under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden, Organist to the Lodge, was given, the artistes being Miss Alma York and Madame Viney, and Bros. Arthur Thomas, H. Brearton, Benjamin, and Heino Hugo. The Visitors were:—Bros. J. Wright P.G.P., J. Constable P.M. 185, Friendlich 1017, J. Austin P.M. 933, J. Anshell 1404, J. S. Sweasey 1423, V. Myers W.M. 1017, H. Massey P.M. 619, J. Gaskell P.M. 1076, Ridler 219, S. M. Lazarus P.M. late 188, L. Gompertz 205, A. Myers 185, J. Lawrence, S. Webb P.M. 193 and 1287, A. Mellhuish 55, J. Davis 205, H. J. Baker 869, Partridge 1445, J. D. Barnett W.M. 185, A. 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Paisley St. Mirren Lodge, No. 129.—The members of this Lodge met in their Lodge-room, Moss-street, on Wednesday evening last, for the purpose of celebrating the 128th Anniversary of St. John. Upwards of forty brethren sat down to supper. The R.W.M. Bro. George Fisher occupied the chair, supported by Bros. John Carswell P.M., Alex. M'Leod P.M., Thos. Bustard D.M., Peter Blair Treasurer, R. C. Kilgour Secretary, &c. The Senior and Junior Wardens, Bros. T. J. Bustard and R. C. M'Leod, acted as croupiers, and were supported by Bros. P. Moir S.D., Wm. Russell J.D., Wm. Scott Jeweller, J. Barnett S.D., W. Craig I.G., &c. The supper having been done justice to, and the cloth removed, the Chairman proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, also, "The Grand Lodge of Scotland," "The Grand Lodges of England and Ireland," "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East," coupling the latter with the name of Bro. A. M'Pherson P.G. Treas., who ably responded. Bro. J. Carswell P.M. proposed the toast of "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," in his usual pithy and humorous style, to which Bros. A. M'Pherson, H. Craig and P. Moir replied respectively. An important feature of the evening's proceedings was the presentation of a handsome timepiece to the worthy and respected Deputy-Master of the Lodge, Bro. Thomas Bustard, bearing a token of the esteem and regard in which he is held by the members of St. Mirren's Lodge. The R.W.M. made the presentation, to which the recipient briefly and feelingly replied. The Chairman, in proposing the toast of the evening "Paisley St. Mirren Lodge, No. 129," took occasion to remark on the unusually prosperous state in which the Lodge now was, having at last balance a sum of £37 to their credit, and also having added to their membership during the year 47 initiates, all which augured well for the future prosperity of the Lodge. Other toasts were proposed and responded to during the evening. Some excellent songs were rendered by many of the brethren, and Bro. A. Hardie, Direc. of Music, ably presided at the harmonium. During the evening, deputations were despatched to Lodges Prince of Wales, No. 426, Renfrew, Houston St. Johnstone, No. 242, Johnstone, St. John's, 3 bis, Glasgow, and Renfrew County Kilwinning, No. 370, Paisley, and deputations were received from Prince of Wales Lodge, Renfrew, and Renfrew County, Kilwinning, Paisley.

St. David's Lodge, No. 393, Berwick.—On Wednesday, 27th Dec., the brethren celebrated the festival of St. John. At four o'clock the Lodge was opened in due form. Bro. J. A. Forbes was installed as W.M., the installing officer being Bro. R. Thompson P.M. The W.M. then appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Heron S.W., J. J. Oswald J.W., R. Weatherhead Treasurer, Adam Winlaw P.M. Secretary, Rev. T. Procter Chaplain, R. Craik S.D., J. Teague J.D., G. Moor D.C., R. Roxburg I.G., W. Weatherston, G. Lamb and J. Moor Stewards, and A. F. Turnbull Tyler. After the installation ceremony the brethren dined together. Bro. J. Carr was purveyor and the excellent manner in which the dinner was provided and placed on the table gave great satisfaction. The W.M. presided, Brother Heron S.W. occupying the vice chair. The usual toasts were given and responded to, and altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, Hayle.—The annual festival of St. John was held on Wednesday, 27th ult., at the Freemasons'

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Hall. The Lodge was opened at noon by Bro. George Stevens W.M., to transact the following business:—To collect the dues. To receive the Treasurer's statement of accounts. To ballot for Bro. Frank Harvey P.M. P.P.G.S. of Works, nominated for re-election as Treasurer for the ensuing year. To instal the W.M. elect, Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce. To invest the officers. To elect a Tyler. To appoint a committee as required by Bye-Law, No. 14, viz., "A committee shall be annually appointed on the day of the annual festival, consisting of the W.M. and his Wardens, the Secretary, and three Past Masters, for the purpose of making all necessary inquiries respecting any candidate for admission who may be unknown to a majority of the brethren, and their report to be made to the Lodge previous to the ballot being taken." To consider the following proposition by Bro. John Coombe P.M., &c., of which notice was given at the last regular meeting. To solicit subscriptions on behalf of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and the Benevolent Fund; also for Boys' and Girls' Schools. After which the brethren will adjourn to the banquet. After the ordinary business had been transacted, the Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. George Stevens, the retiring W.M., installed Bro. G. B. Pearce as W.M. for the ensuing year, and a board of installed Masters was formed by Bros. James Mudge PP.G.J.W., N. J. West P.P.G.R., J. Coombe, P.P.G.J.D., C. Trevithick P.P.G.D.C., J. P. Smith P.P.G.S.D., C. Ellis P.P.G.S.D., F. Harvey P.P.G.S. of Works, G. H. Eustice P.P.G.S.B., John Rosewarne P.P.G.S., H. J. Warren, Frank H. Pool, James Pool, I. G. Osborn, &c. Among the visitors were Bros. John Hocking P.P.G.J.W., John Thomas W.M. elect Druids Lodge, 589, Redruth, J. J. Taylor S.D., Mount Sinai Lodge, 121, Penzance and others. The ceremony was performed in a very impressive manner, and the Worshipful Master then appointed his officers for the ensuing year, namely:—Bros. George Stevens I.P.M., Edward Hodge C.E. S.W., H. H. Trevithick J.W., Frank Harvey Treasurer, J. P. Smith Secretary, Bigglestone Spray S.D., T. Mills J.D., H. Broad D. of C., Adams I.G., Harvey and Gilbert Stewards, J. V. Bray Tyler. Bro. John Coombe P.M., &c., was appointed Steward of the Royal Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund; also appointed to receive subscriptions for the Boys' and Girls' Schools. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where a banquet was served by Miss Olver. Bro. Mudge proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, in an exceedingly happy manner, and it was enthusiastically received, as was also the toast of the Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Reginald Rogers, proposed by Bro. West. The W.M., in the course of replying to the toast of his health, pointed out what Freemasonry was, and what it was not, and exhorted the members of the Lodge to maintain the honour and reputation of the Craft unsullied, especially asking them to use the utmost caution in introducing new members, as he did not want to make a large number in his year of office, preferring that the candidates should be good men, and true; members should see that the candidates' character, were such that the brethren would be pleased to have them filling the highest offices in the Lodge.

Lodge of Unity, No. 613, Southport.—The annual meeting of this large and flourishing Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on St. John's Day, when an unusually large number of members and visitors assembled. The Chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Cory, assisted by his officers. After the confirmation of the minutes, the Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, when Bro. John Bowes P.M., Prov. G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, was invited to take the chair as installing Master. The W.M. elect, Bro. George Bailey, presented by Bro. Cory, was installed in ample form. Bro. Bowes delivered the address to the W.M., Wardens and brethren. The whole ceremony was rendered in a manner that elicited the warm approval of all present. The Lodge having been closed down, a gold P.M.'s jewel was presented by the Lodge to the I.P.M., Bro. Cory, for his efficient services during the past year. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to the installing Master. The banquet was served at the Scarisbrick Hotel, in Bro. Watson's best style. The chair was occupied by the newly installed W.M., who was supported by Bros. Bowes, Henry Poynter P.M., Prov. G. Reg. Berks and Bucks, D. W. Finney P.M. P.Z., &c., Cory I.P.M., Roberts P.M. Prov. G.D. of C., and about fifty other brethren. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Some excellent music, rendered by an amateur string band, composed of members of the Southport Lodges, enlivened the after dinner proceedings.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—This Lodge held its meeting on Friday, the 30th of December, at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. G. W. West W.M., George Tribbel S.W., John Murch J.W., Aug. Brann Secretary, S. Kennard Treasurer, Evans S.D., J. Davison J.D., H. Cooper I.G. Past Master Bro. Rudderforth Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. Nichols, Captain Boniface, Cleghorn, Coates. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Coates acting as candidate. Bro. Coates then answered the questions for passing, as did also Bro. Evans. Bro. Rudderforth worked the first and fourth Sections. Bro. Cleghorn, of No. 1287, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Tribbel was chosen W.M. for the ensuing meeting. The Preceptor, Bro. W. H. G. Rudderforth, then proposed that this Lodge of Instruction should become an annual subscriber to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. This was duly seconded and carried unanimously. Bro. Rudderforth dwelt with considerable eloquence upon this subject, intimating it was not only interesting but also necessary for every brother to make himself acquainted with what passes in the Masonic world; he trusted that other Lodges who did not already subscribe would follow suit. The Lodge was then closed.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—A meeting was held at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, on Tuesday, 2nd January. Present—Bros. Barker W.M., Saunders S.W., Dallas J.W., Lovelock S.D., Williams J.D., Perry I.G., Ashburner P.M. Preceptor *pro tem*, and several brethren. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, in the 3rd degree, and closed down to the 1st. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brown acting as candidate. The Lodge was then resumed to the 2nd, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Weige candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree. Bro. Dallas worked the 1st section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. It was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Lovelock, seconded by Bro. Weige, that, owing to the absence of the Secretary, the reading of the minutes of last Lodge meeting be deferred till next Lodge night. Bros. Woodfall, of the Earl of Zetland 1364, and Davies, of the Burdett Coutts, were duly elected members. Bro. Saunders was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer, and adjourned till Tuesday, 9th January. Bro. Worsley, the worthy Secretary, has since informed us that his not being in his place was not his fault, but that of the railway company, a breakdown on the line having occurred, which stopped the trains running to Bethnal Green, thus preventing his reaching the Lodge during the evening.

Royal Albert Chapter, No. 907.—The regular Convocation meeting of this Chapter and Installation Meeting took place on the 27th Dec., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane. Present—Comps. W. Smeed P.G.T. Middlesex P.Z. 946, as M.E.Z., C. Nash H. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. H. P. Moore and J. Burne 162, were exalted into R.A. Masonry. Comp. W. Smeed P.Z., then installed Comps. Nash M.E.Z., Dennis J., Mitchell S.E. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Comp. Smeed for the able manner he had installed the Companions in their various offices. The Chapter was then closed, and a banquet was provided. The M.E.Z. gave the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts and an agreeable evening was passed. Comps. W. Smeed P.Z. 946, and R. Boncey were present as visitors.

Friendship Lodge, No. 928.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 2nd January, at the Masonic Hall, Petersfield. Present—Bros. Lewis A. B. Cole W.M., Joseph Cole W.M. elect S.W., M. P. Creadon J.W., W. B. Edgeler Secretary and Treasurer, J. P. Cordery S.D., Pierson J.D., F. C. Masters I.G., Chas. Knight Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Findley, Masters, Gammon, &c. Visitors—Bros. Ubsdell P.M. 487 P.P.G.D.C., Willson P.M. 342, Friedebery 342, Turney W.M. 342, Grey S.W. 342, Payne J.W. 342, Holbrook 309, &c. Business—Bro. Head was raised to the degree of a Master Mason. Bro. Joseph Cole was installed as W.M. for the current year, and invested as his officers Bros. Creadon S.W., Pierson J.W., J. P. Cordery S.D., Masters J.D., Nockolds I.G., Edgeler Treasurer and Secretary. The ceremony of raising and installing the W.M. was performed by Bro. W. B. Edgeler in a very clear and effective manner. After the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Dolphin Hotel, to a banquet, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

St. Augustine Lodge of Instruction, No. 972.—This Lodge holds its meetings at the Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury, every Wednesday evening, with the exception of the second Wednesday in each month, which are the regular Craft nights. On a recent occasion, the Secretary, Bro. S. F. Pringuer, read a summary of the working during the past year, from which it appears there were 38 meetings, and an average attendance of 14. The initiation ceremony was gone through on six occasions, and the charge was given three times. The passing was rehearsed four times, and the charge given once. The raising was given twice, and also part of the installation. The lecture on 1st Tracing Board was given three times, and that on the 2nd twice. The whole of the sections of lecture in 1st degree and part of 2nd were worked on various occasions, seven of the brethren taking part in them. The present W.M., Bro. J. Welsh, is the Instructor, and his deputies are P.M.'s Pilcher and Walker.

Gundulph Lodge, No. 1050.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Monday, the 1st of January, at the King's Head Hotel, Rochester. Present—Bros. Thomas Wakon W.M., John P. Griffin, S.W., Mark Barnes J.W., Thomas Wyles P.M. Treasurer, Frederick C. Abbott J.D., William Wood D.C., J. Barrell Steward, W. Henderson acting I.G., Fearn Tyler. Past Masters Bros. T. Wyles, G. H. Curel, T. W. Newton. Visitors—Bros. Rowland and Satchel. After the minutes had been confirmed, Bro. Frank Colson was passed, and Bro. J. Winneford was raised.

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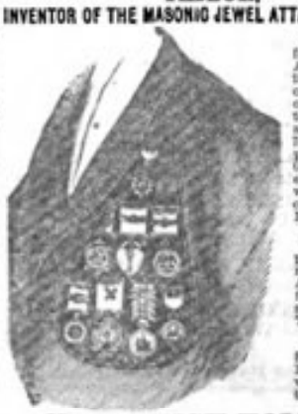
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ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES.

WE have more than once referred, at some length, to the necessity there is for exercising the extremest caution in the admission of candidates. We are impelled to recur to the subject, firstly, from its importance, and, secondly, because mention of a special bye-law relating thereto occurred in one of our Lodge Reports last week, to wit, that of Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, Hayle. The occasion was the annual Installation Festival, and it seems that provision is made in the Lodge bye-laws for the appointment of a Committee, consisting of the W.M. and his Wardens, the Secretary, and three Past Masters, whose duty it shall be to make all needful inquiries into the character and antecedents of every candidate who may be proposed for election but is unknown to the majority of the members. None will question the propriety of this law, which is a most salutary one, and, if carried out fully, must secure the object in view, namely, to prevent the acceptance of any candidate about whose merits any shadow of a doubt exists. For, be it known, the result of the Committee's inquiries is reported in open Lodge, before the ballot takes place, so that it is the Lodge's own fault if an undesirable candidate is intruded within its precincts. That this wholesome rule is not a mere matter of form we have a right to assume from the fact that Worshipful Master Pearce, in replying to the toast of his health, laid special stress on the importance of brethren being very cautious whom they sought to introduce into the Lodge. He said he had no wish that his year of office should be signalized by the influx of many new members, but he hoped that those who were admitted would be found, in due time, so worthy of the high honour conferred upon them, that the brethren would hail their rise to office in the Lodge with the heartiest satisfaction. This, unquestionably, was a sound view to lay down. Masters are prone to consider the mere increase in numbers the symptom of a Lodge's increasing strength. The notion is, in some measure, perhaps excusable. It is fair to presume that members who propose candidates do so with a certain sense of responsibility, that they would not lend themselves wittingly or willingly to the introduction of persons who are likely to prove either obnoxious to their fellow-members, or to bring the Fraternity into disrepute. The Master, therefore, generally speaking, regards the addition of new members as a sign that his term of office has been a prosperous one. We regret to say that this is not invariably so. We have it, indeed, on record, on the authority of the Deputy Grand Master of a province adjoining Cornwall, that some very undesirable persons have found their way into the ranks of the Society. We repeat, however, that, as a rule, Masters regard the introduction of more or fewer new members into their Lodges as a good sign. It is, therefore, we hail with all the greater satisfaction this very proper note of warning which it has pleased Bro. Pearce to utter on the first day of his Mastership, and we trust the members of the Cornubian Lodge will treat their Master's caution with the respect it deserves.

It is, indeed, a matter of the gravest moment to the welfare of the whole Masonic community, this cautious admission of members. The more we admire the Craft it is our privilege to belong to, the more anxious must we feel that none but reputable persons should be received into its ranks. By reputable we do not mean merely persons holding a certain position in society—persons with means, and exercising a certain influence in the station of life in which they move. We attach a far higher meaning to the term, and consider that reputable must be applied to persons who are fitted by their character and general bearing to mix freely and on equal terms with good, honest, and honourable men. They may not be overburdened, perhaps, with this world's goods, but, having a competence, they should be free of all other obligations than those of working honestly for the maintenance of themselves and their families, if so be they have any. The man of wealth is not always a desirable acquisition in any society. It will enable him, no doubt, to write himself down a subscriber to our Charities, or to be lavish of his hospitality among Craftsmen generally, and the members of his own Lodge in particular. But this merely results from the accident of his being wealthy. He may, nevertheless, bring discredit on Freemasonry by his questionable demeanour towards his less fortunately-circumstanced fellows. Again, cantankerous or irascible men are undesirable as companions, albeit they may be just and honourable in all their dealings; *à fortiori*, will they be out of place in a Lodge where, before all things, it is necessary that harmony and good fellowship should prevail. Men of questionable repute and questionable character must at all hazards be kept outside the portals of the Lodge. We seek no addition to our numbers, and therefore we should be the more careful in electing those who offer themselves as candidates. Masonry will be shorn of much of its undoubted value when people are admitted for the asking.

After all, Bro. Pearce was only repeating, in another form, the caution which has been so earnestly and so repeatedly impressed upon us of late by our respected Grand Secretary, Bro. Hervey. Whenever the important duty has devolved upon that eminent brother of consecrating a new Lodge—and that duty has, as our readers are aware, devolved upon him many times within the year that has just ended—whenever, we repeat, the duty of consecrating a new Lodge has been entrusted to our Grand Secretary, he has made it a point of impressing upon the members how necessary it is they should be careful whom they receive into the Brotherhood. Bro. Hervey speaks, of course, with almost a life-long experience of the Craft, and his advice, therefore, is of the weightiest, and cannot be too scrupulously followed. It is doubtful if Freemasonry can ever be more prosperous than it is at this present moment. It is possible, of course, that its virtues may be more generally recognised, for there are still those who wilfully shut their eyes to the good services we are capable of rendering to society at large. Wherever people are free to minister constitutionally to their own wants, wherever tyranny, be it political, religious, or social, is powerless to repress the free exercise of a nation's will, there, invariably, it will be found that Freemasonry lives in the esteem and respect of worthy men. It is so in this country, where, within the limits prescribed by the laws, all men are free to think and act as they please. It is so in the United States of America, and so in other countries which enjoy the blessings of a civilized government. On the other hand, wherever there is any undue restraint exercised over the thoughts and actions of a people, there it will be found that Freemasonry either has no abiding-place at all, or leads but a very precarious existence. This being so, and the Craft generally being so highly esteemed by all reputable governments, we ask, Is it not worth while that we Masons should do our utmost to justify the respect which is entertained towards us? Is it not our duty to take all proper precautions in order to prevent the influx into our ranks of those

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who will not only endanger the harmony and good feeling which it is our chief business to promote throughout the Craft, but may likewise lower us and our Society in the estimation of the public? At present, and without the slightest suspicion of Pharisaicism, we may honestly boast that if we do not deserve the high reputation we enjoy, we spare no pains to deserve it. Let us not then relax in our endeavours to maintain that reputation. Let us bear in mind the sage advice so strenuously urged upon us all by one of our ablest and most experienced officers during the past year, and so pertinently impressed upon the members of Cornubian Lodge at the recent installation of its Worshipful Master, that it is impossible to be too cautious in the admission of new members. We see no objection to an increase of the Order numerically, provided it brings with it increased strength in reputation and character. The Craft is deeply indebted to those brethren who take upon themselves to administer such counsel, and we thank them. We trust the example of Bros. Hervey and Pearce will not be lost upon the officers of other Lodges, and that they too will follow such excellent examples.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

WE have received a copy of the Abstract of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge during the year 1875, and offer our most fraternal acknowledgments for the same. It is a very elaborate volume, containing, indeed, far more than is usually to be found in these records. First come the minutes of the Quarterly Communications held in June, September, and on the 1st December, and then follow those of the annual meeting on the 27th December, when the new Grand Master was installed according to ancient custom, together with addresses delivered by the retiring and newly-elected Grand Masters respectively. In addition, are the reports of the various Committees on Finance, the New Temple, the Library, &c., &c., together with those of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, and Girard Bequest. All these contain the amplest information on the work achieved by Freemasonry in this jurisdiction, and will prove of great interest to all Craftsmen. The bulk of the volume, however, consists of a review of the proceedings of all the North American Grand Lodges, the preparation of which must have been a very laborious task, and reflects the highest credit on Bros. E. Coppée Mitchell, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, and John C. Uhle, who, between them, shared this important duty. This review offers a complete picture of the Craft in North America during the preceding year. All important points are noted, and some valuable statistics are given, showing the numerical strength throughout the United States and British North America. Lastly comes the Special Report presented at the Quarterly Communication held in March of last year, in which a consideration of the status of different foreign Masonic Bodies forms the chief point of interest. The principal matters to be noted herein are that the Committee of which Bro. Richard Vaux, a Past Grand Master, is the Chairman, submits that the Grand Lodge Diet of Germany, composed of the Grand Masters and certain representatives of the eight Grand Lodges, is not a body with which the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania can hold any Masonic intercourse, or towards which it feels itself justified in extending any recognition. It is further submitted that other Grand Bodies, including, among them, the Grand Orients of France, Brazil, Portugal, Hungary, and Egypt are not in such a condition as to call for recognition from the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge. We shall, doubtless, have occasion to note, on future occasions, sundry of the particulars contained in this very elaborate abstract. Suffice it now to call attention to the statistical table, in which are recorded all necessary information as to the Lodges holding under this Grand Lodge. On the 27th of December, of the year 1874, up to which date the return is made out, there were 529 Lodges, with an aggregate membership of 38,157 brethren. The number of admissions was 600, of initiations 1,974, of resignations 642, of suspensions or expulsions 946, and of deaths 427. These figures are eminently satisfactory, except as regards the one head of suspensions and expulsions, which is really a very formidable figure, representing, as it does, a total of close upon one thousand, or one in every thirty-eight members. Our Pennsylvanian brethren will doubtless pardon us if we suggest, that certain remarks of ours made at different times on the incautious admission of candidates may be considered by them with some profit; in which case we venture to say that this formidable array of brethren who neglect or set at naught the obligations they have contracted will be very sensibly reduced. We note, likewise, with pleasure the compliment paid to Bro. Hughan, in connection with the recent discovery as to early Freemasonry in Philadelphia, a discovery which has settled the precedence—so far as age is concerned—of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania over all other American Grand Lodges. We cannot, of course, marvel that a question of this character should have awakened so strong a sense of interest in the brethren of this jurisdiction. It shows how strong is the Masonic feeling in their hearts when they are thus prompted to lay so much stress on a priority of two or three years only. We have referred to this on previous occasions, and we only do so now, because it would be un-Masonic of us to let pass the tribute of respect which is paid in this abstract to the eminent historical services of a worthy English Mason. We will merely add that our Pennsylvanian brethren have our heartiest good wishes for their continued prosperity.

For some time past it has been the custom to give an entertainment to those of the pupils who remain at our Girls' School during the vacation. These, numbering about 30, were entertained on Friday, the 5th, by the House Committee. The decorations, which were executed by the pupils, were tasteful and artistic. Tea having been partaken of, a series of dissolving views, with an amusing description of the scenes, &c., was given, the apparatus being kindly lent by Bro. F. Cox. Dancing was then commenced and thoroughly enjoyed. During the intervals, Bros. Cox and March sang some songs, and Bro. John Boyd afforded great amusement by some mechanical dancing figures of "the cure," &c. Refreshments were then served and bon bons distributed, which caused great amusement. Master Dicketts proposed the health of the young ladies, which was cordially received. All present spent a very pleasant evening, and the children seemed greatly to appreciate the efforts of their friends, who are at all times willing to do all they can to amuse the pupils. Several well-known supporters of the School were present, among them being Bros. Colonel F. Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex, B. Head, P.G.D., J. R. Rucker, P.G.D., J. Nunn, P.G.S.B., and Mrs. Nunn, J. Boyd, P.G.P., E. H. Finney, T. W. White, A. H. Tattershall, C. Moutrie and Miss Moutrie, H. Dicketts, T. Kingston and Mrs. Kingston, E. Cox and Mrs. Cox, H. Muggeridge, T. Massa, J. G. Marsh, J. Faulkener, H. Massey, Mrs. Massey, and the two Miss Masseys, Griffiths Smith, W. Lane and Mrs. Lane, W. Rucker, L. Hirsch and Mrs. Hirsch, Mrs. F. Binckes and the two Misses Binckes, Dr. Eady, H. M. Levy, and also Bro. Robert Wentworth Little and Mrs. Little, whom all were pleased to see among them.

It will be seen from an announcement made in our advertisement columns that some very important business will come before the Quarterly General Court of the Boys' School, to be held on Monday. We allude, of course, especially to the proposition that will be submitted by Bro. Snow, one of the Vice-Patrons of the Institution, to the effect that the buildings surrounding the playground be raised by adding an extra story, so as to provide an increased sleeping accommodation for fifty boys; and further that fifty boys be admitted at the October election. The proposal is very simple, and will, unquestionably, if carried, prove a great boon to those deserving candidates whose admission is at present impossible, owing to want of the necessary space. However, we are not about to discuss the merits of Bro. Snow's resolution. The question of enlarging the School is already before the public—that is to say, it is contemplated to erect a Preparatory School for the accommodation of a hundred little boys; and it may be wise to treat this extension of the School and Bro. Snow's proposition as parts of one general scheme; or it may be considered more expedient to take these several steps *seriatim*, and at intervals, as the financial arrangements of the Institution permit. But whether the proposed entertainment be dealt with summarily or piecemeal, it will always command our support.

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Old Warrants.

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No. 52.

No. 4, "Ancients;" No. 7 from the "Union of A.D. 1813" to the present time. According to Bro. Hughan's "Memorials of the Union," the No. 492 of A.D. 1776 (which joined No. 7 A.D. 1832), was 398 A.D. 1781 (as follows), *not* 392 A.D. 1792, as the Warrant of Confirmation recites, but No. 322. We presume 392 is an error of the transcriber, as we know, by the Grand Lodge Calendar of 1813, the Lodge was then 322.—J. C.



AUGUSTUS FREDERICK, G.M.

TO ALL AND EVERY OUR RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, WORSHIPFUL AND LOVING BRETHREN.

WE, PRINCE AUGUSTUS FREDERICK, OF BRUNSWICK, LUNENBERG, DUKE OF SUSSEX, EARL OF INVERNESS, BARON OF ARKLOW, KNIGHT OF THE MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE GARTER, &c. &c. &c.

GRAND MASTER

OF THE MOST ANTIENT AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

SEND GREETING.

WHEREAS, it appears by the Records of Our Grand Lodge, that a Warrant of Constitution, bearing date the 17th day of July 1751, was issued in due form, under the Seal of Masonry, authorizing and impowering certain Brethren therein named to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and which was accordingly opened at the Sun Tavern, Ludgate Hill, London, which Lodge was then placed and stood on the Registry of the Grand Lodge, No. 4, but by the Union of the Two Branches of the Fraternity on the 27th December 1813, the same became, and is now, No. 7. AND WHEREAS, it also appears by the said Records, that another Warrant of Constitution, bearing date the 7th May 1776, was issued to certain other Brethren therein named, authorising them to hold a Lodge, at Kew, in the County of Surrey, and which was accordingly opened at the King's Arms in that Town, and was then placed on the Registry of the Grand Lodge, No. 492, but by the general alteration of the Nos. in the year 1781, it became No. 398, and again, by the general alteration of numbers in the year 1792, it became No. 392, and by the Union of the Two Branches of the Fraternity before mentioned, it became No. 7 and now stands recorded on the Books of the Grand Lodge No. 409, and holds its meetings at the George and Blue Boar Tavern, Holborn, having, some years since, with the approbation of the Grand Master, been removed into London. And whereas, the Brethren composing the said two Lodges, No. 7 and No. 409, have, by resolutions unanimously agreed to at their respective meetings, as appears by their separate Books of Minutes, agreed to unite together, and be for the future only one Lodge, under the title or denomination of "The Royal York Lodge of Persoverance," retaining upon the registry of the United Grand Lodge the No. 7. AND WHEREAS the said Brethren have by their memorial applied to us for our sanction and authority to carry their wishes and intention into effect, and for that purpose have surrendered into our hands the two before recited warrants.

NOW KNOW YE, that we, having taken the subject into consideration, and being willing to grant the prayer of the Brethren, We do hereby grant this our Warrant of Consolidation and Confirmation unto our right trusty and well beloved Brethren Theophilus Gamauf, W. Master of the Lodge No. 7, Simon Andrew Foster, W. Master of the Lodge No. 409, John Robson, William Taylor, William Grinstone, Charles Meyer, James Call, William Robert George Key, and others, the members of the said Lodges, authorizing and impowering them and their successors to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the George and Blue Boar Tavern aforesaid, under the title or denomination of

THE ROYAL YORK LODGE OF PERSEVERANCE,

on the third Thursday in each month, or such other times as the Brethren thereof shall appoint, in conformity with the General Laws of the Craft. And then and there, when duly congregated, to make, pass, and raise Free Masons according to the Antient Custom of the Craft, in all ages and nations throughout the known world. And further, on the petition of the said Brethren, we do appoint the said Simon Andrew Foster to be the Master of the United Lodge, the said John Robson to be the Senior Warden, and the said William Taylor to be the Junior Warden, for continuing to hold the said Lodge until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and enrolled, strictly charging that every Member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge shall be installed in Antient form, and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may thereby be fully invested with the Dignities and Powers of his office. The said Lodge to be upon the General Register of our Grand Lodge No. 7. AND WE do require you the said Simon Andrew Forster, and your successors, to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons. And that you and they, and all others the members of the said Lodge do observe, perform, and keep the Laws, Rules, and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions, and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or our Successors, Grand Masters, or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. AND WE DO enjoin you to make such bye-laws for the government of your Lodge, as shall to the majority of the members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft, and a copy whereof you are to transmit to us, and we do require you to cause all such By-Laws and Regulations, and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge, to be entered in Books to be kept for that purpose. And you are in no wise to omit to send to us or our successors Grand Masters, or to THE RIGHT HONORABLE LAWRENCE LORD DUNDAS, our DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being, at least once in every year, a list of all the Members of your Lodge, and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein, and Brethren who shall have joined the same, together with the Fees and Monies payable thereon. It being our will and intention that this our Warrant shall remain in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our said Grand Lodge. And you the said Simon Andrew Forster are required as soon as conveniently may be, to send us an account in writing of what may be done in virtue of these Presents.

GIVEN under our HAND and the SEAL of the GRAND LODGE at LONDON, this 12th day of March A.L. 5832, A.D. 1832.

By command of the

M.W. GRAND MASTER.

(Signed) DUNDAS, D.G.M.

Signed { WILLIAM H. WHITE, / EDW. HARPER, } G.S.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Royal York Lodge of Persoverance, No. 7, Freemasons' Hall, London.

No. 53.

"Ancients," No. 239. A.D. 1787; No. 299 A.D. 1813, No. 211 A.D 1832, and No. 180 from A.D. 1863.

ANTRIM GRAND MASTER.

LAU. DERMOTT D.G.M.

THOS. HARPER S.G.W. J. PERRY J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin, at York, Anno Domini nine hundred and twenty six, and in the year of Masonry four thousand nine hundred twenty and six) in ample form assembled, viz.:—The Right Worshipful most potent and puissant Lord the Right Honourable Randal William McDonnell, Earl and Baron of Antrim, Lord Viscount Dunluce, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Antrim in the Province of Ulster and Kingdom of Ireland, Knight of the most honorable Military Order of the Bath, one of His Majesty's most Honorable Privy Council, and in that part of Great Britain called England, and Masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging, Grand Master of Masons, the Right Worshipful Laurence Dermott Esq. Deputy Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Thomas Harper Esq. Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful James Perry Esq. Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the cities and suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz.: The Worshipful William Brown Esq., one of our Master Masons, the Worshipful Mr. William Scott, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Mr. Patrick Walsh, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Bull's Head, in Prince's Street, Westminster, upon the second Thursday in each Kalender Month, on all seasonable Times and Lawful Occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby farther authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, William Brown, William Scott, and Patrick Walsh (with the consent of the members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and dignities as Free Masons, &c. &c. And such successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse and install their successors, &c. &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY during the Continuance of this Lodge for ever. Provided the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force nor virtue.

Given under our Hand and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London this Ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and Seven, and in the year of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and Seven.

JOHN MCCORMICK, Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol 6, Letter F.

The present No., title, &c. are, 180, St. James Union, Freemasons' Hall, London.

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LION AND LAMB LODGE, No. 192.

A clique in a Lodge is like a skeleton in a house, it has a chilling effect upon the mass of the members, and causes many who would otherwise take an interest in Lodge matters to absent themselves from Lodge meetings, and ultimately to throw themselves into the ranks of the unaffiliated. C. H.

THE installation meeting of this old Lodge would have been held on Thursday, the 4th inst., but for certain un-Masonic practices which appear to have been carried on for some time past by a clique. Accordingly, above fifty of the old members attended, and determined to put it down at once (and we hope for ever). The Lodge was opened in due form, at 3.30 p.m., and the minutes of the last meeting were read, and submitted for confirmation by the respected W.M., Bro. Cohn. When the votes were called over by the W.M., there were only 9 for the confirmation and 45 against, so that Bro. Arkell's election to the chair of K.S. was rendered null and void. The brethren also refused to confirm the election of the brother who had been appointed Treasurer. Among the un-Masonic practices complained of, are maliciously black-balling two members who were proposed for initiation by a P.M., and admitting them at the next meeting when proposed by a M.M., and seconded by the P.M., and also turning a deaf ear to the distress of the widow of an old member, while others, newly-initiated members, have had immediate relief. These and similar practices have caused the old members to absent themselves from their mother Lodge. But justice has not been dead; she has only slept; the "Lions" have been roused, and are determined to have no private piques brought into their Lodge; but to cultivate that love and harmony which always existed in former days—in short, the brethren are determined to have Masonry pure and simple. Last year, it seems, the brethren presented Bro. J. G. Marsh, P.M. and Secretary, with the sum of fifty guineas for the services he had rendered to the Lodge, as Secretary for the past ten years, and yet, this worthy Mason would have been passed over, and a brother who had only been initiated a year or so appointed in his stead. Again, another most worthy Mason, who has served every office up to J.W., and has been a great supporter of our Masonic charities, was also to have been left out in the cold for reasons which it is not worth while to record. The Lodge having being opened to the third degree, the W.M. raised a brother. The Lodge was then resumed to the first degree, and the case of an old member's widow came before the Lodge for the third time, when Bro. C. Hosgood proposed that the sum of ten guineas be immediately given from the Lodge funds. This was unanimously voted by the brethren, of whom above eighty were present. The brethren then voted a ten-guinea jewel to the W.M., and Bro. Hosgood, the oldest Past Master present, said, when presenting it, in the name of the Lodge, that he (Bro. Cohn) had, by his many genial and social qualities, as well as by the good working he had displayed, won the esteem and respect of every true Mason. Bro. Cohn cordially thanked Bro. Hosgood and the members for the honour they had conferred upon him, and likewise for the kindness and support he had received, of which he should ever retain a grateful recollection. He hoped that unity and brotherly love would continue, as formerly. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. In the hope that the following lines may be read over and over again by our erring brothers, we give this short dissertation:—"Slander of a Mason by a brother Mason.—For such violations of Masonic duty and solemn obligations subordinate Lodges claim the right of expelling an unworthy brother, and the Grand Lodge, where the charge was sustained, would not hesitate to confirm the action of its subordinate; for Freemasonry, far from encouraging injustice or tolerating prejudices, teaches virtue and science, courage and hope, and, spreading its beneficent light throughout the globe, unites all men, of all creeds, of all opinions, and of every persuasion. Truth is its centre, the eternal point whence its radii diverge, pointing out to its disciples not only a knowledge of the eternal Ruler of the Universe, and the moral laws which He has ordained for our guidance, but of those useful arts and sciences which alone distinguish civilised man from his uninformed savage brother. In Freemasonry there should be neither first nor last, strongest nor weakest, highest nor lowest. We should be all brethren, all equal, all wishing the welfare of one another, all united to enjoy the pleasure and happiness of rectifying each other's hearts, of edifying each other's minds, and of promoting as much as possible the social virtues of charity, goodwill, and harmony among ourselves and in the world at large. We would advise these erring brothers at once to discard as their motto, "Vitium sequimur, virtutem fugimus," shun their moral blindness, and learn to discriminate between what is lawful and what is expedient, by avoiding that which is evil, and doing that which is good."

"And live as ye are taught, that men may see
What human nature can and ought to be.
Then Masonry—the source of truth and peace,
Will spread its influence far, and far increase;
Unfading glory deck the Mason's name,
While built on virtue stands its spotless fame."

Among those members present were Bros. J. G. Marsh P.M. and Sec., G. Kenning P.M., West S., E. Coleman S., Fitzjohn, Doublett, Mabey, Elliott, Legge S.D., Child Past Inner Guard, Layborn, King P.M., Smith, W. R. Baker, W. Harwood, H. Davis, G. R. Dixon, T. Gardiner, G. Newman P.M., Hyde, C. Cann, J. Kent, Cohn W.M., R. Bright, S. Haynes, T. Fisher, S. Lucas D.C., Figes, Follett, J. Carle, Smale, Regan, T. Barker, R. Stubington, C. Scholes, and Edward Jones J.W.—*Communicated.*

[We deeply regret there should have been any grounds of complaint by the older members of this Lodge against certain of their fellow members. But those who habitually absented themselves from the Lodge in disgust at the "malpractices" referred to, must bear in mind they have only themselves to thank for the state of disorder which fell upon their Lodge. Had they fulfilled their duty, by attending the business of the Lodge regularly, it may be taken for granted that the evils complained of would long since have been suppressed. We can quite understand the feelings which prompted them to stay away, and had it been a matter of feeling only, we should have sympathised with, and applauded them most heartily. But by their non-attendance, they were permitting Freemasonry to fall more and more into evil ways, at the same time they rendered it necessary to act more rigorously, when it was found no longer possible to tolerate these scandals. However, on the principle of "better late than never," the older members have now resumed their proper places in the Lodge, and have promptly put an end to this discreditable state of things. We are glad of this—that they have at length awakened to a due sense of their responsibilities, and that there is every chance of the Lodge being henceforth harmoniously conducted. We wish the members a fresh career of prosperity.—ED. FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.]

MASONIC POPULARITY.

IT is an observable fact that Freemasonry is becoming too popular, and the profane world is becoming as familiar with our Masonic vocabulary, both in the definition and application, as are many Masons themselves. This was not always so; for we remember when a boy that the names of Freemason and Lodge carried with them such a great weight of mysterious awe as made the young folks bate their breath when passing that secluded building, and so quiet and unobtrusive were those brethren of the secret tie that it was scarcely known who of the community were of its membership. But how changed. Now, there is scarcely a family in any community that is not represented in some Masonic Lodge. Then, Masonry was unpopular, because of its unobtrusiveness and the little that was known of it; but having permeated all the better classes of society to such an extent, it has become the most popular Order on the face of the globe, and old and young have learned to look upon it with the greatest favour, and to speak of it in the highest praise.

A very striking feature of its popularity is, that almost every society that has sprung up in these latter days is dubbed with the dignified and ancient term of Lodge, thus borrowing prestige from our ancient Institution. Of course, we appreciate all such special recognition of the high dignity of the Masonic nomenclature, and of the mystic vocabulary, &c., generally, but if those organising these new societies had a better knowledge of our language and symbolisms, we think they would not be so lavish in their appropriation of those terms and symbols of which the very use of them proves them to be ignorant. We beg all such new designers not to be so hasty in their mis-appropriations. Our venerable Institution is hoary with age, but its existence will prove co-equal with its universality, and they will never get even a quit claim, much less a fee simple title to any of our time-worn property.

Again, while on this subject, we will refer to the fact that Masonry is becoming *too popular*, generally, for its own good, and the rush for admission into its fold, just now, is greater than is to be desired. Much of this rush is the result of mere curiosity, personal popularity or individual gain, all of which is the "bias of mercenary motives," and should be guarded against by the Lodges, as with this flood-tide of petitions much of the above-mentioned drift wood will be sure to find its way to the door of the Order. The recent war record of the Order in this particular should be a sufficient warning; as it is tenfold easier to take bad material into the building than to get it out when once there.

With these views of the case, the uninitiated will excuse us if we do not invite them to join us, or even if we seem to look upon their applications with distrust. These are rushing times, and Masonry must guard with a jealous eye all material that is presented for our mystic edifice. We enjoin this duty upon all Masons, and those who have taken the impressive Mark Master's degree will need no other reminder.—*Masonic Journal.*

A NEW YEAR'S GIFT TO THE PRINCE OF WALES.—A presentation of a superb silver casket was made at Sandringham, on New Year's Day, to Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, by the clergy and tenantry of the estate "in commemoration of his safe and happy return to his country home, after a most successful visit to British India." The casket (specially designed and manufactured by Bro. Emanuel, of the Hard, Portsea,) is in repoussé style, of Oriental design, depicting scenes connected with the Prince's visit, and bears his portrait. H.R.H. is in hunting costume, surrounded by native attendants, while a number of tents are seen in the background. An elephant, with a howdah on its back, is kneeling to receive the Prince, who is preparing for the hunt. The likeness is a faithful one of H.R.H. The reliefs and ornamentations are all sharply defined, and the testimonial itself is a *chef d'œuvre*. The presentation, which took place at the Hall, in the presence of the Marquis and Marchioness of Lorne and other illustrious guests, was made by the Rev. W. L. Onslow, on behalf of the donors, who were also present on the occasion. We understand that Bro. Emanuel has been highly complimented upon the excellence of the design, and the artistic manner in which it has been executed.—*Portsmouth Times and Naval Gazette.*

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MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I will endeavour to answer, to the best of my ability, the series of questions propounded by "W.M.C.L.," in your issue of the 30th ult.

1.—It is not necessary the Constitutions should make any provision for filling a vacant chair "when any officer, from S.W. downwards, dies, or otherwise withdraws, during his year of office." The Master, Treasurer and Tyler are chosen by the Lodge, but the Wardens and other officers by the Master. In the event of the death or withdrawal of any one of the latter, it would clearly rest with the W. Master to fill the vacancy. I take it, however, there is, indirectly, a provision made to meet at least one mode of vacating an office, namely, the compulsory mode. Section 9, at p. 79, provides as follows:—

"The Wardens and officers of a Lodge cannot be removed, unless for a cause which appears to the Lodge to be sufficient; but the Master, if he be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of his officers, may lay the cause of complaint before the Lodge, and, if it shall appear to the majority of the brethren present that the complaint be well founded, he shall have power to displace such officer, and appoint another."

2.—I believe the "practice in the oldest Lodges" is governed by what I have stated above.

3.—The Lodge elects its Tyler, and may remove him at any time, "for causes deemed sufficient by a majority of the brethren present at a regular meeting." It follows, logically, that when a Lodge displaces its Tyler, it is acting within its right when it appoints a successor.

4.—The insignia on a Master's apron are improperly described by "W.M.C.L." as "three TAUS," which, in the form of the triple TAU, is an emblem in Royal Arch Masonry. Under the head of "Regalia," the Constitutions provide as follows:—

"The masters and past masters of lodges to wear, in the place of the three rosettes on the master masons apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles; the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular lines one each."

These insignia then, which mark the rank of a Master and Past Master, are regulated by the Constitutions, and are, in fact, "levels," not "TAUS," as "W.M.C.L." mis-names them. The Scotch Constitutions, indeed, so describe them, roughly. They say:—

"In place of each of the Rosettes on the Master Mason's apron, a horizontal line, two and a half inches long, with a perpendicular line from its middle, one inch high, thereby forming two right angles, in imitation of a rude *level*. (N.B.—The italics are mine.)

The instructions in both Constitutions as to these "levels," not "TAUS," are clear and precise.

5.—I think if "W.M.C.L." will carry his inquiries further, he will find that "the ritual employed in opening a Board of Installed Masters" was determined at the Union of "Moderns" and "Ancients," in 1813. If he will refer to Articles III. and IV. of that Union, as contained in Preston's *Illustrations of Masonry*, he will find, in the former, these words:—

"There shall be the most perfect unity of obligation, of discipline, of working the Lodges, of making, passing and raising, instructing, and clothing Brothers; so that but one pure unsullied system, according to the genuine landmarks, laws, and traditions of the Craft, shall be maintained, upheld, and practised throughout the Masonic world from the day, &c., &c."

In Article IV., we read:—"To prevent all controversy or dispute as to the genuine and pure obligations, forms, rules, and ancient traditions of Masonry . . . it is agreed that the obligations and forms that have, from time immemorial, been established, used, and practised in the Craft, shall be recognised, accepted, and taken by the members of both Fraternities as the pure and genuine obligations and forms by which the incorporated Grand Lodge of England, and its dependent Lodges in every part of the world, shall be bound."

When, then, the two fraternities of Ancients and Moderns were united, the rituals must have been settled in accordance with the above prescriptions. It is useless, I think, to go further back than this.

Fraternally yours,

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The word *Freemason* is found in a statute of Edward VI., of the year 1548. In the year 1506, John Hylmer and William Vertue, *Freemasons*, were engaged to "vaulte or doo to be vawlted with free-stone, the roof of the quere of the College Roiall of our Lady and St. George, within the castell of Wyndsore, according to the roof of the body of the said College." This appears in an indenture dated June 5, 21st year of the reign of Henry VIII. So saith the *Philadelphia Keystone*.

THE MAGAZINES OF THE MONTH.

Blackwood opens the new year with a new story, entitled "The Shadow of the Door." "Inside the House of Commons" is pleasantly written, by one who speaks as with authority, and is well worth reading therefore. Then comes Part viii. of a "A Woman Hater," in which all the principal personages take part. Miss Rhoda Gale evidently has her reasons for rejecting the advances of Mr. Severne, while the latter makes a stupid blunder which greatly lowers him in the estimation of his *fiancée*. Rhoda Gale is also terribly in earnest in her new sphere of work near Vizard Court, and the Kloaking re-appears on the scene, and receives a visit from a detective, despatched by Severne for purposes of his own. We are evidently approaching a *dénouement*, and shall look forward to future Parts with great interest. "Weariness: A Tale from France," is well-written, but sad, in accordance with its title, and there is a good biographical sketch of "George Sand." "The New Year" is the title of the political article, the writer of which inclines to the belief that peace, after all, may be preserved. We hope so, but then "The New Year" was written before the latest disturbing news had reached us.

For sufficient reasons, no doubt, the present number of the *New Quarterly* appears without the usual critical article on contemporary literature and criticism. We miss this sadly, and trust it may not wholly have disappeared from the programme of this magazine. The opening article is on "Pessimism, and one of its Professors." The writer handles her subject well, but we do not think it is one that will be very generally appreciated. The two contributions in the way of fiction are "The House on the Beach—a Realistic Tale," by G. Meredith, and "Kate Cronin's Dowry," by Mrs. Casbel Hoey. They are both of the same excellent class and charcter as invariably are to be met with in these pages. In addition, are an account, of "The Reformation of the Thirteenth Century," by Francis Hueffer, from his forthcoming work on "The Troubadours," and a sketch of "Revolutions and Russian Conquests in Central Asia," by J. H. Tremenheere, which will form a special attraction at this period, when the feeling of jealousy is strong between Russia and Great Britain. We cannot say we incline altogether to the writer's views about Russian objects in extending her empire into the heart of Asia. We are not by any means pessimists, but we do not undervalue, as Mr. Tremenheere does, the evidences of Russian lust of conquest, which are noticeable throughout Captain Burnaby's book. A picture by E. Barrington de Fonblanque of "Goethe in his Old Age," and a paper by H. Schütz Wilson on "The Pompeii of the Tannewold," complete the list of contents. The number is a good one, albeit we have read more than one among its predecessors which we consider superior.

Baily contains an article on "The Decline of the English Horse," a paper on "Stud Gossip," and another on the question of "Amateur or Gentlemen Huntsman." There is an interesting sketch of the career of "Mr. Robert Peek," well known in racing circles, and, besides this, two other articles to which we would call our readers' attention, namely, "A Fogey's Kaleidoscope" and "A September Holiday." Both are readable. As to "Our Van," need we say more than that it is genial and lively as ever?

In *Cassell's Family Magazine*, the serial stories, "Paul Knox Pitman," and "My Guardian," impress themselves still more favourably upon the reader, and will doubtless develope into excellent tales. But the class of useful articles it is which always predominates in this Magazine, "The Art of Packing Up" is a case in point, and so are the papers "On Healthy Exercise," by a Family Doctor, "How we Failed to make Both Ends Meet," by Phillis Browne, "Art Embroidery as an Employment for Ladies," and "Food for Cold Weather," by that excellent caterer of common sense in matters culinary, Mr. A. G. Payne. The directions for "Gardening in January" will be found of use to the amateur, and there is some pertinent advice in the description of "How I engage my servants." Besides these there is a paper on "The Arctic Expedition: its Aims and its Deeds," some pretty little "Miniature Stories to be read round the Christmas Fire," "Chit Chat on Dress," and "The Gatherer's" very useful array of notes.

The *Leisure Hour* opens with a new serial story of domestic interest, entitled "A Young Wife's Story." The paper on "Old Almanacks" belongs to that class of article which occurs so frequently in this periodical, and which is always welcomed so cordially by lovers of antiquarian lore. The biographical sketch of "Viscount Stafford de Redcliffe K.G., G.C.B.," is that of one of the most eminent diplomatists England has ever had the good fortune to include among her public men. The sketch is well drawn, and we commend it particularly to the notice of our readers. "Australia Felix: Impressions of Victoria," Part I., by Isabella L. Bird, introduces us to one of our most important cities in Australia. "The New Law Courts" explains to us their New Constitution, as far as the brief limits of an article will permit. "An Early Breakfast in the City" is a very entertaining paper, which must be read in order to be thoroughly appreciated. It is specially interesting as containing some interesting information respecting the Religious Tract Society, and the excellent work it does. "Our Ironclads" is a short account of some of our most formidable war ships of the day, and, in one or two cases, a contrast is offered between the ships we possess and those of other maritime powers, among the latter being the Russian Circular Ironclad, the Popoff, of which there is an illustration. The coloured engraving of the "Soldier's Dream" makes an excellent frontispiece.

In the *Sunday at Home*, we have noticed a short, yet appropriate Christmas story, entitled "The Echoed Song," No. I. of "Pictures from Jewish Life," by J. Alexander, author of "The Jews, their Past, Present and Future," and "An Indian Chaplain's Recollections." We can further recommend to the notice of our readers, the sketch of "A Portuguese Mountain Village," and an explanation of the "Chinese Tail Cutting Mystery." The usual class of contents will

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be found exhibiting the same degree of merit as has been noticeable in all previous numbers. There is an excellent Coloured Engraving as frontispiece, the subject being a passage from the 2nd Chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, while most of the other illustrations are worthy of the periodical in which they appear, "For what we are about to receive," being capitally drawn.

In No. 5 of *The Countries of the World*, we find ourselves gradually leaving the Arctic Regions for a less northern latitude, the latter scenes lying in British North America, and introducing us to life in Columbia and among the Trappers on Lake Superior. The illustrations, like the letter-press, are worthy of all praise.

The *London Magazine* is a new candidate for popular favour, having made its first appearance only at the commencement of the present month. The majority of the contents are to our liking. In particular, the article on "The North Pole," by Mr. F. Whymper and a very chatty critical paper by the London Lounge, have greatly pleased us. But these, though the contributions that have taken our fancy the most, are far from being the only ones that are worth reading. We wish the *London* well. If its programme in the future is up to the standard of the opening number, we see no reason why it should not prosper.

BOMBAY.

Caledonia Lodge, No. 490 S.C.—A regular monthly meeting of this flourishing and influential Lodge was held in the Scottish Masonic Hall, Cumballa Hill, on "St. Andrew's Eve," under the Hiram of the R.W. Master, Bro. George B. Thomson, who was supported on the dais by R.W.P. Master Bro. Freeborn—one of the most energetic, indefatigable, and enthusiastic Craftsmen in Western India, and whose Masonic career deserves to find a place in the gallery of the "Masonic Portraits,"—and by R.W.P.M. Bro. McClumpha. The "work" of the evening was of a most gratifying character, embracing the affiliation of several well-known and worthily recommended brethren, and the passing and raising of two members of the Craft. It would be supererogatory to comment on the *aplomb* with which the R.W. Master acquitted himself on this occasion. Working the sublime degree for the first time during his tenure of office, R.W. Bro. Thomson at once gave evidence that he had carefully studied and thoroughly mastered the details in all their pristine purity and solemnity. He rendered the whole ceremony most effectively; and the staid and most impressive manner in which he described that immemorial legend of antiquity, enthralled the attention of all present. The R.W. Master was ably supported by his Wardens and Deacons—gentlemen who have secured the respect and esteem of all their *confrères*. A happy and judicious division of labour partially relieved the W.M., and afforded the Wardens the pleasing duty of presenting the working tools, and delivering the charge to the newly-raised brethren. It must be acknowledged that, during a lengthened experience of the working of Freemasonry in Scotland, Ireland, and India, I have never witnessed the sublime degree so thoroughly carried out in all its *minutiæ*. Business, or rather, to speak by the card, "Lodge work," being most satisfactorily completed in love, peace, and unity, about half-past eight p.m., the members and the visiting brethren, by invitation of the R.W. Master, retired from "labour to refreshment." The banquet was sumptuous and *recherché*, as everything appertaining to Lodge "Caledonia," invariably is; for it "bears the bell away" amongst our Craft Lodges of Western India. The usual toasts of obligation were duly proposed, and the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Patron of the Ancient Order, was received, as it always is, most cordially. The good folks at home little know with what feelings of veneration and respect the whole Royal Family are regarded out here in the far Orient. As an illustration of this, I may mention that when present as the guest of the R.W.M. of one of our Parsee Lodges, a few evenings previously, I was delighted to observe the enthusiasm, as universal as it was sincere, with which Her Majesty's name, in connection with the Craft, was received. The "welkin rang again" with the plaudits of the brethren, who vied with each other in giving utterance to their pent-up feelings of loyalty and devotion to the throne which our beloved Queen graces and adorns with all the virtues of womanhood. It was a scene which my feeble pen fails to portray in language commensurate with the occasion. And here, *par parenthese*, I may say that a more attached and appreciative class of British subjects does not exist throughout that vast empire, "On which the sun never sets," than the Parsees of Bombay, and especially amongst those fortunate and favoured ones who have been admitted within the portals of Freemasonry, for they are true to the core. But I have somewhat digressed, so *revenons a nos moutons*. I must state that, at the banquet table of Lodge Caledonia, the R.W. Master was as equally in his element as within the tyled adytum of the Lodge. Congenial, suave, and courteous, he endeavoured to render all happy around him, and his efforts were crowned with success. He never flagged nor faltered; he had an *apropos* and happy word for every one, and cemented the feelings of all by his sage words, fortuitously uttered with Masonic pith and verve. The toast of the "Visiting Brethren" was responded to by W. Bro. McClumpha, who, in returning thanks for the strangers present, availed himself of the opportunity to congratulate the Lodge on possessing a R.W. Master and Officers who not only enjoyed their entire confidence, but were so thoroughly efficient in the performance of their respective duties. After participating in the enjoyment of a well-spent evening, the brethren separated, about 11 p.m., many of them hoping to hold high festival at the Masonic banquet to be given on St. Andrew's Day, under the auspices of the R. W. Grand Master of all Asia, Bro. Morland, which it was anticipated would be a great success.—*Communicated.*

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The regular meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, V.P., in the chair. Bro. James Terry, Secretary, read the minutes, which were confirmed. It was announced that the total receipts for the year 1876 were £12,540 15s 7d. Messrs. Halls had sent in twenty-six sacks of coal, which were gratefully acknowledged. The Secretary informed the brethren of the entertainment given at the Institution, and that Bro. W. Hale had presented every male annuitant with half a pound of tobacco, and every female with half a pound of tea. Bro. Fowler presented a case of whiskey; Bros. Webb and Legge a bottle of whiskey to each male and female resident; Bro. Hunter had given a barrel of ale. Bro. Terry also gratefully acknowledged the valuable services rendered by Bro. Dr. Strong, who had been presented with an elegant gold locket and microscope, while Mrs. Strong had received a gold locket, these gifts being subscribed for by the residents at the Institution. It was resolved to rent a field of 6½ acres, adjoining the Institution, on a lease of four or seven years, with the option of purchase on the death of the present proprietor, who is very aged. The deaths of eight males and two females was announced; thirty-eight male candidates and thirty-four female candidates were placed on the list of candidates, there being eight vacancies for males, and two for females. After a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the Chairman, the meeting was adjourned until the following month. There were present Bros. S. Rawson, C. A. Cottebrune, J. Brett, T. Cubitt, J. Constable, G. Bolton, H. Muggeridge, Griffiths Smith, F. Adlard, J. Newton, H. G. Warren, J. G. Stevens, W. Stephens, J. A. Farnfield, W. Hale, W. Hilton, C. E. Lacey, Dr. Erasmus Wilson, H. M. Levy, &c.

SCOTCH MEETINGS.

Kilwinning Lodge, No. 4, Glasgow.—Held its first meeting for 1877, on Wednesday, the 10th January, in the New Masonic Hall, Dumbarton-road. Bro. R. Thorburn R.W.M. in the chair, supported by Bros. R. Prout I.P.M., J. Dixon D.M., G. Holmes S.M., R. Jamison acting S.W., McNaughton J.W., Jas. McKeand Treasurer and J. McNair Secretary. There was a good attendance both of members and visitors, among whom we noticed Bros. Harsh and Dina of No. 3 bis, Wheeler and Higgins of 73, T. M. Campbell P.M. 408 and a large deputation from St. Vincent 553. There were six gentlemen proposed for initiation, and 10 for affiliation as joining members; two of the latter being present were duly affiliated by the R.W.M. The S.W. elect, Bro. Orr, as well as the S.B. and B.B. being now present, Bro. Thorburn asked Bro. Wheeler as he had previously installed the rest of the office bearers, to complete the work; this was done, and after some private business, the Lodge was closed.

St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 69.—Held its regular meeting in St. Clair's Hall, Glasgow, on the 9th inst., at 7 o'clock. Comp. T. M. Campbell Z, proceeded to open a Mark Lodge. Bro. J. M'Innis S.W., J. Brand J.W., who advanced Bro. William Ferguson, of Lodge 510 to that degree. A Lodge of the Most Excellent Masters was then opened, and Comp. Wheeler Z. of 73, conferred the degrees of Excellent and Super excellent Master on six candidates for St. Andrew, and one for the Rosslyn No. 119. The Chapter was then opened with T. M. Campbell Z., G. W. Wheeler H., R. Prout J., T. Blackwood T., J. Nash S.E., J. M'Innis 1st S., R. Bland 2nd S., and Capt. Stark 3rd S., exalted five candidates for St. Andrew's, and one for the Rosslyn Chapter, in his usual faultless style. Comp. Thaller Z. of 119 P.G.C. thanked the Chapter for having given these two degrees to his candidates. Comp. Campbell expressed the pleasure he experienced in being able to assist a sister Chapter, and also his gratification at being so well supported, as on this occasion, by the Principals and Past Principals of other Chapters. P.G. officers Comp. Wheeler Z. 73 P.G.S.N., Thaller Z. 119 P.G.C., William Dobbie P.Z. 119, and Comp. Park P.Z. 122, were present.

Caledonian Railway Lodge, No. 354.—Held its regular meeting on Wednesday. In the absence of the Master, Bro. John Harley S.M. opened the Lodge, with Bros. Jas. Harley S.W., Wm. Anderson J.W., when Mr. W. J. Gray and Alex. Livinstone were duly initiated by Bro. J. Fyfe D.M. of 465. The 2nd degree was then worked by Bro. Harley, after which the Lodge was raised, and two brethren were raised to the sublime degree by Bro. J. McInnis R.W.M. 408.

Commercial Lodge, No. 360.—Held an emergency meeting in their own hall, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow, on Saturday, when there were three candidates for initiation, one from the Marie Stuart 541. The ceremony was worked by Bro. Jules Brodè I.P.M. of 541. The Fellow Craft was then worked by Bro. J. M. Olive D.M., after which Bro. Lamb raised one brother to the sublime degree of M.M. All the ceremonies were worked with that excellence which has placed the Commercial in the first rank of Glasgow Lodges. The working of each of the brethren in the several degrees being perfect.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Royal Arthur Lodge, No. 1360.—Met on Thursday, the 4th of January, at the Lecture Hall, Wimbledon, S.W. Present: Bros. Thomas James Lawes W.M., M. D. Loewenstark S.W., J. Reeves J.W., C. S. Stockman P.M. Secretary, W. H. Jackson P.M. Treasurer, J. Brunker S.D., E. Peacock J.D., Sumner D.C., Tarrington Steward, Robinson I.G., Woodstock Tyler. Past Masters H. Smith and E. L. Cockerell. Business—Five gentlemen were ballotted for and accepted. One brother was accepted as a joining member. Four gentlemen were initiated. One gentleman, a Lewis, was proposed for initiation next meeting.

Kennington Lodge, No. 1381.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 2nd inst. at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, under the presidency of Bro. Geo. Everett. Bros. Higgins S.W., Reeve J.W., E. J. Page P.M. Treasurer, W. Stuart P.M. Secretary, T. C. Walls S.D., Kohler J.D., Robinson D.C., Speedy I.G., Marston Steward, and P.M.'s Bros. W. Mann, Gardner, Drysdale and Koch The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Landan and Bavin were passed to the 2nd degree by the W.M., who exhibited his usual ability. The election for W.M. then took place, and resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Higgins S.W. Bro. E. J. Page P.G.S. was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Longstaff Tyler. Bros. Robinson, Webster, and Shauger were elected on the Audit Committee. The Lodge was then closed.

Baldwin Lodge, No. 1398.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Monday, the 8th of January, at 6.30 p.m., in the Lodge room at the Castle, Dalton-in-Furness. Present—Bros. F. Bell W.M., T. Grieves acting S.W., Richmond Whiteside acting J.W., Robert Blake Secretary, James Garden Treasurer, P. Derbyshire acting S.D., Thomas Hosking acting J.D., R. Townley D.C., G. B. Ashburner Organist, Thomas Trembath I.G., William Pratt Tyler. Past Masters Bros. William Whiteside and Francis Henry Clark. Bro. Richard Bell was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by Bro. F. Bell W.M. The Historical Lecture in the third degree was ably given by Bro. W. Whiteside P.M., to Bros. J. Huddleston and Richard Bell.

Truth Lodge, No. 1458.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday, the 6th of January, at Private Rooms, Newton Heath, Manchester. Present—Bros. James Batchelder W.M., W. J. Kinder S.W., G. H. Needle J.W., J. E. Iliff Secretary, Thomas Tyers P.M. Treasurer, William Cox S.D., James Taylor J.D., M. Kleinmann Steward, James Proctor I.G., Beswick Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. J. W. Turner, Thomas Tyers, John Kinder. Business—The Lodge was opened at 3.45, when the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for two gentlemen, and proved favourable in both cases. One being present, he was duly initiated by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a masterly manner. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, when Bro. Duckworth answered the test questions leading from the 2nd to the 3rd, and retired. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, when Bro. T. Tyers P.M. occupied the chair of K.S., and most impressively raised Bro. Duckworth to the Sublime Degree. After this, Bro. Batchelder resumed the chair, and closed the Lodge down to the 1st degree. Three gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and one as a joining member. Bro. Turner's notice of motion: "That the sum of Five pounds be given to the E.L.S.B. and E. Institution, to endow the W.M.'s chair in perpetuity," was the next business on the summons, and was carried, after some discussion, a few of the brethren evidently did not understand either the nature of the charity, or the Charity Fund of the Lodge, also, in one instance, proving themselves quite unacquainted with the Book of Constitutions, or the by-laws of the Lodge. The business being completed, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the festive board, where due honour was given to the several toasts.

Bury St. Edmunds Abbey Lodge, No. 1592.—Held its monthly meeting on the 8th of January, at the Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds. Present—Bros. W. H. Lucia (Prov. G. Secretary) W.M., W. Armstrong S.W., T. F. Lucia Acting J.W., W. E. Bailey P.M. Secretary, W. J. Nunn S.D., H. Thompson Acting J.D., J.W. Shepherd I.G., C. Gooch Tyler. Visitor—Bro. Silverston 1474. Business—Bro. G. C. Carliell was passed to the 2nd degree by the W.M., and a candidate was elected for initiation. Bro. W. Armstrong the S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet under the presidency of the Secretary, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1557.—On Friday, 5th inst., the annual meeting was held at the Bush Inn, Hexham, when there was a very large attendance of brethren. The meeting was additionally interesting by the fact that it was the night appointed for the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. John Ditchburn, of Tynemouth, who, since the establishment of the Lodge, has acted as S.W. Amongst those present were Bros. George White W.M., Ditchburn S.W., Fishburn J.W., Turner Treasurer, Catherall Secretary, W. M. Bell S.D., Martin J.D. And amongst the visiting brethren present were Bros. George Hardy 424, W. Beawick 406, John Smith S.D. 1119, W. Hardie 991, J. Ridley 991, Thomas Smith 484, Robert Lumley 24, J. Renton J.W. 1119, J. T. Hope P.M. 1119, P.G.S.B. Durham, J. H. Kendal 48. The Lodge having been opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. George. White, who afterwards initiated the Rev. George Robinson, Ulgham, near Morpeth, into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and then called upon Bro. Roddam, P.M. St. Hilda's, South Shields, to discharge the duties of Installing Master, which were performed in an effective and solemn manner. Bro. Ditchburn W.M. elect, was then placed in the chair of K.S., and appointed the following officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. George White I.P.M., J. Fishburn S.W., W. M. Bell J.W., J. Turner Treasurer, Catherall Secretary, Oates S.D., Hedley J.D., Dr. Kendal I.G., Alexander jun. S.S., M. Robson J.S., Nicholson Organist, Roddam D.C., Newcastle Tyler. The Lodge was then closed in due form, after which the first annual banquet was held, at Bro. George Pearson's, Bush Inn, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Ditchburn, and was attended by about fifty brethren. The banquet was of a most *recherché* character, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

BRO. SIR MICHAEL COSTA AS A CONDUCTOR.—Sir Michael Costa has been accused, justly or unjustly we shall not here decide, of sometimes sacrificing voices to the grandeur of instrumental harmony; but no one has attempted to deny that this latter is supreme in his hands. He plays on his orchestra as on one great instrument; and if he has now and then seemed to drown an over-delicate passage of vocalisation, he has oftener, on the other hand, covered defects, and turned them into beauties. A splendidly dramatic but not otherwise impressive baritone, and a basso-profundo, whose nickname was "The Shouter," once sang Bellini's martial duet, "Suona la Tromba," in such style as would hardly have rendered the melody distinguishable had it been unaccompanied. But Costa's *bâton* brought them through, and, what is more, made the house ring with a rapturous demand for repetition, as the two singers struck each his attitude, and went off at opposite sides. "I always thought," said B., the baritone, "that I sang more out of tune than any man on the stage, but F. beats me to night." And on went F. and B. to sound the trumpet once again in queer concord of discordancy. The might of Costa's magnificent band had been the saving of those tuneless ones. The perfection to which this Homeric leader had drilled his army may be significantly told in a simple, brief, and authentic statement of fact. It was no uncommon thing with Mario, in his waning period, to feel apprehensive of an accident with his highest note, and, therefore, to request that his music might be lowered that evening half a tone. Indulging the great tenor in his need, every man of the splendid orchestra would, at sight, transpose the reading of his part in the score by that half-tone. True, it ought to be within the individual capacity of every musician playing in a great orchestra to do this with ease and certainty; but, as a matter of fact, the band consisting wholly of such competent instrumentalists is seldom found. Difficult though it may be to transpose music at sight on any orchestral instrument, it is manifestly a far more trying feat to accomplish the same task on the piano. But Sir Michael Costa, and, indeed, other accomplished musicians having to accompany new and elaborate compositions for the voice, have often been known, at first sight of the notes, to change the music to any given key suitable to the singer.—From *Cassell's National Portrait Gallery.*

PRINCE HAL AND JUDGE GASCOIGNE.—As Henry IV. declined in health, he seems to have grown increasingly jealous of the popularity of his son, the Prince of Wales. The young prince had acquired great glory by his conduct at the battle of Shrewsbury, and in his warfare against Owen Glendower. He was free, jocund, fond of pleasure, and of mixing with all classes of the people. Shakespeare has made his life and character the most living and familiar of things. He has surrounded him by a set of jolly companions, the fat and witty Sir John Falstaff, Bardolph, "mine ancient Pistol," and the whole band of roysterers who haunted the Boar's Head, Eastcheap. He has drawn his inimitable portraiture of the merry Prince Hal from the chroniclers of the time, who describe him as the idol of the people. He was as dissipated as an heir-apparent generally is, but with his follies he displayed what his father never possessed—a generous temperament. No sooner was he on the throne than he offered terms of pacification to his most persevering enemy, Owen Glendower. The anecdote of his conduct before Judge Gascoigne has been represented as doubtful by some of our modern historians but it is gravely related by Hardyng and Elmham, his contemporaries, and there is, therefore, no just right to question it. One of the Prince's associates had been arraigned for felony before Chief Justice Gascoigne, the upright magistrate whom we have seen refusing to execute his father's illegal acts at York. The Prince appeared before the magistrate, and peremptorily demanded the release of his boon companion. The chief justice refused, when Henry drew his sword upon him and swore that he would have the man liberated. The judge coolly ordered the Prince to be committed to prison himself as a great offender, since he was, by his position, bound expressly to be a maintainer of the laws. Henry at once, in the innate nobility of his own nature, felt and admired the lofty virtue of the magistrate. He submitted quietly to his order, and it is related that when the fact was mentioned to his father, he said, "Happy is the monarch who possesses a judge so resolute in the discharge of his duty, and a son so willing to yield to the authority of the law."—From "*Cassell's Illustrated History of England.*"

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A QUARTERLY General Court of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Monday, the 19th day of January, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution; to approve a list of 59 candidates, as recommended by the General Committee, from which 10 boys shall be elected at the Quarterly General Court to be held on Monday, 16th April 1877; also to consider the following notices of motion:—1. By Thomas Meggy, Esq., Vice-President: That, in consideration of the peculiar circumstances attending the election in October last, and having regard to the result of the scrutiny then demanded, the boy Herbert Pattison Wisby be received into the School without further contest should a vacancy occur from death or withdrawal previous to the election in April. 2. By Isaac J. Hooper Wilkins, Esq.: "That in consideration of the past services of Mr. Edward Harris, as Collector to the Institution for a period of nearly 20 years, who has now tendered his resignation, he be granted a retiring pension of £120 per annum from the 1st January 1877." 3. By George M. E. Snow, Esq., V. Patron: "That the buildings surrounding the playground be raised, by putting an extra story thereon, so as to provide increased sleeping accommodation for Fifty Boys. That Fifty Boys be admitted at the October Election, 1877." The Chair will be taken at 12 o'clock precisely.

By order,
FREDERICK BINCKES, Secretary.

6th January 1877.

*** The 79th Anniversary Festival will be held on Wednesday, 27th June. The services of brethren to represent Lodges and Provinces as Stewards are earnestly solicited. Donations to the "Special Fund" to provide for the erection of a building for a Preparatory School for 100 younger sons of Freemasons will be gratefully acknowledged.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION

FOR

AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THIS INSTITUTION will take place on Monday, the 12th February 1877, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, upon which occasion

H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., &c., &c.

R.W. Prov. G.M. for Oxfordshire,

has graciously signified his intention of presiding.

Brethren desirous of accepting the office of Steward upon this auspicious occasion will greatly oblige by forwarding their names, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give every information required.

JAMES TERRY, Prov. G.D.C. Herts,
Secretary.

*** H.R.H. Prince Leopold has been pleased to alter the day of the Festival from Wednesday the 14th February (being Ash Wednesday) to Monday the 12th.

4 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.—Every Purchaser of Bro. Curtois's TICKETS (price 1s each) is entitled to one chance in the Drawing for Life Governorships, which will be held on the 18th January 1877. Special advantages for Lodges, &c., taking 100 Tickets. To be obtained of J. Edward Curtois, Stonehouse, Devon.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

BRO. CONSTABLE'S Tickets, entitling the holder to a chance in the drawing for

LIFE GOVERNORSHIPS

Of the above Institution are now ready, price

ONE SHILLING EACH.

To be had of J. CONSTABLE, 13 Sise Lane, Cannon Street, London, E.C.

EASTERN STAR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Members of this Lodge of Instruction will be held at the Royal Hotel, Burdett Road, Mile End Road, on the evening of Monday, 15th January 1877, at 7.30 precisely.

OBJECT: "TO DETERMINE UPON THE FUTURE OF THE LODGE."

THOS. J. BARNES, *Treasurer.*

THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

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NOTICE.—BACK NUMBERS.

Brethren who desire to complete their sets of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, should make early application for Back Numbers. At present all are in print, but of some we have only a few copies left. Cases for binding the several volumes can be had at the Office, 67 Barbican.

OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen is still at Windsor, where she has been taking her usual exercise, or rather where she would have taken it, with her wonted regularity, had it not been for the country round about being under water. One day she had to return to the Castle, as her horses refused to pass through a swollen brook. It is generally understood that Her Majesty will open Parliament in person, with that semi State which she has invariably adopted on all public occasions since her widowhood.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have been for the most part at Sandringham during the Christmas holidays. Sunday was the thirteenth anniversary of the birthday of their eldest son, Prince Albert Victor, and accordingly the event was celebrated in the usual festive manner on the Monday. On the 15th their Royal Highnesses will leave their Norfolk residence, on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Manchester, at Kimbolton Castle. During their stay there a grand ball will be given in honour of their visit. Preparations are being made to accord the Prince and Princess a right hearty reception *en route*. The Huntingdon magistrates held a special meeting on Monday, for the purpose of making the needful preparations. It was determined that the town should be as gaily decorated as possible, and that the day should be observed as a general holiday. The Duke of Connaught, too, has been over in England during this festive season, on a visit both to Her Majesty and his brother, the Prince of Wales.

The City of Dublin had a gala day on Wednesday, when his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, the new Viceroy in place of the Duke of Abercorn, made his formal entry as the Queen's representative. The ceremonial observed on the occasion was pretty nearly the same as when his Grace's predecessor arrived, at the commencement of his first Viceroyalty. There was a brilliant display of military along the line of route, and the worthy citizens turned out in considerable force to welcome their new Lord Lieutenant. The Duke was accompanied by the Duchess of Marlborough, and the Ladies Rosamond, Georgiana, and Randolph Churchill. In the procession were General Michell, commanding the forces in Ireland, and General Herbert, in command of the Dublin division. The reception along the whole distance traversed was cordial in the extreme, especially at Trinity College, where the students let off a hearty welcome, in the shape of a profusion of crackers. At the City Hall the Lord Mayor offered a few words of congratulation, which were gracefully acknowledged. On Saturday the Corporation of Dublin and the University will present addresses of welcome.

Some further interesting statistics relative to the population of the large cities and towns in England have been furnished by the Registrar General. Assuming that the rates of increase observed in the returns for 1861 and 1871 remain undisturbed, he reckons the population of London in the middle of the current year will be in round numbers 3,533,000. So Brighton, it is reckoned, will number 102,250, Portsmouth 127,150, Norwich 84,000, Bristol close on 203,000, Plymouth 79,100, Wolverhampton 73,400, Birmingham 377,400, Liverpool 527,000, Manchester

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359,000, Salford 141,200, Hull 140,000, Leeds 238,000, Sheffield 282,200. In fact, the population of the above and other towns which are specified, which amounted in 1861 to a little over 5,430,000, is now reckoned at 6,945,000, showing an increase of over a million and a-half in these sixteen years. London alone has increased by only three or four hundred short of 730,000, while in some of the Yorkshire and Lancashire towns the increase has been even more remarkable. At this rate, we may anticipate that the population of London at the next census in 1881 will be little short of four millions, or considerably more than some of the smaller States of Europe. And this increase, it must be remembered, is in spite of the heavy emigration to the United States and our American and Australian colonies which occurs annually.

The stormy weather to which we referred in our last issue has continued almost uninterruptedly during the present week. Consequently, there is the same story still to tell of lands inundated in all parts of the country, of wrecks along our coasts, and here and there of loss of life as well as of property. On Wednesday the Harriet Foxtearth Lifeboat put out from Whitby, in order to render assistance to a coal brig which, in foolishly attempting to make for the harbour, drifted to the north piers, and shortly afterwards struck on the beach. Unfortunately the Lifeboat capsized, and, in spite of every effort to save them, three of the crew were drowned, while more than one other had a narrow escape. Great sympathy is felt for the families of the three who perished, who were most respectable and industrious men. At the same time, indignation runs high against the master of the brig, who, by persisting in making for the harbour, in spite of the signals made to caution him against doing so, must be set down, indirectly, as the cause of the loss.

All these inundations, of course, involve a serious destruction of property, and we are glad to see that the Lord Mayor, Sir Thomas White, is following in the footsteps of his predecessors, and organising a Relief Fund for the purpose of administering help in cases where it is most needed. We gladly notice, likewise, that the Earl of Beaconsfield has directed a sum of £250 to be appropriated out of the Royal Bounty Fund, and remitted to Lord Mayor White in aid of the fund that is being raised under his auspices. Throughout the country generally, the most praiseworthy efforts are being made to alleviate the distress caused by the weather. Among others, the Queen has forwarded a cheque for £50 to the Local Windsor Fund. We doubt not these energetic efforts will be crowned with success. The damage done is incalculable, but English charity will do much to make amends.

There have been several political meetings during the week, at which different members of Parliament have been present, and expressed their views on the aspect of affairs. Among the speakers have been Sir W. Harcourt, Sir C. Dilke, and Professor Fawcett, two of whom have spoken very strongly against the conduct of the Ministry. We have already hinted at the unwisdom of such conduct at a time so critical, when before all things it is necessary that the hands of the Government, no matter what its politics may be, requires to be strengthened. Sir C. Dilke's speech was remarkable chiefly for his tremendous onslaught on Mr. Gladstone's policy when a Minister of the Queen. But, doubtless, Mr. Gladstone is quite competent to defend his views, be they never so erratic.

The news that comes to us from the East is as conflicting as ever. One day we are told the Conference is coming to an end, and that war is imminent between Turkey and Russia. Then rumour speaks of a peaceful settlement between the contending interests. Now, it is Roumania which is aggrieved by reason of the proposed Constitutional reforms in Turkey. Then Austro-Hungary is getting more and more uneasy, and Germany is on the point of forcing Russia to show her last card, and will try and bring the Conference to a close at the first opportunity. We can but wait patiently, amid all these conflicting rumours, and trust that all may turn out well. One thing, indeed, appears tolerably clear, and that is, that Russia is by no means as well prepared for war as she imagined, and this is certainly favourable to the maintenance of peace. One other rumour has reached this country, to the effect that Servia will shortly expel the Jews from her territory. Yet this is the country whose cause we are invited to support, either actively or with our deepest sympathies! However, we shall doubtless learn something definite in the course of the next few days, and then we shall know what precise value attaches to these different rumours. Meantime, we can only hope that all will go on smoothly, and that the local struggle of last year will not be renewed over a more extended area.

We note with pleasure the frequent references made in the *Standard* and other of the daily papers to the doings of the Craft. It speaks well for our Society when the outside world takes an interest in our proceedings. It was quite natural, of course, that when the Prince of Wales was formally installed as Grand Master, a full and particular account should be given by the leading papers of the day. But that was an event of only passing interest to non-Masons, who were, doubtless, not a little puzzled to account for the enthusiasm so rare an event excited amongst us. Since then, however, there have appeared, every now and then, sundry notices about our Charitable Institutions and the doings of the Fraternity. We regard this as a favourable symptom of our growing popularity. There is this also to be said of the majority of these paragraphs, they are brief, but they are strictly accurate. The article which appeared in the *Standard* of Monday, on the "Growth of Freemasonry," is a little shaky in some of its details, but it gives a fair general idea, to the outside world, of the progress we have made of late years, and the extremely flourishing condition in which we find ourselves at this present time. But the paragraphs, we repeat, are unusually accurate. We have so often resented the abuse which has been levelled at us from different quarters, that it is only just we should call the attention of our readers to the kind things that are sometimes said of us by our leading contemporaries.

We see no immediate connection between truth and impertinence. Yet a new journal, which made its first appearance before the public on the 4th instant, under the imposing title of *Truth*, has wantonly gone out of its way to utter an impertinence at the expense of Freemasonry generally, and Prince Leopold in particular. The author of the paragraph in question is one who signs himself "Truthful Tommy." He begins by connecting Prince Leopold's illness with his past appearance in public, which he tells us, "was at a Masonic gathering." Evidently, he remarks, "the practice of Freemasonry is proving too much for his delicate constitution." We do not envy the writer whose taste, or want of taste rather, has prompted him to write thus flippantly of a person's feeble health, even though that person may be a Prince and a Freemason. Having said thus much of Prince Leopold, "Truthful Tommy" utters a nasty commonplace thing or two about Freemasonry, and talks of our snobbery, because, as he suggests, we are never so happy as when princes and nobles preside over us. In saying this, the writer only betrays his ignorance. We do not invite the princes and nobles to enter our ranks; it is they who seek admission, and if, when they are admitted, we invite them to preside over us, we are only paying them a compliment which, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, they richly deserve. There is no snobbery in electing the Prince of Wales to be our Grand Master. His rank would entitle him to the highest position in any society of which he became a member. Possibly "Truthful Tommy" is himself so intense a snob as to be incapable of appreciating the respect which Masons in common with most other Englishmen entertain towards the sons of her Majesty.

Bro. E. Baldwin, a subscribing member of Lodge No. 213, is making praiseworthy efforts for the establishment of a Masonic Charities Association, after the manner of those which are so popular in the metropolis, by which almost every brother will be enabled to obtain a life governorship in one or all three of the Masonic Charities. An Association, having a similar object, has also been established in Essex, and is working with marked success and corresponding benefit to the Charities.

The fifteen sections will be worked by the brethren of the Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, in the Royal Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, No. 72, held at Bro. George Arnold's, the Freemasons' Arms, 81 Long-acre, W.C., on Wednesday evening, 31st January, at 7.30.

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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 JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1436—The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.

1361—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1556—Addiscombe, Alma Tavern, Addiscombe.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W.

MONDAY, 15th JANUARY.

Quarterly Meeting of Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
46—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem, St. John's-sq., Clerkenwell, at 8. (Instruction.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
185—Tranquillity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., at 6.

236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
383—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
623—St. Cuthbert's, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
965—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1502—Israel, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 16th JANUARY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
194—St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.

313—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
348—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham.
993—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.

WEDNESDAY, 17th JANUARY.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
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.)
R. A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
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.)

121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
221—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
869—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1086—Walton, St. Lawrence Boys' School, Kirkdale.
1114—Joppa, Corn Hall, Fakenham.
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1383—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.

THURSDAY, 18th JANUARY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C., at 4.0.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8.0. (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. (Instruction.)
813—New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park.
1426—The Great City, 111 Cheapside, E.C., at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road.
M.M.—Temple, Gun Tavern, Wapping. (Instruction.)

86—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Hufford-street, Leicester.
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1302—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1611—Eboracum, Micklegate, York.
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

FRIDAY, 19th JANUARY.

House Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1299—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tiverton.
616—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.

SATURDAY, 20th JANUARY.

Audit Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.

MONDAY.

R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
K.T. 29—Faith, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.

WEDNESDAY.

1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
R. A. 290—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield

THURSDAY.

800—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

FRIDAY.

1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 321—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—44—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.
" 406—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—160—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 82 Nicolson-street.
THURSDAY—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
" R. A. 153—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 86 Constitution-street
FRIDAY—R.A. 83—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—129—St. Mirren's, 5 Moss-street, Paisley.
" 333—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 534—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, East Kilbride, at 6 p.m.
TUESDAY—3 bis.—St. John's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 73—Thistle and Rose, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 87—Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, Cathedral-street, Glasgow.
" 437—Govandale, Partland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow.
WEDNESDAY—117—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Douglas-street, Partick.
" 354—Caledonian Railway, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" 871—Dramatic, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, at 3 p.m.
" R.A. 150—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.
THURSDAY—27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 465—St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road, Glasgow.
FRIDAY—360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" 406—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 553—St. Vincent, Freemasons' Hall, Dumbarton-road, Glasgow.
SATURDAY—28—St. John's, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Metropolitan R. A. Chapter of Improvement.—The regular weekly convocation of this Chapter was held on Tuesday last, under the presidency of Comps. C. F. Hogard M.E.Z., C. Nash H., G. K. Lemann J., J. Constable acting S.E., E. Barfield S.N., C. Cox P.S. There was a large attendance of Companions. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Massa acting as candidate. Comp. High, of 862, was elected a member. The sum of five guineas was promised to Comp. J. Boyd, Treasurer, as Steward at the forthcoming Festival for the Girls' School. This being one of the few Chapters of Instruction in the metropolis, we are surprised that its general meetings are so poorly attended. We know full well that this degree requires close study, and Companions, to become perfect in its formula, should embrace the opportunity here offered. We again solicit the attendance of Companions who are desirous of perfecting themselves. The presence of Comp. John Boyd should be a sufficient guarantee of the nature of the instruction herein imparted. In his parent Chapter he has introduced the feature of illustrating the ceremony with explanations and lectures, and it is earnestly hoped that other Chapters will follow this laudable example, so that members may obtain a better knowledge of the ceremonies.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 11th of January, at Bro. Hallows, the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. W. G. Hallows W.M., Groome S.W., Brand J.W., Pinder P.M. Preceptor, Saunders S.D. and Secretary, Franklin J.D., Oldroyd I.G. Bros. E. A. Treleck, Upward, Simms; also F. Hallows, Brown, and F. Trebeck. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Trebeck acting as candidate. The Lodge was closed in the 2nd degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Simms acting as candidate. Bro. Pinder worked the 2nd section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Simms 1445, F. Trebeck 1445, and Brown 1076 were elected members of the Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Groome was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—On Monday, the 8th of January, at Bro. Gay's, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate. Present — Bros. James Hill W.M., Halford S.W., Hewlett J.W., Killick acting Secretary, Millward S.D., Monaley J.D., Morrison I.G., Christopher Tyler. The Lodge was opened, and the

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minutes of the previous meeting confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Trewinnard candidate. Several sections of the 1st and 2nd Lectures were worked. Bro. Halford was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—Met on 11th January, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. Present—Bros. Hill W.M., Biddle S.W., Hogarth J.W., Hewlett S.D., Horsley J.D., Powell I.G., Webb Preceptor *pro tem*, Grammer Secretary, Atkins P.M. Treasurer, and several brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, with prayer, and the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed, Bro. Colthrup acting as candidate. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Horsley, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Colthrup 27, Garnham 27, Marks 141, and Foster 199 were elected joining members of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Biddle was elected to the chair for next Thursday. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that £5 be voted from the Lodge funds to be placed on Bro. Webb's list as Steward for the R.M.B.I. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Union Lodge, No. 52.—Held its anniversary meeting at the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., when Bro. W. A. Tyssen Amherst was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Major Penrice. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows—Bros. G. B. Kennett I.P.M., Lieut.-Col. Boileau S.W., J. Bond Cabbell J.W., G. C. Stevens Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. W. Cholmeley Chaplain, G. Cubitt S.D., G. Patman J.D., and J. Saluty I.G. Among the brethren present were Sir F. G. M. Boileau Bart., R. T. Gurdon, Cecil Montgomerie, Lieut.-Col. Bignold, Captain Boileau R.N., G. Marsham, H. Barwell Prov. G.S., C. R. Gilman, J. B. Pitt, G. L. Coleman, J. B. Aldis, J. B. Pearce, M. J. Walker, J. Marshall, &c. The Hon. H. Manners Sutton was initiated by the W.M. The "working" was succeeded by a sumptuous banquet.

Love and Honour Lodge, No. 75.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on the 8th of January, at the Masonic Hall, Royal Hotel, Falmouth. Present—Bros. Arthur B. Harris W.M., Harry Tilly S.W., Wilson L. Fox J.W., William D. Rogers Secretary, W. F. Newman P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Treasurer, Joseph Wallace S.D., R. Hasselwood J.D., Edward May D.C., C. H. Williams I.G., William Rusden P.G.T. Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Francis Dinnis P.P.G. Pursuivant, T. C. Polglase P.G. Steward, W. H. Dunstan P.P.G.S. Works. Visitors—Bros. Bennett Harrington No. 8, Sye Metham No. 1205, and Reginald N. Rogers, Phœnix No. 331. The Lodge was opened in form, and the minutes of the proceedings of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the 2nd degree. Bro. C. S. Jarvis was then examined, and having been entrusted, he withdrew. The Lodge was then opened in the 3rd degree. Bro. Jarvis then returned, and was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. The ceremony being ably and impressively performed by W. Bro. W. F. Newman P.M. P.P.S.G.D. The Lodge was then closed down to the 1st degree. On the motion of W. Bro. W. F. Newman, seconded by Bro. W. J. Lowry, and supported by Bro. Edward May D.C., it was resolved to give the sum of £5 5s to each of the following institutions, *i.e.* The R.M. Institution for Girls; the R.M. Institution for Boys; and to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. On the motion of Bro. Richard Carter P.G.O., seconded by Bro. William Johns, it was resolved that the sum of £1 1s be given as a donation to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Nothing more having been proposed for the good of Masonry, or of this, the mother Lodge of the Province, in particular, the Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren retired.

St. John's Lodge, No. 90.—Met on Monday, the 8th January, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Present—Bros. Venn W.M., Starmer S.W., Henderson J.W., J. Griffin Secretary, Eglese Treasurer, Margetson S.D., Stephens D.C., Collpoys I.G. P.M.'s Bros. Adam, McDougall, I. P. Griffin. Visitors—Bros. Mirza Khan, of Morland Lodge, India, Gadsby, C. Warwick, Jordan and several other brethren. Business—Bro. Venn, the retiring W.M., installed Bro. W. Starmer as W.M. for the ensuing year. The brethren passed a unanimous vote of thanks to Bro. Venn, and a P.M.'s jewel was cordially voted to him for his able conduct whilst in the chair.

Unanimity Lodge No. 102.—Met on the 1st of January, at the King's Arms, North Walsham. Present—Bros. Col. J. Duff W.M., George Wilkinson S.W., William Smith J.W. *pro tem*, George Smith Secretary and Treasurer, B. B. Lapwell S.D., F. Clowes J.D., C. R. Dewhirst I.G., E. White Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Baker, G. Smith, Nutley, Wm. Smith, Horsfield, Wilkinson. Visitors—Bros. Martin from Norwich, Brathwaite from Yorkshire. Business—The Rev. H. H. Lubbock and Mr. George Walker were initiated. Bro. George Wilkinson was installed W.M. for the year 1877. He appointed Bros. J. Bond Cabbell S.W., Sapwell J.W., G. Smith Secretary and Treasurer, Pentreach Chaplain, Clowes S.D., Dewhirst J.D., Rev. B. N. White I.G., E. White Tyler.

Chapter of Elias Ashmole, No. 148, Warrington.—A regular Convocation of this Chapter was held at the Chapter Rooms on the 8th of January. The M.E.Z., Comp. W. Sharp, was supported by Comps. P. J. Edelsten H., Robert Brierley J., John Bowes P.Z. &c., D. W. Finney P.Z. &c., Henry Poynter Z. No. 948, and an unusually large number of Companions. The Chapter having been opened and the minutes read, the ballot was taken for Bros. W. H. Robinson I.P.M. 148, Pickthall S.W. No. 148, and Dr. Joseph I.G. No. 148, all of whom were unanimously accepted. Bro. Robinson being present, was exalted by the M.E.Z. The lectures were given as follows:—Comp. Bowes the Mystic; Comp. Edelsten Symbolic; Comp. Brierley the Historic. The following Companions were elected officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Edelsten Z., Brierley H., C. Crosier J., Tunstall S.E., John Armstrong P.S., Dr. Hall N.

St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180.—The installation meeting of this excellent working Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. In the absence of Bro. Gillard W.M., Bro. W. C. Parsons occupied the chair. Present—A. L. Anett S.W., J. B. Pillin J.W., G. Bubb P.M. Treasurer, H. A. Stacey Secretary, E. S. Harrison J.D., E. Farwig I.G., and P.M.'s W. C. Parsons, J. R. Stacey, A. Stonor, L. Herf, and Cameron. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The names of candidates were down on the agenda paper for passing and raising, but these were not present. The acting W.M., Bro. Parsons, informed the brethren that Bro. J. R. Stacey P.M. had had the pleasure of initiating the W.M. elect, Bro. A. L. Anett, who was then presented to the Lodge, and a Board of Installed Masters was formed. Bro. J. R. Stacey, in his well-known perfect and impressive manner, performed the ceremony, while Bros. P.M.'s Cameron, G. Bubb, and W. C. Parsons gave the concluding addresses. The newly installed W.M. then invested his officers as follow:—Bros. W. C. Parsons I.P.M., Pillin S.W., Harrison J.W., G. Bubb P.M. Treasurer reinvested, H. A. Stacey P.M. Secretary, Farwig S.D., Stollard J.D., Wade I.G., L. Herf P.M. W.S., Fletcher Assist. W.S., Gilbert P.G.T. Middlesex Tyler, &c. The W.M., in investing his officers, addressed appropriate remarks to each, while the expressions of the brethren showed that his selection was appreciated. The resignation of three brethren was accepted. The sum of £3 was awarded to Bro. Gilbert for his services as Tyler during the past year. Bro. H. A. Stacey announced his intention to act as Steward at the Anniversary Festival of the R.M.B. Institute, and he hoped to have the assistance of the brethren. The W.M. also mentioned that the ball in aid of the Benevolent Fund attached to the Lodge would take place on the 6th February. Bro. G. Bubb, P.M. and Treasurer, announced his intention to act as Steward at the Anniversary Festival for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on 9th of May. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, 35 in number, adjourned to the Crown Room, where a banquet and dessert was served by Bro. Dawkins, assisted by Bro. Knill, that gave unqualified satisfaction. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. The National Anthem was then sung by Bros. G. Allen, E. Collins, and Wallace Wells. The toast of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. was received with great enthusiasm. The W.M. proposed the toast of the R.W. Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., the R.W. Lord Skelmersdale R.W.D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers. He was pleased to see among them a Grand Officer, one whom they all respected,—that was, Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G. Pursuivant,—he would couple the name of that brother with the toast. Bro. Cottebrune responded in an excellent speech. The W.M. then proposed the Visitors. He had been honoured by their presence in three distinct phases of his career, and he was proud to see so many present to support him. All held distinguished positions, and all were deservedly respected. On previous occasions he had been supported by many of his friends who belonged to an Institution in which he took a great interest. The Visitors present were numerous, and he feared he could not do justice to all. He would, however, couple with the toast the names of Bro. Captain Baxter W.M. elect Grand Stewards' Lodge, Bro. T. Lumley No. 1, and Bro. H. Gabb. (Cheers.) These brethren were a host in themselves, and all were pleased to see them. The toast was eloquently responded to. The speakers paying a just compliment to the W.M. for his geniality, to Bro. J. R. Stacey for the able way in which he had installed the W.M., and to the members for the hospitality accorded. The W.M. said he was indeed pleased to see, by the enthusiasm with which the toast had been received, that it merited their approbation. Before resuming his seat, he would ask the brethren to listen for a few moments, while he called their attention to a toast. Through the exigencies of business engagements in Italy, demanding his attention, Bro. Gillard had been absent, but he had, during his year of office, found a very able substitute in Bro. Parsons—(loud cheers)—who had done duty as W.M. The grateful thanks of the brethren were due to him for his excellent rendering of every duty that had devolved upon him. Bro. Parsons thanked the brethren. When he was initiated he felt a great pleasure in doing his duty. He had to thank the Past Masters for their kind assistance; they were his guiding stars, and while he occupied the position of P.M. his services would be at their command. (Cheers.) The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters. Bro. H. A. Stacey was the Father of the Lodge, a position many would be proud to occupy. Bro. G. Bubb, P.M. and Treasurer, was one whose services were always at their command. He was one who to know was to respect. (Cheers.) Past Masters Cameron, Stonor, and L. Herf had shown their Masonic qualifications. The toast of the officers was then given, and these severally returned thanks. The Tyler's toast concluded the evening. Bro. Geo. Allen was Musical Director. He was assisted by Bros. E. Collins and W. Wells. The following is a list of the visitors:—G. Gitterhook 173, Wilkinson 948, Fairchild 1196, C. J. Coles 1329, H. Gabb 172, D. Hill 1293, E. R. Bass 861, E. Collett 1470, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., J. C. Jones 946, G. Goodey 34, J. Harris 157, Capt. Baxter S.W. G.S. Lodge, R. Baker 188, B. Swallow P.M. 1563, J. Hannon 156, Hancock 1563, G. Gardner 1563, Liddall 157, H. Dicketts P.G.S., Fish P.G.S., Castle W.M. 1441, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Pinto Leite 795, W. Sharpe 795, I. Lumley No. 1, Underhill 59, Coles 138, Bass 1088, Worth 186, W. Smalley 177, J. C. Jones 795, &c.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 185.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, the 10th of January,

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at Masons' Hall, Masons-avenue, Basinghall-street. Present—Bros. Sayer W.M., Croaker S.W., Lay J.W., J. K. Pitt Secretary, J. Constable P.M. Treasurer, Bone S.D., Blackhall J.D., Abell I.G., Christopher Tyler, Rudderforth Preceptor *pro tem.* After the formal opening of the Lodge, and the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Walker offered himself as a candidate for the 2nd degree, and answered the usual questions. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed by the W.M. in a satisfactory manner. Some of the sections of the 2nd Lecture were worked by Bro. Rudderforth, assisted by the brethren, Bro. Constable dictating the answers. Bros. R. C. Davis and Dando were elected members, and Bro. Lay was appointed W.M. for the next meeting. On Wednesday, the 24th inst., the Installation Ceremony will be rehearsed, after which Bro. Abbott will deliver the third of his course of Lectures.

Confidence Lodge, No. 193.—The first regular meeting of this Lodge since the installation was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, Bro. H. T. Reed W.M., Phythian S.W., H. Leah S.W., Warne P.M. Treasurer, Schakell P.M. Secretary, Biddle S.D., Foolitt J.D., Shepherd I.G., and Past Masters Bonney, H. Webb, S. Webb, Kershaw, and King; also a very numerous assemblage of the brethren. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Walter Wood and B. P. Todd were passed to the 2nd degree. Messrs. F. McLaren and R. Webster were balloted for, and duly initiated into the Order. The working of the W.M., who was ably assisted by the officers, was perfect. Bro. S. Webb P.M. proposed that the sum of £5 should be placed on the list of Bro. H. Leah J.W., who is a Steward for the next Anniversary Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons. This was carried, and the brethren also liberally subscribed. We have no doubt that Bro. Leah will have a goodly amount on his list. The Lodge was then closed. A banquet followed, which was provided by Bro. Clemow, superintended by Bro. Smith, that gave great satisfaction. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. The health of the W.M. was duly honoured. The Initiates returned thanks for their toast, and Bro. S. Webb, in an eloquent speech, returned thanks for the Past Masters. The Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers' toasts were also given and responded to. During the evening several brethren contributed to the harmony. A brother gave a selection from Shakespeare, which was admirably rendered. There were several visitors present.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—On Saturday, 6th January, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, corner of Church-road, Islington. Bros. Powell W.M., Holness S.W., Groner J.W., Killick Secretary, Halford Treasurer, Brand S.D., Cohen J.D., Mousley I.G. Past Masters Bros. Moss, Main, Vanderlyn, &c. Business—The Lodge was opened, and minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Millward acting as candidate. The first six sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor and Bro. Moss, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Holness was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Star Lodge, No. 219.—Celebrated their first meeting of the new year by holding a harmony night. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Jasper Martin R.W.M., assisted by Bros. J. Morgan I.P.M., R. Garth S.M., Jas. Horn S.W., David Mewin J.W. Amongst the Visitors we recognised Bros. J. S. Allen R.W.M. 28, J. Kinnan R.W.M. 73, Jas. Booth R.W.M. 87, W. Hurt R.W.M. 178, David Reid R.W.M. 465, A. Bain P.M. 103 P.G.B.B., J. Fyfe D.M. 465, J. Annard S.W. 465, and Jas. Hustin 354. After "The Queen and the Craft," "The Three Grand Lodges and the Provincial Grand Lodges" was given, Bro. Bain P.G.B.B. acknowledging the latter. Bro. Morgan I.P.M. proposed the toast of "The Sister Lodges," expressing the pleasure he felt in seeing so many of them so well and worthily represented at this, the first meeting of the Star in the new year. Bro. Hurt 178 suitably acknowledged the toast. Bro. Bain gave prosperity to 219. He attributed a great deal of its success to the untiring energy of its I.P.M., and hoped his mantle would fall on his successor. Bro. Martin said he fully endorsed Bro. Bain's remarks with regard to his predecessor. He was afraid he should fall short of his excellence, but he would do his best. A special vote of thanks was given to Bro. Hustin, who had so generously given them his services, though a professional, Bro. Hustin said that when Bro. Morgan asked him to come he could not refuse, and he always felt with the Stars as if he was at home.

Lodge of Harmony, No. 309, Fareham.—The installation of the W.M. elect (Bro. E. Dowling) took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., in the Lodge-room, Red Lion Hotel, Fareham. The ceremony of installation was efficiently performed by Bro. J. Tayler, the senior P.M. of the Lodge. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, including the following Installed Masters:—Bros. John Whale W.M., H. Ford P.P.G. Warden, Rev. Dr. White, J. W. Dallimore, E. G. Holbrook, J. B. Goldsmith, W. Johnston P.M.'s of 309, F. Binckes, Secretary Masonic Boys' School, M. E. Frost W.M. 1069 and P.G. Treasurer, F. Court W.M. 257, R. J. Turney W.M. 342, J. Purnell P.M. 804, the other Visitors including Bros. Townsend S.W. 1428, G. F. Sherman P.G. Steward, G. W. Smith 342, G. L. Green 487, J. W. Stroud 903, and E. Izod 1069. The following brethren received collars as officers of the Lodge:—Bros. J. Whale I.P.M., T. Robinson S.W., A. Nance jun. J.W., Rev. Dr. White Chaplain, Hayles Treasurer, W. Gilbert Heath Secretary, Gambles S.D., Edgar Goble J.D., A. R. Holbrook I.G., Tayler P.M. D.C., Osborne Organist, H. Jeans and J. R. Heyman Stewards. The W.M. presided at the installation banquet, which was served in excellent style, reflecting the highest credit upon the Misses White. "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G.," were duly honoured, after having been proposed in appropriate terms by the W.M. Bro. Robinson S.W., in proposing "The M.W. Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Deputy G.M. the Earl of Skelmersdale, and the officers of Grand Lodge," said that in the Earl of Carnarvon they had a most zealous and able officer, who had always shown himself interested in the welfare of Masonry. He had by sheer honest work won their admiration and confidence, and they were very fortunate in having such a good man at the right hand of the Prince of Wales, and practically at the head of the Order. Bro. A. Nance jun. J.W. gave "The R.W. Prov. G.M. of Hants and Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach M.P., the V.W.D.P.G.M. Bro. Hickman, and the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, present and past." They had a Provincial Grand Master who was scarcely equalled in any province in the country, and they had just reason to be proud of him, associating himself closely as he did with the interests of every Lodge in the province. (Applause.) They could congratulate themselves that the Lodge of Harmony numbered several brethren who were past or present provincial officers, and a very distinguished member of the Lodge (Bro. Henry Ford) last year occupied an exalted position in the Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. E. G. Holbrook, Prov. Grand Registrar, whose name was associated with the toast, endorsed what had been said by Bro. Nance as to the P.G.M., mentioning that in the ensuing week Bro. Beach would pay visits to such opposite parts of the province as Gosport and Bournemouth, and adding that they were fortunate in having so enthusiastic and zealous a Mason at their head. He urged that the manner in which provincial honours were bestowed showed that zeal for Masonry was rewarded at head-quarters, and that kissing did not go by favour. Bro. J. B. Goldsmith P.M. proposed "The Masonic Charities." They all knew that they were wide-spread and well conducted and managed. They could not but feel, that as a province, they were not so well up in the charities as they might be, but he was pleased to state, that all the chairs of the Lodge were endowed in each of the charities. (Hear, hear.) He said this with a great deal of pride, as this was only a small Lodge. Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Masonic Boys' School, whose name was coupled with the toast, replied in a very effective speech. The fact that every chair in the Lodge was endowed redounded to the credit of the Lodge, and was an example that should stimulate others. They had their three institutions, the oldest being the Girls' School, which was founded in 1788, and was now educating, clothing, and maintaining 153 daughters of Freemasons. They were now expending ten or twelve thousand pounds in enlarging the accommodation, so as to receive 200 girls. Fortunately, the institution was in a very flourishing and prosperous condition, its funded property amounting to something like £40,000. The youngest institution—the Benevolent—was giving relief to 240 aged persons of both sexes, the annuities varying from thirty to thirty-six pounds, and that institution, although comparatively but recently established, possessed a funded property of from thirty-seven to forty thousand pounds, and enjoyed a large amount of prosperity. The institution with which he was more immediately connected—the Boys' School—was founded in 1798. Up to 1856 it had no home at all. It was then enabled to maintain about 40 boys, and the number had been gradually increased to 70. Since 1861, when he had the honour to become connected with the school as Secretary, it had made wonderful strides. It had a magnificent building, which cost £40,000, and 189 boys were receiving an admirable education. The school had had educational successes such as any middle-class school might fairly boast of. The last year had been a very successful one for all their Masonic institutions. This spoke well for Freemasonry, although it was no more than they had a right to expect, considering the advent to supreme power in the Craft of the Prince of Wales. During the past year there had been received over £12,500 for the Benevolent Fund, nearly £11,500 for the Girls' School, and, he was happy to say, the Boys' School had received, in subscriptions and donations, £13,230, and including other sources over £15,350. These figures spoke well for a limited body, as they were. But here came the ground of appeal. Although they were a comparatively limited body, they had a large number of brethren of position, social influence, and large means, and they could not ignore the fact that large as was the support that was given to each and all of their institutions it was not at all commensurate with what it ought to be, considering the position the Craft was now occupying in public estimation, or the means the Craft had at its disposal. He would not say that without their charities Freemasonry would be nothing, because before their charities were Freemasonry was; but he did not hesitate to say that without their institutions Masonry would lose the greatest charm it possessed. A scheme had been launched, by which they hoped to raise a fund to erect a Preparatory School for Boys (to the number of a hundred) between the ages of six and eleven. They had ample ground near the older institution, which was now doing such wonderful good work. If they got together a special fund of something like £10,000, they might carry out this extension of the Boys' School. The Annual Festival would take place in June, and he should be glad to receive the name of any brother as a Steward. His greatest pleasure, his highest pride was in working the hardest he could on behalf of the sacred cause of charity. With humble gratitude, not in proud boastfulness, he mentioned that he had been most successful in his efforts, for in sixteen years something like £150,000 had passed through his hands in response to his humble appeals, to some extent, but mainly owing to the kindness and generosity of the brethren amongst whom he laboured, by which the Boys' School had been brought from an almost lost and degraded position to the forefront in the estimation of the Order. (Applause). A collection amounting to £3 15s, was made on behalf of the Boys' School. It was subsequently announced that Bro. E. G. Holbrook had accepted a stewardship for the Boys' School at the next Festival. Bro. Tayler, in giving "The W.M.," congratulated him upon the honour he had obtained, and expressed a hope that he might be spared until that time twelve months to congratulate the Lodge upon the manner in which he had performed the duties. He knew the W.M.'s capabilities, and believed that he

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desired to make a good Master. He succeeded to the chair under happy auspices, for the Lodge was never in a more flourishing condition than at the present time, and he thought that under his auspices it would go on and improve its position. The W.M. appropriately responded, promising that he would do his utmost, and giving expression to a hope that, with the help of the brethren, he might maintain the Lodge and leave the chair as pure and unsullied as it was at the present time. Bro. H. Ford, P.P.G.S.W., in highly eulogistic terms, proposed the Installing Master, and Bro. J. Taylor feelingly responded. The W.M.'s of neighbouring Lodges was given by P.M. Whale, and acknowledged by Bros. F. Court, Turney, and M. E. Frost. Bro. Sir Frederick Fitz Wygram proposed the Visitors. As the youngest, or almost the youngest brother present, he was but a novice, and knew but little of the ancient mysteries of the craft. But he had seen enough to know that there was a very bond of brotherhood of friendship, good-feeling, union, and harmony among those who assembled, and he congratulated the W.M. on having gathered so many brethren from other Lodges. Bros. Binckes and G. L. Green severally responded. The other toasts were, the I.P.M. and P.M.'s of the Lodge, proposed by Bro. Edgar Goble and acknowledged by Bro. Whale, and the S.W. and Officers of the Lodge, proposed by Bro. G. A. Green P.M., and responded to by Bros. Robinson and A. Nance jun.

Polish National Lodge, No. 534.—Held its regular meeting on Thursday, 11th January, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Present—Bros. F. Ráth W.M., Cumming S.W., Ebner J.W., William Paas P.M. Secretary, John Aspinall S.D., Joshua Taylor J.D., Jagielski I.G., Beckett Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. W. G. Moore, Nowakouski, Mercik, &c. Visitors—Bros. Dr. Ramsay, E. Robbins, T. J. Cosworth, J. R. Jekyll, James Jackson, A. Le Miere, W. Saegert, W. W. Morgan, &c. After Bro. Ráth had opened his Lodge and the minutes had received confirmation, the ballot was taken for Mr. John Johnson Rüntz, which was in his favour, and it was arranged he should be initiated at the next meeting. The ballot was again brought into requisition, this time on behalf of Bro. George Richard Forster, of St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180, who was desirous of becoming a joining member, and here again the result was satisfactory. Bros. Brown, James, and Forbes Nixon were then examined as to their proficiency, and were proclaimed qualified to be raised to the sublime degree. The Lodge was then advanced, and the ceremony was performed by Bro. Ráth, in a most careful and impressive manner, reflecting on him, as a foreigner, the highest credit. Bros. James and Brown, were then invested by the W.M. with the distinguishing badge of the members of the Polish National Lodge, the Polish National Eagle, permission to wear which was granted by the respected Grand Master the late Earl of Zetland. The W.M. gave a very interesting account of this Jewel, and exhorted those whom he was investing to remember that when it was on their breats, it merely covered the jewel Truth that should be entwined within their hearts. A notice of motion was given by the worthy Secretary, Bro Paas, that in future the annual subscription from the members should be paid in one sum, instead of, as formerly, by half yearly instalments. Bro. Paas also read a communication from Bro. R. W. Little, one of the members of the Lodge, requesting that a Steward might be appointed to represent them at the approaching Festival for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which is fixed to take place on the 8th May. On this the W.M. expressed his readiness to accept the office, and trusted in so doing he would receive the support, not only of the Lodge, but of its members. The Lodge was then closed and a banquet followed. After the cloth had been removed, the W.M. rose and said: Duty called on him, and in this case pleasure was associated with duty; they would give to God that was due to God, and to Cæsar that that was due to Cæsar. No words he could use could enhance the pleasure or increase the willingness with which he knew they would receive the toast he was about to propose, namely, the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, coupled with the Craft. Bro. Ráth then briefly gave the health of the other members of the Royal Family, who, he said, felt the closest sympathy with all the doings of Freemasonry. In proposing the next toast, that of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the W.M. said it was again his duty, and he should err in the most rudimentary part of his duty if he failed to devote a few words to this toast. It was useless, however, to attempt to paint the lily, or to gild refined gold. The Grand Master was known too well to need any eulogium from him. By the brethren, also, he was appreciated. One fact of sterling value would evidence this. The sum of £4,000, which was proposed to be given to the National Lifeboat Institution, to commemorate the return of our Most Worshipful Grand Master from India, was certainly a better way of spending their money than that it should be allowed to freeze itself to death on top of St. Paul's or St. Albans Abbey. The Lifeboats thus provided would help to assist many a poor brother who might be in extreme necessity on the ocean. The toast was most enthusiastically received. The W.M. then said: The responsibilities entailed on those who had the government of our Order were of no mean character. The Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master carried out their duties most satisfactorily, and the Craft was honoured by the association of such distinguished noblemen with its ranks. The next toast, the health of the Worshipful Master, was proposed by Bro. Mercik. He would not attempt to enlarge on the merits of Bro. Ráth, they were known to every brother in the Lodge; he would at once call upon them to drink the toast. After this had been suitably acknowledged, the W.M. gave the Visitors, and Bro. Morgan was called on to reply; he said: That it was with extreme gratification he had witnessed the good feeling existing amongst the members of this celebrated Lodge; while this good feeling continued, and while they were governed by such brethren as their W.M., prosperity must attend them. Bro. Ráth that evening, although a foreigner, had worked the ceremony in a most impressive and careful way; in a way that would reflect credit upon any one who professed to be a practical elocutionist. He was sure he was echoing the sentiments of his brother visitors when he said this, and he thanked the brethren on their behalf for the kind and hospitable way in which they had been received. Bro. Morgan was followed by several of the visitors, who fully confirmed his remarks. On rising to give "The Past Masters," Bro. Ráth regretted that the lateness of the hour had left him with so few members to represent the toast. Bro. Mercik had asked him to pass it over, but this he could not do, more particularly as he had heard that evening, with deep regret, that their worthy Bro. P.M. Mercik was about to leave London; however, he hoped that, as a country member, they would on many future occasions be favoured with the company of Bro. Mercik. He called on all present to give him God speed, and hearty good wishes for his future prosperity. After a reply from Bro. Mercik, who exhibited some feeling at the kind expressions of the brethren, the health of the officers of the Lodge was given, and was acknowledged by each one severally. Bro. Taylor made a forcible speech. He spoke in eulogistic terms of Bro. Mercik, who had introduced him to the Lodge. To Bro. Mercik individually he tendered his sincerest thanks, and wished him health and prosperity in all his future undertakings. He was succeeded by Bro. Dr. Jagielski, who, with great feeling, referred to the high appreciation all had for their esteemed Past Master Mercik, and how, he was sure, all would regret the contemplated disseverance of his connection with the Lodge. The Tyler having given his toast, the brethren separated. The proceedings were enlivened by some capital songs, Bros. Jekyll, Jagielski, and Jackson specially distinguishing themselves.

Star in the East Lodge, No. 650.—This Lodge held its meeting on Tuesday, the 9th January, at the Pier Hotel, Harwich. Present—Bros. George Gard Pye W.M., W. C. Ward P.M. S.W., Wm. Murray J.W., William Basham Secretary, G. W. C. Butcher P.M. Treasurer, H. Gladwell Organist S.D., S. J. Newton J.D., Thos. Hill Jennings Steward, P. Henderson I.G., R. Barlow Tyler; and Bros. A. T. Chambers, R. Thackeray, G. A. Smith, Walter Balls, Wm. Downes, Israel Howard. Business — Bro. Thomas Canhan was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bros. Charles Keeble and Henry Thomas Datfield were passed. Mr. John Robert Watson was balloted for, accepted and initiated. The plans of a new Masonic and Public Hall were submitted to the brethren by the W.M., Bro. G. G. Pye, and Bro. Hayward of Colchester, which in all probability will be carried out, at a cost of from £4,000 to £5,000. The annual audit of the accounts will take place at the White Hart Hotel, Harwich, on the 18th January. Auditors—G. Gard Pye W.M., J. Durrant P.M. D.C., W. C. Ward P.M. S.D., W. Murray J.D., T. H. Jennings Steward, R. Thackeray, H. Gladwell and W. Basham Secretary 650.

Clifton Lodge, No. 703.—Met on Monday, the 1st of January, at three o'clock, p.m. Present—Bros. John Bonny W.M., J. Bamber as S.W., Geo. Bonny J.W., Jas. Besford Secretary, Alex. Moore Treasurer, Sergt. Hopwood H.R.A. S.D., Robt. Drummond J.D., Edwin Ash Steward, Jos. Turnbull I.G., T. Hopkinson Tyler. Past Master Bro. J. W. Mycock. Visitor—Bro. Barrowclough 219, Prudence, Todmorden. Mr. C. P. Fish and Mr. G. Sutcliffe were initiated. Bro. J. Bickerstaff was passed. Bro. Capt. Thompson was raised.

Hanley Lodge, No. 797.—This Lodge held its annual meeting on Monday, 8th January, at Dartmouth. Present—Bros. W. H. Hole W.M., J. Brown as S.W., J. P. White J.W., W. H. Goodwin P.M. as Secretary, J. Hurrell Treasurer, W. H. Probert S.D., George Owens J.D., J. W. Griffiths D.C., R. Row Steward, A. W. Crocker I.G., R. Wellington Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Goodwin, Sedstone, Coulston 248 P.G.S. Works, Brown 248, Lamswood 248, Clarke 248, and several other brethren. Business—Bro. S. C. Heath, the W.M. elect, was presented, and installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being ably performed by the I.P.M., Bro. W. H. Goodwin, assisted by Bro. Coulston P.M. 248 P.G.S. Works, after which the W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. J. Hurrell S.W., W. H. Probert J.W., W. H. Hole Treasurer, W. H. Goodwin Secretary, George Owens S.D., A. W. Crocker J.D., R. Row D.C., E. Hasson I.G., J. Ralph Organist, R. Wellington Tyler.

St. Oswald Lodge, No. 850.—Held its monthly meeting on Monday, the 1st January, at the Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne. Present—Bros. Jos. S. Whitham P.M. as W.M., John Hill as S.W., Wm. Prince J.W., James Britton P.M. as Secretary, Percy Wallis as S.D., C. F. Gardner as I.G., Richard Brown Tyler. P.M. Bro. Wm. Britton. Visitors—Bros. Gardner and Geo. Marple. Business—The minutes of the last Lodge were read and confirmed. A discussion took place as to the custody of the furniture. The business of the Lodge concluded with a proposal for initiation of a candidate at the next meeting.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Thursday, 11th January, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. Present—Bros. H. W. Dalwood W.M., J. C. White S.W., Smith J.W., L. F. Littell P.M. Secretary, W. H. Wallington P.M. Treas., G. H. Weige S.D., E. T. Worsley J.D., Seymour Smith Organist, W. J. Smith Steward, W. G. Dickins I.G., Gilchrist Tyler. Past Masters Bros. W. H. Wallington, Robert Thomson, L. F. Littell. Visitors—Bros. G. Maimes 1589, F. H. Cozens 907, C. Stichling 511, E. L. Harding 1524, G. R. Bowen 65, W. Gray 1489, John Thomson and E. Hornsby 185, H. M. Dalton 1364, Theodore Distin, W. W. Morgan jun., &c. The usual preliminary business of the Lodge having been disposed of, Bros. Pavitt and Giblin were passed, and, the ballot proving unanimous for Mr. M. Christian, that gentleman, together with Mr. T. Shore, who had been previously approved of,

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were initiated. In the absence of P.M. Bates, the Secretary proposed that the sum of £10 be given from the funds of the Lodge, to be added to Bro. P.M. Wallington's list as Steward at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution. This was duly seconded, and voted unanimously. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. After grace had been said, the W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said he was sure it was quite superfluous to speak of her noble qualities or her lofty position; no one appreciated the virtues and excellent qualities of Her Majesty more than Freemasons. The toast having been enthusiastically received, Bro. Wallington sang the National Anthem. The health of our M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, was next given. The W.M. said it was a toast to be honoured with all the zeal it is possible to betray. He had given a great impulse to Masonry, which had been a recognised Order in the Royal Family for years—in fact, the Hanoverians had always taken an interest in it. The W.M. said the Grand Master was not only a Mason in name, but also in quality, and the way in which he worked any ceremony he was called upon to perform shewed he had the cause of Freemasonry at heart. He was beloved by the whole world; it might be said that he never made an enemy, in fact he is incapable of doing so, and, so long as he is connected with Freemasonry, we may be sure it will prosper. In proposing the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the W.M. said he might repeat much of what he had said about the Prince of Wales; he was a nobleman highly connected with state matters, and was so fond of Freemasonry that he gave his valuable time for the sake of being among Masons; an example of this was given at Freemasons' Hall, only a few days back, when the noble Earl presided at the meeting of Grand Lodge; on that occasion, the Earl of Carnarvon took a most liberal view of the matter under discussion. Previous to the meeting, the W.M., said he had felt strongly that the money to be voted ought to go to the Masonic Charities, but the arguments of the Pro Grand Master had induced him to alter his opinion. We are all men of the world, and this might be looked upon as a noble act, voting the money outside the Craft, where it would be of service, not only to Masons but to others. The next toast was that of the Earl of Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers Past and Present. Every brother who had mixed himself up with Masonry must have either read or heard of that nobleman. The Earl of Carnarvon was wonderfully zealous in the Craft, but much of his work devolved on his deputy, who was a real hard-working Mason, and performed a great deal of the business the Earl of Carnarvon was unable to fulfil. Bro. Wallington, the I.P.M., then took the gavel, and proposed the health of the W.M. He said that, since he had passed the chair, it had been his greatest pleasure to propose the health of their present Master. All liked him for his geniality and good working. He hoped he would long be among them. The W.M. said he was grateful for the kindness of P.M. Wallington in proposing his health, he left it to the members to say whether he had done his duty. At all times he had endeavoured to smooth over any little differences that had arisen. He urged them to inculcate those great principles of the Craft—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. A few words would often put things straight, for all knew that everything did not go right even in Freemasonry. He thanked the brethren for many acts of kindness he had received, and could say that so long as he had been a member of the Dalhousie Lodge he had never had a word of disagreement with any of its members, with all of whom he had been able to work harmoniously. He might say the Lodge was at its zenith, and at the end of his year of office, he would have the pleasure of saying that he had initiated more during his term of office than had ever been done before by any of its previous masters. He wished prosperity to the Lodge and its members. He would now proceed to the next toast, which was one that the Dalhousie always received well. He alluded to that of the Initiates. As they could not continue in the same groove for ever, they were at all times glad to have new blood. He was happy to say there were two newly-initiated brethren among them that evening, although all of those approved were not present. He hoped the brethren would on this occasion give them a hearty welcome, and he trusted they would make good Masons. He felt sure they had been favourably impressed with the ceremony they had witnessed. We are always glad to see new brethren. We are banded together with certain secrets, but our great principles are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. He hoped the two brethren they had that evening admitted would take an interest in the Craft, and one day occupy the chair. Bro. Christian thanked the brethren for the kind way in which he had been received, and asked as a young member to be excused a long speech. He could only say he thanked them, if he continued for an hour. "The Visitors" was then given. The W.M. remarked that there were several eminent brethren among them that evening. The Dalhousie Lodge always offered the right hand of fellowship, and was ever glad to see Visitors. They did all they could to amuse as well as instruct their friends, and instead of long speeches, tried what they could do in the way of songs, which he considered much better. They were all welcome, and the members would be glad to see them again. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Thomson, who, in reply, said he had never been better treated. The working and geniality of the W.M. were a credit, and he hoped to have another invite to the Dalhousie. The toast next on the list was a most important one, namely, that of our Past Masters. There were several absentees on the occasion, which he was sorry to note. When we pass the chair we are apt to feel old, and disinclined to move out in wet weather. Although those present were not numerous, he would describe them as a respectable assembly. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to our P.M.'s, to whom we must look in case anything goes wrong. He coupled with the toast the name of the I.P.M. Bro. Wallington, who, in reply, said he was tired of having to reply to this toast; he could only thank the members in a regular stereotype form, and should be glad when he was removed a step further round so as to get out of the job; but he must not fail to express the gratitude of the P.M.'s. for the great kindness shown by the brethren. When a brother became a P.M. he could only rest on his laurels, and they are specially thankful for the indulgence of the brethren. He considered the present W.M. had a most efficient staff of officers. No Lodge in London, he was sure, could surpass them. They could all go a long way beyond their actual requirements, and he hoped they would all have the pleasure of satisfying the desire of their heart to attain the position of W.M. The P.M.'s would always be ready to do what was required of them to further the prosperity of the Dalhousie Lodge. Without making any distinctions, the W.M. would ask the brethren to drink the health of the officers. He considered himself blessed with the best set of officers it was possible for a W.M. to preside over. His work was much lessened by them, every officer being at his post, and doing his duty. When a man works for a position he is doubly honoured on attaining it. All the officers were going on gradually, and he hoped to live to see them all through the chair. Bro. Secretary and Bro. Treasurer should have been included in the toast, for all knew what their work was. The duties of the Secretary were very onerous, and they were blessed in having a member so qualified for the position as Bro. Littell, he very much doubted where they could find an equal. To Bro. Treasurer we are all indebted, for without the sinews of war we cannot get on. He coupled with the toast the names of the Sec. and the S.W. Bro. Littell thanked the brethren. It was always a pleasure to receive a compliment. He could only say their endeavour was to discharge their duties so as to be satisfactory to the members. He did the work of his office without begruding any time spent thereon, and always felt the greatest interest in the welfare of the Lodge. So long as he held the position of Secretary he would endeavour to discharge any duties intrusted to him. The S.W. also thanked the brethren. The great aim of the officers was to fill the chair, which they all hoped to do in succession. After some very excellent songs, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated after a most enjoyable evening. The remarks of the W.M. as to the efforts of the Lodge to provide amusement for those present were on this occasion fully illustrated, many excellent songs being given during the evening, by Bros. Wallington, Littell, Thomson, Smith, Weige, Worsley, Giblin, Seymour Smith, and Distin.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The weekly meeting took place at Bro. Allen's, "Royal Edward," Triangle, Hackney, on Tuesday, 9th January 1877. Bro. Saunders W.M., Cambridge S.W., Lovelock J.W., Smith S.D., Perry J.D., Lowles I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also, Bros. Barker, Pavitt, Watkins, Hewlett, Defries, Webb, Brand, Crouch, Williamson, Ashburner, and W. W. Morgan. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer. The minutes of the last two meetings were read and confirmed. Bro. Pavitt having answered the usual questions, the Lodge was opened to the 2nd degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hewlett acting as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and closed down to the 1st. Bro. Webb worked the 1st, 2nd and 4th sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Pavitt, of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, was unanimously elected a member. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge to the W.M., Bro. Saunders, for his very excellent working in the chair. He is a very young member, but his rendering was equal to that of an experienced Past Master. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on Tuesday, the 24th inst., when the Lodge will be presided over by that well-known Preceptor Bro. Horsley. We are sure he will be well supported on the occasion. A full list will be given, in our next week's issue, of the brethren who will assist in working the sections.

Lodge of Friendship, No. 928, Petersfield, Hampshire.—Bro. Joseph Cole was, on the 2nd inst., installed Worshipful Master of this Lodge, the somewhat unusual circumstance being witnessed of a son presenting his father for advancement, the outgoing W.M. being Bro. Lewis A. B. Cole. The members met in the Lodge-room at the Red Lion Hotel, the P.M.'s present being Bros. Finley, J. Gammon and Pescott; the Visitors were Bros. J. R. Willson P.M. 342 and 1428, Ubsdell P.M. 487 P.P.G.D.C., Friedeberg P.M. 342, Turney W.M. 342, Guy S.W. 342 P.P.G.A.D.C., Payne J.W. 342, A. R. Holbrook 309, and Moore 811. The ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. Edgeler, P.M. of the Lodge, and the Worshipful Master then invested his officers, as follows:—Bros. Lewis A. B. Cole I.P.M., Creedon S.W., Peirson J.W., Edgeler Treasurer and Sec., Cordery S.D., Masters J.D., and Nockolds I.G. The members afterwards adjourned to a banquet at the Dolphin Hotel, admirably served by Mr. Harvey. The usual toasts were acknowledged with Masonic honours.

Walton Lodge, No. 1086.—This Lodge held an emergency meeting on Wednesday, the 3rd Jan., at St. Lawrence School Rooms, Croylands-street, Kirkdale, Liverpool. Present—Bros. Joseph Ellis W.M., G. C. Hanmer S.W., G. J. Townsend J.W., Rev. Dr. Hyde Sec., W. Archer P.M. Treasurer elect, W. Walker S.D., W. G. Sharpe J.D., John Lunt P.Prov. G.D.C. D.C., Casey and Riley Stewards, Isaac Leece I.G., M. Williamson Tyler. Past Masters Bros. W. Archer, J. C. Lunt, R. Abraham, J. P. McArthur, W. Sephton, &c. Visitors—Bros. W. Jones P.M. 220 and 1299, John Jones P.M. 220, H. Ashmore P.M. 1325, F. Knight W.M. 1325, Willis W.M. elect 1035. Business—The members of this Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John on the above date, when a large number of brethren and visitors assembled. The ceremony of installing Bro. Hanmer W.M. elect was performed in the most impressive manner by Bro. Lunt P.Prov. G.D.C., and elicited the warm approval of all present. A gold P.M.'s jewel, of beautiful design, was presented to the I.P.M. Bro. Ellis, for his efficient services during the past year, and a vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to the installing Master. The Lodge was then closed. The banquet which followed was served in Bro. Casey's best style. The chair was occupied by the newly-installed W.M., when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

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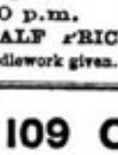
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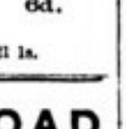
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PLACES OF MEETING.

WE fully recognise the propriety of the motion made and carried in the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, on Monday evening, to the effect that Lodges should hold their meetings in buildings specially erected for Masonic purposes. For this reason is it we have noted, with so much pleasure, the various schemes which have latterly been proposed, and, in some cases, carried to a successful issue, for the erection of Masonic Halls or Temples. We readily concede that an hotel or a tavern is not the place for a Lodge to hold its assemblies. It is certainly not creditable that a Lodge should be driven to seek its home at the Dun Cow, or the Pig and Bandbox; and if the Lodge funds permit it, we think it desirable that appropriate premises should be obtained in some private building. And, as our Lodges rarely hold more than one meeting in the month, it appears to us that if a number of them, say half a score, or a dozen, combined together and agreed to pay the rental amongst them, it would be quite possible to obtain the needful accommodation. Unfortunately, though all this seems plain sailing enough, there are several contingencies to be surmounted before a change so desirable in all respects can be effected. Firstly, we must find the ten or dozen Lodges located sufficiently near to each other to make the use, in common, of one suite of rooms a matter of convenience. Then, having found a sufficient number of Lodges conveniently situated, we must next look for the requisite accommodation, and this, we fear, it will not be possible, or at all events easy, to find, and especially in the metropolis. Overlooking, for the moment, certain essential *desiderata*, which our readers will well understand without our specifying them more fully, there must certainly be experienced some difficulty in procuring premises large enough to accommodate say, thirty or forty members. Having, however, found the needful premises, there must then arise the question of rental, which is invariably reckoned at a high figure where it is needed for some special purpose. An artist's studio, for instance, will always command a good price, and so a room where a Masonic Lodge might be conveniently held would doubtless be charged for at a high rate. We will, however, assume that the number of Lodges conveniently situate near each other—that is, of course, whose members for the most part reside in the same neighbourhood—have been found, and that the suitable premises for holding their assemblies have been obtained at something like a reasonable charge, the next question of importance is, how and whence shall the Lodges obtain the needful provision for a dinner, supper, or banquet, as the case may be. We are not of the number of those who attach supreme importance to the working of the fourth degree, but in Masonry we are presumed to practise towards one another good fellowship. Among the means to this end which the wisdom of man has provided, even from the remotest ages of antiquity, none have proved themselves so successful as the quiet social gatherings at which people refresh themselves more or less formally, frugally, or elaborately. When the members of a Lodge have assembled together from different districts, or in the case under consideration from different parts of the same district, and have carefully and conscientiously fulfilled the duties of the Lodge, it is by no means unreasonable they should expect to have some refreshment—it may be even a banquet, in honour of some particular occasion, such as the installation of a new Master, or the presentation of a testimonial to some worthy brother. The question then arises—where shall this needful refreshment be had, in the Lodge Room, or in a convenient room hard by? If in the former, it must be brought at additional expense, and this will doubtless be reckoned in calculating the rental to be paid; if in the latter, the brethren will most likely require to be served in a room that is capable of being tyled as well as of holding a fair number of guests. Thus either two convenient rooms must be found in the same locality, and pretty close to each other, or the Lodge premises must be settled near a respectable *restaurateur*, who will cater for the Lodges at moderate charges. Now, we ask our readers, Will our Lodges take the necessary steps to secure the execution of all the set plans and arrangements? It is easy enough for our Lodges who meet at Freemasons' Hall to have their simple repast, or elaborate banquet provided for them: all the necessary conveniences are at hand; but it is impossible that all our Lodges should meet at the Hall. As a matter of fact, about one-fifth of the London Lodges meet there, and we imagine any very considerable increase in this number would not be possible. In the Metropolis space is valuable, and building costly, so that we do not see how all its Lodges are to be accommodated, except recourse is had to taverns and hotels. We should very much like to see all our Lodges well and privately housed, but we do not think this is possible under existing circumstances; at all events, until a number of Masonic Halls have been erected in the Metropolis, and so located that each may accommodate the Lodges in a particular district or neighbourhood. Till then we must rub along as best we can, contenting ourselves with such arrangements as hotel and tavern-keepers are willing to make for our convenience. The day is far distant when the Freemasons of London will bring themselves to expend £300,000 in the erection and furnishing of a Masonic Temple; and even were this done to-morrow, we yet fail to see where the 250 Lodges, more or less, in the Metropolitan district, would find the requisite accommodation. In the provinces, the problem, Where shall our Lodges hold their meetings? is far easier of solution, in many cases at least; but in London it is not so easy to secure the complete privacy which is so desirable.

AN ERROR OF JUDGMENT.

(*Communicated.*)

THERE is one matter in connection with the proceedings of the Special Communication of Grand Lodge which, for some reason or other, has hitherto escaped notice. The Pro Grand Master, in moving the adoption of the Report of the Committee of which he was Chairman, did so in his capacity of Chairman, and not as the President of Grand Lodge. This enabled his lordship to advocate the acceptance of the Report, and he did so very fully, not only enlarging on the benefits of the Institution to whose funds it was proposed to contribute, but likewise anticipating any arguments which might be urged in favour of any other proposition, and notably of one on which it was believed that many brethren had set their minds. The Craft will think the Pro Grand Master was right in acting thus. What is the good of being Chairman of a Committee, taking part in its deliberations, and concurring in—it may be at times even suggesting—the proposal that is recommended, if, when the time for submitting it for final adoption arrives,

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you are not permitted to utter a word in its favour? Therefore, it is generally held that Lord Carnarvon did no more than he was justified in doing when he advocated the acceptance by Grand Lodge of the Committee's report. But he mus t pardon some of us for saying that he overstepped the limits of discretion when he urged so forcibly on the brethren present that his proposal should command their unanimous approval. Had this been a mere figure of speech which his lordship adopted in commending his motion to the notice of Grand Lodge, no one would have cared anything. Every one hopes that a proposition of his will obtain universal assent from the Society or body of men to whom it is submitted. But there was something beyond this in the Pro Grand Master's advocacy of this particular proposal. Ordinarily, he remarked, he courted criticism; but on this particular occasion, and in reference to this particular proposition, he was specially anxious that members should forego their own predilections, if they had any, in favour of adopting some other course, in order that Grand Lodge should evince perfect unanimity. There are many who think this was straining the duty of an advocate. The Pro Grand Master could have no reason in supposing that the brethren would not accord to his proposal a generous and, if possible, a unanimous support. Whatever the nature of any proposal he submitted, it would be such as to command respect, if not approval. An opinion is abroad that his lordship would have acted more prudently had he submitted his case simply on its merits, fulfilling, of course, his duty as proposer to the utmost of his great ability, but without going further. All of us are agreed as to the propriety of commemorating this particular event of the Prince's return from India, but not as to the superiority of this or that form of memorial over all other forms. It sometimes happens, when it is found difficult or impossible to reconcile conflicting views, that some one appears on the scene as a kind of *Deus ex Machinâ*, and suggests a plan which people, finding there is no chance of carrying out their own views, most willingly support. There may have been something of this kind on the present occasion, and Lord Carnarvon may have been the individual who stepped forward at the critical moment, and extricated Grand Lodge from its embarrassment. But this after all is only surmise. When Lord Carnarvon so seriously deprecated all criticism of his project, there had barely been time to learn its nature, much less to discuss its merits. It is only by a critical examination of various plans to fulfil some definite purpose that people can learn which among them is the best, and yet the proposer of this Lifeboat scheme invited unanimity without any previous criticism. This, however, is not so much the ground of this objection. It is to be feared that others may follow the example thus set them, and those others may not be as wise and considerate men as our present Pro Grand Master. The Craft has already had a foretaste of the damage that may be done to a good cause by imprudent advocacy, in the case of Bro. Havers' scheme for a memorial. He, forsooth, must needs press its notice on the acceptance of Grand Lodge, on the ground that it had already obtained the approval of the illustrious personage it most nearly concerned. This, of course, was a great offence against good taste, which no one in his senses would dream of placing in the same category with our Pro Grand Master's excess of zeal for the cause he advocated. But there may be other Havers in the days to come, who may take advantage of the precedent thus established, and urge unduly on the brethren the acceptance of some ill-considered and, perhaps, impracticable scheme. There are many who have said, and still hold, that a gift presented to each of our Charitable Institutions would have been preferable; but all of us will no doubt waive our preference if it turn out the Committee's proposal finds the most favour with Grand Lodge. It is the duty of brethren to criticise the various projects which come under their notice; but when a majority has accepted one of them, then it is the duty of the minority to sacrifice their own predilections, and support it with as much loyalty as though it had emanated from themselves.

[The above has been "communicated" to us for insertion in these columns, as representing the views of certain brethren on a point of some importance. We do not feel justified in refusing the request, but we do not hold ourselves responsible for the views to which the writer has given expression.—Ed. Freemason's Chronicle.]

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HUGHAN'S LIST OF LODGES, A.D. 1734.

To the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I am obliged for your fraternal review of my edition of Pine's List of Lodges A.D. 1734, published in the *Masonic Magazine* for November, and since issued separately and for private circulation. Of course, my notes were brief, and intended simply to be explanatory of certain difficult points only. Many of your suggestions are certainly most ingenious, and may yet turn out to be appropriate and accurate, but as yet I have not been able to *fit* some of them into the positions you intend them to occupy. You are quite correct in hinting that No. 55 was held at the "*Rummer*," not "*Cup*," and that "*Queen's Head*" is more likely to be correct than "*Queen Anne*." The titles are a guess—in most cases—made by the transcriber, as the "signs" of the houses are engraved side by side with the particulars of the Lodges, and frequently it is not easy to decide exactly what they are intended to represent, many not being so easily interpreted as the "*Goose and Gridiron*." In the *Masonic Magazine* for January, I shall present to the Craft a list of Lodges printed A.D. 1734, which was copied from Pine's of 1734, and which has the names of the signs in which the Lodges met exactly described, just as many are in the Book of Constitutions, A.D. 1738. The dates of the Lodges held at Hamburg, Boston, and Valenciennes are credited to the year 1733 in the *Book of Constitutions*, but, as I have pointed out before, the foreign Lodges may generally be assumed to be one year earlier of constitution than the English Lodges which *immediately* follow them, *should no dates be assigned to the former*. This has been proved to be the case in the three mentioned, so also with No. 79, Philadelphia, and others. Thory was wrong in stating No. 90 was granted A.D. 1729. An examination of the list of 1734 proves that the last Lodge chartered in that year was No. 60. Dr. Oliver, in *Illustrations of Masonry* (a most valuable book), is right in speaking of No. 10 as the Lodge which received the members of "No. 2." That No. 2, however, was in existence A.D. 1784, *but was extinct in* 1738, so the number *three* of the former year was the number *two* of the latter, and hence number *eleven* of the one period was number *ten* of the other. You are not correct in assuming it was the *three* of Rawlinson's and Pine's lists which surrendered its ancient privileges, and joined the "*Old Dundee*," as it was in reality the then number *two* which was the original number *three* of A.D. 1717. The *four* of 1717 was the *three* of 1734, the *two* of 1738 to 1813, and the *four* again from the "Union" to the present time.

My reason for stating so positively that No. 13 of Pine's list of 1734, and held at London, *is the present* No. 20 of Chatham is, that the Constitution of 1756 has the following:—"*Grapes, Chatham, March 28th, 1723.*" This agrees with the Lodge in question. There are also other reasons, but probably the foregoing will suffice. I beg also to draw your attention to the fact that, in the Freemason's Chronicle for 21st October 1876, an extract is given from the Bye-Laws of the Prov. G. L. of Kent, in which it is declared that "*it appears by the records of the Grand Lodge that a warrant, bearing date the 28th March* 1723, *was issued under the seal of Masonry, enabling certain brethren therein named to open and hold a Lodge of Freemasons at the 'Crown,' Cripplegate, London, under, called or known by the number* 13 . . . . *and in the year* 1748 *the said Lodge was removed to Chatham, in the county of Kent, and by the closing up of the list of Lodges in the year* 1756 *it became number* 10; *and which Lodge . . . at the Union . . . became No.* 20."

With respect to the "*Strong Man Lodge*," if it were warranted (as stated in all the lists) A.D. 1734, then it must be the number 128. If it were No. 110, then the warrant was not issued in 1734, but, as the list states, "*2nd February* 1732-3." If the latter, then it ceased to exist, by the list of 1776, long before the "*Union of* 1813." I have the "*Strong Man*" Lodge noted by name in various lists from an early date, but always under the year 1734. There has only been this one Lodge in connection with the year 1734 for very many years. Even in 1776 it was the only 1734 London Lodge, although, *at that time*, there was one of that same year for Plymouth. In the Constitution of 1738 occurs a London Lodge of 5th November 1734. The dates of the Warrants, unfortunately, are not an absolute test, as in early days they do not appear to have been accurately kept.

No. 35 of Pine's could not be the No. 35 of to-day at Cowes, as the former was chartered in 1724, and the latter in 1731. No. 35 of Pine's was originally held at Portsmouth, and was alive even so late as 1832, being the No. 17 of the "Moderns" at the "*Union*." The Medina Lodge will doubtless turn out to be at one time a London Lodge, just as with the present No. 20, Chatham.

I have doubtless said enough to satisfy you that I have carefully examined the important and valuable Records and Lists of Lodges at my elbow, before deciding as to the numerical position of any of the many Lodges mentioned in my last publication.

With best wishes, fraternally yours,

Wm. James Hughan.

[We have referred the above communication to "Our Reviewer" and append the following observations which he has thought it necessary to make]:—

(1) Lodge No. 11 (Pine's and Rawlinson's Lists) now, in Bro. Hughan's opinion, No. 18.—Substantially, Bro. Hughan and myself

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agree in some particulars, but he has not read my statement correctly, while I have not been as explicit as I might have been. Permit me to point out that I did not assume "it was the *Three* of Rawlinson's and Pine's Lists which surrendered its ancient privileges and joined the 'Old Dundee.'" My statement was:—"If the facts are as stated by Oliver, this old No. 3," [that is, the old Lodge. No. 3, held at the Apple Tree Tavern, Charles Street, Covent Garden, and the third in order of sequence of the old Time Immemorial Lodges which revived Grand Lodge in 1717], in Rawlinson's and Pine's Lists, No. 11, and, according to Hughan, No. 18 at this present time, voluntarily surrendered," &c., &c. The comma after "No. 3," disjoins it from what follows in sense as well as literally. Bro. Hughan's error, however, is very excusable, nor would he have fallen into it, had I arranged the sentence "This old No. 3, No. 11 in Rawlinson's and Pine's List, "&c. &c. In short, Bro. Hughan and I are of the same mind as far as the following. The old "Time Immemorial" Lodge No. 1 of 1717 exists in our present Antiquity, No. 2; the old "Time Immemorial" Lodge, No. 4, held at the Rummer and Grapes Tavern, Channel Row, Westminster, in 1717, and moved in the interim between that year and 1734 to the Horn, Westminster, ranking as No. 3 in Pine's and Rawlinson's Lists, and as No. 2 of 1738-1813, is now our No. 4 "R. Somerset House and Inverness;" while if No. 11 of Pine and Rawlinson 1734 (No. 10 according to Book of Constitution, 1738) is, as Bro. Hughan surmises, our No. 18; and the footnote at pp. 160-1 of Preston's *Illustrations of Masonry* about the members of No. 3 1717, having surrendered their privileges, and become No. 10, in 1738, under a *new* constitution, though "*they wanted it not*," is correct; then we have, in our present old Dundee, No. 18, a trace of this "Time Immemorial" Lodge No. 3 (not No. 2, as Bro. Hughan has quoted me), and, as I pointed out, three of the four old Lodges which revived Grand Lodge in 1717 are still in existence—in the case of Antiquity and R. Som. House and Inverness, in their entirety, and retaining all their ancient privileges; and in No. 18, "Old Dundee," under a *new* Constitution granted 1722-3, which the members of old No. 3 wanted not, and by seeking which they surrendered their ancient privileges. Or, as I put it in my review, "our present Lodges, No. 2, No. 4, and No. 18 are directly traceable to three (Nos. 1, 3, and 4), out of the four old Lodges existing in London in 1717." So far it seems to me that all is tolerably plain sailing between us; but now, in his above communication, Bro. Hughan has made a further statement, respecting which I feel that I must join issue with him. In support of my view I adduce the footnote in Preston already referred to. Bro. Hughan says, "You are not correct in assuming it was the *three* of Rawlinson's and Pine's Lists which surrendered its ancient privileges, and joined the 'Old Dundee'" (this I have just now shown was no assumption of mine), "as it was in reality the then number *two* which was the original number three of A.D. 1717." I will first of all state that the footnote containing the account of the four old Lodges of 1717 must have been written, not by Preston, who died in 1819, or by Oliver, though I found it in his edition of Preston, but by Stephen Jones, a P.M. of Antiquity, to whom was entrusted the publication of the thirteenth edition of the *Illustrations*, which made its appearance in 1821. For in it occur the words "is still extant (in 1820)," that is, the year in which the duty of preparing this 13th Edition was entrusted to Jones. Well, the note says, in brief, old No. 1 is now "Antiquity;" old No. 2, "formerly held at the Crown, in Parker's Lane, Drury Lane, has been extinct above fifty years, by the death of its old members;" old No. 3 is the one which had granted to it a new Constitution in 1722-3, and figures in the Book of Constitutions in 1738 as No. 10. The members of old No. 4 joined "*the Somerset House Lodge*, which immediately assumed their rank." This is the present No. 4. There is, then, no question as to the present existence of the old Nos. 1 and 4. Now, Bro. Hughan says it was not No. 3 of Pine's and Rawlinson's Lists which surrendered its privileges, but their No. 2. I have said I never made this assertion about Pine's No. 3, and Bro. Hughan must pardon me for thinking he is in error in saying it was Pine's No. 2. The note in Preston says distinctly that it was the Old No. 3 which, in 1722-3, moved to the "Queen's Head, in Knave's Acre," and was the No. 10 in the List of Lodges appended to the Book of Constitutions published in 1738. No. 11 in Pine's List corresponds with this as to place and date, and No. 11 in Rawlinson's as to place, the date 1723 being in this case, I believe, supplied by Bro. Hughan himself. That the No. 11 of 1734 would become, by the demise in the interim of No. 2, No. 10 of 1738, is clear; but how is it possible that No. 2 of Pine could be the old No. 3, while the latter had already merged its existence in No. 11 of the same list? The note says the old No. 3 became the No. 10 of 1738, having in 1722-3 removed to the Queen's Head, Knave's Acre, and taken out a new Constitution. There could not have been one and the same Lodge existing both as No. 2 and No. 11 in the same list. If the note is right, and No. 10 of 1738 is, as Bro. Hughan says, the same with No. 11 of Pine and Rawlinson, then the No. 2 of these latter must be one and the same with the old Time Immemorial No. 2, which in 1717 met "at the Crown in Parker's Lane, Drury Lane," and had been extinct, by the death of its members, above fifty years when the note was written. In such case Pine's and Rawlinson's Lists contained Nos. 1, 2 and 3 (originally No. 4 of 1717) Time Immemorial Lodges, and No. 11, being the one in which the old No. 3 had merged its existence; the 1738 list contained Nos. 1 and 2 (originally No. 4 of 1717), T. I. Lodges, and No. 10 (the No. 11 of 1734 and No. 3 of 1717); and the present roll includes these last three, No. 1 being now No. 2, No. 2 (the old No. 4) being now No. 4, and No. 10 (No. 11 of 1734, and No. 3 of 1717) being now No. 18. In other words, it *must* be that either Nos. 1, 3 and 4 of the four old Lodges, or Nos. 1, 2 and 4 are at this present time represented by Nos. 2, 4, and 18. In my humble opinion, and taking the note in Preston, and Pine's, Rawlinson's, and the 1738 Lists as the foundation of my belief, it is the former of the two alternatives which is correct, the No. 2 of Pine's List being the old No. 2 of 1717, which became extinct by the deaths of its members between 1734 and 1738.

2. Our present No. 20 R. Kent Lodge of Antiquity, Chatham. I admit that the excerpt from the bye-laws of the Prov. G.L. of Kent had escaped my observation. However, no harm is done. The suggestion I offered, with a full sense of its "flimsiness," merely falls to the ground.

3. Pine's No. 35 and our present No. 35 "Medina." I had noted the difference in age between the two, 1724 and 1731 being the years of Constitution affixed respectively. But it occurred to me there might have been a surrender of rank and the issue of a new Constitution, as in the case of old No. 3, referred to above. This, again, however, was merely a suggestion, based on the proximity of Gosport and Cowes, Portsmouth, where, as Bro. Hughan says, Pine's No. 35 was originally held, being also close at hand.

4. The present "Strong Man" Lodge, No. 45. I still incline to the belief that this Lodge is to be connected with Pine's, No. 110, held at the "Ship Coffee House, near the Hermitage Bridge," rather than with No. 128 at the "Duke of Marlborough, Petticoate Lane, White Chapell." I admit that as regards date, our No. 45 agrees with the latter, both being set down as warranted in 1734, the former in Grand Lodge Calendar, the latter in Pine's list. But Oliver's note at p. 44 of *The Revelations of a Square*, is so minute in all its details, which are said to be derived from "the Records of Grand Lodge." The date of the warrant is given as 2nd February, 1734—which, according to the old mode of reckoning would be the year 1733—and this, perhaps, will explain why, in later lists, no other Lodge bearing date 1734 is found; the No. 110, or whatever it may have become in the meantime by the closing-up of Lodges, being reckoned among the 1733 Lodges. I say this, having at this moment no other lists by me for reference. That there is some difficulty about the date is apparent on Oliver's own showing; for while 2nd Feb. 1734, is given in the note, we are told in the text, "the Strong Man Lodge was numbered 68" (query, 98) "in the lists of 1738, 1764, and 1767, and was established according to the former authorities" (which are meant is not clear), "2nd February, 1733, and by the latter, 17th February, 1734." Here, then, are *three* different dates—namely, 2nd February, 1733, and 17th February, 1734, in the text, and 2nd February, 1734, in the note; to which Bro. Hughan now adds a fourth,—namely, that of Pine's No. 128, warranted 5th November, 1734. The confusion between 2nd February, 1733, and 2nd February, 1734, is, I think, explicable by the old style of reckoning referred to, while in modern times we should be more exact, and fix the date distinctly in 1734, as is done in Grand Lodge Calendar. The date apart, however, Oliver is very exact, as I have said, in his details, and points out how, by successive closings-up of the Lodges, this No. 110 became No. 98 in 1740, No. 68 in 1756, No. 57 in 1770, No. 44 in 1781, and No. 41 in 1792. This was its number at the Union, after which it became No. 61 in 1814, and as Bro. Hughan adds in his "List of Lodges at the Union," No. 53 in 1832, and No. 45 in 1863. An authority in the "Strong Man" Lodge itself ought to be able to determine these points.

[These are the only notes which our Reviewer asks should be appended to Bro. Hughan's letter.—EDITOR FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.]

VISIT OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER TO GOSPORT.

From the *Portsmouth Times and Naval Gazette*.

ON Wednesday, the 10th inst., R.W. the Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) paid a visit to Gosport, for the purpose of consecrating a new Royal Arch Chapter, and also of installing Bro. the Rev. E. B. C. Churchill M.A., Prov. G. Chaplain, as W.M. of the Gosport Lodge, No. 903. The double ceremony was anticipated with considerable interest, and in spite of the unfavourable state of the weather there was a numerous attendance.

The first named ceremony commenced at the Star Assembly Room at 2.30 p.m., when the consecrating Principal opened the Chapter, the other chairs being occupied by Comp. W. Hickman as H., and Comp. H. M. Emanuel as J., and among the 1st Principals present were Comps. J. E. Le Feuvre Prov. S.E., M. E. Frost Prov. Grand Treasurer, J. N. Hillman, T. Best, H. Cawte, R. H. C. Ubsdell, Lillywhite, E. S. Main, &c. The other members having entered the Chapter, the consecrating Principal addressed the Comps. on the nature of the meeting. Subsequently, the P.G.S.E., Bro. Le Feuvre, read the petition and charter, and the companions having signified their approval, in response to an enquiry from the presiding Principal, of the Principals named in the charter, an oration on Royal Arch Masonry was delivered by Comp. Main. The D.C. then presented to the presiding Principal the collars and jewels of the new Chapter and the Principals appointed; and the 1st Principal Designate presented the members of the new Chapter. An anthem having been sung, the various other ceremonies connected with the consecration were proceeded with, the several musical portions being admirably carried out by the choir, Comps. J. W. D. Pillow, R. Osborne, F. Feltham, and Winterbottom. The consecrating Principal then dedicated and constituted the Chapter, and this portion of the ceremony was brought to a close by another anthem being sung.

The installation of the three Principals, Comps. John Wallingford as Z., H. Sleeman as H., and G. Felton Lancaster as J., was performed by Comp. E. S. Main P.Z., assisted by Comp. J. Lillywhite Z. 257 as H., and Comp. Hillman P.Z. as J., the ceremony being conducted in an admirable manner.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the following were invested as officers of the new Chapter:—Comps. E. S. Main I.P.Z., Page S.E., J. Wilson N., Rev. E. B. C. Churchill P. Soj., Robinson and Long Assistant Sojs. The officers having been addressed by Comp. Main, Comp. Whitcomb was elected Treasurer, and several new members

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and joining members were proposed, after which the Chapter was closed. Among those present, in addition to the members already mentioned, were Comps. E. G. Holbrook P.Z. 309, G. A. Green J. 309, Maltby H. 487, Harrison J. 804, De Fraine H. 257, Legh Bailey S.E. 257, Winterbottom 257, J. Craven H. 342, A. Riddell J. 342, W. Payne S.E. 342, R. Newland N. 342, Simister, R. Barber, Turney, Norris, and G. Gunnell of 342, E. Groves, G. Bond, Palagrave, Le Messurier, and Gamblen of 487, Morine, Hillier, Powell, Biggs and Exell P.G. Jan., and many others. We should mention that the Assembly Rooms had been prepared for the ceremony in a most elaborate manner, the walls being tastefully decorated with various flags, while beneath the canopy over the first Principal's seat on the raised dais was a handsome Prince of Wales's banner. Flowering plants (kindly lent by Messrs. Legg and Son, of Gosport) were also placed in various parts of the hall.

The ceremony of installing the W.M. of the Gosport Lodge was commenced at five p.m., when the brethren present had an opportunity of noting the highly impressive and effective manner in which the sublime ritual of the craft was rendered by the Prov. G.M. At the conclusion of the ceremony a vote of thanks to the G.M., proposed by the W.M., and seconded by the I.P.M., was carried with great heartiness. The P.G.M., in reply, expressed the gratification which he experienced from the continued progress of the Lodge, and from the selection of W.M. which had been made, adding that he should not have selected him as Prov. G. Chaplain had he not known that he was a good and skilful Mason. Referring to the consecration of the Chapter, the P.G.M. said it was an era in Masonry when a Lodge was sufficiently powerful to be enabled to have a Chapter attached to it. He did not recommend young Masons to be in a hurry to join a Chapter, merely to take a higher degree in Masonry, but he would venture to counsel them to make themselves well acquainted with the duties and principles inculcated in the degrees which they had already passed, before seeking admission to a higher degree. He made these remarks in order that brethren might not think it incumbent upon them to proceed to take the Royal Arch degree the moment they were entitled to do so, without due reflection and a desire really to advance themselves in Freemasonry, and at the same time with a determination to adhere to the principles of the Order by every means in their power. If that was their resolve the higher degree would give them an opportunity of acquiring more knowledge, and more extended means of practising what they had learned. It was resolved to give a donation of £20 to the male fund of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, by which the Lodge will become a vice-president, which position it holds in the two other Charities of the craft. Bro. E. G. Holbrook mentioned that he had undertaken to fill the office of Steward at the next Festival of the Boys' School, and made an appeal for support, either from the Lodge or from members. Bro. G. F. Lancaster also mentioned that he was a Steward for the Benevolent Festival, and indulged in the hope that that Charity might not be forgotten. A Past Master's jewel, which had been voted by the Lodge, was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. J. Maling, by the W.M., who, amidst the acclamations of the brethren, referred to the assiduity and zeal with which his predecessor had discharged his duties. The W.M. appointed the officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. Malling I.P.M., W. Hillier S.W., V. Brown J.W., C. B. Whitcomb Treasurer, R. W. Mitchell Hon. Secretary, E. Percy Thompson S.D., G. Grant J.D., R.W. Downing I.G., S. W. Misselbrook Org., J. W. Warden D.C., Irons and Perryman Stewards, Cauvin and Vinnicombe Tylers. There was even a more numerous attendance at the Lodge than at the Chapter, the unusually large number of 35 installed Masters being present at the W.M.'s installation, viz.—Bros. Beach P.G.M., W. Hickman D.P.G.M., Captain Best P.G.S.W., F. Pineo P.G.J.W., M. E. Frost P.G. Treasurer, J. B. Le Feuvre P.G. Secretary, E. G. Holbrook P.G. Reg., H. M. Emanuel P.P.G.W., H. Cawtie P.P.G.W., Wallingford P.P.G.W., J. Lillywhite P.P.G.R., De Fraine P.P.G.D., Craven P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, T. Batchelor P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, E. Groves P.G.G.C., R. Newland P.P.G.D.C., E. S. Main P.P.G.D.C., J. Wilson, H. Sleeman, J. Maling, Whitcomb, G. F. Lancaster, J. Hall and Morine P.M.'s 903, F. Court W.M. 257, L. Baily P.M. 257, E. Downing W.M. 309, Green and Riddle P.M.'s 309, Turney W.M. 342, Bunting W.M. 487, Maltby P.M. 487, P.G.S.B., Coles 359, P.P.G.D.C., Dyer 359, P.G.S.B., and Tuohy P.P.G.D.C.

The annual banquet was held at the India Arms Hotel, and was excellently served by Mr. Newman. The W.M. (Bro. the Rev. E. B. C. Churchill) presided, supported by the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M. and several Present and Past Provincial Officers. "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales K.G.," "The M.W. Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon," "The R.W. Deputy G.M. the Earl of Skelmersdale, and the Officers of Grand Lodge," were severally given. The D.P.G.M. (Bro. Hickman) as a Past Officer of Grand Lodge, responded, highly eulogising the manner in which the Prince and the Earl of Carnarvon discharged their Masonic and other duties.

The W.M., in giving "The R.W. Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight," said he was sure the Gosport Lodge were very proud to receive him as their guest, and, as the W.M., he thanked him for attending to instal him. They all knew that he was a good, true, and faithful Mason; how he was ready to come among them; and how kind and genial his manner was. He was sure they would unite with him in wishing he might have many years to rule over the province. (Applause.)

The P.G.M., who had a most enthusiastic reception, said it had been a great pleasure to him to attend to day and witness the success which had attended the working of the Gosport Lodge. It was the duty of the Grand Master, so far as he could, to visit the various Lodges throughout the Province, as by that means alone could he make himself acquainted with the kind of work that was going on, and the ability of individual Masons, and so arrive at a knowledge of what was really transpiring in Masonry in the Province. After alluding to the difficulty he experienced in paying all the visits that he desired to make, he said it gave him great satisfaction to be present and to witness the prosperity of the Gosport Lodge. But it would ill become him, offering his congratulations as he did on the success which attended their efforts, if he did not address a few words to them upon what was really going on in Freemasonry at the present time. He believed that Freemasonry was never so powerful, never so great as now. But he desired to impress upon them that, as Freemasonry had increased to an unparalleled degree, so had the responsibility attaching to every individual member of the Craft (hear, hear). They must remember that as Freemasonry became more powerful, and as Freemasons became more numerous, so their Order attracted more notice from the outer world. As long as they were a comparatively small body they might be treated as comparatively insignificant, but directly they became more powerful they attracted notice—and very unpleasant notice in certain quarters (hear, hear, and laughter). Probably there had been no time when Freemasonry had been so bitterly vituperated as of late (hear, hear, and laughter). They must all regret it, but it would ill become them to join in any vituperation on their part (hear, hear). They could afford to let any invective against Freemasonry recoil on those who uttered it. When talking among themselves, they could not but feel astonished at this invective, because they were conscious how little they deserved those censures (applause). Theirs was a most harmless and inoffensive Order, attacking no one. They felt that the charges levelled against them were not deserved, but it became more their duty to prove that they were not, and to impress upon every Freemason a desire to do something, if it was possibly in his power, to show that any censure on the Order was undeserved. He hoped all would desire to show to the outer world that when they entered into Freemasonry they entered upon new duties and into a new sphere of existence, imposing upon them the paramount obligation to do their best to maintain the Order into which they had entered. If that was the duty they felt in their very hearts, and they did their very best to carry it out, it could not but have an effect on the outward life of every Freemason. If they could show this to the outer world; if they could show that a Freemason was permeated by such an intense love for his Order that he would do anything for its prosperity, and that this prosperity tended to the good of society in general and the benefit of his fellow-men, Freemasonry must indeed exist to a much more powerful degree than it had ever done (applause). Let them do their best, in their generation, to maintain the Order they loved. He believed that in many parts of the world they had zealous Freemasons. In America probably Freemasonry existed to a greater extent than in any part of the world. But he believed that in England Freemasonry was carried out in its integrity to a greater extent than in any part of the earth (hear, hear). In some parts of the world Freemasonry was carried out under difficulties. No doubt, where persecution existed, their efforts were thwarted, and Freemasonry could not be carried out to the same extent and purity that it was where it was suffered to freely exist, according to primeval principles. He trusted that in England Freemasonry would ever have free scope. Let them do their best to promote it, and so long as Freemasons exerted themselves to maintain the Order which had been handed down for hundreds and thousands of years, so long would it exist in a more extended and beautiful way than it had ever hitherto done. It was a great gratification to him to be enabled, in some small degree, to promote the welfare of Freemasonry, and so long as he was enabled to carry out the wishes of the Grand Master of England in the Province of Hampshire, and to receive the support of the brethren in doing so, so long should he be delighted to continue as their Provincial Grand Master, and to do his best in that capacity (loud applause). The P.G.M., in highly eulogistic terms, proposed "The W.M.," and Bro. the Rev. E. B. C. Churchill responded. Other toasts followed.

At the meeting of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, held on Monday evening, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, a proposal was brought forward by Bro. Kingston P.M. and seconded by Bro. W. Jones P.M., to the effect that the Lodge in future should hold its meetings at Freemasons' Hall. The ground on which the proposal was made was a very proper one, namely, that our Lodge meetings should be held, as in Scotland, not at hotels and taverns, but in buildings specially erected for Masonic purposes. We refer to the subject elsewhere.

THE POPE AND THE EMPRESS EUGENIE.—We *(Westminster Gazette)* learn, on good authority from Rome, that the young Prince Louis Napoleon has been initiated, by Prince Humbert, into the mysteries of Italian Freemasonry. The Pope is very dissatisfied with the conduct of the ex-empress Eugénie and of her son. Pius IX. had advised the young Prince to quit Italy as soon as possible. This judicious advice, however, has not been followed; on the contrary, the Empress has been very assiduous in her visits to the Quirinal, and is in constant intercourse with those of the noble families in Rome who are partisans of King Victor Emanuel. For these reasons the Pope refused to dispense, with his own hands, the Holy Communion both to the Empress and the Prince. As the Empress Eugénie's request was made to him, the Pope said, "Anche, l'altro prese la Santa Comunione a Sant' Anna dorata." By the "other" the Pope meant Napoleon III. The Pope held up, as an example to the Empress and the Prince, the conduct of Don Carlos, who, on his recent visit to Rome, sought the Apostolic blessing, and, on advice, at once took his departure from Italy.

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ANTIQUITY AND ADAPTATION.

(From the *Voice of Masonry.*)

IT matters little whether Masonry originated among the priests of Egypt, the Thugs of India, the philosophers of Greece, the Hebrews of Canaan, the merchants of Phœnicia, or at the "Apple Tree Tavern," in London; whether it was born in the Garden of Eden, among the mountains of Abyssinia, in the civilised cities of Greece, in the plains of Hindostan, on the hills of Palestine, or in the streets of the metropolis of the British realm. It matters little whether it is as old as creation; whether it was born in Solomon's time, or in the reign of Sesotoris; whether it was coeval with the Pyramids or with the Bunker Hill Monument; whether its nativity be dated six thousand years ago, or in "1717."

It may form an interesting question for solution by the antiquarian or historian—when and where, and by whom was Masonry first established? It might be a pleasure and a gratification to those interested in the growth and progress of the Fraternity to be able to trace, in all its ramifications, from its conception to its present position of power and influence. Those who throw the light of history on its path, give us pleasure and deserve well of their brethren and the world for their labours, and we would not have them, for a moment, intermit their efforts to roll away the dense cloud that overshadows the past Masonry. But, after all, that is not the great question to be answered to-day.

Masonry may be ancient as Babylon—as venerable as the Pyramids—and yet be of little use to this age and the present population of the globe. How many associations of the olden time, had they been continued to the present age, would have been of practical value? Not many. Mere age does not command respect. It must be coupled with worth to ensure consideration. Neither will antiquity prove that Masonry is for this age and people. We may agree that the fact of its having long existed proves its value; but evil things have been aged, and white locks frequently shadow the brow of the fool or the criminal.

The great question as regards our Institution now is, not how old it is; neither is it whether it has been adapted to the condition of mankind in the past; but whether it is needful and beneficial to human progress and human prosperity now. This question being answered in the affirmative, Masonry is worthy of the support of philanthropists everywhere; if answered truly in the negative, it is unworthy of countenance—no matter how beneficial it may have proved itself in times past.

How ought this question to be answered? What does truth require in the premises? Masonry is, professedly and confessedly, a benevolent institution. It teaches that it is the imperative duty of each person to care for and assist a needy fellow creature. It teaches that mankind are brethren, and, as such, are bound to extend aid to each other in the day of adversity. By most impressive rites and appropriate symbols, it impresses these duties upon the minds and consciences of the members, and, by regulations proved practical by experience, these duties are ever kept clearly and plainly before them: "When they lie down and they rise up; when they go out and they come in."

The intention of the Society is to make men more benevolent. We believe the intention is fulfilled; indeed, it can hardly be otherwise. The lessons received in the Lodge will naturally have their designed effect. A score, or a hundred persons come regularly together, and consult concerning the wants and the needs of their brethren and friends. The needy are helped, the despondent encouraged, and the hungry fed. They meet regularly. These matters are talked over at every meeting. Thus, a habit of thinking of the needy and of ministering to their wants is formed, and it becomes an important part of the business of those who voluntarily put themselves into this process of training to do the work of benevolence. Having placed themselves under obligation to do these generous works, and having banded themselves together for that purpose, the result is found in the more humane line of action which they exhibit. That Masons give for benevolent and charitable purposes, outside of their Lodge payments, as much as others not members, is a fact which, so far as we know, has never been denied. That they give more, according to their means, than non-society men, we have no doubt. Every subscription list for charitable purposes, circulated in a place where a Lodge is in existence, will bear us out in that belief. We say this, not in a spirit of boasting, but because it shows that the professions of benevolence put forth by Freemasons are not empty ones. My own observation would prove that Masons generally give double the amount which could be exacted of them on an impartial assessment. But we will place the amount of their gifts at the same figures with others not members of the Lodge. Then we shall, of course, have to give the Lodge credit for all that is contributed to charity within it, for if there had been no Lodge these contributions would never have been made. Thus we find that Masonry adds very materially to the treasury of charity. It seems like a work of supererogation to say a word as to the need for, and the benefit of, an institution of this kind in the present condition of mankind. But perhaps a word will not be out of place, for the good people are slow to admit the benefits conferred by our Order.

We can imagine a state of society which would not require such an institution as Masonry to exist. Were every one disposed to be governed, in act and word, by the Saviour's Golden Rule, there would be no need of Masonry. Were all honest and charitable, ready to relieve distress wherever seen, Masonry's occupation would be gone. But a blind, unfeeling selfishness pervades the minds of men. Self is ever present with most persons. The voice of the poor and needy is smothered by the noise of business and of greed, and their cry is not heard by those who have the means to be, and who ought to be, their benefactors. Not a week before preparing this article, a woman, in this land of plenty, died of starvation, surrounded by those, the crumbs from whose tables would have given the needed sustenance to preserve her life. She had saved the lives of her children, by giving them all she had been able to gather. Can we say that where such things happen—and this is but one of many of the same class—that there is no need of such a benevolent organization as Masonry has been proved to be? Shall we demolish Masonry at the beck of the fanatical, one-idead opponents, while mothers starve, surrounded by their famishing children? Did Masonry do as some of its enemies falsely charge, and only care for its own members and their families, still it would be a good institution, and worthy of being sustained. If every head of a family provided well for his own, there would be no suffering in poverty; did every society see that its own members were supplied, there would be much less suffering than now prevails. Masonry does this; some other societies do not. Even church sometimes forgets the invalid brother who suffers from sickness, or the weakly sister whose sands of life have nearly run out, though we are glad to be able to state our conviction that such neglect is far less common than it was in years gone by. Religion has become less doctrinal and more practical than formerly. In this particular the church may have learned and practised a valuable lesson from the Lodge—a lesson which they ought to have learned to practise long ages ago—that charity is greater than either faith or hope, and abides for ever.

We think we have the right to conclude from the considerations so briefly expressed, that Masonry, whether it be ancient or modern, is adapted to this age; that the world needs it as a school of benevolence and charity; that it materially helps forward the car of human progress; that it, to a great degree, assuages the woes of poverty, and feeds the hungry and clothes the naked. As long as poverty and want prevail—"as long as penury has a want to relieve or sorrow a tear to dry"—the world will need Masonry to assist in the holy work. And, though the bigot may rage and the fanatic curse, Masonry will survive until that period shall come when distress shall have ended and relief shall not be needed.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Eastern Star No. 95, and Tredegar No. 1625.

ON Monday evening last, the 15th inst., a number of brethren met at the Royal Hotel, Mile End Road, E., for the purpose of establishing a Lodge of Instruction under the sanction and authority of the Tredegar Lodge, held at the same establishment. Bro. E. Gottheil P.M. was unanimously voted to the chair. Amongst those present were Bros. C. Lacey P.M., the Worshipful Master of the Mother Lodge, T. J. Barnes P.M., Geo. Verry P.M., J. Berry P.M., &c., &c. The preliminaries having been agreed upon, Bro. E. Gottheil was appointed Preceptor, T. J. Barnes Treasurer, and Geo. Hollington Secretary. The meeting then resolved itself into a committee, and several bye-laws were considered and agreed upon. A meeting had also been convened—for the same date, hour and place—of the members of the "Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction," which had been in abeyance for about three or four years, and although the intention and object had been conspicuously advertised, out of upwards of one hundred members but seven attended. This being deemed a quorum, it was unanimously resolved that the two Lodges amalgamate, and that the furniture, privileges, &c., should constitute the property of the new establishment. The new Lodge will meet every Monday throughout the year at 8 p.m. There are hundreds of brethren residing in the district and its vicinity, who, we trust, will exert themselves to second the efforts of those who so willingly give their services to the cause of Masonic instruction. It is at all times exceedingly difficult to uphold the life and sustain the vigour of these Lodges. The element of unity is contained in the perseverance of rarely more than half-a-dozen members, the rest of the attendance being, as a rule, more or less fluctuating. It should therefore be the duty of the many able brethren who, we know, reside in the immediate neighbourhood to set an example, by their presence, at every possible opportunity to the dilatory, apathetic, and negligent. It is in their power to make this one of the most prosperous, as well as one of the best conducted Lodges in the country. For our own part, we wish it every success, and shall at all times be pleased, by giving the proceedings every publicity, to further its interests, and promote its prosperity.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The weekly meeting of the above Lodge was held at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, on Tuesday last. Present—Bro. Cambridge W.M., Lovelock S.W., Smith J.W., Saunders S.D., Perrin J.D., Brand I.G., Worsley Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Barker, Horsley, Hewlett, Lay, Crane, Defriez, Davis, Crouch, Ashburner. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Lay acting as candidate. Bro. Wallington gave the traditional history. Bro. Horsley worked the 1st and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Lovelock was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The 15 sections will be worked in this Lodge on Tuesday next, the 23rd instant, by the following brethren:—Bros. Horsley 933 W.M., Pinder W.M. 15 S.W., Wallington P.M. 860 J.W. First Lecture by Bros. Dallas 1524, W. J. Smith W.S. 860, E. T. Worsley J.D. 860, Ashburner P.M. 1278, Musto P.M. 1349, Williams 933, Rudderforth 12. Second Lecture by Bros. Cambridge J.W. 15, Hogarth 1107, Defriez S.W. 45, J.D. 1278, Pinder W.M. 15, Hewlett 141. Third Lecture by Bros. Wallington P.M. 860, Allen S.D. 733, Perrin W.M. 1056.

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WEST YORKSHIRE.

ON the 10th inst., the usual Quarterly Meeting of the Freemasons of West Yorkshire took place at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, under the banner of the Goderich Lodge 1211. After the Lodge had been opened by the W.M. and Officers of the Lodge, the Provincial Grand Lodge entered, and was opened and presided over by Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire. After the usual formalities had been gone through, and the reading of a portion of Scripture and prayer, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master was saluted in ancient style.

Replying to this salutation, Sir Henry Edwards said: Brethren,—I am happy to meet the members of this Provincial Grand Lodge at the opening of a new Year, in order that the affairs of interest in connection with Freemasonry in this Province may be duly considered and debated. A year ago we were indebted to the Philanthropic Lodge, and again we have to thank the Freemasons of Leeds, and especially the Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren of the Goderich Lodge, for the present renewal of hospitality accorded to the Province on its first Quarterly Meeting for the current year. I again acknowledge, with much pleasure and satisfaction, the salutation of the brethren. The cordiality of your reception convinces me that the administration of our laws and the government of the Province meets with the approval of the Craft. Fifty years have now elapsed since the establishment of West Yorkshire into a separate Province, and when I look back over that period of time, and contrast the prospect of the future in comparison with the past, I think there is cause for general congratulation in the gradual progress which the principles of Freemasonry have made, and the marked improvement which has taken place in a variety of details in the Masonic government and unity of working displayed in the different Lodges. I assure you that I have the well government of this Province at heart, and that I will endeavour to select for my Provincial Grand Officers men of ability and popularity in the Craft. It will always be my desire, so far as lies in my power, to advance the position of the hard-working brethren in the Lodges, and to promote their prosperity and happiness, as well as to secure fair and impartial discussions upon matters of vital interest in my Province. It is a matter of sincere congratulation that our Royal Grand Master has again been graciously pleased to accept the highest office which the Craft can confer upon him, and that in December he was once more invited to occupy the position of our most Worshipful Grand Master in the Grand Lodge of England. At the Festival of the Masonic Benevolent Institution in February, his Royal Highness the Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire will, it is hoped, take the chair; and that of the Girls in May, Lord Suffield; and at the Boy's Festival, a most distinguished prelate of the Church of England will preside. We are now enabled to strike a balance of the results of the working of the Craft during the year just closed. These results may be roughly stated as follows:—Sixty-nine warrants for new lodges, and the enormous number of 8503 Grand Lodge certificates have been issued from head-quarters, each being largely in excess of those sent out in the previous year, and may be taken as a fair indication of the steady progress which the Craft has made during the past year. The voluntary contributions to the three Charities have this year reached the munificent sum of £39,335 7s 6d. This circumstance is a proof of the liberality of the fraternity, and would seem to point to the conclusion that the wants and needs of these institutions only require to be made known in order to meet with a fitting response. But this gratifying result of the year does not end by pouring these large sums into the coffers of these institutions. It imposes upon the managing bodies an increased responsibility for the economical disposal of this princely sum, and for a corresponding degree of efficiency in the educational and other results. In these respects it is to be regretted that, although the receipts of the Boys' School have been largely increased, the extravagant management and the indifferent educational results so forcibly pointed out by your Committee of Investigation a year ago still continue, without any evidence of improvement in the future. I feel bound to say this simply in the exercise of sound judgment upon the matter alluded to without lending myself in the remotest degree to either side in the personal controversy which has unfortunately been associated with the discussion of this question. A number of Freemasons, under a provisionally organised, "Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution," have placed two girls for education, partial maintenance, and advancement in life, in local establishments, and a Lodge in the province has done the same in respect to an orphan boy. These experiments will test the merits of local, as compared with metropolitan establishments, and I cannot refrain from wishing these efforts to be attended with complete success. My Deputy, just before Christmas, had the honour of establishing two new Lodges in this Province, numbered 1645 and 1648 on the books of the Grand Lodge of England. These new Lodges are in districts, carved out of localities in this thickly populated Province, wherein are older existing Lodges closely associated around them. I cordially recommend to the new brethren the Pro Grand Master's condemnation of the unconstitutional practice of new Lodges canvassing, or in any way proposing, that members should be members of older Lodges, and younger Lodges in the same town, and at the same time. I am glad the Pro Grand Master has expressed himself so emphatically on this subject; and feel convinced that the very judicious hints conveyed on his part to the Board of General Purposes must meet with the approval of the Craft in this Province. In conclusion, I ask all the Lodges represented on this occasion to accept the fraternal congratulations and good wishes of myself and of my most talented, energetic, and indefatigable Deputy, Bro. Thomas W. Tew, for the year just commenced. After the address of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the routine business of the Province was gone through, and a resolution on the agenda paper, by Bro. Ruddock, on the subject of a pamphlet relating to the Boys' School, was withdrawn. About 230 brethren attended the meeting. At the close of the Lodge, an excellent banquet was served in the Banquet Hall, by Bro. Oates, in his customary style, after which, Bro. Sir H. Edwards presiding, the usual Loyal, Patriotic and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a pleasant and convivial evening was enjoyed.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Lion and Lamb Chapter.—A convocation of this Chapter was held on the 17th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. The Chapter was opened in due form by Comps. G. Newman M.E.Z., F. Copestick H., H. Birdseye J. The Companions were then admitted, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bros. G. Hall, J. Lorkin, J. Grocott, H Brand and W. Medwin were proposed by Comps. J. Dunn, Copestick Scribe E., and J. Carle, and were duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. The installation of officers then took place, and the Chapter closed. The Comps. adjourned to supper.

Mersey Lodge, No. 477, Birkenhead.—On Thursday, 7th January, this Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons met at the Lodge-room, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead, for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, and investiture of officers for the ensuing year. There was a very large attendance of members, and amongst the visitors were Bros. James Salmon P.M. 425 and 1477, P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire and P.J.G.W. North Wales and Shropshire, Richard B. Mellor P.M. 605 and P.P.J.G.D., M. C. McNerney 384, Thomas Chesworth W.M. 1576, A. Stephens W.M. 954, McNerney W.M. 605, W. Matthews W.M. 721, James Ridehalgh P.M. 1276, J. Taylor W.M. 1276, Jacobs 702, &c. After the Lodge had been opened according to ancient usage, Bro. Robert Gracie P.M. proceeded with the installation of Bro. William Pulford, the W.M. elect, as W.M. for the ensuing year, which was performed in a very impressive manner. The remaining officers of the Lodge were then installed as follows:—Bros. G. J. Adams I.P.M., Robert Grace P.M. Lecturer, J. Wedgwood P.M., Henry Martin P.M., John Griffiths P.M., Donald Fraser P.M. Treasurer, Samuel Jones P.M. Secretary, John Dutton S.W., Thomas Brown J.W., Wm. Worrall S.D., Wm. Bennett J.D., Robert Ridyard I.G., George Dicken D.C., Robert Hamilton and John Woolley (Chester) Stewards, and Holtoway Tyler. The Treasurer's report showed the Lodge to be in a flourishing condition. Last year there was a balance in hand of £7 16s, and the total amount received during 1876 was £397 19s 3d. Against this, the expenditure had been £331 14s 11½d, leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands of £66 4s 3½d. Before the conclusion of the business, Bro. D. Fraser P.M. brought forward a scheme for the erection of a new Masonic Hall for Birkenhead. Masonry, he said, had recently so rapidly extended in Birkenhead and the surrounding neighbourhood that many now thought it was time that a suitable site should be secured for erecting a new Hall upon, as it was quite patent to everybody that they had not now anything like sufficient space to accommodate their members with any degree of comfort. By their present arrangement they had still three years left unexpired of their lease in the building they now occupied, and if the feeling of the members was tested he had no doubt by the time the three years had expired they might have a suitable hall erected for their accommodation which would be an ornament to Birkenhead. The Worshipful Master seconded the proposition, and it was ultimately decided that if it was found expedient to erect such a hall, the Mersey Lodge take five hundred £1 shares in the new undertaking. The practical feeling then tested showed itself by several members present guaranteeing to take up shares equal to £2,500, which is equal to one-half the total amount required to carry out Bro. Fraser's scheme, and augurs well for its being carried out. The Lodge having been closed in due form, the company adjourned to Bro. Charles Berry's, Ranelagh Hotel, where a splendid banquet was served up to about 120. The newly-elected W.M. presided, and the vice-chairs were occupied by the S.W. and J.W. The toast of "The Queen" having been received in true Masonic form, "The M.W.G. Master, Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was next given, and met with a most hearty reception. The remaining toasts, which were effectively proposed by the W.M., were—"The R.W. Prov. G.M. Lord de Tabley, and Prov. Grand Officers Past and Present;" "The Worshipful Master;" "The Worshipful Past Masters of the Mersey Lodge;" "The Officers of the Mersey Lodge;" "The Past Officers of the Mersey Lodge," "The Visitors;" "The Masonic Charities;" and "All poor and distressed Masons." During the evening Bro. Fraser P.M. Treasurer, presented Bro. J. G. Adams I.P.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, and Bro. Robert Gracie P.M. with a Past Treasurer's jewel. Several musical brethren contributed materially to the harmony of the evening. We congratulate the brethren of the Mersey Lodge on the progress they have made during the past year. The Lodge is now one of the most important in the province, and worthy in every way of the great community of Birkenhead.

Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487.—The installation of the W.M. Bro. George Bond, of the Castle Hotel, Southsea, took place on Thursday evening, in the Masonic Hall, St. Mary's-street. There was a very good muster of brethren. The retiring W.M., Bro. E. Bunting, was supported by the following past and present W.M.'s:—Bros. M. E. Frost, G. Rake, G. S. Lancaster, Cudlipp, R. H. C. Ubsdell, F. Pineo, F. Court, Maltby, E. Groves, Moore, Turney, E. Downing, Harrison, and G. F. Lancaster (Gosport). The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. Frost, after which the W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Richard Beale S.W., Robert Osborne J.W., Prov. G. Organist, G. S. Lancaster Treasurer, M. E. Frost Secretary, J. Astridge Assistant Secretary, Loder S.D., W. L. Smith J.D., T. P. Palegrave I.G., W. Tuck and F. White Stewards, Johnson Chaplain, Exell Tyler. A vote of thanks was

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accorded to the retiring W.M., and to Bro. Frost for the efficient manner in which he had installed the W.M. At the banquet which followed there was a good attendance, and the usual Masonic toasts were honoured. The W.M. presided with great tact and *bonhommie*, and the after-dinner speeches were terse and to the point. Due honour was paid to the chiefs of the Craft, and the health of the W.M., which was given with much heartiness by his predecessor (Bro. Bunting), was received with enthusiasm, and elicited an appropriate response from Bro. Bond. "The Visitors" found an able representative in Bro. Horsey (Industry Lodge, 186, London), who expressed the gratification which he had experienced from what he had seen of the working of the Lodge. With the aid of harmony, to which Bros. Pillow P. Prov. G. Organist, Osborne, W. L. Smith and others contributed, the evening was passed most agreeably.

Wellington Lodge, No. 548.—The above Lodge met on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford. Bros. Dr. F. Chittenden W.M., Brooks S.W., Riley J.W., Welsford P.M. Treasurer, E. J. B. Bumstead P.M. Treasurer, and Past Masters Phillips, West, Bagshaw and Wakefield. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. W. Warren was passed to the 2nd degree. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Brooks S.W. was presented to the Lodge, and was duly installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Dr. Chittenden, who performed the ceremony perfectly. Bro. J. J. West P.M. impressively delivered the addresses. The newly installed W.M. then invested his officers, Bros. Riley S.W., Joulden J.W., Welsford P.M. re-invested Treasurer, Bumstead Secretary, Magee S.D., Thitson J.D., Callison sen. I.G., Fieldson D.C., Fourlard Organist, and Laing P.M. Tyler. An elegant P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring W.M. for the manner he had discharged his duties during his year of office. Bro. Dr. Chittenden thanked the brethren for their valuable gift. After the lodge was closed, the brethren sat down to a banquet. The W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert P.M. 188, G.P., returned thanks for the Grand Officers. The Master, Wardens, and other toasts followed, after which the brethren separated.

Camalodunum Lodge, No. 660, Malton.—The annual installation banquet was held on Tuesday, at Malton. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Clough, of the City and County Bank, took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Yorkersgate, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Samuel King P.P.G.J.D. and P.M.; and the Worshipful Master appointed the following officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. King S.W., Harold Copperthwaite J.W., R. H. Bower Treasurer, A. W. Walker Secretary, T. B. Smith S.D., J. D. Dodsworth J.D., Fred Wand D.C., Seth Tinsley I.G., Thomas Wilkins and J. Goldie Stewards, and Kirton Wandby Steward and Tyler. The banquet was afterwards held at the Talbot Hotel.

Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663, Devizes.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Devizes, on Tuesday, the 16th instant. The Lodge was opened in the first and second degrees by the W.M. Bro. T. B. Fox, who then requested Bro. Nott P.M. P.P.G. Reg. Wilts to take the chair. After the necessary preliminaries, a Board of Installed Masters, 12 in number, was formed, and the W.M. elect was duly installed by Bro. Nott into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The newly installed Master was then saluted, and afterwards appointed and invested his officers, to each of whom a short address as to the duties of his office was delivered by Bro. J. H. Chandler P.M. The usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens and brethren, were delivered by the Installing Master. The following is the list of officers:—Bros. T. B. Fox I.P.M., Dr. J. W. Burman S.W., W. H. Burt J.W., Rev. H. Richardson P.M. Chaplain, D. A. Gibbs P.M. Treasurer, William Nott P.M. Secretary, H. Howse S.D., W. Day J.D., J. A. Randall I.G., Thos. Waite P.M. acting M.C., W. E. Fulford and G. S. A. Waylen Stewards, J. H. Chandler P.M. acting Organist, and John Hayter Tyler. The usual routine of the annual meeting was then proceeded with. The Treasurer's accounts were approved and passed, from which it appeared there had been five initiations and two joining members during the year. Grants were made to each of the Masonic Charities, to one of which, the Benevolent, the P.G.M., Lord Methuen, goes up as Steward for the Province, a member of this Lodge, Bro. Jno. Chandler, filling a similar office for the Girls' School. A brother was proposed as a joining member, after which the Lodge was closed. Amongst those present were the following P.M.'s, viz., Members of the Lodge, Bros. Fox, Gibbs, Waite, Ward, Rev. T. F. T. Ravenshaw P.G. Ch. Eng., Nott P.P.G. Reg. Wilts, J. H. Chandler P.P.G.O., O'Reilly, John Chandler P.P.S.G.W. and D.C. Wilts, and T. H. Chandler, and Visitors Gauntlett P.M. 632, P.P.G.S.B. Wilts, A. Plummer P.M. 355, as well as several other visitors. Letters of regret at inability to be present, and conveying good wishes to the W.M., were read from the P.G.M. Lord Methuen, the D.P.G.M. Bro. G. Goldney M.P., the P.G. Secretary, Bro. Tombs, and many others. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Crown Hotel, to which Bro. Watson Taylor, of Erlestoke Park, though unable, from ill health, to be present himself, contributed a supply of venison and game.

Panmure Lodge, No. 720.—This rapidly-increasing Lodge held its regular meeting at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on the 15th of January, and was largely attended both by members and visitors. The W.M. Bro. D. Trusler, was supported by Bros. C. Burgess S.W., H. Payne P.M. as J.W., Thomas Poore P.M. Secretary and Treasurer, James Stevens P.M., McKay S.D., Woolfe J.D., Smith I.G., McMurray D.C., Spiegel Steward, W. Steadman Tyler; and Bros. Mitchell, Davis, Sheadd P.M., Burton, Gunner, Treves, Blogg, Sanders, Holliday, Lilley, King, Huntley, Mills, and Wiltshire. Visitors—Bros. Porter 147, W. Howell 183, Pillington 1339, John Syer 1017, Miller 1420, Bain 360, Bye 141, and Biddlecome 720. The Lodge was opened at 5 p.m., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, was duly passed and raised. The degree of M.M. was conferred on Bros. King, Gunner, Treves, and Holliday, each candidate being separately obligated and entrusted by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Stevens P.M., who completed the ceremonies, and delivered the traditional history. Bro. Blogg was passed to the F. C. degree. The ballot being clear for the admission into Freemasonry of Messrs. W. Simpson, G. Lambert, and C. Richardson, those gentlemen were duly introduced and initiated. Three other gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation in February, making a list of six aspirants for the privileges of the Order. The Stewardship of the R.M. Benevolent Institution, at the ensuing Festival was accepted by Bro. Spiegel, and the Lodge voted a donation from the Charity Fund to be placed on his list. A very affecting letter from the widow of a lately deceased member of the Lodge, conveying thanks for a vote of condolence recently passed, was read, and, after some brotherly remarks, in approval of the same, was ordered to be recorded at length on the minutes. In a case of great distress, arising from the untimely decease of a late officer, arrangements were made to ensure suitable relief to the widow and children. After five hours of continuous work, the Lodge was closed in order, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Owing to the lateness of the hour, brevity in speech, both in giving and responding to the usual toasts, was consistently observed, and whilst nothing befitting the occasion was neglected, the inevitable separation took place well within the date of meeting.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday the 10th of January, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Edward Margrett W.M., Arthur Welch S.W., E. J. Tabor acting J.W., Rev. C. R. Honey Chaplain, William P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, J. T. Stranson Treasurer, J. Early Danks S.D., William Ferguson J.D., Thos. Newman Steward, Edward J. Blackwell I.G., Wm. Hemmings Tyler. Past Master Bro. J. Weightman; also, Bros. Hukins, Hunt, Hilder, Cottrell, Creed, Robinson, Rose, Bailey, and Phillips. Visitors—Bros. S. Bradley J.D. 414, F. Ferguson W.S. 414, A. Mitchell 65 St. John, Stonehaven, G.L. Scotland. Business.—The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. After balloting for a candidate for initiation, Bro. E. Hunt having replied satisfactorily to his examination, retired. The Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. Hunt was passed, the ceremony being performed in a very correct manner by the W.M., who gave the Lecture on the Tracing Board. As a Lodge of Instruction could not be held previous to this meeting, the junior officers worked somewhat at a disadvantage. We doubt not this will be rectified in future. The bye-laws, as revised, were passed. The sum of five guineas from the Broken Column was unanimously voted to the W.M.'s Stewardship of the R.M.B.I. at the approaching Festival in February. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—This Lodge met at No. 111 Cheapside, on Thursday, the 18th inst., Bro. Edward Moody P.M. 1426 presiding. Bros. Shaw S.W., Brown J.W., Walmisley S.D., Bain J.D., Parker I.G., Spiegel acting Sec., James Stevens P.M., Blachie, Bain, Blissett, Blume, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes read. These, with communications relating thereto, caused considerable discussion, which resulted in an adjournment of the debate to the evening of Thursday the 25th inst., and we are requested to inform the members of the Lodge that their attendance on that occasion will be much esteemed. The Lodge having been passed to the second degree, Bro. Blissett—as candidate—proved his proficiency, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed. Bros. Blissett (of the Rifle Lodge, Edinburgh) and J. Bain (Commercial, 360) were elected members.

Whittington Lodge, No. 862.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 15th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bros. Walker W.M., Moore S.W., Walmsley J.W., T. Kingston P.M. Treasurer, Jas. Weaver P.M. Secretary, Farebam S.D., C. E. Pasker J.D., Goddard I.G., and Past Masters. Bros. T. Kingston and Jones. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Evans and Coates were passed to the second degree. Bros. Mackaness, Lee, and Maxwell were raised to the third degree. A notice of motion was given by Bro. Kingston that the Lodge be removed to some more convenient place; this was carried, and it will in future be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of the usual banquet.

A Stockholm correspondent of the Gottenburg *Handels-Tidende* states (evidently in error) that the Prince of Wales is expected, on the 21st inst., at Stockholm, to assist at the opening of the new Masonic Lodge, a ceremony which will take place on that day, which is the birthday of King Oscar II. The new Lodge has cost 1,600,000 crowns. Great preparations are being made for the banquet, where more than a thousand brethren are expected to meet; and for the ball which the King gives on the 22nd, and to which 2,000 invitations have been sent out.

In the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice, before Vice Chancellor Bacon,—"Grillon v. Guenin—Tamar Indien," a perpetual injunction to restrain the Defendant from infringing the above well-known proprietary medicine was granted this day (Friday), with costs—a result entirely due to the indisputable evidence produced by the Plaintiff's representative, Bro. F. C. Kinnear.

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R.W. Prov. G.M. for Oxfordshire,

has graciously signified his intention of presiding.

Brethren desirous of accepting the office of Steward upon this auspicious occasion will greatly oblige by forwarding their names, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give every information required.

JAMES TERRY, Prov. G.D.C. Herts, *Secretary.*

*** H.R.H. Prince Leopold has been pleased to alter the day of the Festival from Wednesday the 14th February (being Ash Wednesday) to Monday the 12th.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE QUEEN has been at Windsor having, however, this week paid a brief visit to London. On Monday, the Prince and Princess of Wales left Sandringham in order to pay their promised visit to the Duke and Duchess of Manchester. All along the route the demonstrations of loyalty were of the heartiest character. At Huntingdon, great preparations were made to welcome them. No less than five triumphal arches were erected, the station gaily decorated in the usual fashion, and a guard of honour of the Duke of Manchester's Volunteer Light Cavalry was drawn up, while the other volunteer bodies in the neighbourhood were present under arms in considerable strength. On the Royal *cortége* emerging from the railway station, the crowd were somewhat too demonstrative, following up the carriages in great numbers, and very closely. Having lunched at the Earl of Sandwich's residence, Hinchinbrook, the party continued their journey to Kimbolton Castle, which was reached about half-past o'clock. Tuesday was devoted to hunting, their Royal Highnesses being greatly favoured in respect of the weather. The meet took place in a meadow not far from the Pertenhall cross-roads. Several good runs were obtained, and one old fox was run into the park, and lost his brush close to the Castle; after which the guests adjourned to luncheon. On Wednesday, after inspecting the Duke's farm, and the splendid herd of shorthorns which his Grace is forming, the Prince and party were present at a large meet of the Fitzwilliam hounds, about four miles off, at Catsworth Guidepost, Mr. Charles Fitzwilliam, Master of the Hunt, and all the leading patrons of sport in the neighbourhood being present, Capital sport was obtained. On Thursday, a grand ball was given in honour of the Royal visit, and proved a great success. Yesterday, it was arranged, should be devoted to hunting with the Cambridgeshire hounds. In short, the visit has been one round of princely hospitality, and the noble owner of Kimbolton, who, as our readers are doubtless aware, is Provincial Grand Master of Northamptonshire and Hunts, must have been highly gratified at the honour paid him by their Royal Highnesses.

Though the weather has latterly been less stormy and the waters have subsided to a great extent in many parts of the country, and notably in the valley of the Thames, thousands of acres are still inundated. The Prince of Wales in his journey to Kimbolton from Sandringham passed through an immense tract of country, which had all the appearance of a lake. Indeed, even in the neighbourhood of Windsor, where there has been a subsidence of the waters, the country all round is more like a marsh, and orders have been issued postponing the return of the boys to Eton, till the 24th instant. The work of collecting money for the relief of the sufferers is going on bravely, and up to Wednesday the amount received by the Mansion House Committee had reached the very respectable total of £7,200. Local Committees have also been formed for administering relief, and though all that is lost may not be made good, we doubt not the funds raised will go a long way towards compensating the sufferers. But though the calamitous floods have abated, it is still necessary to adopt precautionary measures, especially near the Thames, as a succession of high tides is expected at the end of the month. The work of raising the river wall to prevent the overflow of water is being prosecuted, therefore, with great vigour, especially in the neighbourhood of Nine Elms.

On Tuesday, the opening of the new hall of Balliol College, Oxford was commemorated by a grand banquet, at which were present some two hundred and fifty past and present members of the College, together with several distinguished guests, among them being the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of London, the Dean of Westminster, Viscount Cardwell, Lord Coleridge, the Marquis of Lansdowne, the Earls of Donoughmore and Jersey, and the Right Hon. S. Cave, M.P. A succession of toasts of the usual character was given, that of "Prosperity to Balliol College," which was proposed by his Grace of Canterbury, being received with enthusiasm, and very happily responded to by the learned Master of the College, Mr. Jowett.

Bro. Clabon presided at the Quarterly General Court of the Boys' School, held on Monday. Twelve vacancies were declared for the next election in April, the number of candidates being fifty-nine. A pension of £120 per annum was granted to the Collector of the School, who retires after a long service of twenty years. Bro. Snow's proposition to erect extra buildings for the accommodation of fifty additional boys was withdrawn, the whole question of increased accommodation being referred to the House Committee, for their report to the General Committee, and through the latter to the Quarterly Committee. We shall have occasion to refer to this subject at greater length on some future occasion.

Mr. James Weir, a gentleman engaged in literary pursuits, and having Chambers at 50 Lincoln's Inn Fields, is apparently not very partial to the music of chamber organs, at all events not when the instrument is played in a suite of chambers immediately beneath him. It seems, however, that he will have to endure the nuisance, unless Mr. Sanderson Corpe, the owner of the objectionable instrument, will abstain from playing it when Mr. Weir is fulfilling his literary duties. Such, in fact, will be the effect of the ruling of the Judge of the Westminster County Court, to whom Mr. Weir made application on Tuesday for an injunction to restrain Mr. Corpe from this organ performance. Evidence was adduced by the plaintiff to the effect that this organ was a great annoyance, not only to Mr. Weir himself, but to occupants of other chambers in the same house, and that when it was played the vibration was very great. The instrument was described as 13 feet high, 10 feet wide, and 4 feet or 5 feet in depth,

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The defendant, having proved that he had the landlord's permission to erect the organ, his Honour expressed the opinion that the nuisance was not actionable, though it was intolerable, and a verdict was entered for the defendant, with costs. And so the matter stands. Mr. Corpe may go on playing his organ to the annoyance of his fellow-tenants of 50 Lincoln's Inn Fields, while Mr. Weir endeavours to prosecute his literary labours under the most trying circumstances; and yet there is no remedy. "The law allows it, and the Court awards it."

At this season of the year preparations are always being made for the University Boat Race, which is rowed annually about Easter. Before Christmas trial Eights were out practising both at Oxford and Cambridge, but the floods have seriously interfered with the work, and if they last long enough, will make the business of training a matter of some difficulty. However, as far as it can be done, strenuous efforts are being made to get together the strongest representative eights for the two Universities, and these efforts are very likely to prove successful. There is no lack at either of them of good men and true, ready and willing to do battle in honour of their *alma mater*. Time, indeed, seems to pass rapidly, when we find ourselves now wondering whether Cambridge will repeat her victory of last year, or Oxford will be strong enough to turn the tables on her rival.

According to all accounts, there appears to be very little chance of the Turks yielding, even at the last moment, to the demands of the Great Powers, though these have been greatly reduced since the Conference held its first meeting. In one or two quarters we have seen a belief expressed that some kind of arrangement may be come to to-day, but this seems almost hoping against hope. This being so, people are of course beginning to speculate as to what will be the outcome of all this palavering. It is generally stated that should Turkey decline to yield, the Special Plenipotentiaries will leave Constantinople; but it by no means follows that the Great Powers will remain unrepresented at the Porte. Nor as between Russia and Turkey does it by any means follow that a rupture of diplomatic relations will lead to war. True, Russia will be in a great fix, and having come forward in November last, and threatened her rival with all kinds of penalties, if she did not yield to her demands as the self-elected champion of Christianity, she will stand before all Europe as having sustained a serious diplomatic defeat. But for all this the Czar may find it wise to hold back, if it be true, as has been stated before, that her military strength is less formidable than she had expected. Great dissatisfaction is said to prevail at the prospect of a collision, and the enthusiasm for the Slavs is reported to be reduced to a very low ebb indeed. Turkey, too, has shown herself more powerful than was expected, and with far more of vitality in her than could have been expected from Czar Nicholas's "dying man" of 1853. It is little use, however, indulging any further speculations as to future events. We shall know soon enough what will happen; and when Parliament meets, about three weeks hence, full details will, no doubt, be given of the negotiations now so shortly about to terminate. Meanwhile, if our readers are anxious to study this Eastern Question more fully, we advise them to read the articles in the *Edinburgh* and the *Quarterly*, just published. They will gather from these a far more complete idea of the question in all its bearings than can be obtained from any other papers or periodicals. They are written, too, in the calmest and most dispassionate tone, without the slightest prejudice in favour of this or that view, and their value is greatly increased by the fact of their concurring on all essential points. This must have weight with the general public, for the *Edinburgh* and *Quarterly* are seldom at one with each other in the great political problems of the day.

The Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Saturday, the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall; Bro. Col. Creaton V.P., in the chair. The Secretary, Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, read the minutes, which were confirmed; he also announced the purpose for which the meeting was convened. Bro. Col. Creaton proposed that the sum of £500 be granted to complete the amount required agreeably to tender for the new laundry. This was seconded by Bro. A. H. Tattershall. Bro. Little reported that there were 54 candidates for the next election in April, and there would be 13 vacancies. Bro. John Symonds P.G.D. suggested that the Committee should establish as a test of ability to read on the part of the intending candidates the standard fixed by the Education Department of the Privy Council. These views having met with the approval of the Chairman and Committee, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Col. Creaton, and the meeting was adjourned. Amongst those present were Bros. H. A. Dubois, A. H. Tattershall, J. Symonds, H. Browse, H. Massey, Z. D. Berry, Thos. Massa, J. Boyd, H. Dicketts, Dr. Ramsay, S. Rosenthal, T. W. White, E. H. Finney, &c.

We have been favoured with a copy of the Report of the Directors of the Redruth Masonic Hall Company Limited, and we heartily congratulate them on the result of their management, as well as on the prospects which apparently are in store for them. The authorised capital of the company consists of 750 shares of £2 each. Of these 522 had been issued to the end of the year 1876, representing a sum of £1,044, and ten more have since been taken up. The total receipts from all sources amount to £1,107 4s 11d. *Per contra*, the expenditure is as follows:—Paid for site in 1874, £36; on account to contractors, £850, the total contract being £1,079; paid to Messrs. Barwell, Son, and Fisher, £30 7s 0d; interest and commission on banking account, £1 14s; the actual payments representing a sum of £918 1d. The unpaid calls amount to £172 3s 3d, and the cash balance in hand to £17 0s 8d. The directors announce that the balance of the contract will be paid to the contractors when the Hall is formally handed over to the company, and that the Hall is so nearly completed as to allow of the Lodges of the town holding their meetings there. It is further announced that an additional sum of £200 will be needed in order to provide the requisite fittings; but as the directors are unwilling to raise this by a mortgage on the Hall, arrangements have been made with the Company's bankers for the advance of the sum on the directors' several and joint promissory notes. It is further pointed out that the parts of the Hall not required for Masonic Lodges have been found sufficiently attractive to obtain proposals for their use at fair rentals, the lower Hall being already leased to the Ancient Order of Foresters and a religious body, who use the same two nights in the week, at a yearly rental; the present income of the company being about £50 per annum, which is close upon 5 per cent. on the total capital, or 4 per cent. if the additional outlay on fixtures, &c., be included. We have rarely seen a more satisfactory Report from so young a company, and we heartily wish it all prosperity.

The Regular Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of British Burmah was held on 12th September last, in the Masonic Temple, Rangoon. In the absence of the District Grand Master, Bro. Krauss D.D.G.M. presided. A number of Dist. Grand and Past Grand Officers were present, together with representatives of Lodges Nos. 614, 832, and 1268, apologies being read from sundry for their inability to attend. An unusual report was submitted at the outset of the proceedings, to the effect that a certain candidate having satisfied the D.G.M. of his ability "to read and write," permission had been granted to the W.M. of his Lodge to confer on him the second and third degrees. The Report of the D.G.L. Committee, held on 3rd August, announcing the resignation by Bro. Colonel H. T. Duncan of his office of D.G.M. was then read and adopted. It was also announced that Colonel Duncan had presented the insignia of his office to the D.G.L. A vote of thanks for his services, and of regret at his resignation, as also of thanks for his handsome gift to the Lodge, was unanimously passed. The financial statement of the D.G. Treasurer, as examined and audited, was next submitted and found correct. The other business having been transacted, and a request from Bro. the Rev. J. E. Marks, that a sum of 15 rupees per mensem be paid out of the Benevolent Fund for one year towards the education of Hubert Penfold, having been arranged for reference to the District Grand Lodge Committee, the D.G. Lodge was closed with the customary formalities.

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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, 20th JANUARY.

Audit Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 22nd JANUARY.

45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem, St. John's-sq., Clerkenwell, at 8. (Instruction.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
188—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

TUESDAY, 23rd JANUARY.

Audit Committee, Girls' School, Battersea, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand Court, W.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, The Restaurant, 3 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W.
206—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1158—Southern Star, Montpelier Tavern, Walworth.
1198—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
1305—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.

253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.

WEDNESDAY, 24th JANUARY.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
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.)
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.)

1039—St. John's, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1825—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans, Herts.

THURSDAY, 25th JANUARY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—The Great City, 111 Cheapside, E.C., at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

78—Imperial George, Asheaton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Romford.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
906—St. Edward's, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

FRIDAY, 26th JANUARY.

569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 6. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1565—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1585—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet.

SATURDAY, 27th JANUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

R. A. 237—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

TUESDAY.

1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

WEDNESDAY.

258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
890—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Pontefract.

THURSDAY.

208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
337—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.

FRIDAY.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Masonic Rooms, Meltham.
1308—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—349—St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—151—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, Cockburn-street.
" R. A. 40—Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—113—St. John, Fisher-row, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.
THURSDAY—302—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.
FRIDAY—253—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-street, Leith.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—102—St. Mark's, St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
" 362—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
TUESDAY—413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 419—Neptune, 36 St. James's-street, Glasgow.
WEDNESDAY— 4—Kilwinning, 241 Dumbarton-road, Glasgow.
" 510—Maryhill, 167 Main-street, Maryhill.
THURSDAY—570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, Glasgow.
FRIDAY—R. A 79—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" 406—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Albion Lodge, No. 9.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on the 10th of January, at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street. Present—Bros. E. Kimber W.M., W. T. Scott S.W., James Abbott Secretary, T. Moring Treasurer, F. McCarthy S.D., G. Robey J.D., S. Coste D.C., E. Coste Steward, G. Robey I.G., James Rawles Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Vallentine, Friend, Albert, Marsh, Storr, W. Willey; Bros. Harvey, Longstaff, E. D. Willey, King, Pollard, Blackman, Salisbury, Thompson, Elliott, Coles, Redfern, Saunders, H. Pallant, Le Miere. Visitors—J. D. Massey W.M. 173, G. R. Soper W.M. 1365, J. Westerby 1613, B. Groner 1613, S. J. Pitt 890 and 1556, J. E. Cockett 1364, J. F. Starkey P.M. 855, C. R. Burr 1158, W. Seaman P.M. 619. Bro. S. Vallentine acted as Installing Master and very impressively installed Bro. W. T. Scott. The following were appointed officers:—F. McCarthy S.W., T. Moring Treasurer, J. Abbott Secretary, L. H. Harvey S.D., G. Robey J.D., S. Coste D.C., J. Forbes Organist, G. Blackman I.G., E. Coste Steward, J. Rawles Tyler. The appointment of the Junior Warden will be made at the next meeting. Mr. Ferdinand Coles was balloted for, and initiated by Bro. Scott, in a manner that showed him capable of keeping up the credit of this ancient Lodge. The newly-appointed officers did their respective duties in a most able manner. The Lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to banquet, and spent a most pleasant evening.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the "Hercules," Leadenhall-street, on Thursday evening last, 18th January, at 7.30. Present—Bros. Hewlett W.M., Hogarth S.W., Horsley J.W., Maidwell S.D., Powell J.D., Marks I.G., Grammer Secretary, Atkins P.M. Treasurer, Webb Preceptor pro tem, and several other brethren. The ceremony of the 3rd degree was rehearsed in a very able manner by the W.M., Bro. Hewlett, Bro. Hollands acting as candidate. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Horsley, assisted by the brethren. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Tuesday, the 16th of January, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Present—Bros. Maidwell W.M., Ellis S.W., Fraser J.W., Hollands Secretary, Sayer S.D., Walker J.D., Rudderforth Preceptor, Hill I.G. Past Master Bro. Turquand 1556; Bros. Dart, Daniel, Marks, West, Richards. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Daniel answered the questions leading to the 3rd degree, and was entrusted. Bro. Hollands now took the chair, and raised Bro. Daniel. Bro. Maidwell resumed the chair, and Bro. Rudderforth worked the 2nd section of the 3rd degree, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed down, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by Bro. Maidwell, Bro. Marks candidate. Bros. Hawkins, Trewinnard and Turquand were elected members. Notice was given that the annual supper would be held at the above address on Tuesday, 6th February. Tickets to be had of Bro. Maidwell, and of the Hon. Sec., Bro. Holland.

Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 78.—The regular Convocation of this Chapter was held on the 11th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Comps. H. A. Dubois M.E.Z., J. W. Baldwin H., J. Mason J., T. J. Sabine P.Z. Treasurer, F. Walters P.Z. P.P. 1st Assistant Middlesex S.E., J. C. Mason S.N., J. C. Mason P.S., T. W. Adams 1st Assistant, J. H. Spencer, M. D. Loewenstark, &c. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The bye-laws were read, and various alterations made. The elections for Principals and Officers unanimously resulted as follows:—Comps. J. W. Baldwin Z., J. Mason H., J. Cattley Mason J., T. J. Sabine P.Z. Treasurer, F. Walters P.Z. S.E. (re-elected for the 13th time), M. D. Loewenstark S.N., B. Isaacs P.S. and W. Y. Laing P.Z. Janitor. The fee for exaltation was raised from 3 to 4 guineas, and the annual subscription from 32s to 42s. An Audit Committee was appointed, and a notice of motion that a sum of 5 guineas be given from the funds of the Chapter for the purpose of presenting the M.E.Z., Comp. H. A. Dubois, with a jewel on his retiring from office. The Chapter was then closed. A capital banquet was supplied by Comp. Spencer, and the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were honoured. Comp. R. P. Tebb 176 was present as a visitor.

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Union Lodge, No. 127, Margate.—On Friday, the 5th inst., Brother W. Crawford was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, by the retiring W.M., Bro. Silani, who performed the ceremony with accuracy and impressiveness. The Union Lodge Room is one of the handsomest in Kent, and the meetings are always attractive to the brethren of surrounding Lodges. On this occasion an unusually large number of members were present. The W.M. has the best wishes of his brethren for a successful year of office, and we are confident he will do honour to the chair, and add to the high reputation the Lodge has always maintained. This, however, will be no easy task, as he succeeds a most deservedly popular, and in every respect able and efficient W.M. The W.M. having been duly installed, appointed the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. Chancellor S.W., G. H. Chexfield J.W., W. C. Brasier P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer, A. Wootton P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Secretary, A. Chexfield S.D., Rev. Sitwell J.D. and Chaplain, R. Reid I.G., Doughty Tyler, Gibbs Organist, Philpott Director of Ceremonies, E. Pickering Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Raisbeck, Robinson, and F. Perry Stewards. Bro. Brasier was elected to serve on the Charity Committee. The W.M. then presented the retiring W.M., Bro. Silani, with a valuable P.M.'s jewel, as a slight token of the high appreciation in which the Lodge held him, and for the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. during the past year, for which Bro. Silani returned thanks in feeling terms. The following were then proposed as joining members:—Bros. H. Baily, of Belvedere Lodge; John Ross Gallant W.M. New Concord 813; E. Isaacson P.M. 457, and Walter Searle. For initiation Mr. William Robertson. The brethren then adjourned to the Elephant Hotel, where between forty and fifty sat down to an excellent banquet. The table and walls of the room were tastefully and appropriately decorated, and presented a very attractive appearance. The usual Masonic toasts were done justice to, and the health of the W.M. and the installing W.M. most cordially received. Each, in turn, suitably replied. Between the toasts several of the brethren displayed their vocal abilities, they were accompanied on the piano by Bro. Aubrey, the Misses Addis and Theresa Doncaster, by their beautiful, songs added much to the pleasures of the evening. Bros. Talfourd, Staner, Reeve and others, though not at the installation, were present at the banquet. The following visiting brethren were present: J. Terry Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, W. Smeed P.J.G.W., Middlesex, Rev. G. W. Sicklemore P.M. 1209 P.P.S.G.W., T. H. Snowden P.M. 429 and 1209 P.P.J.G.W., H. Wootton P.M. 1209 P.P.G.A. Secretary, L. A. Hill P.M. 1206 P.P.G.S.W., W. Mate P.M. 1206 P.P.G.R., W. Winch P.M. 429 P.P.J.G.D., L. Finch P.M. 429 and 1209 P.P.G.D.C., G. Page W.M. 1209 P.G.S., E. Isaacson P.M. 457, J. R. Gallant W.M. 813, S. Watkins W.M. 212, W. S. C. Harrison P.M. 429, H. Wootton 1209, H. Bailey 503.

Faith Chapter, No. 141.—A number of Companions assembled on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., to celebrate the anniversary and witness the installation and investiture of the officers for the ensuing year. Companion N. Gluckstein M.E.Z. opened the proceedings, and then vacated the First Principal's chair in favour of Companion E. Gottheil P.Z., who at once installed Companions C. F. Hogard M.E.Z., J. Constable H., and W. E. Gomperts J. The following officers were then invested, Jas. Pinder S.E., R. Z. Bloomfield S.N., M. Bamberger Treas., Hollands P.S., J. D. Barnett 1st Assistant, D. Posener 2nd Assistant, Charles Ochse D.C., F. Croaker W.S., Longstaff Janitor. The newly installed Z. immediately applied himself to the duties of his office. A Ballot was taken, which proved in favour of Bros. Geo. Corble W.M. of the Chigwell Lodge 453, Thos. W. C. Bush 185, and Charles Cruchley 177, and these brethren being present, were duly admitted, and exalted to the degree. The business in the Chapter being completed, the banquet was served, under the efficient superintendence of Comp. Smith, to the gratification and enjoyment of all present. The various toasts were then given and responded to. The M.E.Z. took occasion to remark upon the prosperous condition of the Chapter, which, after the short existence of four years, has progressed so far as to bid fair to become one of the most important in the Craft. He was also pleased to observe the efficient working of all the subordinate as well as the principal officers. In some chapters Companions assume positions they are incapable of properly filling, and are installed in the principal chairs only to vacate them, and have their work done for them. This, he was happy to think, was not the case in the Faith Chapter, and looking at the Companions who are following on to the higher offices, not likely to be for years to come; while that is the case, the prosperity of the Chapter is secure (cheers.) Comp. Geo. Corble, in responding for the exaltees, expressed his heartfelt thanks for the cordial reception of himself and fellows. His highest ambition in the Craft had been to reach the exalted position of the W.M. of his Lodge, and having attained the rank, he fancied he was securely placed on the top of the tree; but he had been undeceived that evening, for on witnessing the beautiful ceremony of the Royal Arch, he discovered that he had only reached the first rung of the ladder, and that a vast deal had yet to be studied before attaining the highest point of Masonic eminence. As far as their abilities would permit, his colleagues as well as himself would strive to become useful members of the Order (applause). Comp. N. Gluckstein P.Z. replied for the P.Z.'s collectively, but Comp. T. Mortlock P.Z. wished to say, in addition to what had fallen from the I.P.Z., that as an old P.Z, and one who had visited a great number of Chapters, having more than ordinary opportunities to witness the way in which the work is generally done, he had no hesitation in asserting that there is not a Chapter existing in which the ceremonies are performed with such thorough efficiency by every officer, from the highest to the lowest, as had been done that evening in the Chapter. Although Comp. Gluckstein was deputed to respond for the P.Z.'s generally, he felt he ought not to let the opportunity pass to pay them a tribute they so richly deserved (hear, hear). Comp. J. Constable replied for the Officers, and in the course of his remarks paid a graceful compliment to Comp. E. Gottheil, through whose instrumentality he (Bro. Constable) had derived the Masonic knowledge he possessed. Comp. Gomperts said, having held the position of S.E. since the foundation of the Chapter, he would have been content to retain that office, and continue to give his services in that capacity; but being pressed to assume higher duties, he could not hesitate. The Companions would always find him at their service in whatever situation he might be placed. (applause.) The various speeches were interspersed with songs, by Comps. Constable, Barnett, Mortlock, Snare, and Canton. A very handsome gold P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. N. Gluckstein upon his retirement from the first principal's chair. Companion Hogard in presenting it said, that the testimonial was richly deserved. Companion Gluckstein is held in high esteem by every member of the Chapter. Companion N. Gluckstein could scarcely find words sufficiently expressive of his feelings of gratitude for all the kindness and generous indulgence which had been accorded him. He was well aware of his shortcomings, the work had not come up to his own anxious desires and wishes, but he had done his duty to the best of his ability. He assured the Companions that the events of that day would never fade from his memory; he deemed it one of the most joyous and gratifying in the whole course of his existence. Whenever his humble services were required they would always be at the disposal of the Chapter. (Great cheering).

Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.—This Lodge held its regular monthly meeting at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Monday. Bro. J. D. Barnett W.M. presided, and there were present Bros. J. Peartree S.W. and Treasurer, D. Posener J.W., S. G. Pare S.D., W. D. Bayley J.D., P. Levy Secretary, F. Croaker I.G., J. Ross I.P.M., and Bros. S. E. Moss, N. Moss, M. Harris, E. Harfeld, B. Z. Bloomfield and J. Constable, Past Masters of the Lodge, and R. E. Potter Tyler. As soon as the Lodge was opened Bros. Solomon and Ager were passed, and then Bros. Salaman and Butler were raised to the sublime degree. Bro. Peartree was next unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Constable was appointed Treasurer, and accepted the office conditionally that when the term of Bro. Peartree's Mastership was ended, that worthy brother should resume his duties as Treasurer, duties he had fulfilled with so much zeal and ability during the last fifteen years. Bro. Potter was re-elected Tyler, and then the following Past Masters were chosen as the Committee of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, namely, Bros. S. Solomons, M. Harris, Maurice Hart, A. E. Sydney, S. E. Moss and E. Harfeld. On the motion of Past Master Bloomfield, the sum of ten guineas was unanimously voted from the Lodge funds for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to the retiring W.M., Bro. Barnett, whose services have secured for him the respect and admiration of his fellow members. The Lodge then adjourned to the banquet, which was admirably served by the new manager, Mr. E. H. Rand. In fact, during our whole experience at the City Terminus Hotel, we have never been present on any occasion when the Lodge was better or more liberally treated, and that too at a price less by one-third than was charged by Mr. Rand's predecessor. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Peartree, in responding to the toast of his health as W.M. elect, expressed the pleasure he felt at having been so highly honoured by the brethren. He had been a member of the Lodge for seven and twenty years, and had held the office of Treasurer for fifteen of them. He had always taken a deep interest in the welfare of Tranquillity. At his time of life, and after a service so prolonged, the brethren must not expect too great things of him, and he should rely to a great extent on the tried ability of his immediate predecessor, Bro. Barnett, who he was sure would render him all that assistance he had proved himself, during his year of office, so capable of rendering. In concluding a very happy speech, Bro. Peartree stated that no words of his would adequately express the feelings he experienced. He then resumed his seat amid general expressions of congratulation. The health of the Visitors, who were represented by Bros. Irving, a M.M. from New Zealand, Hyatt and Westerby, was replied to by the first mentioned brother. We also remarked that the healths of the several Junior Officers were given and acknowledged separately. The intervals between the toasts were enlivened by some excellent singing. Bro. Child was very effective, as he always is, and Bro. Bayley sang a very humorous ditty, the refrain of which was "Perhaps 'tis just as well." But the vocal talent was far from being displayed by the Lodge Members only. Bro. Hyatt, a visitor, whose professional name, Mr. Percival, is sufficiently familiar in musical circles, sang very sweetly indeed, and quite charmed all present by the exquisite taste and feeling he exhibited in his delivery. In fact, a most agreeable and harmonious evening—harmonious in more senses than one—was spent, and when the hour for separating arrived, the brethren departed to their several homes, delighted with all they had seen and heard, and above all things extremely well pleased with the successful efforts of Mr. Rand, as the purveyor of the Banquet.

Lion Lodge, No. 312, Whitby.—On Monday afternoon, the brethren of the Lion Lodge met at the Masonic Hall, John-street, West Cliff, at two o'clock, for the purpose of taking part in the installation of Bro. J. M. Bottomley, as W.M. for the ensuing year. There was an imposing assemblage. The Installing Master was Bro. John Stevenson P.M., and the interesting and impressive ceremonial was admirably gone through. The officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year are as follows:—Bros. J. M. Bottomley W.M., S. Chadwick S.W., W. G. Lockey J.W., F. Thornton S.D., G. T. Crowther J.D., W. E. Wolsey I.G., Geo. Elliott D.C., James Wood Tyler, James Manlo and Geo. Ferrow Stewards, J. W. Lawson P.M. Treasurer, J. S. Dale Secretary. The annual banquet was sat down to at the Royal Hotel, at 4.30, and was a most sumptuous repast. There was a goodly number of Past Masters, officers and brethren. The W.M. presided, and the S.W. was in the vice-chair.

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Sincerity Lodge, No. 174.—This Lodge held its installation meeting on Wednesday, the 17th of January, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. Present—Bros. W. F. Wells W.M., G. J. Hilliard S.W., J. Appleby J.W., J. Newton P.M. Secretary, S. Rawley P.M. Treas., G. Seddon S.D., J. M. Dunstan J.D., G. Jones D.C., C. H. Webb I.G., Verry Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Barlow, Bulmer, Lacey, Moore. Visitors Bros. C. Wells 1306, W. R. Langford, and R. Ives, late 174, G. Greenland 781, J. T. Lovelock 212, H. Ingall 228, J. Wright P.G.P., W. Geary 742, E. G. Legge 1196, G. D. Bundy 902, A. Ellis 933, F. Dunn 72, James Terry Secretary R.M.B.I., and W. W. Morgan jun. The preliminary business of the Lodge having been transacted, the ballot was taken for Messrs. J. A. Keable and W. H. Martin, also for Bro. W. P. Wyatt of No. 1607 as a joining member, all of which ballots were favourable, after which Bro. Vigor was passed to the second degree. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. G. J. Hilliard, was then proceeded with, and most ably performed by Bro. P.M. Lacey. The officers appointed were as follow:—J. Appleby S.W., G. Seddon J.W., J. Newton P.M. Sec., J. M. Dunstan S.D., C. H. Webb J.D., G. Jones I.G., F. Brown D.C., J. Miller W.S.; the Treasurer, Bro. S. Rawley P.M., and the Tyler, Bro. Verry, were re-appointed. The report of the Audit Committee having been accepted, it was proposed that a vote of thanks to Bro. P.M. Lacey be recorded on the minutes for the kind and efficient way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, which was unanimously carried. It was also unanimously resolved that a Past Master's jewel be presented to the I.P.M. Bro. Wells, for his services during his year of office. Mr. Cant, who had been previously accepted, and Mr. Martin, being then in attendance, were initiated by the W.M. After this ceremony it was announced that Mr. Keable, the other candidate, had arrived, and he also was initiated. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. After grace the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Queen," coupled with "The Craft." He considered that any comments from him would be out of place; every one respected Her Majesty, and so long as she remained on the throne, we might consider ourselves and the country safe. The toast having been enthusiastically received, the National Anthem was sung. The W.M. proposed the health of "Our Grand Master the Prince of Wales," who he hoped might long be spared to rule the Craft, and also to govern the nation. The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers was next honoured, after which the W.M. proposed what he considered the toast of the evening. The Sincerity Lodge was always pleased to welcome new members, and those they had initiated that evening he knew to be worthy men, He hoped the brethren would drink their health with spirit, and give them a hearty welcome. It was natural the old members of a Lodge should die off, and unless they had new ones to take their place, they would soon become, as it were, dead. The toast having been honoured, the I.P.M. Bro. Wells, sang the Entered Apprentice song, which was entered into with marked enthusiasm by all present. Bro. Cant, who was the first to reply, thanked the members for the way in which he had been received, and hoped he would always meet as hearty a welcome as he had on the present occasion. Bro. Keable wished to promote the interest of true brotherhood, and Bro. Martin hoped to prove worthy of the confidence reposed in him that evening. Bro. Wells, in proposing the toast of the W.M., said he knew from experience the feeling of a brother who occupied the chair for the first time at a banquet. He hoped their present Master would have good health during his year of office. He was quite certain that he would prove capable of carrying out the duties required of him, to the satisfaction of the brethren, who would not regret the choice they had made. In reply the W.M. thanked the brethren for appointing him, and also for the way in which they had responded to the invitation of Bro. Wells. He would do all he could to merit their approval, and should be fail in anything, he had an efficient array of Past Masters, who, he hoped, would assist him. He had always coveted the position he then occupied, and hoped to bring no discredit to it. The W.M. next asked the brethren to drink to the very good health of Bro. Wells. As it was his first appearance as Past Master, he hoped they would drink it with great enthusiasm. Bro. Wells was greatly pleased to hear the way in which the toast of his health had been responded to. Whether he had done the work during his year of office as it ought to be done, or as it ought not to be done, he hoped the brethren would consider that he had had the cause at heart, and he was glad to know his efforts had met with some approval. He was never so happy as when he was among them, and his pride had been from the time he had entered the Lodge to occupy that chair he had just vacated. He would always wear the handsome jewel they had presented him with with feelings of pleasure. Bro. P.M. Barlow, whose privilege it has always been to pproose the toast of the Masonic Institutions, next took the gavel. He explained, for the benefit of those young brethren, who, perhaps, knew little of what was being done by the Craft, the various Institutions which were supported by them. The Sincerity Lodge had always been among the foremost, and he hoped they would ever continue in that proud position. Each year for the past 20 years the Lodge had been represented at one of the Festivals, and he hoped the members of the Lodge would all become subscribers, which could be done at a small annual outlay. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Terry. Bro. Terry considered it a great privilege to have to respond in this Lodge. It was quite unnecessary to enumerate to them the duties of a Mason as regards our Institutions. He would just give them an idea of what was being done. First, there was the Girls' School, where they fed, clothed, and educated 159 daughters of Freemasons. He was sorry the Secretary of that Institution was so ill as to be unable to attend and plead on behalf of that Charity, but hoped the brethren would not forget to send him a Steward with a good list for the next Festival. With regard to the boys, every Mason who had been in the Craft for two or three years must have heard of that Institution, where they maintained 189 boys. If any proof was required of the efficiency of their training, he would refer them to the result of the last Cambridge Local Examination. The grand desire was to elect more boys, which they hoped, with the assistance of the Craft, to be able to do. For the Girls' School they were laying out between £12,000 and £14,000, and for this they intended receiving 50 additional girls. When they had 200 girls and 200 boys, he thought the Craft would rest contented. With his own Institution, the Lodge of Sincerity had always been connected; for many years they had not let a Festival pass without being well represented, and he was pleased to say that all the Past Masters round him had served the office of Steward, some of them more than once. For his next Festival three members of the Lodge were Stewards, and he was sure they would all bring good lists. Although all members of the same Lodge, they did not clash. He thought it was right for their Institutions that some remarks should be made with reference to what had been said at the late meeting of Grand Lodge. It was there remarked that £4,000 divided between the three would only come as drops in the ocean. He was afraid the noble Earl was not so well informed on that point as many would have wished, or he would not have said what he did. All the lists had been settled for the next elections, and from them it appeared there were over 180 applications, and only 32 vacancies. With these figures he did not consider it sufficient to say that £1,500 would be of no use to either of the Charities. On the contrary, every farthing would be of service, and he hoped that before the meeting of Grand Lodge in March next, the matter would be well considered. The Lifeboat Institution was one of the best in the Kingdom, but they must not forget that while the boats which it was proposed to present were saving the lives they would probably be called upon to save, it was certain that many a poor old brother or poor child might perish. The amount they had to give would enable about 10 girls, 10 boys, and 8 Benevolent candidates to be relieved. He had one especial pleasure that evening, he had been asked by Bro. Blain to read the balance sheet of the concert which had lately been given. As the result of one evening's entertainment, he found that the sum of £57 16s 2d was to be handed over; out of this sum Bro. Blain made himself Life Governor of all three Institutions; he proposed to present to Bro. Moore, who had worked throughout in a most energetic manner, a life governorship, and in addition to the one he had advertised should be balloted for, he now proposed to ballot for a life subscribership,* thus they had five governorships and one subscribership as the result of the concert. Bro. Terry hoped the example of Bro. Blain would be followed in many other parts of London, and that the next one Bro. Blain conducted would bring in £157 instead of £57 as this one had done. He heard a cry of "No, no," but was pleased it was not general, they did not mind where they went so long as it was for a good cause. If any of the outer world wanted to know what Freemasonry was, send them to Wood Green, to Clapham or Croydon, or let them go to any part of the Kingdom, they were sure to find some brother or the widow of some brother who blessed the day they entered the portals of our Order. He concluded by hoping the Lodge would continue the support they had hitherto accorded the Charities. "The Visitors" was next given; the W.M. was pleased to see so many present, they would always be glad to see them again. As long as he had known the Lodge, which was for 8 or 9 years, it was a toast that was always heartily received. Bro. Legge, who had visited the Lodge on several occasions, was sorry so many of the visitors disappeared; as soon as they found the sort of reception they received they became joining members; he thought further proof of their appreciation was unnecessary. Several others replied, all thanking the Lodge, and expressing their pleasure at being present. The Past Masters was next given, and ably responded to, after which the Officers had a chance of "stepping" to the front; most of them apologised for their non-attendance at the Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, but hoped it would not prevent the duties of the mother Lodge being efficiently performed. Bro. P.M. Newton, the Secretary, referred to the Association for securing Life Governorships by weekly payments, and hoped to present a balance sheet for the first year at their next meeting. The Tyler brought the proceedings to a termination. Some capital songs were sung, and one of the initiates, Bro. Keable, recited "The Soldier's Pardon," most impressively. The brethren were all indebted to the S.W. for his performance on the piano.

Domatic Lodge, No. 177.—On Friday, the 12th inst., there was a large gathering of the members of this Lodge, the brethren assembling to testify the great respect entertained by them for the W.M. elect, Bro. Jas. Willing jun. The W.M., Bro. Treadwell, was present for the first time since his accident, and the brethren expressed their congratulations. Bros. J. Smith P.G.P., occupied the chair. Jas. Willing jun. S.W., Palmer J.W., J. Smith P.G.P. P.M. Treasurer, T. Williams Secretary, Buscall S.D., G. Clarke J.D., White I.G. and P.M.'s Bros. Ferguson, T. A. Adams P.G.P., Hayden, J. Brett P.G.P., H. Elmes, Tims, Walford, H. Potter, J. R. Foulger; Bros. Harris, Pinhey, Sherlock, J. Abrams, Scard, J. Jones, Foxcroft, Richards, J. Jennings, Morris, Jones, Kent, Montagne, Callaghan, &c., &c. After the preliminary opening of the Lodge and the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Cox was raised to the 3rd degree. Bros. Pether, Scatterwood, Davies, Read and Brangwin were passed to the 2nd degree, and Bro. Cohen was initiated, the ceremonies being performed by Bro. J. Smith in a most satisfactory way. The report of the audit committee was next read and adopted. A Board of installed Masters was then opened, and Bro. Jas. Willing jun. was duly installed into the chair by Bro. J. Smith, whose strict adherence to the ritual gave great satisfaction. The addresses were given by the veteran Preceptor, Bro. T. A. Adams P.G.P., whose beautiful rendering received the commendation of every brother and visitor. The newly installed W.M., having received the congratulations and salutations of the brethren, invested his officers: Bros. W. Palmer S.W., Buscall J.W., J. Smith P.G.P. re-invested Treasurer, T. Williams Secretary, E. White S.D., Spinks J.D. The W.M. said he regretted that Bro. Geo. Clarke had been obliged to resign his office; he was, however, pleased to say that Bro. Clarke continued a

* The date of this ballot will be duly announced in our columns.—Ed. F.C.

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member. In appointing Bro. W. Harris I.G., the W.M. said it was but a stepping stone to higher offices, which Bro. Harris was eminently qualified to fill. Bro. Dally was re-elected Tyler. The W.M., who is a P.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge, where he had always conducted his duties satisfactorily, showed his proficiency by initiating Bros. Cohen and Piper into the Order, the ceremony being given by him with due solemnity, and a correct working most pleasing to listen to. Bro. W. Harris I.G. withdrew his notice of motion, to raise the subscription to £3 3s, and proposed that the annual subscription should be £2 12s 6d, and £1 1s for country members. Bro. Ferguson P.M. seconded it. Bro. J. Smith, in supporting, said that in so numerous a Lodge the working expenses ought to be paid out of the subscriptions, and the amount received from initiation and joining fees might then be given to the Charities. The motion, having been put, it was carried. Bro. Palmer S.W. informed the brethren that a testimonial was about to be presented from various Lodges meeting at Anderton's Hotel to Bro. W. Smith, the courteous manager, who is always ready to study their interests. Bro. Smith had been connected with them for 23 years, and he hoped the members of the Domatic Lodge would contribute to the fund. Bro. Ferguson P.M. proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. J. Smith, P.M. P.G.P. and Treasurer, for the great pleasure they had received by his excellent rendering of the ceremony of installation. This was seconded by Bro. Buscall J.W. Bro. Treadwell I.P.M., also begged to tender Bro. J. Smith his sincere thanks for his valuable assistance in the chair during his absence, through illness. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. T. A. Adams P.M. P.G.P., for the manner in which he delivered the addresses. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, 133 in number, sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Clemow, and superintended by Bro. Smith. The W.M., with his usual ability, presided. He gave the usual loyal toast, also that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.W., who, he hoped, would be spared for many years to be among them. (Cheers.) The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Pro Grand Master The Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. He said: We are proud to have among us three brethren who have been selected to receive Grand Lodge honours, Bros. J. Smith P.G.P., T. A. Adams P.G.P., and J. Brett P.G.P. (Cheers.) No matter whether in this Lodge or Grand Lodge, they were always ready and willing to evince their valuable experience and give their services. The former brother, in a very able speech, returned thanks. He was pleased to hear the Charities spoken of; they had a worthy brother who had undertaken the duties of Steward at the next Festival for the Royal Benevolent Institution; he will put your principles to the test, whatever you may do he will be grateful for. Bro. T. A. Adams P.G.P. in returning thanks said he was an old member of the Lodge, having been initiated, 30 years since, by his esteemed friend Bro. Jos. Smith; he could only say his services were always at their command. (Cheers.) Bro. J. Smith P.G.P. then rose and said, he had to propose a toast; one he was sure they would listen to with every attention, for it was a worthy one; it was the health of the W.M., Bro. Jas. Willing. He (Bro. Smith) had great confidence in him. It was not the first time he had been Master, and during his year of office he had carried out every detail satisfactorily, and now you will have the advantage of his former experience, a taste of which was exhibited by the way in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation; he hoped the brethren would drink the toast with the enthusiasm it merited. Bro. W. Harris here sang a very excellent song. Bro. Willing returned thanks for the toast; with feelings of great pleasure; he had received great kindness from every brother in the Lodge. He was a member of another Lodge, and had passed the chair in it. In this Lodge the brethren know what Freemasonry is. He would do all in his power for their comfort, not only in the working, but in every respect. The W.M. then said he was proud in having to propose the next toast, that was the Past Masters; they were all pleased to see them. A just compliment is due to all for their excellent services rendered. All knew what Bro. J. Smith had accomplished; the same might be said of them all. He was sure every one was gratified to see Bro. Treadwell I.P.M. again among them. (Cheers.) Although he had not been there so frequently as they could have wished, owing to his sad accident, he would, in the name of the Lodge, present him with a gold Past Master's Jewel, for the services rendered by him, and also as a token of the respect in which he is held. Although his sufferings had been great, he hoped they would soon be alleviated. Bro. Treadwell said he was grateful for the valuable testimonial presented to him. He had, unfortunately, been laid up four months, but a debt of gratitude was due to Bros. Geo. Everett and J. Smith for their assistance; also to Bro. Willing, the W.M., in conjunction with their esteemed friend the worthy Secretary, Bro. Williams. He hoped, on the retirement of the W.M. from the chair, he would have over £100 balance in hand; he was sure, by his indomitable energy, he was capable of accomplishing this. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Visitors. They were usually numerous at the Lodge, and all the members were pleased to see them. They were honoured by the presence of 25 visitors, and he would call on Bros. Sidner P.G.D.C. British Burmah, W. Fisher, and Bro. Swallow to respond to the toast. These brethren eloquently returned thanks, and paid deserved compliments to the W.M. for his excellent working, and for the hospitality they had received. Bro. Hudson gave a selection from the "Man of the World," his accent being perfect. The W.M. said he had a special toast to propose,—one that he was sure would be greeted with their warmest enthusiasm. In the capacity of Installing Master, and also as Treasurer, Bro. Smith was one who looked after their interests. He is a Vice-President of all our Masonic Charities. At the Summer Festivals, and also in the Lodge, his valuable services are always appreciated. He had great pleasure in proposing the health of Bro. Jas. Smith. Bro. Smith, in reply, said he thanked them sincerely for the manner the toast had been received. Bro. Jas. Brett had hitherto always installed the W.M., and the brethren had experienced a great Masonic treat, but for the last two years he had had the pleasure to instal their W.M. You, Worshipful Master, have spoken of me as your Treasurer; while in that capacity it will be my earnest desire to keep you free from debt. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the "Initiates." These two brethren, by their attention to the ceremony, and the recommendation they brought, were entitled to their regard and esteem. Bro. Foxcroft then gave a recitation. The toast of "The Officers" was next honoured. Bro. Williams, the Secretary, by his assiduous attention to the duties of his office, was a credit to the Lodge. Bro. Palmer S.W. knew his duties thoroughly, and was capable of filling any office; so also was Bro. Buscall J.W., Bro. W. Harris I.G. and all the other officers did their work well, and he hoped eventually to see them occupy high positions in the Lodge, they all merited the confidence of the brethren. This toast having been responded to, that of "The Press" was given, and "The Tyler" brought the proceedings to a close. Visitors were—Bros. J. Compton P.P.G.D.C. Kent, B. Swallow P.M. 1563, T. Fisher S.W. 834, H. Massey P.M. 619, Tarryer 1310, Stiles 1507, Briggs 25, Hartman 1540, Harper P.M., Hudson 1540, Stoak 1178, Pearcey 228, Owen, Arrowsmith 733, J. H. Button 77, J. Gibbs 1178, Forrester 1293, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Hundred of Elloe Lodge, No. 469, Spalding.—The Festival of St. John was celebrated on Thursday, the 11th inst. The brethren met for the audit of accounts at two o'clock, and had the satisfaction of reporting to the full Lodge afterwards that a good balance was in hand, but the recent decorations of the Lodge will we believe much more than absorb that sum. At three o'clock there was a very large Lodge to witness the installation of Bro. James Robinson as W.M. The routine business having been disposed of, the ceremony of induction into the office was performed by Bro. Woodrow, with great solemnity, and much to the satisfaction of the Lodge—the largest, we believe, ever known in the town, except on the occasion of Provincial Grand Lodge meetings, when brethren are present from all parts of the country. Bro. Robinson appointed the following officers:—Bros. Barrell S.W., Dr. Perry J.W., Ham Sec., Symes S.D., Bonner J.D., A. Harrison I.G. At 5.30, the banquet was served in the Board-room, Bro. Harper placing on the tables a splendid spread, in which all the delicacies of the season found a place. The waiting was excellent, and this department appeared to be highly appreciated. The peculiar character of the event necessitates a curtailment of the speeches. The W.M., in giving "The Queen and the Craft," referred to the fact that Her Majesty had three sons in the Order, and that abundantly testified her interest in it. The W.M. next gave "The Prince of Wales, G.M. of England, and the Grand Lodge Officers," and showed that the Prince was a most industrious Grand Master. The toast was received with enthusiasm. Bro. C. F. Bonner, in proposing "The P.G.M. of Lincolnshire and Officers," gracefully alluded to the interest taken in Masonry by the Duke of St. Albans and Major Smith. Bro. J. A. Thomas (Boston) made a very humourous speech in acknowledgment of the compliment. Bro. Dr. Perry gave "The P.M.'s of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge," a toast he said which needed no remarks from him, for their talents and worth were well known to and much appreciated by the brethren. Bro. Bonner, with whose name the toast was coupled, regretted the absence of the "Father of the Lodge," but he maintained that no one had a greater interest in the welfare of Freemasonry than he had. So long as he was permitted to associate himself with Freemasons, he should be delighted to do so, and he trusted their Order would in time to come be better understood and appreciated. Bro. Woodrow then gave "The W.M." He paid a very warm tribute to Bro. Robinson's great interest in the Lodge, and to his geniality and influence, circumstances which plainly augured a year of exceptional prosperity. The W.M. made a very modest response, expressing an opinion that the brethren had formed too high an opinion of his qualifications for the office. He expressed his determination to do his utmost—a sentiment which was received with loud applause. Bro. Vise, in giving the next toast, "The Retiring W.M.," showed that, whilst new friendships were very pleasing, they ought not to forget old friends. He paid a warm and generous tribute to Bro. Woodward for the satisfactory manner in which he had performed the duties of his office during the past year. Bro. Woodward, in responding, said he had endeavoured to do his best, and stated that he should have been unable to carry out the duties of his office had it not been for the assistance of his officers. Bro. A. Harrison, in very becoming and expressive words, proposed "The Installing Master." Bro. Woodrow, who received a most enthusiastic reception, briefly acknowledged the toast, expressing his confidence in the new W.M., and promising to assist him to his utmost in fulfilling the somewhat difficult and responsible duties of the office. Bro. W. Crust then gave "The Newly Invested Officers." Bro. Barrell, after expressing his gratitude for the kind reception of the toast, said it would be the intention of the officers of the Lodge to worthily support their chief during his year of office. Bro. Symes next proposed "The other Lodges in the Province." Bro. Ferguson (Boston) responded. Bro. J. H. White gave "The Visiting Brethren." Bro. Pilcher (Peterborough), in a very graceful and appropriate reply, showed that Masonry was not the great imposition that outsiders would have them believe, but a grand reality, as was evidenced in their noble Masonic institutions. Bro. Griffin (Peterborough) next gave "The Newly Initiated." Bro. Harper, in an excellent speech, responded. Bro. W. H. Bailes (Boston), in giving "The Masonic Charities," said he was old enough to remember when the Masonic body possessed only one charitable institution. With the advance of the times, however, they had been able to increase that number to three, all of which were in a state of great prosperity, and doing very much good. He also referred to the recent vote of Grand Lodge, by which the munificent sum of four thousand guineas was proposed to be presented to the funds of the Lifeboat Institution. The toast was well received. Bro. James Cutbush (Highgate), who was

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evidently well acquainted with the Masonic institutions, gave a very useful speech in reply. He showed, by personal experience, the great amount of usefulness that was being done, and the suffering that was healed by the provision made for the aged. He urged upon the brethren a still more warm support, and thought that, as the highest aim of the Order was that of doing charitable works, they could not do better than help and encourage these three grand institutions, which were doing marvellous good to the recipients of their favour. Bro. Cutbush's reply was very warmly received, and his very interesting remarks listened to with great attention. Bro. Ham gave "The Ladies," to which Bro. F. Thomas made a telling response. Bro. Benner gave "To all Poor and Distressed Masons," which was replied to by Bro. Kennerell. This being the last toast on the list, many of the visiting and other brethren left the room to return to Peterborough. The Boston contingent went by later train. Nearly twenty visiting brothers were present, and consequently the ordinary number at dinner was largely swelled. Some excellent songs were given by Bros. Pilcher, Woodrow, and Abbott, and, on the whole, the evening was the most interesting in the annals of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge. Prospects undoubtedly bid fair for a most successful year's work.

Bank of England Lodge, No. 263.—The members of this Lodge met at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on the 11th inst. Mr. F. Donald Campbell was initiated into the Fraternity by Bro. Raphael Costa P.M. The ceremony of installing Bro. Thomas Howden into the chair of K.S. was efficiently performed by the retiring Master, Bro. Morton. The health of the initiate was proposed at the banquet by W. Bro. Charles Hopwood M.P., an old Past Master of the Lodge, in a stirring speech, detailing his own recollections of a Masonic career, traced back to the day of his initiation, and the ennobling influence he had experienced from study of the principles of the Order. W. Bros. Charles Horsley, Thomas Boyd P.G.S., J. Dicketts P.G.S. and Martin attended as visitors.

Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. There was a very large attendance of members, while the Visitors mustered in great force to show their respect for the W.M. elect, Bro. E. J. Harty, the well-known artist, who is engaged on the Historical Engraving to Commemorate the Installation of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. The Lodge having been opened, and the preliminary business transacted, a ballot was taken for Bro. Thomas Shipway, of Lodge No. 378 S.C., which resulted in his favour. Mr. C. T. Pearce, who had previously been balloted for, was then initiated, Bro. J. H. Watts ably performing the ceremony. A Board of Installed Masters, numbering 19, was then formed, and Bro. Watts completed the duties of his year of office by installing his successor in a manner that called forth unqualified praise from all present. The following were appointed as officers:—Arthur E. Taylor S.W., G. W. Saul J.W., W. E. Barber Secretary, James Mander P.M. and Treasurer, T. Lee S.D., F. C. Dobbing J.D., N. C. Poobin D.C., Dr. Lloyd Steward, G. Moss I.G., T. Davis Assist. Steward, Grant Tyler. Lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the Princess Saloon, Holborn Restaurant, where a sumptuous banquet was prepared. About 75 sat down, and did justice to the ample fare provided. Bro. Harty, in a most genial manner, presided. In giving the toast of the Queen and the Craft, he stated that Her Majesty was the daughter of a Grand Master, the niece of one, and the mother of one. Loyalty to the throne being one of the watchwords of Masonry, it would be superfluous to make further comment. He would call upon them to do honour to the toast. In proposing the health of the M.W.G.M., the W.M. remarked that H.R.H. had endeared himself to the hearts of all by his geniality and good nature. The next toast was that of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy G. M., the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. The W.M. coupled with it the name of Bro. T. Fenn, whose services in the cause of Masonry were known to every member of the Craft. He especially alluded to the Installation of the M.W.G.M., where Bro. Fenn's services were so conspicuously displayed, mainly contributing to the great success of that epoch in Freemasonry. Bro. Fenn thanked the brethren on behalf of the Grand Officers, and hoped they appreciated the labours of their rulers. He had the pleasure of consecrating the Eclectic Lodge and installing its first Master. At that time, the Eclectic was a working Lodge only, and he considered the step that had been taken that day, of dining after Lodge labours, was a good one. He believed that where brethren did not join at the festive board, many differences of opinion expressed in the Lodge were allowed to grow into causes of disagreement, but where the brethren met afterwards, for a few hours enjoyment, they were forgotten, or, at most, treated only as matters of business. He was gratified to see the way in which they dispensed their hospitality, and hoped the Lodge would have prosperity, and would ever be able to welcome brethren as they were that evening doing under the presidency of Bro. Harty. The health of the initiate, Bro. Pearce, was next proposed by the W.M., and this brother, who proved himself a master of oratory, said—Worshipful Master and Brethren,—Had I been called upon yesterday to reply to this assemblage, I should have had to address you as Fellow Citizens, as Gentlemen, or as Friends; to-day, I am proud to say, that I can address you by the name of Brothers. This will be a memorable day in my existence, short though that may be. Though I am, as the Worshipful Master says, the youngest Mason in the room, I have seen many years, and I have one regret—that I have lived so long without joining an association which does honour to both God and humanity. I have been deeply impressed by my initiation into the Brotherhood, and, I trust that late in life as I am before I have joined you, I shall not be thought less able to appreciate its beauties, or less able to feel that you have honoured me in initiating me into your mysteries. I might say I was born a Mason, for my late father, who has been dead 47 years, was a Mason in a Sussex Lodge; therefore, he stood at one time in the position in which I stand to-night, and if there are footsteps which it is an honour to follow, I think to-night I am following his footsteps. To-day is, therefore, in many respects a memorable one for me, and I trust that my future experience of the Craft may be marked by that purity of religion which I have seen. I am no stranger to Freemasonry, in the points of its history and antiquity. I know that it has outlived races, nations and creeds, that religionisms have failed, but that Freemasonry has lived, lives, because it unites man to his Maker; that it is characterised by a boundless charity, which pours a healing balm into the bosom of the afflicted. As I have gathered to-night from the Worshipful Master, in the course of the interesting ceremony, it forgets not the widow, the orphan, nor the aged brother, though that brother had the only one tie to the fraternity, that he lifted up his heart to the same God we worship. I feel by my initiation to-night I have entered upon a new crisis in my history. I trust that during the remaining years of my life I shall practise its teachings, knowing no sect, holding brotherhood with all, of whatever clime or country, who are within its circle, and who are bound in the one universal bond which exemplifies the greatest of all religions, true charity and brotherly love. Yesterday I was a man; to-day I can clasp my breast and say, "Am I not a man and a brother?" (Great applause.) I thank you most cordially for the hearty reception you have given to the toast. Bro. P.M. J. H. Watts proposed the health of the W.M., who, he said, was a young Mason, having been initiated only three and a half years since. During the time he had been in office in the Lodge he had not missed a meeting. He was now engaged on one of the greatest works in connection with Freemasonry; he alluded to the picture of that grand assembly at the Albert Hall, when the Grand Master was installed. The W.M., in reply, said, as a "bashful Irishman" he was proud of the position he occupied, as Master of the Eclectic; it was the highest dignity a Mason could obtain in a Lodge. He quite agreed with the remarks of Bro. Fenn as to dining, and hoped the Lodge would find the benefit of the change. For the future, hospitality would be a prominent feature with them. The health of the Visitors was given and responded to by Bros. J. Stevens, W. W. Morgan, and While, who were followed by those brethren who formed the deputation who had come over from Ireland to do honour to Bro. Harty on his installation. This included a member of the Board of General Purposes (Ireland), Bro. Wm. Spence P.M. and Treasurer Lodge 75. Other toasts were given, the Charities finding able exponents in Bros. Binckes and Terry, who both called upon the brethren to support the Institutions. The Officers were duly honoured, and the Tyler brought the proceedings to a termination at an advanced hour. Visitors—Bros. Thomas Fenn, S. Harvey, William Spence, Gordon, John Constable, James Stevens, J. W. Wright, E. J. Scott, T. E. Tallent, G. Kelly, E. M. Haigh, Frederick Binckes, W. Smallpiece, A. C. Burrell, James Terry, John While, M. Higgs, J. Perry Godfrey, Dr. John Norton, G. Brooke, W. C. Clarke, E. W. Braine, C. Whewell, H. Purdue, J. C. Adams, G. Gardiner, Taylor, J. Hilton, W. H. Beawell, A. Stewart, G. Davis, A. Botibol, M. M. Lemberg, H. Beadle, E. Heaman, Reid, Fletcher, Papprill, R. G. Tolmie, H. D. Blackman, W. W. Morgan, &c.

Druid's Lodge of Love and Liberality, No. 589.—Held its annual meeting on the 8th of January, at the Masonic Hall, Redruth. Present—Bros. John F. Penrose P.P.G.S.D. P.M. acting W.M., John Thomas S.W., W. H. Treseder J.W., John Hocking jun. P.M. Secretary, James Sims P.M. Treasurer, T. A. Kistler, S.D., William Lidgey J.D., E. T. Pearce D.C., T. Chapman I.G., John Polkinghorne Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Tregay, Reynolds, Davey, Cook, Dabb, and J. H. Michell. The Visitors were represented by the W.M. and Wardens of the Fortitude 131, Phœnix 331, Cornubian 450, Tregullow 1006, Mount Edgcumbe 1544. Bro. John Thomas was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony being most impressively performed, before a board of fourteen P.M.'s, by the acting W.M. Bro. J. F. Penrose. The W.M. elected his officers for the ensuing year, after which the brethren adjourned to Bro. Tabbs' Hotel, where 60 of the brethren partook of an excellent banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—This Lodge met on Friday, the 12th of January, at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. S. Godden of 862 W.M., Coates S.W., S. Nichols J.W., Aug. Braun Secretary, J. Kennard Treasurer, Parsons S.D., Tribbel J.D., Cleghorn I.G.; also present, Bros. Tate 862, Ridley 1314, Evans, and March. After preliminaries, the W.M. most ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Evans acting as candidate. Bro. R. Tate, who acted as P.M. on this occasion, worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. It was proposed and seconded that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. S. Godden, for the able manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair for the first time.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 11th of January, at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill. Present—Bros. William Joseph Murlis W.M., George Penn S.W., Samuel Parkhouse J.W., Joseph Pushman Secretary, William Stephens Treasurer, Clench J.D., Samuel Smout D.C., S. Smout jun. Steward, Lander I.G., Schofield Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Watts W.M. St. Paul's Lodge, Knight Smith, Organist, Ivy Lodge, Buttenbach No. 12, Scrutton 87, Cave Metropolitan. One gentleman was initiated. Bro. Walter Wheeler 511 was successfully balloted for as a joining member. Several propositions for initiation at the next meeting were handed in. After the Lodge had been closed, the brethren dined together, when the usual toasts were duly honoured. It was decided to hold a ball in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons.

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THE CONTEMPLATED EXTENSION OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

OUR readers will have gathered from a paragraph which recently appeared in these columns, that an idea has been started for the purpose of making a very considerable addition to the Boys' School. Indeed, at the Quarterly General Court, held on the 15th instant, an influential supporter of the Institution brought forward a distinct motion, to the effect that additional accommodation be forthwith erected for fifty boys, and that at the October election that number of Candidates be elected in order to make up the required number. The motion was not discussed at very great length, and it was stated on competent authority that the scheme, so far as any additions to the present building were concerned, was impracticable. The general feeling of the Committee was manifestly, that before any steps were seriously taken to enlarge the Institution, the subject should be thoroughly considered by the House Committee, that their Report should be submitted to the General Committee, and by them referred to the Quarterly Court. In such case it was obvious that the whole question from every imaginable point of view would be fully and fairly discussed, before it reached its final stage, and came on for approval or rejection before the Court. An amended amendment, therefore, proposing the reference of the whole subject as stated above was unanimously carried, and there for the present the matter rests. There, likewise, we should be disposed to leave it, but for two reasons, the large amount of subscriptions made these last two years by the Craft, and the heavy demands made upon the establishment by the slow but steady increase which has been taking place in the numerical strength of the School.

By the labours of the Executive the school has been brought to a highly satisfactory state. The Educational Staff has also done its duty, as is shown by the repeated successes of the pupils at different public examinations. The finances of the School, thanks to the energy of "Our Hercules," and the valuable support he has received from the Boards of Stewards at the last two Annual Festivals, are flourishing. The debt incurred in erecting and fitting the present building has been cancelled. Kent House has been purchased for use as an infirmary, fitted and paid for. The modest sum of a few thousands of pounds has been invested, and the respectable balance of a little over £2,550 remained to be carried forward for the expenses of the year just entered upon. All this, we say, is eminently satisfactory. On the other hand, the number of applicants for admission is hugely out of proportion to the number of vacancies which occur from time to time. To take only the case of the election in October last, there were fifty-seven candidates for fifteen vacancies. Thus forty-two of the former were left out in the cold, and of these two lost their only or remaining chance of election, so that forty have been left over for another ballot in April next. This number has been further increased till it has now reached fifty-nine, and these will compete for the twelve vacancies which have thus far been announced. As the ratio of candidates to vacancies is about the same at every election, the numbers we have given above will suffice to show that while the School has been steadily increasing in numbers, the number of applicants has been also on the increase. It is clear then that if we wish to do good service, and relieve more parents and guardians of a burden they find it most grievous to bear, something substantial must be done in the way of extending the Institution, so that its ability to render aid may be more commensurate with the demands made. Any addition, however slight it may be, is an undoubted boon. But, taking on three or four, or half-a-dozen, more pupils, is far from making an appreciable difference in the list of candidates. What is certainly needed, is a substantial increase, such as Bro. Snow proposed the other day. There must be room provided to accommodate, at least, an additional fifty or sixty boys, and the question which has now to be considered is how can this provision be made. Will the existing premises admit of the necessary enlargement? This seems more than doubtful—at all events, in the manner proposed by Bro. Snow. Shall there be a Preparatory School for the reception of small boys, who, when they have reached a certain stage of progress, are to be drafted into what will then be the Upper School? There is a great deal to be said in behalf of this scheme, but it has been objected to by some, that it would interfere with the extension of the main establishment. We are well aware that every scheme is likely to meet with a certain amount of opposition. It is only indeed by comparing notes and studying carefully the commendable points in each successive plan that is submitted, that we can possibly hope to arrive at a settlement which will give general satisfaction. It is to the interest of the Boys' School that this question of enlarging its sphere of operations should be canvassed everywhere throughout the Craft. It is agreed on all sides that more must be done to meet the demands of applicants. The School must be enlarged if it is to keep pace with the requirements of the day. There are now 185 pupils on the establishment, and room must be made by hook or by crook for quite 250. Even then there will be a large number of deserving youngsters who will be denied the benefits of a sound education for want of room. The idea of a Preparatory School is an excellent one; but there may be a better. It will be a great relief, for instance, to those whom it so materially concerns, if their little boys are taken into the School at the age of six, instead of at the minimum age as at present fixed. All matters of this kind, however, are merely matters of detail, which a brief sitting of the Executive would speedily arrange. Admirable a plan as this undoubtedly is, there may, we repeat, be one still more admirable. The one point, which admits of no question whatever is, that the Boys' School is not large enough for present purposes by one-third. We want an establishment that will accommodate quite 250. It will have to be done sooner or later, and it had better be done sooner than later. Nor do we apprehend there will be the slightest difficulty in the matter. Taking the strength of the School at, in round figures, 174 boys, and the cost per boy at £42 per annum—which we know is in excess of the sum expended on each—the annual expenditure is only £7,700. If we add between 70 and 80 boys at the same rate of expenditure, the annual outlay for a school of 250 pupils will be, speaking roundly, £10,500; that is, less by over £2,500 than was subscribed at the Festival of 1876, and less by nearly £5,000 than the total amount of receipts from all sources in the course of the year just ended. Our readers will thus perceive most clearly that what we are now saying must be done is practicable. We can clothe, feed, and educate 250 pupils, and yet have a good sum over and to spare. But even were there a slight risk in venturing further, we have it, on the authority of our Pro Grand Master, that our Charities will never appeal in vain to the Craft for the pecuniary support they may be in need of. And, again, the Craft are not roused into sufficient activity about our Institutions. The close on £40,000 that

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was given to our three *asyla* should have been £60,000. The additional £30,000 is sorely needed, and the Pro Grand Master has openly complimented the Craft on its readiness to do what is needful. It will have to be done, this raising of an additional £20,000 for the service of charity, and the sooner we meet the question fairly, and do what *must* be done, the better for all classes, especially for the distressed brethren, the widows, and the orphans, whom the G.A.O.T.U. has entrusted to our care.

NORTHERN LIGHTS.—No. II.

A PROVINCIAL LIGHT.

VERY much of the success attained by our Order is, unquestionably, owing to the unsparing efforts of the brethren to whom the virtual direction of our Provinces is entrusted; the unflagging industry and zeal which they bring to bear on the administration of provincial affairs is truly marvellous, and tends greatly to uphold the character of English Freemasonry. The work of a Deputy Prov. Grand Master is beyond measure onerous, and is never finished. He has to contend with conflicting elements of all kinds, and yet is the pivot upon which the peace and well-being of the Province turns. To consider the recommendations for appointment to Provincial Grand Office is no slight portion of his labours, and, we may add, of his difficulties; to choose, for promotion, from so many efficient and eager candidates is a task that might baffle the most astute, and yet, as a rule, so intimately do the majority of Deputy Prov. G. Masters understand the working of their Provinces, that they almost invariably put the right men in the right places, and generally contrive to avoid the heartburnings and jealousies that might crop up, even amongst Masons. The management of Provincial Funds and Charities, and the discreet husbanding of Provincial influence, so that it may be always readily available, whenever or wherever needed, are both arduous duties, and these, together with the many exigencies that are constantly presenting themselves, render the office of Deputy Prov. G.M. not quite the honorary sinecure and bed of roses it is supposed to be; and the Provincial G.M. who appoints a thoroughly efficient Deputy confers a lasting obligation on the Craft generally.

Our province is not a large one; we cannot boast, like East Lancashire, of being octogenarians as to the Roll of our Lodges; we have what we have, and are steadily increasing, and with the superabundant energy (already referred to) that distinguishes us, there is no knowing what we may arrive at. Whether at times that same superabundant energy is not a source of difficulty to the Provincial authorities is hard to say, but there must always be more satisfaction in directing such a feeling, even if too exuberant, than in endeavouring to rouse up apathetic lethargy. That the V.W. Brother who occupies so worthily the position of Deputy Prov. Grand Master thinks so is certain, from the evident pleasure with which he enters upon his duties. Some men are born to hold office, and even to confer honour on it; such an one is now before us. A commanding presence, a deep earnestness in all things Masonic, and a familiarity with every detail of the working of his Province, distinguishes him, at once, as one to be respected and obeyed; whilst his kindliness, his consideration, and his real sterling work in the cause of Freemasonry have made him beloved by all under his sway. A patient urbanity gives unlimited confidence in his judgment, and his great administrative powers have served to raise the influence of the Province to such a degree that its support is not only eagerly sought, but is acknowledged as of weight. The management of the Provincial Charitable Funds, by the Finance Committee under his guidance, is most excellent; while the manner in which the votes of the Province are husbanded, leaves nothing to be desired. A happy gift of combining the *suaviter in modo* with the *fortiter in re* has frequently served to smooth down the occasional acerbities that will obtrude themselves; and what might have resulted in a serious scandal, has passed away, leaving scarcely a ripple on our usually placid surface, entirely owing to his calm judgment and quiet common sense. In fact, our V.W. Brother knows no fatigue, and shirks no labour in the discharge of his multifarious duties, his aim being at all times to study the interest of the brethren, while his every act shows the great pleasure and pride he takes in his office.

In addition to Craft honours our V.W. Brother holds the exalted rank of Prov. Grand Superintendent for the R.A. Province of Northumberland; and here, again, the same zeal and fitness for direction is apparent. As Prov. Grand Z. he has been singularly happy in the choice of his officers, and the dignified and impressive manner in which he carries out the working of Grand Chapter is a constant theme of admiration amongst Companions of Royal Arch. Occupying the important position of Coroner for the Southern Division of the County of Northumberland, his peculiar judicial capacity and his soundness of judgment have served to impress a reverence for this time-honoured post, and he has won as many friends and gained as much approbation by his straightforward public life as he has by his strictly Masonic career.

A LETTER FROM FREDERIC THE GREAT OF PRUSSIA.

WE have translated the following copy of a letter, which will be found in the columns of our contemporary *Le Monde Maçonnique*, addressed by the Great Frederic to certain priests of Aix-la-Chapelle, who had excited the people of that city against the Freemasons. The letter is dated the 7th of February 1778, and is couched in the following terms:—

Very Reverend Fathers,—Various rumours, which have been confirmed by the public journals, have brought to my knowledge the zeal you have displayed in sharpening the sword of fanaticism against certain quiet, virtuous, and honest people called Freemasons. As a former dignitary of this estimable Order, it is my duty to combat, with all the power I possess, against those calumnies which injure it, by endeavouring to raise the veil of mystery which hides from you the temple we have erected to all the virtues, in such a manner as to make it seem to be the assembly of all the vices. What, my right reverend Fathers! Would you again recal to us that age of ignorance and barbarism which was for so long a time a disgrace to all the human mind; that period of fanaticism when the eye could not fix itself without abhorrence of what it saw; the ages when hypocrisy, seated on the throne of despotism, between superstition and folly, held the world in slavery, and, without any distinction whatever of age or sex, burnt those as sorcerers who knew how to read. You not only bestow on Freemasons the epithet of "sorcerers;" you, likewise accuse them of being knaves, men perverted from the true faith and the forerunners of anti-Christ! And you incite a whole people to extirpate this accursed race! Knaves, my reverend Fathers, do not concern themselves as we do with the duty of sustaining the poor and the orphans. On the contrary, knaves rob them, oftentimes depriving them of the share they are entitled to, and fattening on their spoil in the midst of idleness and hypocrisy. In short, knaves lead people into error, abuse their confidence, and make them their dupes; Freemasons enlighten them. The Freemason who returns home from the Lodge where he has received instruction on the good of humanity, cannot fail to become, in the bosom of his family, a better husband and a better father. In calling them the forerunners of anti-Christ, your labours will only lead to the destruction of the laws of the Almighty; on the other hand, Freemasons would not be able to violate them without destroying their own temples. How can such men be an accursed race, who make their glory to spread everywhere, and also with a zeal that never wearies, a knowledge of all the virtues?

(Signed) FREDERIC.

The Jubilee Ball of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum was held on the 18th inst., at St. James's Hall, in aid of the funds of the Institution, and was, as usual, crowded in every part. Dancing was kept up with great spirit. Bro. T. A. Adams' band emitted sweet sounds in the large hall, and a second band played in a room on the ground floor. Bro. T. Butler was M.C.; he was assisted by Bros. T. Meekham, W. Fowler, T. Underhill, and Johnson. The arrangements were satisfactorily carried out, under the direction of Bro. H. Gabb, Chairman, Bro. E. R. Bass, Chairman elect, and Bro. A. L. Anett, Secretary.

We have received, and offer our fraternal thanks for the *Bulletin du Grand Orient de France* for the month of November, and a pamphlet or letter, entitled *La Première au F. Bagary*, with the motto *Amicus* BAGARY, *sed magis amica Veritas*. The latter we shall refer to at an early date. With the contents of the former we have already, thanks to *Le Monde Maçonnique*, been able to acquaint our readers.

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HUGHAN'S LIST OF LODGES, A.D. 1734.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I notice a second review of my List of Lodges in your columns of the 20th of January, and this time with especial reference to my corrections of the former friendly criticism of my work. My reply shall be as brief as possible, so as not to intrude on your valuable space more than is essentially needful.

1. Your reviewer agrees as to my location of No. 20:
2. Pine's No. 35 is accepted as fixed by me.
3. "Strong Man" Lodge is still an open question, and there I leave it *pro tem.*
4. Your reviewer states that "it MUST be that either Nos. 1, 3 and 4 of the four old Lodges, or Nos. 1, 2, and 4 are at this time represented by Nos. 2, 4, and 18." In my humble opinion (he says) and taking the note in Preston, and Pine's, Rawlinson's, and the 1738 Lists as the foundation of my belief, it is the former of the two alternatives which is correct," &c.

The main reason, apparently, for this opinion is that in "*Preston's Illustrations*" of 1821 is a note to the effect—"*Old No. 2, formerly held at the Crown in Parker's Lane, Drury Lane, has been extinct above fifty years, by the death of its old members,*" and that the demise, so to speak, of the Lodge, did not occur until about A.D. 1770, whereas No. 3 joined No. 10 some years before that period, and lost its original *time-immemorial constitution.*

The fraternal reviewer fortifies his position carefully, by saying the footnote in question "*must* have been written, not by Preston, who died in 1819, or by Oliver, though I found it in his edition of Preston, but by Stephen Jones, a P.M. of Antiquity, to whom was intrusted the publication of the thirteenth edition of the *Illustrations*, which made its appearance in 1821." If this reasoning be correct, then No. 3 of the original numeration of 1717 should be in the authorized Lists of Lodges until about 1770, *whereas the fact is* from 1738 only the original number "*one*" and the original number "*four*" occur; the *latter*, however, being styled No. 2, and *these two are the only time-immemorial Lodges* to be found in any authentic lists *from* 1738. *Now*, if No. 2 had not been extinct until 1770 (*circa*), its name and number would, of course, have been duly engraved in its proper position!

But the argument is seen to be entirely worthless when the various editions of "Preston's Illustrations" are examined, as the *footnote* in question was inserted by Bro. Preston himself in the 1788 edition, and, strange to say, from that time to the issue of the last edition of 1861 (by Bro. Spencer) the clause occurs, "*has been extinct above fifty years!!!*"

The bye-laws of the present No. 4 state that it was the original No. 4 of 1717, and by the dropping off the roll of 2 and 3, it became No. 2, until the union of 1813, when it became No. 4 again. However, I have said enough on this point, and have pleasure in agreeing in the main with your reviewer as to his analysis, and had he the same materials at hand for the production of his review as I had for the editing of my List of Lodges, I feel certain there would have been a mistake for me to note on his part.

Fraternally yours,

WM. JAMES HUGHAN.

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MASONIC HALL AT BOURNEMOUTH.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE.

A GRAND ceremony took place on Monday, 15th January, on which occasion the foundation stone of a Masonic Hall was laid by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P. Lodge Hengist, No. 195, now held at Bournemouth, was established 23rd November 1870, at Christchurch, under a warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, on the petition of Henry Dagg, Thomas Jeans and another. It was continued at Christchurch from the date of its formation down to the year 1851, when it removed to Bournemouth. Since that time Bournemouth has made great progress, and it will be readily assumed that the Lodge has also met with much prosperity. For many years the brethren have met at the Belle Vue Assembly Rooms, but the room set apart for the use of the members having been found inconvenient for Masonic purposes, a committee was appointed, the result of whose labours has been the selection of a site for the erection of a hall in St. Michael's Rise. The plans for the proposed building have been prepared by Mr. T. Stevens, architect, and the work of building has been entrusted to Mr. J. McWilliam. The erection will be after the Tuscan order of classic architecture. The front of it will be surmounted by pediments with carved emblems of the Order. The lower part of the building will be of concrete, and the upper part of brickwork, with Bere freestone dressings. On the ground floor there will be kitchen and supper-room, also an ante-room. Above this will be the hall, dressing-room, and various offices. The hall will be 48 ft. by 21 ft. in size, and will be lighted by six windows above the side wings. The building has made some progress, most of the basement walls being completed in concrete. The stone, which was laid on Monday, formed the base of one of the large pilasters on the principal front. The new hall will contain accommodation for from 50 to 60 brethren, with all the necessary ante-rooms, &c., attached. It is hoped that the building will be completed by the 1st of May next. The brethren assembled at the Pembroke Hotel, at two o'clock on Monday afternoon, and at 2.30 the Lodge was close tyled, after which the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master and his officers having entered, a procession was formed.

On arriving at the site of the proposed hall the brethren halted and divided right and left, turning inwards for the R.W. Prov. G.M. and his officers to pass up the centre, preceded by his standard and sword bearer, and followed by the various lodges in rotation, in inverted order from the bottom of the procession. The platform having been reached, the Masonic Anthem, "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," was sung, after which the stone was raised, and a prayer was repeated by the Chaplain. The P.G. Treasurer then, by the command of the R.W.P.G. Master, deposited in the stone a bottle containing coins of the present reign, newspapers of the day, and a list of the officers and members of the Lodge. The cement was then laid on the lower stone, and the upper one slowly lowered, solemn music playing the while. The P.J.G. Warden handed the plumb rule, the P.S.G. Warden the level, and the D.P.G. Master the square to the R.W.P.G. Master, who proved the stone properly adjusted. The architect then handed the mallet to the R.W.P.G. Master, and Bro. Beach then declared the stone duly laid, after which he inspected the plans of the building, handed to him by the P.G. Superintendent of Works, and expressed his approval of them. A masonic hymn, composed expressly for the occasion, having been sung, to the tune of the "Old Hundredth."

The R. W. Prov. G.M. said: Ladies and gentlemen and brethren,—At the erection of all stately and superb edifices there is a necessity for wisdom and skill in the design, and for solidity and strength in the execution. In order to carry out these qualities efficiently and well, in former days workmen were formed into guilds and societies, and attained an excellence of work which probably has never been surpassed. They passed away from their generation, but they left behind them no mean record of their skill and ability in those magnificent buildings which have existed from mediæval age. They bear to the later age a record of the skill and unity which animated them. By means of that unity and skill they were enabled to bring to a successful execution some of the most magnificent buildings that have existed on the face of the earth, and we know very well, from certain tokens which are engraven thereupon, that in their day there were Masons who have left impressed upon it the record of the fact. Indeed, these buildings form a sort of bridge by which we are enabled to gulf over the distance of time which has existed between their age and ours. We have succeeded to some extent as their successors. We do not at the present time emulate their example as operative Masons, but we have adopted from them certain principles up to which we try to act. We have adopted their unity as one rule of our conduct, and it is by our unity as brethren that we exist as a large and powerful society. We adopt also their principle of self assistance. They, in their day, assisted each other, and the principle, therefore, of benevolence has never failed to exist amongst us. The principle of charity, too, we also emulate and try to follow out to its fullest extent. While we adopt these principles and apply them as far as we can to our conduct, we do not relinquish our interest or faith in the operative work of our ancestors. We still try to take the greatest interest in all works of Masonry, works of architecture, and all building operations, setting ourselves, as we do, in their place, and trying in our generation to encourage them as far as we possibly can. We are indeed a peaceful society; we try to practise within ourselves those virtues which I have mentioned, and we endeavour to give assistance, not only to ourselves but others, in the practice of virtue and everything which is social and moral. I trust that the practise of social and moral virtue may ever exist amongst us, and, whilst we have the opportunity of conducing to the spread of any useful work, we shall try to do our duty as far as in us lies. I trust that the work which we have had the pleasure and felicity of inaugurating this day may be successful. I trust that the building in harmony with the plans which have been submitted to me will be an ornament to the town of Bournemouth and conduce to the practise of Freemasonry here. In a town, existing as it does, and thriving as it does, it would be strange indeed if you had not a hall in which to carry out the rites and ceremonies of Freemasonry. May the work be crowned with success, and may all assembled here have reason to congratulate themselves on the work we have this day inaugurated.

The procession was then again formed, and the brethren returned to the Pembroke Hotel.

In the evening a banquet was served at the Pembroke Hotel.—*Portsmouth Times and Naval Gazette.*

We have received copy of a catalogue of "Scarce and Valuable Works on Freemasonry," which Bro. Hogg, of Paternoster Row, offers for sale to the Masonic Public. As attempts are being made in different quarters to establish libraries in connection with sundry of our Lodges, we beg to draw the attention of our readers to the very choice selection of our Bro. Hogg. It contains, as is stated, many valuable—we may say, indeed, many invaluable—works on Freemasonry, and they must consider themselves fortunate who are able to secure for their own private use, or that of their Lodge certain of these scarce and choice works. We may add that, considering the importance of these latter, the prices asked by Bro. Hogg, appear to us, to be extremely moderate.

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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 JANUARY.

Audit Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 29th JANUARY.

45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem, St. John's-sq., Clerkenwell, at 8. (Instruction.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1635—Trelegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

102—Unanimity, Kings Arms, North Walsham.
309—Prudence, Three Tuns, Halesworth, Suffolk.
703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
1168—Benevolence, Town Hall, Sherborne.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
1564—St. John's, Prince of Wales Tavern, Knaphill, Surrey.
M. M. 148—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.

TUESDAY, 30th JANUARY.

55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand Court, W.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1506—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1356—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.

WEDNESDAY, 31st JANUARY.

193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
967—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, 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.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1634—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (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.)

996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.

THURSDAY, 1st FEBRUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
18—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
1426—The Great City, 111 Cheapside, E.C., at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Inst. uction.)
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

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.
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.
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
380—Pumfret, Masonic Building, Abingdon-street, Northampton.
442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bailring-lane, Grimsby.
1013—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.
1307—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster.
1473—Bootle, Molyneux's Assembly Rooms, Bootle, Lancashire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery.
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.

FRIDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY.

87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (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.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1294—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.
601—St. John's, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.
690—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
709—Invicta, Corn Exchange, Queen-street, Ashford.
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
998—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool.
1367—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1524—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

SATURDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall at 4.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
1460—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Masonic Rooms, Meltham.
1308—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

MONDAY.

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Bailey.
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
406—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.

TUESDAY.

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

WEDNESDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
1283—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby-bridge.
1648—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

THURSDAY.

289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
974—Pentelpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
1514—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.
K.T. 58—Pearnley Masonic Temple, Dewsbury.

FRIDAY.

343—St. George's, Victoria Room, Doncaster.
396—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield.
1648—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

THURSDAY—97—St. James, St. James' Hall, Writer's-court.
FRIDAY—291—Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—103—Union and Crown, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" R. A.—122—Thetis, 35 St. James's-street.
TUESDAY—419—Neptune, 35 St. James's-street, Glasgow.
WEDNESDAY—R. A. 73—Caledonian of Unity, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
THURSDAY—27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 465—St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road, Glasgow.
FRIDAY—116—Royal Arch, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.
" 347—St. John, Operative, Freemasons' Hall, Cathcart-st., Rutherglen, Soirée at 7.
" 275—Shamrock and Thistle, 24 Struthers-street, Glasgow.
" 360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" 406—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 512—Thorntree, School Room, Thornliebank.
SATURDAY—28—St. John's, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch.
" R. A. 143—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.
" 458—St. John's, Freemason's Hall, Busby.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules, Leadenhall Street, on Thursday, the 25th instant, at 7.30. Bros. Hogarth W.M., Powell S.W., Atkins P.M. Treasurer, Grammer Secretary, Richards S.D., Biddle J.D., Hollands I.G., and a goodly muster of the brethren. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of the second degree, Bro. Pennell candidate. Bro. Hogarth then vacated the chair, and Bro. John Green W.M. 27 took the position of W.M., and in a very impressive manner rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Atkins P.M. acting as W.M. elect. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in ancient from. Bro. Green will work the ceremony of installation in the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, which is held in the same house, on Tuesday evening next, the 30th instant. The Lodge will be opened at seven. Attendance of the brethren is requested.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on the 23rd of January, at Bro. Maidwell's Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, E.C. Present—Bros. Walker W.M., Lees S.W., Maidwell J.W., Hollands Secretary, Holtham P.M. Treasurer, Biddle S.D., Daniel J.D., Baxter I.G.; also Bros. Haller, Dart, Wharman, &c. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree. The usual questions were answered. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Dart was duly raised. The Lodge was closed in the third, and resumed to the first. Bro. Haller answered the questions, was entrusted, and afterwards passed. Bro. Lees, of the Emblematic Lodge, No. 1321, was elected a member, he was also appointed to the chair for the ensuing week. Brethren will notice that this Lodge of Instruction gives every facility to those brethren who hold office in their mother Lodges.

Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145.—The installation meeting of this celebrated Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 23rd instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, and was nume-

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rously attended by the members and visitors. The W.M., Bro. E. H. Thiellay, occupied the chair; W. Moult S.W., G. Haslett J.W., J. Boyd P.G.P. G.S. Treasurer, G. S. States P.G.S. Secretary, Hughes S.D., Leggott J.D., Lister I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. J. Last, G. Parkess, W. Watson, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the Emergency Meeting held the week previously (where Bros. F. Lee, Lambe, Doyle, and Lefevre were initiated, and Bros. Graves, Dawson and Groom were passed to the second degree), and also the minutes of the regular Lodge were read and confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. H. Foster and C. Parnacott, which were in their favour. The former gentleman being present, was initiated into the Order by the W.M. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted; it showed a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of nearly £70. The W.M. stated he was a Steward for the R.M. Benevolent Institution at the next Anniversary Festival, where H.R.H. Prince Leopold would take the chair, and he hoped that he should be supported by the brethren of the Lodge on that occasion; also that they, by their contributions, would assist that noble Institution. Before retiring from the chair, he begged to return his grateful thanks to the worthy Treasurer, Bro. John Boyd, Bro. G. S. States Secretary, the Past Masters, and also to every officer, for all had ably supported him during his year of office. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. W. Moult was presented to the Lodge. Bro. T. Ball P.M. then showed his proficiency by Installing Bro. Moult into the chair; receiving, as he deserved, at the conclusion of the ceremony, the commendations of all present. The W.M. then invested his officers—Bros. E. H. Thiellay I.P.M., G. Haslett S.W., Hughes J.W., John Boyd P.G.S. G.S. Treasurer (re-invested for the 15th time), G. S. States P.G.S. Sec. (re-invested for the 15th time), Manby Assist. Sec., Leggott S.D., Lester J.D., Dr. Wilkinson I.G., Torry D.C., Caffall A.D.C., Wood W.S., Grant Tyler. Bro. John Boyd then gave notice of motion,—That in future the initiation fee be fifteen guineas, and the joining fee twelve guineas. In the event of this being carried, it shall not be enforced until March next. The W.M. then presented a jewel that had been unanimously voted to the retiring W.M. Bro. E. H. Thiellay, for the valuable services rendered by him to the Lodge. The jewel is of highly artistic construction, and bears an appropriate inscription. Bro. Thiellay returned thanks for the elegant gift; it would be a pleasing recollection of the kindness and good feeling evinced to him by every brother in the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, 76 in number, adjourned to the Crown Room, where a sumptuous banquet and dessert was supplied by Bro. Dawkins. Grace having been sung, by Bro. Seymour Smith, G. Carter, Miss Florence Lavender and Miss Ellen Webb, the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," also that of "the M.W.G.M. his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." Miss Florence Lavender sang, with great taste and feeling, "Sweet Spirit, hear my Prayer," which was loudly and deservedly applauded; she also, in response to the loud calls of the brethren, sang "Tell Me, my Heart," with equal taste. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, alluded to the honour conferred on the Lodge by having one of its members selected for the post of a Grand Officer; he referred to Bro. John Boyd P.G.P. and Grand Steward, who was one they only required to know to respect. (Cheers). Bro. John Boyd, in his usual eloquent manner, returned thanks, he reminded the brethren that the hour was getting late, so he would not occupy their time; he passed deserved eulogiums on those distinguished brethren who were at the head of the Order, he felt proud in responding on their behalf. Miss Eliza Webb sang a verry pretty song, entitled the "Three Fishers." Bro. E. H. Thiellay I.P.M. then rose and said, it was a pleasure to him, now, for the first time, to claim his privilege, and to propose the toast of the W.M. (Cheers). They had seen his working in the various offices he had filled; he was one worthy of their respect. He could say more in praise, but as the W.M. progressed they would see his good qualities. Bro. Carter sang "Sweethearts," in his usual excellent style. The W.M. suitably replied, and before resuming his seat, proposed a special toast,—the Health of an old and respected Brother, whose name and services rendered to the Craft merited their respect. Bro. W. Watson P.M. P.G.S. had been Preceptor to this and many other Lodges; he had devoted his time and energies to Freemasonry, and, as he was present at this installation, he hoped to see him at many a future one. Bro. W. Watson feelingly returned thanks. Miss Florence Lavender again delighted the brethren, her song, the "Wind that Blows," being received with even greater applause than her former one. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Initiates, said, they had been fortunate in initiating that evening, also at the emergency meeting, gentlemen who he was proud to see among them. Their attention to the ceremonies showed they were impressed, and he hoped they would, in course of time, occupy the chair. The responses of these brethren fully justified the pertinent remarks made by the W.M. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Visitors. They were numerous, and after mentioning their names seriatim, he would call on Bro. Frances, P.P.G.D. Surrey, to respond. This brother replied, and was followed by Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Both paid deserved compliments to the admirable working, and thanked the Lodge for the hospitality shown them. The W.M. then proposed the healths of their worthy and respected Treasurer, Bro. J. Boyd, and the Hon. Secretary, Bro. G. S. States. The former brother had been among them for over fifteen years. He had been twice Master, and was the Father of the Lodge, and he (the W.M.) would always look to Bro. Boyd for counsel and advice. (Cheers.) As to Bro. G. S. States, their indefatigable Secretary, he was equally entitled to their regard. He had been invested for the 15th time (cheers); he knew his duties thoroughly, and those duties were always carried out satisfactorily. The W.M. also paid a deserved compliment to Bro. Manby, the Assistant Secretary. Bro. G. S. States thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions. He, as Secretary, was pleased to say he had served over two apprenticeships, and, on looking round the room, he saw many dear, old, and valued friends. In doing his duty, he did it as a Mason should do. He hoped he had given them satisfaction. In a Lodge numbering 90 members, a large amount of work was entailed, and he thanked Bro. Manby for his kind assistance. Bro. John Boyd followed. He hoped the brethren were satisfied with the manner he had performed his duties. He had been Treasurer for many years, but he had never seen such a balance shown as on this evening. Before resuming his seat, he would ask the W.M. to allow him to propose a toast, and that was the health of a brother well known and respected, although he had arrived late. The Masonic Charities should be looked after, and he was pleased to see Bro. F. Binckes P.G.S., and Secretary of the Boys' School, amongst them. (Cheers.) They all know how his energies were exerted on behalf of that noble Institution, and he hoped they would drink the toast with the spirit it deserved. Bro. F. Binckes replied, in a speech much to the purpose. On its conclusion, the W.M. consented to act as Steward at the next Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School. Other toasts followed, and the brethren separated. The Visitors were—Bros. Pateman P.M. 1597, J. Buscall 30, J. Kempton 1601, C. Hunt 194, H. Seager 194, J. G. Baker 753, Woodcock 1216, Cox P.M., Pilbeam W.M. 45, J. Boyd 23, Frances P.P.G.D. Surrey, Durham 177, G. Tribbell 1287, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, G. Young P.M. 263, G. Tyson 1314, S. Smith 742, Sultan 188, Lenty 23, G. W. West J.W. 1207, &c.

East Medina Lodge, No. 175, Ryde.—On the 10th inst. the brethren of this Lodge assembled at their Masonic Hall, Ryde, for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. T. Morgan, the S.W. of the Lodge. The ceremony of installation having been ably performed by Bro. Captain F. Newman P.M., the Worshipful Master invested his officers:—Bros. J. W. Fardell I.P.M., G. Pack S.W., J. Lowe J.W., F. Newman Treasurer, A. Aylward Secretary, W. Brook S.D., F. Carter J.D., H. M. Harvey I.G., E. Groves and B. Marvin Stewards, T. Brading Tyler. The brethren adjourned to Yelf's Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Bro. Wavell.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Wednesday, the 24th instant, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Mason's-avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C. Bro. Croaker acted as W.M., Bros. Bone S.W., Abell J.W., Rudderforth as Sec., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, Turner S.D., Triggs J.D., Sayer I.G., Christopher Tyler, John Ross P.M. The business of the evening comprised the rehearsing of the first ceremony by the W.M., the ceremony of installation by Bro. John Constable P.M. and Treasurer, after which Bro. Abbott proceeded to address the Lodge upon the history of Freemasonry, in continuation of his former lectures. He carried the account from 1730 to the commencement of the year 1736, tracing the principal events that occurred during the Grand Masterships of the following:—The Duke of Norfolk, Lord Lovel, afterwards Earl of Leicester 1731-32, Viscount Montague 1732-33, the Earl of Strathmore 1733-34, the Earl of Crawford 1734-35, and Viscount Weymouth 1735-36. He laid particular stress upon the introduction of Freemasonry into America, mentioning the results of the latest researches in reference thereto; he further traced the extension of Freemasonry to different countries on the Continent of Europe and other parts, also dwelt on the dissensions that arose amongst English Craftsmen, which ultimately led to the unfortunate schism which extended to the period of the Union in 1813. The lecture was shorter than had been intended, owing to the business of the evening having been unusually protracted. We noticed the great attention that was paid to Bro. Abbott's exposition, the facts of which, however interesting and important they may be, are of necessity somewhat trying to recount. After the Lodge had been called on, Bro. Bone was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bros. Cotter 554 and Solomons 185 were elected members. There were present Bros. J. D. Barnett, D. Posener, W. Snelling, S. L. Hickman, G. L. Walker, Turner, Triggs, Plummer, J. H. Ross, Corner, &c., &c.

Prosperity Chapter, 290.—This Chapter held a Convocation on the 17th of January, at the Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield. Present—Comps. W. Schofield Z., Harrop H., J. W. Turner J., C. Wheawell Scribe E., William Murphy Scribe N., Hutchinson P.Z. Treasurer, Wall P.S., E. Dyson A.S., Mitchell A.S.; also Comps. William Smith P.Z., William Dyson, Lewis Brierly, &c. Business—There being no ceremony, Comps. Wall, Brierly, and E. Dyson gave the first, second and third lectures respectively, in a most creditable manner, after which the Companions adjourned for refreshment, and spent a very happy and agreeable evening.

Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342.—The installation of Bro. H. J. Guy as Worshipful Master of this Lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, St. George's-square, Portsea, on Wednesday, 17th inst. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Turney, and subsequently the W.M. appointed his officers as follow:—Bros. R. J. Turney I.P.M., W. Payne S.W., G. P. Arnold J.W., W. C. Redward P.M. Treasurer, J. R. Willson P.M. Hon. Sec., Hackman D.C., J. Willmott S.D., G. C. Adames J.D., J. T. Craven jun. I.G., Parkhouse and Green Stewards. During the evening Bro. G. W. Smith, at the request of a number of the brethren of the Lodge, presented Bro. Turney I.P.M. with a Past Master's Jewel, as a token of their appreciation of his conduct as Master of the Royal Sussex Lodge during the past year.

Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 359.—Bro. J. Clark was, on the 15th inst., installed W.M. of this Lodge for the ensuing year; the ceremony being performed by Bro. T. P. Payne P.M. The officers for the year were appointed by the W.M. as follows:—Bros. C. A. Dyer I.P.M., E. Cross S.W., Arthur J.W., J. R. Weston P.M. Treasurer, A. J. Miller P.M. Secretary, G. Tilling S.D., J. Andrews J.D., D. Sanby I.G., W. Waters P.M. D.C., K. G. Westly Organist, Higgs Tyler, Norris and Vere assistant Tylers; Coles P.M., E. Cross and Martin Auditors.

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Southampton Lodge, No. 394.—At the meeting of this Lodge, on Thursday, the 18th inst, Bro. G. M. Passenger jun. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

Lodge of Union, No. 414.—This Lodge held its installation meeting on the 16th of January, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. W. H. Strickland P.P.G.O. Berks and Bucks acting W.M., Stephen A. Pocock (W.M. elect) S.W., Robert Bradley P.M. acting J.W., J. Leaver Secretary, the Rev. N. G. Garry Chaplain, George Botly P.M. Treasurer, C. Oades S.D., Samuel Bradley J.D., R. C. Mount D.C., Ferguson, Wheeler, and Sprent Stewards, C. Stephens I.G., William Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Hounslow, Smith, Moxhay, Strachan, Morris, Weightman. Hon. Members—Bros. Dr. Woodhouse P.M. P.P.D.G.M. Berks and Bucks, W. Biggs P.M. Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Bucks, F. A. Bulley P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Berks and Bucks. Members—Bros. Brakspear, Bracher, Blackwell, Butler, Albury, Ayres, Vincent, Withers, Stallwood, Sydenham. Visitors from 1101—Bros. Margrett W.M., Welch S.W., Stransom Treasurer, Ivey P.M. Secretary, Brown P.M., Ferguson J.D., Dowsett D.C., Ridley Steward, Hukins, White, Cottrell, Robinson. Other Visitors—Bros. Reeve W.M. 840, Durand 84, Blackwell 1540, Portsmouth W.M. 694, H. Taylor (Albany), Mitchell 65 G.L. Scotland, Daniels 694, Buss P.M. 1293 P.G.J.W. Middlesex, Hume W.M. 209, Cantrell W.M. 1501, Strachan 14, &c. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. After balloting for initiates, and joining members, the Lodge was opened in the second degree. There was on the agenda paper a candidate for raising, but as he did not put in an appearance, the acting W.M. resigned his gavel into the hands of the Installing Master, to whom was presented Bro. Stephen Augustus Pocock, who had been unanimously elected to occupy the chair of K.S. After proceeding with the ceremony to the end of the second degree, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, immediately after which the Board of Past Masters was formed, in which the ceremony of installation was completed, in Bro. Moxhay's usual correct and impressive manner. After being saluted in each degree, the W.M. returned thanks, and invested his officers: Bro. A. M. Yetts I.P.M., Baker S.W., Oades J.W., Rev. N. G. Garry Chaplain, Botley P.M. Treasurer, Leaver Secretary, S. Bradley S.D., C. Stephens J.D., Ferguson D.C., Wheeler, Sprent and Withers Stewards, Mount I.G., Hemmings Tyler. Upon the completion of the investiture, the Installing Master, with more than his usual fervency, gave some impressive addresses. The musical and vocal accompaniment materially added to the effect of the beautiful ceremonies. The business of the evening being completed, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired for refreshment to the George Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided, to which about sixty of the Fraternity sat down, under the presidency of Bro. Pocock W.M., who discharged the duties of the chair with becoming effect. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, accompanied by the vocal and instrumental music for which this, the senior Lodge, is celebrated. In reply to the toast of the Visitors, Bro. Buss P.M. 1293 P.G.J.W. Middlesex, expressed his great pleasure at seeing the son of his old friend, the late Bro. Pocock P.G.S.D. of England, and P. Prov. G. Secretary of Sussex, installed into the chair of this highly respectable Lodge. He felt assured, from what he had seen of the working that evening, the members of the Lodge would be satisfied with the choice they had made. Bro. Dr. Woodhouse, P.P.D.G.M. Berkshire, replied to the toast of the P.G. Officers Past and Present, and referred with pride to the wonderful advance made by Freemasonry during the past few years. The health of the Chaplain of the Lodge, Bro. the Rev. N. G. Garry, was proposed by Bro. C. Stephens J.D., and, in reply, the Rev. Bro. said he had for some years been desirous of becoming a member of the Craft (he was at present only a juvenile), but the desire had been quickened by a recent event, which showed that there was a determination on the part of a foreign potentate to interfere with the rights of conscience, and he (Bro. Garry) joined the Order as a protest against this interference. He also said it had been a great pleasure to him to be a Mason, because it enlarged the circle of his friends. The "Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. Morris P.M., who made an urgent appeal to the members of the Lodge to contribute liberally. Bro. Biggs P.M. Prov. G. Secretary, responded, and stated that last year £39,000 was subscribed in support of the three chief Masonic Charities. Among the other toasts were those of "The Worshipful Master," "The immediate and other Past Masters of the Lodge of Union." "The Installing Master, Bro. Moxhay." "The Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren of the Grey Friars Lodge 1101, the Treasurer and Officers of the Lodge of Union." "The Musical Brethren, Bros. Strickland, R. Bradley, Robinson, S. Bradley." "The Tyler's Toast," completed this very successful meeting of the members and friends of 414.

Salisbury Lodge, No. 435.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, London. Present—Bros. E. H. Stammitz W.M., Secker S.W., Dibdale J.W., Hooper P.M. Secretary, Holden S.D., Berger J.D., Jeff I.G. P.M.'s Bros. W. Ganz P.G.O., S. Rosenthal, Koester, Bigg, Sax, Pigall, J. Rables F.R.G.S. After the preliminary business, a ballot was taken for the admission of a gentleman to be initiated at the next meeting. Bro. Secker S.W. W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge by Bro. Koester, and a Board of Installed Masters was opened. Bro. Secker was then installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. Stammitz, in a very excellent and perfect manner. Bro. W. Ganz presided at the organ, and added to the solemnity of the ceremony. Bro. Koester efficiently acted as D.C. The appointment of officers resulted as follows:—Bros. Dibdale S.W., Holden J.W., W. H. Hooper P.M. Secretary, Berger S.D., Jeff J.D., Kitchin I.G., Hooper D.C. The W.M. regretted the absence of the Treasurer, Bro. Stohwasser P.M., who was so indisposed that he was unable to be present. Bro. Secker hoped, however, that he would be present on the next, and on many future occasions. Their Treasurer merited the esteem of every brother in the Lodge. Great credit was due to the installing Master for his rendering of the addresses; at the conclusion, he was warmly congratulated by the brethren and visitors. The W.M., on rising, said he had a pleasing duty to perform, it was to present the I.P.M., Bro. Stammitz, with a gold P.M.'s jewel. In presenting it he would remark, that there was no one who had ever occupied the chair who had performed his duties more satisfactorily. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet *a la Russe*, provided by Bro. Nicols. Grace having been said, and the cloth removed, the W.M. proposed the toast of the "Queen and the Craft." The National Anthem was sung, Bro. Ganz accompanying on the piano. The toast of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. was next given, and was followed by that of the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers. He was pleased to see among them Bro. Albert G.P., and also Bro. Ganz P.G.O. He would call on those brethren to respond to the toast. Bro. Albert returned thanks. The Grand Officers were always willing to render assistance, whether in Grand Lodge or in any private Lodge where their services were required. The selection of Bro. Ganz was a proof of the respect in which this Lodge is held. Bro. W. Ganz P.G.O. followed. He endorsed all the remarks made by Bro. Albert. If he was not eloquent at the present time with his tongue, he hoped he would please them with his fingers. He then played a charming new galop of his own composition, which elicited deserved applause. Bro. Stammitz I.P.M., had now to propose the toast of the evening—"The W.M." (Cheers.) Bro. Secker was one who was capable of every duty that was required of him, and he hoped he would have health during his occupancy of the chair, they would then see the excellent selection the brethren had made. (Cheers.) The W.M. said he was initiated in this Lodge, and he had aspired to become its Master. He urged the junior members to work diligently, they might then occupy the position he now held. Mention had been made of the Charities; he was a Steward for the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, a Charity that needs and deserves support; he would be pleased to place the name of any brother on his list. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. He was proud to see them, they had never had so numerous an assemblage before, he would ask the brethren to do full honour to the toast, he would call on Bros. Freed P.G.S., Jahn, and H. M. Levy to respond. These brethren, in the course of their remarks, testified to the admirable manner in which the ceremony of installation had been rendered; to the hospitality they had received, and to the presence of the goodly band of Past Masters, who had so materially contributed to the comfort of the Lodge and the welfare of the members. The W.M. then proposed the health of the I.P.M., he hoped it would be received with the fervour it merited; that brother was one who deserved every praise; wherever he goes he is welcome; his time was always at their service. In placing a jewel on his breast, he hoped he would live long to wear it, it was given with heartfelt sincerity by every brother in the Lodge. (Cheers.) Bro. Stammitz returned thanks for the valuable gift, and thanked the officers for the kind assistance they had always rendered him. In proposing the toast of the Past Masters of the Salisbury Lodge, the W.M. said they were a host in themselves. They were always ready to give their help. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. W. Ganz. Bro. W. Ganz said he had belonged to the Lodge 10 years, and he hoped to be a member of it as long as he lived. He knew and appreciated the unanimity of feeling that existed among them. He regretted the absence of Bro. Stohwasser, but he hoped he would be among them on the next occasion. It was his opinion they had chosen a very good W.M., and he thanked the brethren for their kind expressions. The W.M. regretted the absence of the Treasurer, whose illness had prevented him being present. Bro. Secretary was indefatigable in his duties. He hoped both these brethren would be among them for many years. In giving the toast of the Junior Officers, the W.M. referred to the punctuality with which they attended to their duties. He was sure they would materially assist him in carrying out the work of the Lodge, and he hoped to have a successful year of office. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. The brethren experienced a great treat by the performances of Bro. W. Ganz. Bro. E. Terry sang a humorous song in his inimitable style, while the splendid voice of Bro. Mills was most successfully brought into requisition. The Visitors were Bros. Reepe 228, E. P. Albert G.P., Chaffey 1572, E. Terry 1319, Coulson 27, L. Stean P.M. 917, Jahn P.M., C. Burmeister P.M. 538, D. W. Pentecost P.M. 231, Lowe 205, Wimperis P.M. 91 P.G.S., W. Aspinwall late 23, David 1201, E. H. Green, O. H. Harrison, J. H. Walker, Welsford P.M. 548, Fowler 244, A. B. Friend P.G.S., H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Royal Edward Triangle, Hackney.—The fifteen sections were worked in the above Lodge on Tuesday, 23rd January 1877. The brethren were presided over by Bro. Horsley W.M., Pinder S.W., Wallington S.W., Perry S.D., Howlett J.D., Cambridge I.G., Worsley Secretary. The Lodge was opened at 7 o'clock, with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The following brethren worked the sections:—

1.	Bro. Dallas ...	860		8.	Bro. Cambridge ...	15
2.	„ W. J. Smith ...	860		9.	„ Hogarth ...	1108
3.	„ E. T. Worsley	860		10.	„ Ellis	933
4.	„ Ashburner ...	1278		11.	„ Pinder ...	15
5.	„ Rudderforth ...	12		12.	„ Howlett ...	141
6.	„ Pinder ...	15		13.	„ Ashburner ...	1278
7.	„ Rudderforth ...	12		14.	„ Wallington ...	860
				15.	„ Perrin ...	1056

The Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree. Bros. Marks 141, Larkins 192, and Bonner 1524 were unanimously elected members. A

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cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Horsley for his able working, there not being a single hitch; and this was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. He was also elected an honorary member. Votes of thanks were recorded to the brethren who had assisted. The Lodge was closed in due form. There was a full attendance, and all were pleased with the evening's proceedings. Bro. Lovelock will be W.M. next Tuesday evening. Officers in rotation.

Dobie Lodge, 889.—On Wednesday, 17th inst., the members of this Lodge assembled in strong force at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, to assist at the installation of Bro. F. Buckland (P.M. 205) as W.M., in succession to Bro. J. Bond. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Elsam P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, and at its close the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, the company then numbering about fifty. Under the personal superintendence of Bro. Hardy, son of the host, an elegant repast was served, over which the newly-elected master presided. The officers appointed by the W.M. are—Bros. Saunders S.W., Porter J.W., Cartwright P.M. Treasurer, J. Squire P.M. Secretary, Mitan S.D., H. Linton J.D., A. Nuthall I.G., Long P.M. D.C., Honeywell P.M. Organist. Among the Visitors were Bros. Bateman W.M. 820, May W.M. 1628, Sharpe P.M., Weaver S.W. 820.

City of London Lodge, No. 901.—The installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-street, under the presidency of Bro. Henry D'Arcy, the W.M. In addition to the large muster of the members there was a goodly number of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Francis Ruckland P.M. Israel 205, James Mitchell J.W. St. Andrews 231, W. G. Kent 1297, D. Greenhaver 326, W. J. Haycock P.M. 901, Geo. Potter 177, John E. Frede 193, Charles Arkill W.M. elect 192, Thomas J. Turner 198 and Thomas C. Coope 1558. The Lodge minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Smith was passed to the second degree, and Bro. Micklefield was raised. Messrs. H. Hurst and W. Waller were duly ballotted for and initiated. The W.M. next proceeded to instal his successor into the chair of K.S. The newly installed W.M., Bro. George Porter, appointed his officers as follow: George D'Arcy S.W., W. C. Rubardt J.W., A. Parker S.D., A. Marshall J.D., Henry D'Arcy I.P.M. Treasurer, W. Alder Secretary, A. Ginger 38, E. Borner D.C., T. Wallis W.S. and Woodstock Tyler. The work over, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent dinner was served. The cloth cleared, the usual Loyal, Patriotic and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. During the proceedings Bro. George Porter, the newly installed W.M., invested Bro. Henry D'Arcy with a P.M.'s jewel, the unanimous gift of the Lodge, observing that it afforded him very great pleasure to present the token of the brethren in recognition of the services rendered by the recipient to the Lodge during his term of office. The very able and efficient manner in which he had worked made it a difficult matter for his successors to give the same amount of satisfaction to the brethren, but difficulty was a thing to be overcome, and he trusted he should be able to prove himself a not unworthy successor. Bro. Henry D'Arcy, in a few choice sentences, thanked the brethren for the jewel, observing that he should value it, not for its intrinsic worth but as a token of the regard of the brethren generally, and for the kindly expressions with which the W.M. had accompanied the gift. Bro. Lawrence P.M., in responding to the toast of the P.M.'s, urged upon the brethren the absolute necessity of attending Lodges of Instruction if they desired to attain to a degree of eminence in the Craft. A very excellent Lodge of Instruction had been established at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, worked under the City of London Charter, and he trusted that the younger members of the Lodge, as well as the present officers would make a point of attending it every Thursday evening. Bro. James Mitchell thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had been entertained, and said that hospitality was a characteristic of Freemasonry, and it was in no Lodge exercised more worthily than in that of the City of London. The pleasure of his visit had been greatly enhanced by the admirable manner in which the whole of the Lodge work of the evening (and it had been very heavy) had been conducted. Other speakers and toasts followed, and the brethren separated, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Wilton Lodge, No. 1077.—This Lodge held a meeting on Monday, the 8th of January, at The Red Lion Hotel, Blackley, Manchester. Present—Bros. John Ford W.M., John Hargreaves S.W., H. E. Clausen J.W., Richard Winfield Secretary, J. T. Sawyer P.M. and Treasurer, T. Heap S.D., J. S. Leach J.D., R. Caldwell P.M. and D.C., Plummer, Proctor and Kempe Stewards, T. W. Matthews I.G., Nicholls Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Hooper P.G. Treasurer, Jackson, Welsh, Pearson, Bridgford, Platt. Visitors—Bros. Aldred, &c. Messrs. J. Horsfield and J. Thomson were balloted for, and initiated. Bro. John Hargreaves S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. T. Sawyer P.M. was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Nicholls Tyler. Bros. Davies, Rose, Godby and W. Jackson were appointed auditors. Bros. Ford W.M., Hargreaves S.W., and Clausen J.W., were elected Inventory Committee. After business the brethren adjourned to a banquet.

The Walton Lodge, No. 1086.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Wednesday, the 17th of January, at St. Lawrence's School Room, Kirkdale, Liverpool. Present—Bros. G. E. Hanmer W.M., G. J. Townsend S.W., William Walker J.W., Rev. Dr. Hyde Secretary, Beckett as Treasurer, Isaac Luce J.D., G. Riley Steward, M. Williamson Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Joseph Ellis I.P.M. and J. C. Lunt. Visitors—Bros. W. G. Veale 594, 1356, &c., Fingal 203, Shadwick 594 and others. This being the first meeting under the presidency of the new Master, his ability was pretty well tested in working the 2nd and 3rd degrees; these he did in a very efficient and impressive manner, the officers also performed their duties with credit to themselves and to the Lodge. Bro. J. C. Lunt P.M. having consented to represent this Lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Benevolent Institution, the brethren voted a donation out of the funds in aid of the above. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next regular meeting. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Monday, the 22nd of January, at The Westbourne, Craven Road, Bayswater. Present—Bros. Davis W.M., W. M. Stiles S.W., Chalfont J.W., G. Read P.M. Secretary, Walker S.D., Lewis J.D., Hallet I.G; Past Master Bro. Savage; also Bros. G. D. Unite, F. J. Unite, and J. G. Unite, Headon, Death, Alexander, Kelly, Powell, &c. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was next rehearsed, the traditional history being given in a most excellent manner by the W.M., to whom a cordial vote of thanks was passed, the same to be recorded on the minutes. Bro. W. M. Stiles S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.—A meeting of this young Lodge took place at the Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville-road, King's Cross, N., on Thursday, 18th January. Present—Bros. Williams W.M., Kingham J.W., Willing P.M. Treasurer as J.W., Stiles Secretary, Scales S.D., Side J.D., Stiles, Coles, Michael I.P.M., Rose, Saintsbury, Van Camp, Wrigley, Raney, Tuck, Tims, Simons, Gilbert, Clarke. Visitors—Bros. Grinstead 13, Willcox 975. After the preliminary opening of the Lodge, Bros. T. J. Clarke, and S. Beattie were raised; after which Bros. C. Killingback and P. H. Thorn were passed. On the motion of Bro. Kingham S.W., seconded by Bro. Scales J.D., and supported by Bro. Willing Treas., it was resolved, by an overwhelming majority, that the Lodge be removed. A committee was appointed, which consisted of the W.M., P.M.'s and Officers, with Bros. Raney, Clark and Tuck, to make necessary arrangements. The number of members of this Lodge, and the inconvenience experienced by the brethren, who have to wait between the closing of the Lodge and the banquet, whilst the room used for Lodge purposes is prepared, no doubt influenced the brethren in this decision. The W.M. called the attention of the brethren to the Lodge of Instruction which works under the banner of this Lodge, and which is under the Preceptorship of Bro. T. A. Adams. He earnestly requested the frequent attendance of the members. Bro. Michael's List, as Steward to represent the Lodge at the ensuing Festival of the Benevolent Institution, was well subscribed to. The brethren then adjourned to a banquet, which was served in the usual excellent manner of the caterer for the Metropolitan Club.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 23rd January, at the Metropolitan Club, King's Cross. Present—Bros. R. T. Kingham W.M., H. Higgins S.W., Bartram J.W., W. M. Stiles Secretary, H. B. Fowler S.D., G. Clark J.D., J. W. Smith I.G. P.M.'s Bros. T. A. Adams P.G.P. Preceptor, and Bros. Ormiston, Scales, Little, &c., &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Ormiston and Clark being candidates. The first section of the third lecture was worked by Bro. Adams. It was announced that the Second Anniversary Banquet of this Lodge of Instruction would take place at the Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville-road, on Tuesday, 30th inst., at 6.30 p.m. Bro. T. Williams W.M. 1507, and Secretary 177, will take the chair; he will be supported by Bros. T. Adams, the veteran Preceptor, Jas. Willing P.M. and Treas. 1507 and W.M. 177, Michael I.P.M. 1507 and W.M. 1107, and a host of brethren well known in the Craft. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Alexandra Lodge, No. 1511, Hornsea.—The installation of Bro. Wm. Carr took place on Tuesday afternoon, at the Masonic Hall, Hornsea, near Hull. There was a numerous attendance of the brethren, many visitors arriving from Hull and other Lodges in the province. The Lodge was opened at half-past three o'clock, Bro. Benjamin L. Wells, the retiring W.M., occupying the chair; and after some preliminary business had been transacted, the impressive ceremony of installation was performed by W. Bro. George Hardy P.M. P.S.P.G.D. North and East Yorkshire. The newly installed Master invested his officers:—Bros. Benjamin L. Wells I.P.M., George Milner S.W., John Heslop J.W., Tudor Trevor P.M. Chaplain, George Hardy P.M. V.M., John S. Thompson P.M. Treasurer, W. D. Keyworth P.M. P.G.P. S.W., Cooke Laking Secretary, W. Fugill S.D., John Shuttleworth J.D., M. P. Hockney D.C.; Bros. Christopher Bethell, Joseph Dyson, J. P. Loton, and W. Train, Stewards; Bros. C. Laking Organist, W. Bromhead I.G., George Stephenson Tyler. The proceedings having been concluded in accordance with the ancient formularies of the Craft, the brethren adjourned to the Public Assembly Rooms, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. William Shepherdson, of the George Hotel, Hull. The chair was occupied by Bro. William Carr, who was supported by many past and provincial officers of rank.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE QUEEN, after remaining at Windsor during the whole of the season of Christmas, and for some time after, has now taken her departure for Osborne, where she arrived on Wednesday, having crossed over from Gosport in the Royal Yacht, Alberta. Before leaving the Castle, Her Majesty had been receiving a succession of visitors, the most conspicuous among whom were the Duke of Connaught, the Princess Mary, Duchess, and the Duke of Teck, and the Prince and Princess Christian. On Tuesday, the Princess Beatrice visited the Prince and Princess Christian, at Cumberland Lodge, and stayed to an entertainment given in honour of the Prince's birthday.

The Prince and Princess of Wales concluded their visit to the Duke of Manchester at Kimbolton on Monday, returning to Sandringham in the course of the afternoon. The Ball that was given the Thursday previous, in honour of the visit was of a private character, and was held in a tent erected in the quadrangle within the castle. The guests began to arrive about half-past nine, and about half-an-hour later the Royal party entered the tent, and dancing commenced to Coote and Tinney's Band, lasting till a late hour the next morning. On Wednesday the Prince left Sandringham for the purpose of spending a few days at Eastwell. The same evening the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh embarked from Malta on board Her Majesty's ship Helicon for the Piræus on a visit to the Coast of Greece. The Royal children remain at Malta during their absence.

At a critical moment the Turks, owing to the patriotism of the New Sultan, are enabled to make a most formidable addition to their fleet. A new ironclad, the Memdouhiyé, the ship in question, is close on 5350 tons burthen, and is protected by armour 12 inches in thickness. Its armament is placed in a centre battery, and will consist of twelve 18-ton guns. This formidable vessel, which has been built by the Thames Ship-Building Company, under the superintendence of British Admiralty officials, was recently tried over the Maplin Sands, with a view to testing the efficiency of the engines and the rate of speed that could be attained. The trial gave the greatest satisfaction, the average speed of six runs over the measured mile being somewhat over 13½ knots per hour. The Memdouhiyé will soon probably take her departure, in order to join the Turkish Black Sea Fleet, when, no doubt, should occasion arise, she will be able to give a very good account of herself.

On Friday evening Professor Tyndall gave a very interesting lecture at the Royal Institution, on "A Combat with an Infective Atmosphere." There was a very crowded audience, as is invariably the case when the Professor lectures. The lecturer explained the result of a very elaborate series of experiments, which tend to show that perfect preservation can be attained only by the exclusion of the air. It was also shown that the air of the laboratory had been contaminated by the samples of hay brought into it. It was in fact most clearly demonstrated that the infusions always produced organic life, and gave way to putrefaction whenever air was not totally excluded. Another interesting lecture was delivered the same evening, at the United Service Institution, by Lieut.-Colonel C. E. Howard Vincent, commanding the Central London Rifle Rangers, on the "Military Geography of European Turkey." The lecturer dealt statistically with the resources of Russia and Turkey as displayed at this moment, and while fully recognising the splendid valour of the Turkish soldier, dwelt at length on the utter want of preparation to resist an invasion in very heavy force. He also spoke of the great marching powers of the Russian, and his remarkable powers of endurance. A vote of thanks rewarded the lecturer for his interesting paper.

It seems that latterly a considerable quantity of wreckage has been washed ashore on the coast of Devon, giving rise to the belief that a more than usually serious disaster had befallen some ship during the late gales. At length it has been ascertained that an American vessel of 1,000 tons, named the George Green, foundered during one of the recent gales, and there is evidence to prove that some of the unfortunate crew, who mustered twenty-six, all told, attempted to save themselves, though unsuccessfully, for the boat in which the attempt was made has been found. The body of the captain's wife has been washed ashore at Kingston, and an inquest was held upon her. It is clear that a fine ship of large tonnage, and with a numerous crew, has perished wholly.

The papers of Wednesday contained accounts of no less than three mining disasters, each of which was attended with serious loss of life. In the first case, a fire broke out in the Stonehill Colliery, Farnworth, about four miles from Bolton, Lancashire. There were some three hundred men in the workings at the time the alarm was given, and a rush was at once made to the pit's mouth. But a detached party engaged beyond the place where the fire broke out were unable to make their escape, and it is understood that as many as twenty have perished. The second disaster occurred in a Lanarkshire colliery, the property of the Duke of Hamilton, and was caused by an influx of water into the works. This resulted in the death, by drowning, of four men. In the third case, a party of gentlemen had been visiting Harris's Collieries, in Glamorganshire, which are of great depth, and were being brought up again in buckets, when the winder of one of them failed to stop it in time, and it struck the beam at the top of the colliery with tremendous force. The occupants were a Mr. Briggs, a mining engineer, and Mr. G. Brogden, brother of Mr. Brogden, M.P. The former was crushed to death, and the latter so severely injured that no hope whatever is entertained of his recovery.

There have been latterly several meetings at which dis-

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tinguished public men have been expressing their views on the great political question of the day. At Frome, the passage through the town of Mr. Gladstone was made the occasion of presenting the right honourable gentleman with an address, and, in acknowledging this, he naturally took an opportunity of speaking of the conduct of the Government in dealing with the Eastern question. Then, at the Sheriffs' banquet, at York, Mr. Lowther, M.P., who is Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, was present as a guest, and he, of course, referred to the all-absorbing topic of the hour, and especially, of course, defended the conduct of the Government of which he is a subordinate member. But the greatest meeting of all was that held on Wednesday, in Hengler's Circus, Liverpool, where there was an immense gathering of the Liverpool Conservatives. The chair was occupied by Sir Thomas Edwards-Moss, President of the Liverpool Conservative Association, and there were present two Cabinet Ministers, Sir Stafford Northcote and Mr. Cross, and Viscount Sandon, President of Council for Education. Letters of apology for their inability to be present were read from the Earls of Beaconsfield and Derby, and Lord John Manners. Each of the ministers present defended the action of the Government, Sir Stafford Northcote dwelling at considerable length on their policy in the East, and their financial arrangements, while Mr. Cross and Lord Sandon directed their observations to matters more immediately connected with their respective offices. The three speakers were applauded to the echo, and, no doubt, the meeting will exercise a considerable influence over the public mind.

Already there are signs of the near approach of the parliamentary session. Circulars have been issued by the respective party leaders, in both cases inviting the members of their own way of thinking to be present on the first day of the Session—namely, the 8th prox.; and the Earl of Beaconsfield has issued cards of invitation to a distinguished circle of his supporters in the House of Lords, to meet him at a full dress parliamentary banquet on the evening of the 7th prox.: the banquet will be held in the great dining room of the Foreign Office.

We now turn our attention to foreign politics. Even before our remarks of last week had appeared, the news arrived that the Conference was at an end. The Turkish representatives refused to accept even the modified terms of the Great Powers. A Grand Council of the Empire had been held a short time previously, and a resolution rejecting the proposals of the six Great Powers had been passed unanimously, men of all creeds agreeing that such proposals were inconsistent with the dignity and independence of the Empire. The Grand Vizier had, in his opening speech, laid before the Council, calmly and dispassionately, the dangers of rejecting the proposals, but the Council would have nothing whatever to do with them. Hence, the more formal rejection at the Conference. When this happened, there was, of course, no longer any motive for the foreign Plenipotentaries remaining. The Conference, therefore, was dissolved, and its several members have since taken their departure, or are on the point of doing so. The ambassadors will follow, but the withdrawal of the latter, though it has its significance, must not be regarded as an act of hostility towards Turkey. The several Powers will still be represented by their respective *charges d'affaires*, and in some cases it is reported that new ambassadors will be appointed. Turkey will not recal her representatives at the different courts of Europe; so that, all things considered, the prospects that, after all, peace may be maintained are more hopeful than they have been for some time past. On the other hand, it is rumoured that Russia is continuing her military preparations, and endeavouring to renew the alliance of the three Emperors. Whether she will succeed or not in her purpose time alone will show; but the determination to keep her armies in readiness is not the most hopeful sign. It, of course, necessitates that Turkey should maintain herself in a state of armed expectation, and perhaps, after all, on the arrival of spring, we may wake up and find the whole of the east of Europe in a blaze. Let us hope, however, for the best, and that the efforts of England to have the peace kept will be successful. Indeed, if Turkey carries out her promised constitutional reforms, Russia will not have the shadow of an excuse for attacking her independence. The news from other parts of Europe, except so far as it shows that a sore feeling still exists between Germany and France, is of little or no interest. From the United States we hear that a bill has passed, or is on the point of passing Congress, having for object the counting of votes at the recent Presidential election, and so settling the knotty point whether Mr. Tilden, Democrat, or Mr. Hayes, Republican, is to be installed as President of the United States on the 4th March next. One other item of news is worth mentioning. An embassy from the Emperor of China to Queen Victoria has reached England.

We notice with regret that Sir H. Edwards, Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, in his address to the brethren recently assembled in Quarterly Communication at Leeds, commented adversely on the management of the Boys' School. He is reported to have said that it is to be regretted "the extravagant management, and the indifferent, educational results so forcibly pointed out by your Committee of Investigation a year ago, still continue, without any evidence of improvement in the future." We repeat, we deeply regret this statement has been made by one holding so responsible a position in Masonry as that of Provincial Grand Master of one of our largest and most influential provinces. All the circumstances of the management of this Institution have been subjected to a most rigid and impartial investigation. It has been shown that the Executive has done its duty ably and conscientiously. All things considered, the rate of expenditure is not high, while the educational results, so far as they have been tested, have been eminently satisfactory. It is quite legitimate for West Yorkshire brethren to hold the opinion that the funds of the Boys' School might have been more economically administered, and that the results of the educational system might have brought forth more and better fruit. But Committees, regularly and constitutionally appointed to investigate the different complaints, have reported that the different School Committees have done their duty ably and worthily. We ask, then, what good will come from keeping these differences open? Is it not reasonable to suppose that the School will go on prospering more and more with each successive year, if we all put our shoulders to the wheel at the same time, and work together harmoniously? Let our West Yorkshire brethren bear in mind the old saying, that "byegones should be byegones." Let them be content with having given rise to a keen criticism, which even the most powerful executive will never venture to set at defiance, and the School, there is no doubt, will prosper, as it deserves.

The Grand Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, last at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B. in the chair; Bros. Jas. Brett P.G.P. S.W., Case J.G.D. as J.W. There were thirty one cases, and grants were awarded to the amount of £628. Three cases were deferred, while one was dismissed. There were present Bros. Æ. McIntyre G.R., S. Rawson D.G.M. China, J. Smith P.G.P., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., S. Foxall A.G.P., H. Dicketts P.G.S., J. Hervey G.S., T. Cubitt P.G.P., W. Smith P.G.S., F. Binckes P.G.S., G. Allen, Heath, W. H. Myers, Atkins, H. Muggeridge, W. R. Marsh, Howe, Bergman, J. Denton, R. Secker, J. Dyte, Rev. T. Vaughan, H. Massey, T. Moring, Whitemarsh, T. Bull, W. Murlis, Poronal, W. Stephens, W. Mann, W. Marsh, H. Bartlett, &c.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, the 25th, at the Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Col. Peters in the chair. Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, Secretary, read the minutes of the former meeting of the Quarterly Court, the House Committee, and also the Audit Committee, which were confirmed. Several matters were discussed, and, after passing a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Col. Peters, for presiding, the meeting was adjourned. There were present—Bros. J. Rucker, T. W. White, A. H. Tattershall, H. Massey, Major E. Finney, H. Browse, H. A. Dubois, Griffiths Smith, H. W. Hemsworth, J. Boyd, W. Stephens, R. Morris, G. Kenning, C. Moutrie, F. Binckes, H. F. Peacock, H. Potter, E. C. Mather, Dr. Morris, S. Rosenthal, E. Faulkner, and H. M. Levy.

The Annual Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Australia was held at the Masonic Lodge Rooms, Eagle Chambers, Adelaide, on the 4th of October last. Bro. Arthur Hardy D.G.M., presided, and there was a numerous assemblage of District Grand Officers and others in attend-

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ance. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. The balance-sheet of the South Australian Masonic Benevolent Fund was then taken as read and adopted. This showed for the year ended the 22nd of September receipts amounting to £109, including a balance brought forward from the previous year of £83 16s 10d. The expenditure was trifling, the balance in savings' bank at the end of the year being £107 3s 5d. The Permanent Fund showed receipts, including balance brought forward £53 16s, and loan on mortgage £100, amounting to £158 18s. Disbursements *nil*. The Available Fund showed receipts, including balance of £30, to the extent of £50 12s; disbursements £2 7s 5d; balance £48 5s 5d. The D.G.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, after which the D.G.L was closed with the usual formalities. The next Quarterly Communication was announced for the 3rd instant.

A Ball will be given by the brethren of the newly-consecrated Earl of Carvarvon Lodge, No. 1642, on Friday, the 9th February, at Ladbrooke Hall, Notting-hill, under the presidency of Bro. W. J. Murlis W.M. and the following Stewards:—Bros. G. Penn S.W., S. H. Parkhouse J.W., W. Stephens P.M., W. Gordon P.M. and S.D., F. Clench J.D., E. M. Lander I.G., S. Smout D.C., S. Smout jun. W.S., J. Linscott, J. Swift, J. Bartle, W. T. Hook, J. Woodmason, G. N. Watts P.M., E. Frye, E. J. Cave, and Bro. Pushman, Honorary Secretary. The proceeds will be given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Gentlemen's tickets 10s; ladies' ditto 7s 6d; double tickets 16s. Bro. Linscott has kindly given the use of the capacious hall.

We learn from the *Keystone* that the annual Grand Communication of the Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania was held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on the 27th ult. After the various Reports of the Committees had been read, and the other business of the meeting transacted, the M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. George E. Wagner, delivered his valedictory address, in the course of which he congratulated those present on the progress of Capitular Masonry. He likewise referred in feeling terms to the death of three Past Grand High Priests, and also dwelt at some length on the work he had been able to accomplish, and especially to the fact of his having visited every Chapter in the jurisdiction. We feel sure the Companions he addressed must have heard with regret that their retiring Chief contemplated removing to Chicago at the beginning of this year. The following were then installed and proclaimed in their several offices, namely, Comps. Alfred R. Potter, M. E. Grand High Priest, William C. Hamilton, M. E. Grand King, Hibbert P. John, M. E. Grand Scribe, and John Thompson, M. E. Grand Secretary. Grand H. P. Potter then appointed his various officers for the year, as well as the different Committees on Work, Finance, Correspondence, &c., and the Deputy High Priests for the several districts into which the jurisdiction is divided.

From the same source we gather that the Masonic Temple, at Portland, Me., was seriously damaged by fire on the 23rd ult. This temple, we are told, contains one of the finest Masonic Libraries in the United States. We trust, however, that this has escaped. Regalia and furniture can be replaced, but not old and valuable archives.

We are indebted to the *Hebrew Leader* for the following statistics relating to the Supreme Council, A. and A. Rite, for the Northern jurisdiction of the United States. Maine has one Consistory, with 143 members, and two Lodges of Perfection, 205 members; Vermont, one Consistory, 49 members, three Lodges of Perfection, 157 members; Massachusetts, one Consistory, 863 members, and six Lodges of Perfection, 1,084 members; Rhode Island, two Consistories, 134 members, and two Lodges of Perfection, 143 members; Connecticut, two Consistories, 128 members, six Lodges of Perfection, 304 members; New York, seven Consistories, 1,098 members, and fifteen Lodges of Perfection, 1,481 members; New Jersey, one Consistory, 245 members, six Lodges of Perfection, 422 members; Pennsylvania, four Consistories, 596 members, and five Lodges of Perfection, 747 members; Michigan, one Consistory, 225 members, and one Lodge of Perfection, 312 members; Ohio, one Consistory, 515 members, three Lodges of Perfection, 610 members; Indiana, two Consistories, 270 members, two Lodges of Perfection, 381 members; Illinois, four Consistories, 658 members, four Lodges of Perfection, 707 members; and Wisconsin, one Consistory, 122 members, and two Lodges of Perfection, 136 members. Total, 29 Consistories, with 5,194 members; 59 Lodges of Perfection, with 6,895 members. The number of initiates during the year was 520, of whom 144 were initiated in Massachusetts and 129 in New York. Our contemporary expresses regret that, though the financial condition of this Supreme Council is on a permanent footing and its investments are secure, the expenditure for the past year was more than 2,500 dollars in excess of the receipts. Thirteen charters were revoked. The triennial election in August last, resulted in the re-election of most of the old officers, but the twelve standing Committees were remodelled, many of them being reduced in number in order to facilitate the dispatch of business.

The Festival of St. Andrew was celebrated by the members of the various Masonic Lodges in Bombay, under the Scotch Constitution, with the customary festivities. Grand Lodege, according to the *Masonic Record of Western India*, met before dinner, for the purpose of installing the Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and, also, in order to present appropriate testimonials to Bros. E. Freeborn, Honorary S.W., K. R. Kama, Honorary Deputy G.M., and H. G. Rowell, Grand Secretary, as some slight recognition of their services to Freemasonry. The presentation to Bro. Rowell consisted of a handsome Cutch-work claret cup and jug. At the dinner, about sixty guests, including some half-dozen English brethren, sat down. Bro. Morland, Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry in India, presided, and, on the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with great enthusiasm, the pious memory of St. Andrew being very humorously proposed by Bro. T. Ormiston, Grand Architect. The toast of the "Masonic Charities," in which the Grand Master referred to the efforts he had made, with a view to forming a Scottish Benevolent Society in connection with the Craft, followed. He expressed himself satisfied with the response, thus far, made to his appeal, and announced that the balance standing in the bank to the credit of Masonic Charity, was 2,754 rupees. At the close of the speech, the Widows' and Orphans' box was handed round, the collection realising somewhat over 329 rupees. During the intervals between the toasts, different brethren did their best to entertain the guests with songs, both humorous and sedate, and the proceedings closed with a hearty, if not very artistic rendering of *Auld Lang Syne*.

The *Voice of Masonry*, for December, records the death of Sir Knight William Leffingwell, born at Norwich, Connecticut, 4th January 1799. In 1839, he became a resident of Iowa, and was initiated into Freemasonry on the 11th September 1848. In January 1855, he became a Knight Templar. He had, in the course of his career, held many responsible posts in the different Masonic bodies to which he belonged. The esteem in which he was held may be judged from the fact that his funeral was conducted Masonically, Past Grand Commander T. S. Parvin, representing the Grand Commander, officiating in chief, supported by Sir Knight the Rev. A. C. Shlin, of Ottumwa, acting Grand Prelate, Sir Daniel B. Shelley, of Davenport, Grand Treasurer, and numerous other Knights from Davenport and surrounding towns. These attended with the Knights of the De Molay Commandery, under the escort of brethren of Iowa Lodge, No. 2, Hawk Eye Lodge, No. 30, and Wilton Lodge, No. 167. The *Voice* gives a full, and we should say, justly complimentary notice of the worthy deceased, pointing out how, in every position, both as a citizen and as a Mason, he had comported himself worthily. In the same periodical are given full particulars of the life of Bro. Samuel Lenox, who died at Trenton, N.J., on the 23rd October, full of years and honours. Bro. Lenox was born at Damhead, Co. Antrim, Ireland, in January 1784. In January 1805, he was initiated in Lodge No. 235, Coleraine, Co. Londonderry. The same year, and the beginning of the next, he joined other Masonic bodies, and, shortly afterwards, emigrated to the United States, taking with him his dimits from his Irish Loge, Chapter, and Encampment, and depositing them in Philadelphia. At

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the time of his death, he was a member of Trenton Lodge No. 5, Three Times Three Chapter, and Palestine Commandery. Bro. Lenox had been a Master Mason seventy, one years and seven months, and a Knight Templar only a month short of seventy-one years. The death is also recorded of Bro. Bierce, Past Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, at his residence, Akron, on the 11th November. Bro. Bierce had reached the ripe age of seventy-five.

According to the *Freemason's Repository* the number of Royal Arch Masons in New Jersey is 2718, divided among 35 subordinate Chapters. From the same magazine we learn that the expenditure for mileage and daily expenses of the members of the Grand Lodge of Illinois amounted for the year ended in October 1876 to 13,955.60 dollars. The Grand Master receives for his services and expenses the sum of 2,000 dollars, and the Grand Secretary 2,500 dollars, together with his expenses. The total number of Lodges in the jurisdiction is 664, and of these no less than 597 were represented at the last annual Communication in October. We are indebted to the same authority for the following facts relating to Freemasonry at Providence, R.I. There are five Craft Lodges, with an aggregate membership of 1220, What Cheer Lodge, with close on 500 members, heading the list as far as numbers are concerned. St. John's Lodge holds a charter given to it in 1757 by Bro. Jeremy Gridley, Prov. Grand Master of Massachusetts. Mount Vernon Lodge, likewise, dates it origin from the last century. Corinthian Lodge is barely nine years old yet, while Adelphi Lodge is just completing the first year of its existence. There is one Royal Arch Chapter, with nearly 800 members, and in Cryptic Masonry one Council, numbering some two hundred members. Of Masonic Orders of Knighthood, there are two Commanderies, of which St. John's was founded by Thomas Smith Webb, as far back as the year 1802, and claims to be the oldest Templar Body in the United States. It has a membership of close upon 400. Calvary Commandery was founded in 1860, and numbers some 200 Knights. The Ancient and Accepted is likewise well represented.

In Memoriam.

We have, this week, to announce the decease of Bro. Richard Graves, an old Past Master of Lodge 263. He was initiated in 1846, passed the chair in 1849, and continued a subscribing member until 1860, when he fell into business difficulties, which resulted in his election to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund three years ago. He was also a Mark Master, having entered the old Bon Accord Lodge in 1851. Both he and his wife (deceased some time before him) were Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and subscribers to the Institutions for Boys and Girls. The immediate cause of his death (supervening upon the advanced age of 75) was bronchitis. He was interred at Abney Park Cemetery, on the 24th inst.

MOTHER SHIPTON'S PROPHECY.

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Carriages without horses shall go,
And accidents fill the world with woe;
Around the world thoughts shall fly,
In the twinkling of an eye.
Water shall yet more wonders do;
Now strange, yet shall be true.
The world upside down shall be,
And gold be found at the root of a tree.
Through hills man shall ride,
And no horse or ass be at his side.
Under water men shall walk,
Shall ride, shall sleep, shall talk.
In the air men shall be seen,
In white, in black, in green.
Iron in the water shall float,
As easy as a wooden boat.
Gold shall be found, and shown
In land that is not now known.
Fire and water shall wonders do;
England shall at last admit a Jew.
The world to an end shall come,
In eighteen hundred and eighty-one.

MARK MASONRY, &c.

Cornubian Lodge, No. 87, Hayle.—The annual meeting of this Lodge took place in the Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 16th inst. The Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Eustace, assisted by his Officers, for the purpose of Installing Bro. Frank H. Pool, P.P.G.M.O., as Worshipful Master. A Board of Installed Masters was formed of the following distinguished brethren:—Frank Harvey P.P.S.G.W., N. J. West C.E. P.P.J.G.W., Dr. Mudge P.P.J.G.W., John Coombe P.P.G.M.O., G. H. Eustice C.E. P.P.G.S.B., James Pool P.P.G.J.O. The installation was perfectly performed by the retiring W.M., who was assisted by Bro. N. J. West. The newly invested W.M. appointed as his officers—G. H. Eustice I.P.M., H. J. Warren S.W., G. B. Pearce J.W., J. G. Osborn M.O., F. W. Pool S.O., J. J. Taylor J.O., J. P. Smith Secretary, Biggiestone Spray S.D., Thomas Mills J.D., E. Hodge Chaplain, J. Lovell Organist, George Stevens I.G., J. V. Bray Tyler. The W.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. A vote of sympathy was voted the Provincial Grand Master who, recently, whilst shooting, had met with a serious accident, which resulted in the loss of an eye. The following is the text of the resolution:—"We, brethren in Lodge assembled, beg to record our heartfelt regret at the unfortunate accident which has befallen our highly esteemed and respected brother, Sir Frederick M. Williams Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, and express our sympathy with him; and trust that, under the blessing of the Grand Overseer of the Universe, he may soon be restored to full measure of health and strength." The Secretary was requested to forward a copy to the Provincial Grand Master. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren repaired to a room in the Hall premises, where an excellent spread was provided by Bro. Smith. After the usual Loyal toasts, the health of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Frederick M. Williams, was proposed—and enthusiastically received. Bro. Lovell gave "The fine old English Gentleman." Bro. G. B. Pearce replied, and remarked how much the expression of sympathy from the brethren would be appreciated by the P.G. Master. The Deputy P.G. Master and the rest of the officers was responded to by Bros. West and Harvey. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro Eustice, in neat and eulogistic terms, and was heartily received by the brethren. In replying, the W.M. expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present. With the assistance of his officers, he hoped to see the Lodge carried on with improved success. Other toasts followed, and an agreeable evening was spent.

Kemeys Tynte Preceptory of Knights Templar.—This distinguished Preceptory held a regular meeting at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, on Friday, the 19th instant, V.E. Sir Knight Lieut.-Colonel Somerville Burney, Preceptor, in the chair; Sir Knights Colonel Randolph as Constable, J. Lewis Thomas F.R.G.S. as Marshal, Captain Portlock Dadson Treasurer, V.E. Sir Knight Major-General H. Clerk F.R.S.P.P.P. of Kent, V.E. Sir Knight Capt. N. G. Philips Prov. Prior of Suffolk and Cambridge, Sir Knights Rev. P. M. Holden, Capt. Compton, Capt. Leeson, Peter Laird, J. T. Gibson, Major Pearson R.A., and Capt. Morris being also present. Companions Sir Thomas Dyer, Bart. J.P., and Robert Fyers were installed Knights of the Order. Sir Knight S. Graham Bake, from the Loyal Brunswick Preceptory, was elected a joining member, and V.E. Sir Knight Hugh D. Sandeman, P. Prov. Prior of Bengal, an honorary member of the Preceptory. A donation of £10 was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of the V.E. Preceptor Colonel Somerville Burney. The Sir Knight and Chevalier Habicht F.R.G.S., &c., of the Bard of Avon Preceptory, attended as a visitor.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The weekly meeting took place on Tuesday last, at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill. Comps. J. Constable Z., C. Nash H., J. Wyer J., G. Leemann S.E., E. H. Finney S.N., J. Dennis P.S.; Comps. S. P. Chatterson, H. McPherson, F. A. White, G. Watsatt, S. Moore, E. B. Grabham, G. J. Row, Barfield, Thos. Masa, John Phythian, R. Z. Bloomfield, Lemaitre, W. W. Morgan, &c. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Chatterson candidate. Comps. S. P. Chatterson 79, J. Dennis 907, F. A. White 907, and S. Moore 907, were elected members.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

RESULT OF BRO. CURTEIS' DRAWING.

No. of Ticket.	Purchaser's Name and Address.
7097	T. Bowden, Trafford House, Elm Grove Road, Cotham, Bristol.
23532	Henry Buckley, Hollinwood, near Manchester.
6327	T. Hutton, Paget Terrace, Woolwich, S.E.
7329	Captain Watson, 4th R.L.M., Bowdon, Cheshire.
12021	J. Secra, Kingsbridge, Canterbury.
10081	Thomas Walton, Lorne Terrace, Stockton-on-Tees.
20926	Joseph J. Parker, Caledonia Road, near Batley.
8404	Henry M. Harvey, Hesworthy, Launceston.
15206	Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 50, Hinckley.
10526	J. G. Billingham, Saffron Walden.
19365	J. Brooks, Albert Street, Rugby.
17925	Charles Bunting, Uttoxeter.
10379	Richmond Layzell, Brightlingsea, Essex.
3563	— Curry, 21 Great Sutton Street, London, E.C.,—£3 only.
2614	Thomas Lamb, Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey.

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SCOTCH MEETINGS.

Resuscitation of Robert Burns's Mother Lodge, St. David's, Tarbolton, No. 133.—This Lodge, which has been dormant for thirty-two years, was re-opened, by order of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, on Monday, 15th January, by Bro. B. Wylie P.P.G.M. of Ayrshire, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire, in due Masonic form. An attempt was made some years since to effect this object, but as it was also wished to remove the Lodge to the adjacent town of Manchline, it fell through. The erection of a statue to the memory of Burns in Glasgow, which is to be unveiled on the 25th instant, again directed the attention of the petitioners to the disgrace that attached to the fact of their allowing this Lodge to be struck off the Roll, and accordingly efforts were renewed to regain the charter which had for some years been in possession of the G.L. in Edinburgh, and this time, through the G.M., Sir M. R. S. Stewart, himself taking an interest in it, the object was happily effected. Leaving Glasgow by an early train, we arrived at Manchline by midday. The brethren had kindly provided carriages to take the visitors to the scene of operation; but, in company with Bro. Tweed, the antiquarian publisher, we preferred, instead of waiting for that conveyance, to walk the five miles, and traverse some of the scenes immortalised by the poems of the bard. Thus we saw the houses in which he courted both his wife and his "Highland Mary." Took a seat in the public house where he composed and sang his "Jolly Beggars." Saw "Lucy's Thorn," "Ayr Waters," Willie's Mill and the Muckle Stane, where death met Dr. Hornbook. Passed the Castle of Montgomery, and the stream that ne'er runs, as well as the farm of Mossgiel, where he spent what was doubtless the happiest part of his life. Imagined that we saw the field in which grew "The wee modest crimson-tipped flower," and the other in which he ploughed up the *Mouse*. Here, too, he composed "The Cotter's Saturday Night." By the side of this stream he wrote "Man was made to mourn," and by that he took his last farewell of his Highland Mary; on the hill side that strain that still throbs Scottish hearts in all quarters of the globe, viz., "Scots wha hae." From here, too, we can see "Ballochmyle," unfortunately this time without the "bonnie lass," for our "Nannie's awa." But we must hasten into the village, where mine host of the Black Bull receives us kindly, and while we are refreshing the inner man sends for Bro. Jas. McCosh, the Master of the St. James Lodge, No. 135, who manifested at once the true Masonic spirit, and offered to take us to the Lodge room, and show the highly-prized relicts of Burns in their possession. By this time the rain had set in in earnest, but that does not damp the warmth of his kindness nor our enthusiasm, so out we sally to the end of the village, calling on Bro. Barclay, the S.W., on our way; for here they keep up the good old custom of three locks to the chest, and the keys in the hands of three different brethren. Arrived at the Crown, we are first shown, and of course sit down in the seat, an old high chair, immortalised by the poet in his "Farewell to the Brethren of St. James," Tarbolton, which says, "Here thou I oft presided o'er the Sons of Light." The jewel of the Master, which he wore, is next put upon on our breasts, then the old minute book is placed in our hands, with his name on the roll of members, as well as that of his Brother Gilbert. John Rankine, whom he calls "Rough, ready-witted Rankine," also those of the Minister, and the Schoolmaster, Wm. Wilson, whom he designated as Dr. Hornbook. R. Morrison, at whose house he wrote the "Haggis," also that of his great opponent, James Humphrey, on whom he composed that stinging satire, "Epitaph on a Noisy Polemic." There were two Lodges in Tarbolton,—St. David's, his mother, under the G.L. of Scotland, and St. James, holding under the then independent Grand Lodge Mother Kilwinning. The poet appears to have early joined the St. James Lodge, as an affiliated member, and as the Master, Colonel Montgomery, a member of the Eglington family, does not appear to have been often present, the minutes for some years are signed by Burns as Deputy Master; but, even as the great Shakspeare was not always particular in the autography of his name, so here we find it at first signed Robt. Burness, then Barnes, and then Robt. Burns. They have also an interesting letter, all on Lodge business, dated Edinburgh, 23rd August 1787, which concludes thus:—

> Within your dear mansion may wrong and contention,
> Or withering envy ne'er enter;
> May secrecy round be the mystical bound,
> And brotherly love be the centre.

The outside is subscribed to the officers and members of St. James Lodge, Tarbolton, care of Jas. Mason, Innkeeper. Just opposite is the old parish church, where, on the lady's bonnet, he saw the creeping thing which caused him to write:—"Oh whad some power the giftie gie us to see ourselves as ithers see us." But we must quit these memorials of the olden time, and hasten back to take part in the ceremony of the day. At half-past 4 Bro. R. Wylie opened the Provincial Lodge, with Bros. Halket and Carruthers as P.G.D.M. and S.M., Bros. F. A. Fergerson and J. Tweed of Glasgow P.S.W. and P.J.W., Bros. Whinston and Gibson S.W. and J.W. of Mother Kilwinning, Bro. McKay, Kilmarnock, in the absence of the Rev. J. Inglis, acting as Chaplain, Bro. Pollock R.M. of London, Newmilnes acting S.W. of the Lodge, and Bro. Park R.W.M., St. Paul Irving No. 82 as J.W. There were also present the Masters and Wardens of Lodges 124 Kilwinning, Ayr, 135 St. James, Tarbolton, 138 Operative, Ayr, 157 St. John Beith, 126 St. Andrew's, 109 St. Marnock, Kilmarnock, 149 St. Andrew Irvine, 179 St. Mungo, Manchline, 165 Royal Arch, Ayr, 204 St. Paul, Ayr, 549 St. Matthew, Dreghorn. The acting P.G.M. said he regretted the absence of Col. Muir, of Caldwell, their P.G.M., who was on the Continent, he had also received letters of apology from W. O. Partrick and W. Partrick, the Deputy and Substitute G.M., and also from Bro. Montgomerie, their Proxy Master. He then read the authority from the G.M. of Scotland for the re-opening of the Lodge, and proceeded to instal the officers, namely:—Major James Wallace Dunlop Adair R.W.M., Dr. M. Faulds D.M., John Faulds P.M. 179 S.M., W. Rennie T., James Muir P.M. of 135 S.W., J. Gibson J.W., Dr. Muir, two Deacons, two Stewards, and McCowan Tyler. At the request of the acting P.G.M., Bro. G. W. Wheeler 73 opened a board of installed Masters, and duly placed Bro. Major Adair in the chair of King Solomon, at the same time conferring that degree on three other P.M.'s who had not previously received it, viz., Bros. James Muir P.M. 135, Dr. Faulds 179, and J. Harvey R.W.M. 179, Manchline. The Board having been closed, the assembled brethren saluted Bro. Adair in the three degrees. The newly-installed Master thanked the P.G. officers and Installing Master for their valuable services, and proposed them all as honorary members of St. David's 133, which was carried by acclamation. He also thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him by putting him in the chair, which he believed he owed to his family connection with Burns, his grandmother being half-sister of Gavin Hamilton Burns, first patron, and his wife being a grand-daughter of the same gentleman. The acting P.M.G. acknowledged the compliment paid to him and the brethren who had accompanied him; they would long look back with pride to that day at the part they had taken in the ceremony, the only drawback to which had been the limited accommodation of the Hall. The Kilwinning brethren remained to dine with the officers of St. James 133, but as the accommodation was so limited the Glasgow and Manchline brethren accompanied the officers of the re-opened Lodge in carriages to Manchline, where they dined together in the Lodge room of St. Mungo 179, at the London Hotel, where a most excellent *menu* was spread, that would not have disgraced any of our large city hotel keepers' establishments. Major Adair R.W.M. 133, St. David's, presided, and Bro. J. Harvey R.W.M. 179, St. Mungo, efficiently filled the Croupier's Chair. The toasts of the Queen and the Craft; the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family; the Three Grand Lodges; were given from the chair, in a manner that showed the new Master was at home in presiding over a Masonic gathering. Bro. Gibson proposed the Army, Navy and Reserved Forces, and called upon the gallant chairman to respond. Major Adair, in brief, but pithy sentences, said, that notwithstanding the croakings of would-be prophets, he knew from actual observation that the Army and Navy would well maintain their old prestige, while it would be unfortunate for any invaders should they attempt to try the metal of the Volunteers. Bro. Muir P.M. 135 gave The Immortal Memory of Burns, in a truly eloquent speech, which we are sorry space forbids us to insert. The chairman then gave the Visiting Brethren. Bro. Wheeler responded, regretting that time prevented the others from replying, as the last train was leaving. The toast list was not completed, when we had to leave. We should mention that Bro. Alexander S.D., by his voice, and at the piano, contributed to the evening's enjoyment, and Bro. Cowin also sang, in good style, "Burns's Farewell to Tarbolton Lodge."

Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow.—The annual meeting for nomination of the Election Officers was held on the 11th of January, at St. Mark's Hall, Bro. John Baird P.G. S.M. in the chair. He said he was glad to report that Colonel W. M. Nelson P.G.M. was nearly recovered, and he hoped he would be able to be at their installation meeting. In the meantime, he had sent a commission to Bro. W. H. Bickerton as P.G.S., and it was for them now to elect the subordinate officers. Bro. James Gilles was then re-elected Treasurer, and the following is the list of the officers chosen by the Lodge:—John Morgan I.P.M. 219 S.D., John Miller P.M. 87 J.D., J. Ritchie 3 bis Architect, J. Jack R.W.M. 120 Jeweller, A. Bain P.M. 103 B.B., J. Halkett P.M. 102 D. of M., R. Robb 102 P. of S., J. Balfour D.M. 332 D. of C., D. Reid R.W.M. 465 S.B., Rev. Dr. Penny Assistant Chaplain, G. Sinclair P.M. 27 Treasurer of Benevolent Fund, J. Booth R.W.M. 87 I.G., J. B. Hardie 102 O.G. The P.G.L. was then closed in due form.

St. John's 3 bis.—Bro. W. Kyle jun. R.W.M., D. M. Nelson I.P.M., Fletcher, W. Bell, D. Han D.M., P. Brownlie S.W., Jas. Kyle J.W., J. Ferguson Treasurer, Wm. Cochrane Secretary. The late Treasurer presented his report, which showed a balance of about £138 in favour of the Lodge. The new Master then gave the E.A. degree in an able manner to Mr. Alex. Stevenson. This being the first meeting in the new year, the Lodge went to refreshment for a couple of hours.

Thistle and Rose, No. 73.—Held its regular meeting on the 16th of January, Bro. J. Kinnaird R.W.M. in the chair, supported by G. Macdonald I.P.M., G. W. Wheeler acting S.W., W. T. Kay J.W., G. MacDonald jun. S.D., J. Smith Chaplain. Arrangements were made for holding the 121st anniversary festival next month.

Union Lodge, No. 332.—Held its regular meeting on Monday, the 15th inst., at 213 Buchanan-street. Bro. D. McKirdy R.W.M. in the chair, J. Balfour D.M. and a full complement of officers. Visitors—Bros. Jas. Findley R.W.M. 333, M. Stark R.W.M. 419. The Master read a letter he had received from Bro. Allman, from Virginia City, Noveda, enclosing a cheque for £5 as a contribution to the funds of his mother Lodge. The Master said that was the third time Bro. Allman had sent a similar amount, showing that he, at any rate, does not forget his mother Lodge, although in a foreign clime. The auditors account was read, showing that the Lodge is in a highly prosperous state. The R.W.M. then, in his usual style, initiated two gentlemen, Messrs. J. Ross and J. D. Thompson.

CHINESE CARVING.—For Sale, an elaborately carved set of Ivory Chessmen, The Kings stand 8½ inches high, the other pieces in proportion. Knights and Pawns on horseback, all mounted on stands, with concentric balls. Can be seen, and full particulars obtained, on application to W. W. MORGAN, 67 Barbican.—*Advt.*

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Hemming Lodge, 1512, Hampton.—A full muster of the brethren of this Lodge met on Thursday evening, the 18th inst., under the presidency of the Worshipful Master (Bro. John Hurst), at the Red Lion Hotel. It is seldom there is any absentee among the officers, and on this occasion we were glad to notice they were all in their places. So long as the Master of a Lodge is personally supported by those to whom he naturally looks for assistance in the efficient discharge of Masonic obligations, so surely do we perceive that unanimous desire to promote the good of the science, to enhance the success of the Lodge and the comfort of its individual members. We have, therefore, the pleasure of congratulating Bro. Hurst upon the support he receives from those on whom he has bestowed a collar, and not less upon that he derives from the attendance of the lay brethren. The Lodge having been opened to the second degree, the ceremony of passing was performed, Bros. W. A. Messenger and J. Schmitz being the candidates. The question of establishing a Lodge of Instruction was discussed, but at present nothing definite is settled. Such, or some similar scheme, however, would, if brought into practical shape, prove of infinite advantage, as the officers would thus become better acquainted with each other's working, and certain slight differences in minor details which at present exist, from the mere fact of the brethren obtaining their Masonic knowledge in various quarters, would be toned down, and result in more uniform work. The other business being disposed of, the Lodge was closed down and refreshment served, under the direction of Bro. Murphy. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. W. Hammond P.P.G.D. responded for the P.G. Officers; Bro. Hopwood, the I.P.M., for the Past Masters; the Worshipful Master, on his own behalf, assured the brethren of his high appreciation of the position they had exalted him to. Bro. John Hammond and Bro. Hill, for the Officers, and Bro. Ockenden for the Charities. The latter has been appointed Steward for the Girls' School Festival, and in acknowledging the vote of Ten Guineas from the Lodge Funds, appealed for supplementary contributions from the various brethren. He reminded them that, though the 'grand total of nearly £40,000 had been subscribed last year to the three metropolitan Charities, the fraternity was augmenting daily in numbers, and with this increase there was a corresponding demand on the claims of the Charities; more than 160 girls were fed, clothed and cared for at Clapham, there was a long list of candidates waiting admission, and he trusted that their response to his appeal would result in a sum worthy of the Hemming Lodge, and creditable to the province of Middlesex.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The first banquet in connection with this young, though remarkably prosperous Lodge, was held on Thursday, at the Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York, when the landlord (Bro. H. Churchill) placed upon the table a most excellent dinner, served in good style. This banquet was specially held in honour of the Masters and Wardens of the Humber, Minerva, and Kingston Lodges (Hull), who had recommended the petition of the promoters of the Eboracum Lodge last year. At six o'clock, the chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. Thomas Cooper P.M., who was supported by the Right W. Dep. Prov. G. Master for N. and E. Yorkshire (Bro. J. P. Bell P.S.G.D. England), Bros. Ansell P.M. Humber Lodge, P. H. Rowland P.M., G. Balmford P.M. Treasurer of the Lodge, and other brethren. The vice-chair was occupied by Bro. T. B. Whytehead S.W., and the following officers were also present:—Bros. J. S. Cumberland J.W., J. Kay Secretary, M. Cooper J.D., G. Simpson D.C., C. G. Padel Organist, I. G. Seller I.G., and Bro. P. Pearson Tyler; whilst amongst the members of the Lodge and visitors present we noticed Bros. Toozes and Kidd (Humber Lodge, Hull), Bros. Alderman Perry, J. F. Stephenson, J. Morgan, J. Mason, T. Smith, M. Millington, I. F. Taylor, Irving, A. I. B. Turner, T. D. Smith, J. Ward Prov. G. Pursuivant, J. Blenkin, W. H. Bland, &c. Letters had been received from the R.W. Prov. G. Master the Earl of Zetland, the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett S. Prov. G.W., M. C. Peck Prov. G. Secretary, W. Hunt P.M. Kingston Lodge, Hull, G. Wilkinson W.M. Minerva Lodge, Hull, the Rev. W. Valentine, and many other prominent Masons, expressing regret at their inability to be present. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts (as well as that of the Prov. Grand Master the Earl of Zetland) had been given from the chair, and duly honoured, the W.M. gave "The W. Bro. J. P. Bell Esq. M.D. J.P., P.S.G.D. England, Dep. Prov. G.M. of N. and E. Yorkshire, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge." In the course of his remarks, he spoke of the sense of gratification felt by the Lodge at numbering on their list of members the names of the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. G. Master, and the Prov. Grand Secretary, and they regarded the presence of the Dep. Prov. G. Master on that evening as an honour as well as a pleasure. In replying, the Dep. Prov. G. Master said that, from what he had heard and seen, not only that evening, but during the interval between the consecration of the Lodge, last August, and the present time, he was more than ever convinced that the establishment of the Eboracum Lodge was a wise step, and one that would tend, and had already tended to the good of Masonry in that ancient city—which was regarded as the cradle of Masonry in England. He had every confidence that those who were entrusted with the welfare of the Eboracum Lodge would carry out their responsibilities with the zeal and discretion that they had hitherto exhibited, and would merit all the praise that could be bestowed on them. The Dep. Prov. G. Master then gave some excellent advice to the young members present, as to the objects of Masonry, and the manner in which they should prosecute its study, and concluded by proposing (in complimentary terms) the health of the W.M. The reception accorded to this and the previous toasts was most enthusiastic, as was also that of "The Visiting Brethren," proposed by the S.W., who referred to the special objects of the dinner, and the pleasure it afforded the brethren to see amongst them some of those who stretched out to them a helping hand in the hour of their necessity. Bro. P. H. Rowland P.M. proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," and the S.W., in replying, said that only one of the officers was absent, the S.D., who was prevented from attending by illness. They had every confidence in their W. Master, in themselves, and in the future of their Lodge. Bro. Ansell P.M., in replying to the toast of the Visitors, said it needed no prophet to foresee for the Eboracum Lodge, as it was conducted at present, a splendid future, and it gave the Hull brethren much pleasure to think they had been at all instrumental in forwarding the formation of such a Lodge. The evening war spent in a most agreeable manner, the proceedings being enlivened by songs, &c., contributed by the Senior and Junior Wardens, the Organist, the Treasurer, and Bros. T. D. Smith, J. Shillets, and A. T. B. Turner.

West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 18th instant, at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield. Present—Bros. J. Smith P.G.P. W.M., T. W. Adams S.W., G. S. Elliott J.W., F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex Secretary, J. Howes P.M. S.D., J. Johnson J.D., G. S. Wintle P.M. I.G., A. Black D.C., W. Pennefather P.M. W.S. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. W. Smyth, C. Davis, and W. C. Watts, who were duly initiated into the Order. Bros. Leggett, F. W. Evans 1423, and A. Macfarlane 1423, were passed to the second degree. The two latter brethren by the courtesy of the W.M.; Bros. T. McCluer, Butt, W. B. Delafosa, and W. Snow were raised to the third degree. Bro. W. Sugg P.M. 452 and 35 was elected a joining member. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet, provided by Bro. Butt. The usual Loyal, Masonic and complimentary toasts were honoured. The Visitors were Bros. J. Baldwin P.G.A.P. Middlesex P.M. 1423, R. P. Hooton P.M. 765, F. W. Evans 1423, and A. MacFarlane 1423. The testimonial to Bro. F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex, which has been liberally subscribed to by the brethren, will be presented on the 27th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—The first meeting of this new Lodge was held on Monday, 23rd inst., at the Royal, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, E. Bro. E. Gotthei occupied th chair. There were also present Bros. Huggett S.W., Hogard J.W., T. J. Barnes P.M. Treasurer, Geo. Hollington Secretary, Rawley jun. I.G., and a number of ordinary members. It was intended that this meeting should be of a preliminary character, for the purpose of confirming the minutes relating to the proceedings of the committee which had met on the Monday previous. The Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes were unanimously confirmed. Bro. Barnes then read the minutes referring to the resolution of the members of the Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 93, to merge its interests with that of the Tredegar Lodge, and these were also adopted. Several important points were suggested, by different members, having for their object to promote the well-being of the Lodge, all of which are intended to be embodied in the bye-laws. Bro. Huggett was elected to preside at the next meeting, and on that occasion, after a ceremony has been worked, propositions will be received relative to arrangements to be made for the inauguration of the new Lodge, part of which will probably consist in the working of the ceremonies of consecration and installation, a brother of eminence to be invited to perform the important duty. Six brethren were enrolled as members, after which the Lodge was closed, and the brethren separated.

THE DRAMA.

Pygmalion and Galatea at the Haymarket.

THE announcement of the intended revival of Mr. Gilbert's mythological comedy, *Pygmalion and Galatea*, attracted a large and enthusiastic audience to the HAYMARKET on Saturday last. Idyllic grace and racy humour are here combined with a pathetic and dramatic story; and the result is a comedy which is eminently calculated both to amuse the fancy and to touch the heart. Many playgoers will remember the brilliant success achieved by Mrs. Kendal in the part of Galatea on the first production of the play. Mr. Gilbert has himself admitted that it rests very much with the two principal ladies of the piece to make or mar its success. And certainly there can be no doubt that Mrs. Kendal did a great deal to secure for the comedy the general favour then bestowed upon it. The revival, however, is less fortunate in its representative of the principal character. Miss Marion Terry, who now appears as Galatea, is manifestly inadequate to the requirements of so important a part. Galatea is no *ingénue*, no mere blushing school girl, or Dorothy Druce, but a perfect type of womanhood, with a woman's love, a woman's pity, a woman's capacity of grief, and only the inexperience of a child. When Galatea is uttering her *naïf* speeches, Miss Terry is not ineffective, but in the scenes where love, distraction, grief, or despair have to be portrayed, her deficiencies are painfully apparent. The part of Cynisca is more happily interpreted. Miss Hodson is an actress with a natural power of pathetic expression, and she is besides a more experienced artiste. Her acting throughout is excellent. Mr. Harcourt gives a less finished interpretation of the character of Pygmalion than his predecessor, Mr. Kendal; but it is not wanting in a certain dignity and power. Mr. Buckstone is, of course, in his element in a part like Chryses, and the humour of the part could not be better rendered. Mrs. Chippendale is also most effective in the character of Daphne, and Mr. Howe presents a manly and soldier-like portrait of the martial Leucippe. Miss Harris, as Myrene, is hardly suited to her character. The play is well mounted, and has been enthusiastically received during the entire week. The comedy is preceded by a pleasant one-act comedy, entitled *Follow the Leader*, which is cleverly acted by Miss Kathleen Irwin and Mr. Herbert, and followed by the fanciful conceit, *Birds in their Little Nests Agree*.

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"TWENTY MINUTES IN CONDUIT STREET. —Time is precious just now, no doubt, to those who are left in town, and are making preparations for their exodus to the moors; but those who are going northwards for a campaign against the grouse might well spare at least twenty minutes for a visit to Conduit-street, where Ulster House, as usual, offers seasonable attractions. Among these, we would particularly call attention to Mr. Benjamin's new 'Shooting Smock,' an ingeniously-constructed garment, which ought to be exceedingly popular among sportsmen, both on the moors and in covert-shooting. We cannot pretend to describe it accurately—indeed, it must be seen to be understood and appreciated. But one of the chief and most novel features is the arrangement by which the pockets, when filled, project from the wearer's person, so as not in any way to impede his movements when walking. How great an advantage this is no one who has tramped on a hot August day over the moors needs to be told. But we have not yet exhausted the merits of Mr. Benjamin's new 'Shooting Smock.' In addition to the pockets, there is a capital plan for carrying the cartridge-belt, which distributes the weight evenly over the loins, and is a great improvement upon anything of the kind we have yet seen. The 'Team-driving Coat' is another autumn novelty. In planning this garment, Mr. Benjamin has principally had in view the inconvenience which the driver suffers from rain pelting against his coat in front and finding its way through the interstices between each button. Mr. Benjamin obviates this discomfort by making his driving-coat to button behind. It is easily slipped on, and when the cape attached to it is thrown round his shoulders the driver may defy the elements at their worst. He is as impervious to wet as if he were arrayed in a Boyton suit. Moreover, this 'Team-driving Coat,' like Goldsmith's chest of drawers in the 'Deserted Village,' 'contrives a double debt to pay,' for when the rain has ceased, the wearer can, by loosening the belt, slip it down over his knees and use it as a travelling-rug. Nor are the comforts of this new article of attire confined to the sterner sex. Mr. Benjamin, as usual, with the gallantry which has always characterised him, is resolved that the gentlemen shall have no monopoly of his skill and ingenuity, but that the ladies shall also enjoy all the conveniences of the 'Team-driving Coat;' and accordingly, he makes these coats so as to suit the requirements of fair teamstresses. Those who will wisely follow our advice and spare just twenty minutes for a visit to Ulster House, will, we are sure, have constant reason during the autumn holidays to congratulate themselves on having done so."—*Sporting Gazette*, August 5, 1876.

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LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

NOVELTIES IN DRESS.

"The time is now rapidly arriving when the demand for ladies' cloth articles of clothing will be great; and Mr. Benjamin, with his usual forethought, has been busy preparing some suitable novelties—among them a Driving Cloak, which has many merits which will commend it worthily to the notice of the fair sex. Norfolk Jackets will still be worn, and there is an improvement in the cut which makes them more becoming, being gathered closer into the band. The 'Smock,' which we have already introduced to our readers, is now made long enough to wear over a cloth petticoat, or a cloth petticoat bordered with leather, without the skirt of the dress if found more convenient; and the capes now made to the so-called frock-coats for ladies have a recent improvement (which has found so much favour with gentlemen), viz., an additional spring over the shoulder, protecting it better in case of rain, and giving more breadth to the figure. The Stone Heather Mixture is a favourite shade for tweed dresses this season."—*The Queen*, August 5, 1876.

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THE 'TEAM,' a new driving Coat for Ladies.

THE IMPROVED R.R. RIDING HABIT, 4 to 7 guineas.

ULSTER RIDING AND HUNTING HABITS, 70s to 120s.

THE ULSTER TRAVELLING ROBE, 4 to 6 guineas.

THE WATERPROOF SPENCER, 40s to 60s.

THE PRINCE'S RINK COSTUME.

"Mr. Benjamin, of Ulster House, Conduit-street, has introduced a new rinking costume, and named it after the London rink that takes the lead. It combines many qualities certain to render it a notable success. The material is soft tweed—West of England tweed; it is devoid of ornament—and yet it is not plain; for by an ingenious method of shrinking the cloth, and then tucking it, the jacket and lower part of the skirt are covered with tiny tucks run in the cloth, and following the curves and lines of the figure. These tucks have a ridge-like effect, as though braid were standing in upright lines on the cloth; but, to achieve this, many experiments and many failures have been made before this remarkable success resulted. The suit consists of a narrow skirt with longitudinal tucks from the knees downwards, a square tunic (to be worn when not rinking), a close-fitting jacket or basque boddice tucked all over; a pair of gaiters to the knee; and a cap; all of the same tweed as the costume. From the difficulty of tucking the cloth so that the lines accord with the figure, this novelty will not become common, for the good reason that only first-rate material and highly-skilled workmanship can produce it."—*The Queen*, February 26, 1876.

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APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

ABOUT the beginning of the new year it becomes our duty to bring under the notice of our readers the strong claims to their support of one of our three Masonic Charities, to wit, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Masons. Ordinarily, perhaps, there is little to be said in its behalf that is new. Every Craftsman knows full well the nature and extent of the benefits it is intended to confer, and who and what manner of persons they are who are entitled to become the recipients of those benefits. As a rule, therefore, a short yet earnest reminder that the Annual Festival is close at hand is sufficient. This year, however, there are several reasons why we should exceed the limits of an ordinary notice. In the first place, the chair will be taken by the new Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, His Royal Highness Prince Leopold. It will, indeed, be his first public appearance in London since his appointment to that office. It may reasonably be expected, therefore, that the Craft generally will exhibit their sense of the Prince's kindness by freely and enthusiastically supporting him. It is not the easiest task in the world to preside on such an occasion. Many an older and more experienced man has before now excused himself from undertaking so serious a responsibility. Our brethren, therefore, must make this particular Festival a more than usually memorable one in the annals of Masonic Charity. But this is only one out of several reasons. We have been congratulating ourselves for some time on the successes which have attended the Festivals of our different Charities. We have noted with a great deal of pleasure the large increase that has appeared annually in the total amount subscribed. Last year, indeed, was the most successful of all, and an aggregate sum but very little short of £40,000 was passed into the coffers of our three Charities. We have every reason to be satisfied with so laudable an evidence of the zeal and assiduity of the officials of the different Institutions, and the Stewards who assisted them to such purpose. It is also a satisfaction to know that the Craft is so enthusiastic in its devotion to that Charity, which holds so conspicuous a place among the fundamental principles of our Society. But the satisfaction we have just recorded is far from being as complete as we should like it to be. Our Institutions are very far from being able to meet the great and increasing demands upon their resources, and the support that is accorded to them is far from being as general as it should be throughout the Craft. Those who have taken the trouble to ponder over the analyses we have made from time to time of the different subscription lists, must have noticed with some degree of surprise, perhaps, how often certain of our Lodges—how seldom others—figure in them. We are sensible that this is far from being a perfectly satisfactory test of the value that is generally attached to the claims of Charity. Many lodges, as well as many members, do all their good as secretly as possible. Still we are all so proud of the institutions which are indebted for their existence and support to the Fraternity of Masons, that it seems more than passing strange the support they meet with should not be universal throughout the Order. As years go on we shall doubtless find that all who are Masons in more than name contribute directly to the funds of our Boys' or Girls' School or to the Benevolent. Meanwhile, it is well that our readers should not labour under the impression that these Charities are as well furnished with means of support as they should be. We have it, on almost the highest possible authority in our Craft, that no one of our Charities will ever appeal in vain for the needful funds in order to enable it to fulfil the purpose for which it was founded. We are inclined to regard this utterance as evidence of a wise prescience in the eminent brother who made it. No one knows better than he how necessary it is that even greater sums should be raised annually, so that our Charities may keep pace with the demands that are made upon them. Therefore his perfectly justifiable trust in the readiness of the Craft to be at all times up and doing its devoirs manfully must be taken as ominous of good in the year we have just entered upon. Let us return, however, to the strong record of facts and figures, and learn in the case of the Benevolent Institution the very important lesson they teach.

As our readers are aware the number of male annuitants who enjoy the benefits of this Charity is one hundred and thirty. There are one hundred and thirteen widows, three of whom were taken on last summer in accordance with a law of the Institution, which provides that octogenarians who have failed twice at the ballot shall be taken on without further trial. Therefore, leaving these out of the reckoning, as being only a chance addition to the strength of the establishment, we find there are just two hundred and forty annuitants, male and female together, while there are, besides, twelve widows, each of whom receives the half of her late husband's annuity. Last year, again, the annuities payable to these worthy brethren and widows of brethren were increased in amount by £4, and thus by a stroke of the pen an addition was made to the normal expenditure of the Institution of £970. Thus the total amount which must be provided annually, merely in order to keep faith with the public, is a little over £8,700. If to these be added the pensions of the three chance annuitants (octogenarians), and the twelve widows who receive the moieties of their late husbands' respective benefices, we find the whole sum payable in annuities is slightly in excess of £9,000, all which must be provided annually by the Craft, even though the benefits of the Institution should never be extended beyond their present limits. Thus far, we have a picture of what is being done by this Charity, or to state it more specifically, of what, with the largest amount of contributions that has ever been reached, it is capable of doing. If we now turn to consider the number of vacancies to be filled next May, and the number of approved candidates already on the lists, we find that as regards the male establishment, eight vacancies have been announced, while the number of candidates is thirty-six. On the female establishment there are three of the former, and thirty-five of the latter. Thus, at the next election in May, there will, taking the two funds together, be, so far as we know at present, just seventy-one candidates for eleven vacancies, that is, a ratio of six and a half of the one to one of the other. From this it will be manifest to our readers that the Benevolent Institution is very, very far from being equal to the demands made upon its resources. As the numerical strength of the Craft increases, so shall we find there are more claimants on the different Charities. Our first care is to provide for meeting all our existing engagements, our next that the number of beneficiaries shall be increased from time to time as the demand upon us becomes heavier. If things are managed well, and the Craft generally is responsive to the call of duty, it should be in our power to announce an addition next spring to the number both of male and female annuitants. It will be a sad thing indeed, if it should be found im-

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possible to provide for more, and to know that sixty old people (taking the men and women together), many of whom it may be said are tottering on the verge of the grave, must be left out in the cold for another twelve months. Be it remembered, there is no autumnal election in the case of this Charity, and a person who fails to obtain a sufficiency of votes this spring will have to wait till next for another opportunity of trying. An addition not greatly exceeding £2000, to the amount of subscriptions reached last February, will enable the Governing Body to place all the present applicants on the fund. Is it too much to hope that this comparatively small sum may be realised on the 12th instant? It would, indeed be a most excellent way of showing to Prince Leopold that his first appearance as President at one of our Charity Festivals is fully and universally appreciated.

But we are far from having exhausted our tale of reasons why something special must be done at the approaching Anniversary. As our readers are aware, the accounts of the Benevolent Institution are set forth under two funds—the Male and Female respectively. In the Male fund account, after all needful provision had been made for the year's expenditure, there was remaining at the end of last year the very munificent balance of £170 to carry forward. This is but little more than enough to provide for four additional annuitants on the assumption that as much is forthcoming for the expenses of this year as was contributed last. On the other hand, the Female fund has actually *a balance on the wrong side of the account*, to the extent of £288, which is exactly the amount payable to nine annuitants. Thus, after all the efforts of the past year—and we have pointed out how successful they were—the accounts of the Male show only a trifling balance in hand, while those of the Female fund show a deficit but little short of three hundred pounds.

It remains for us to recapitulate the reasons why the Festival of Monday week deserves to be a great success. The newly-appointed Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire will preside. The Charity is already committed to the very large annual expenditure, in the shape of annuities alone, of £9,000. The number of candidates is vastly in excess of the number of vacancies. Last, but not least, the Male Fund has only a small balance in hand, and there is a deficit on the Female Fund. We trust we are not over-sanguine, and that when the eventful day comes, our excellent Bro. Terry will find that his 260 Stewards—and there is still time for this number to be increased—have obtained not only enough for the existing requirements of the R.M.B.I., but likewise enough to allow of all the candidates being placed on the Fund at the election in May next.

THE WORK OF A SINGLE LODGE.

WE have more than once noted that Manchester Lodges have latterly not played a very conspicuous part at the Anniversary Festivals of our several Charitable Institutions. We have recently been favoured with a Manchester Lodge Balance Sheet for the year 1876, and we confess, with feelings of the greatest pleasure, that their deeds of charity are far in excess of the average of our Lodges. It is evident then that the bare contribution of a Lodge, or its absence from a List is no criterion as to the charitable work it accomplishes. This may, perhaps, be a model case. Let us hope, however, that it is only one out of a considerable number who vie with each other in the amount of service they may be able to render to our different institutions.

The Lodge in question is Integrity, No. 163, and its statement of accounts is eminently satisfactory. It entered upon the year 1876 with a balance in hand of a few shillings over £275, namely, cash in Bank £171, in Treasurer's hands £4 8s, and twenty Masonic Hall Shares, value £5 each, £100. Its fees of all kinds and subscriptions represented close on £340, while minor receipts exceeded £7, showing a total on the Dr. side of £622 3s 10d. In the way of expenditure we find that the St. John's Festival cost £28 13s; the Stewards' account for teas and refreshment cost together £106 13s 2d; rent £40 1s; sundry expenses, such as stationery, postage, tyler, collars, &c. £44 6d; and Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge Fees together £37 18s, or a total of £257 11s 2d. The expenditure on Benevolent Account is represented by no less a sum than £216 3s, of which £100 represents a donation to the "East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Fund;" fifty guineas the amount presented to the Masonic Boys' School; and fifty guineas to the Manchester Warehousemen and Clerks' Orphan Schools. £2 15s was given to a lady, and two guineas each to the Boys', Girls', and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and East Lancashire Benevolent Fund. Thus, the whole outlay reached £473 14s 2d, leaving a balance of £148 9s 8d, consisting of cash in bank £36 3s 11d, Do. in Treasurer's hands £12 3s 9d, and twenty Masonic Shares £100: total £625 3s 10d. This, our readers will readily enough admit, is an admirable balance sheet for last year. When, however, we come to examine the rest of the statement we have received we find the good done by the Integrity is far more considerable. Up to the present time the Lodge has contributed 160 guineas to the General Fund of the Boys' School, and eighty guineas to the Building Fund. For the former it is entitled to forty-two votes annually in perpetuity, for the latter to thirty-two votes. Thus the sum it has contributed to this Charity amounts in all to £252, and the votes to which it is entitled are seventy-four, together with four more for the annual subscription of two guineas. These votes are thus distributed. The W.M. is a Vice President, and has forty votes, the I.P.M. twenty-four votes, the Senior Warden ten votes, and the Treasurer ten votes. The donations to the Girls' amount to £189, and the equivalent is represented by thirty-three votes in perpetuity. Of these the W.M. has twenty-three votes, and the I.P.M. ten, while four others are due for the annual subscription of two guineas. Towards the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the Lodge has also liberally contributed. Its donations to date to the Male Fund amount to £100, giving twenty votes annually in perpetuity, of which the W.M. as a Vice-President has ten, and the S.W. as ditto, likewise ten. Four additional votes result from the annual subscription of two guineas. Towards the Female Fund the Lodge has also subscribed £100, carrying the same number of votes, namely, twenty, which are divided equally between the W.M. and the J.W., each of whom receives, as a Vice-President, ten votes, the annual subscription of two guineas giving four other votes. The local Masonic Institution, that is, "The East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution" has received to date donations to the amount of £100, for which the Lodge receives, as a patron, one hundred votes at every election. Over and above this the Lodge has contributed fifty-five guineas to the Manchester Warehousemen and Clerks' Orphan Institution, for which it is entitled to eleven votes annually for a period of twenty years from date of the different subscriptions. Thus Integrity has given in the aggregate to our three Masonic Charities, and the Local Charity the sum of £741, for which it is entitled 247 votes, or, with the sixteen additional for annual subscriptions, 263; while with its contribution to the local Non-Masonic Institution its disbursements in the way of Charity have thus far been only five and twenty shillings short of £800, exclusive of the usual disbursements of a like nature to individuals.

Here, then, we have a Manchester Lodge which disbursed in Charity last year a sum representing close upon fifty per cent. of its total expenditure. Creature comforts in the interests of good fellowship are not forgotten. We do not, indeed, think the work of the Lodge would be done so well if they were. But the fourth degree is not studied to the exclusion of the true principles of our Craft. We are not of those who consider that one man who gives £5 is like charitable than he who gives £100. On the contrary, if the former sum is more truly in accordance with the donor's means than the latter, we think it a far worthier example to follow. In this case not far short of half the annual income of the Lodge has been disbursed, for one year at all events, in charity, and we consider it so brilliant an example of what may be done that we have taken upon ourselves to write these few lines, in the hope that other Lodges may follow in the footsteps of this Manchester Lodge.

Having, as we said at the outset, noted particularly that the Manchester Lodges made but a very indifferent figure in the last three or four subscription lists at our Anniversary Festivals, we drew attention in somewhat marked terms to the conspicuousness of their absence. Now that we have had an opportunity of analysing the year's account of one of these Lodges, and find it has so strenuously obeyed the call of duty in this particular matter of charity, we feel

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we are only observing the common rules of justice in drawing the attention of our readers to the particulars we have noted above. We can only add, in conclusion, that we trust Integrity may go on prospering, and may be able to practise our chief Masonic virtue as freely in the future as in the past.

SUPREME 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 7th day of February next, at 7 o'clock in the evening, *punctually*.

Business:—The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation will be read for confirmation.

After which the following Report of the Committee of General Purposes will be submitted to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to Report that they have examined the Accounts from the 18th October 1876 to the 16th January 1877, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter	475	11	1	Purchase of £300 Consols at 94¼ and Commission	283	10	0
„ Unappropriated Account	177	12	11	Disbursements during the Quarter	175	8	4
Subsequent Receipts	392	8	3	Balance	414	6	0
				„ in Unappropriated Account	172	7	11
	£1045	12	3		£1045	12	3

which Balances are in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., Bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Companions Roger Alfred Grundy as Z., James Dick Calder as H., John Hall as J., and six others for a Chapter, to be attached to the Devonshire Lodge, No. 625, Glossop, to be called "The Devonshire Chapter," and to meet at the Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop, in the County of Derbyshire.

2nd. From Companions Jones Giffard Nash as Z., Vero W. Taylor as H., John Bagot Scriven as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Stortford Lodge, No. 409, Bishop Stortford, to be called "The Stortford Chapter," and to meet at the Chequers Hotel, Bishop Stortford, in the County of Hertfordshire.

3rd. From Companions Arthur Robert Marten as Z., Felix Sumner Knyvett as H., William Smithett as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Felicity, No. 58, London, to be called "The Chapter of Felicity," and to meet at the London Masonic Club, No. 101 Queen Victoria-street, in the City of London.

4th. From Companions John Daniel Massey as Z., George Wilson as H., George Robert Green as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Phœnix Lodge, No. 173, London, to be called "The Phœnix Chapter," and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

5th. From Companions John Louden as Z., Ezekiel Nathan as H., Henry Smith Fish as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Port Chalmers Marine Lodge, No. 942, Port Chalmers, Otago, to be called "The Joyce Chapter," and to meet at Port Chalmers, Otago, New Zealand.

6th. From Companions The Right Honourable Lord Viscount Holmesdale M.P. as Z., James Smith Eastes as H., The Reverend Thomas Robinson as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Invicta Lodge, No. 709, Ashford, to be called "The Invicta Chapter," and to meet at the Corn Exchange, Ashford, in the County of Kent.

The prayers of these Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that they be respectively granted.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON,
President.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. GEO. SMITH.

On the 31st ult., the brethren of the Lodges and Chapters meeting at Anderton's Hotel, attended the first meeting of the Committee appointed for the purpose of raising a fund to be presented to Bro. George Smith, on the completion of his 23rd year of service. The brethren present were J. Willing W.M. 177, P.M. and Treasurer 1507, A. Barfield P.M. and Treasurer 511, W. Palmer S.E. Domatic Chapter, and S.W. 177, J. Buscall J.W. 177, &c., G. Wilson P.Z. Domatic Chapter, T. Hines 72, G. Clark 177, H. A. Lovett 179, J. Willis 177, W. Stewart Sec. 14, H. Massey P.M., J. L. Jones 177, H. J. Leah J.W. 193, G. Read P.M. and Sec. 511, J. Williams W.M. 1507, and Sec. 177. It was resolved the above-named brethren be the Committee (with power to add to their number) for making arrangements for the proposed testimonial. Bro. J. Willing was appointed Chairman, also Treasurer *pro tem*, Bro. A. Barfield Vice-Chairman, Bros. G. Read and T. Williams Secretaries. Letters regretting non-attendance, and giving promises of support, were read from the following brethren, whose names were added to the Committee:—Bros. G. Everett P.M. 177, J. Painter P.M. 179, J. W. Hobbs W.M. 179, J. C. Dwaber W.M. 1589 and P.M. 55, E. B. Grabham 19. Circulars and subscription lists will be sent to each Lodge and Chapter meeting at Anderton's, asking the W.M. or M.E.Z. to favour the Committee by calling the attention of the brethren to the Testimonial Fund. Other preliminary business having been considered, a vote of thanks was accorded the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and the meeting was adjourned till Wednesday, the 28th February, at 7 o'clock, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

Obituary.

Our esteemed Bro. John Coutts, P.G.P. P.M. 27, &c. has sustained a severe loss by the death of his wife, which sad event took place on the 27th ult. The deceased lady will be sorely missed by her sorrowing husband and family.

It is with deep regret we announce the death, on Wednesday, after a brief illness, extending over nine days only, of Bro. William Lane, Collector to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Lane was only in his thirtieth year. His friends, therefore, must, in the ordinary course of things, have looked forward to his being able to perform very many years of good sterling work. It has happened otherwise, however, and Bro. Lane has died in the prime of his early manhood, leaving a widow and one young child to mourn his loss. Bro. Lane was initiated into Freemasonry on the 23rd January 1871, in the Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28. In 1875 he served the office of W.M., and on quitting the chair was presented with a P.M.'s jewel in token of the great value his lodge placed upon his services. In July 1873 he was exalted, in Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73. Bro. Lane was chosen to the office of Collector in December 1873, and ever since had most efficiently discharged his duties. Let us hope that the G.A.O.T.U. will vouchsafe his widow strength to bear up under this affliction.

We have received tidings of the death of Bro. Louis Lewis, which took place at his residence, King-street, at Kingston, Jamaica, on 7th December. Bro. Lewis held the position for many years of Assistant Inspector of Invoices of H.M. Customs, at Kingston, Jamaica. He held formerly the position of Collector of Taxes. By his death, in this community, the poor man has lost a friend; he was a father to the fatherless, and it made no difference of what religion or colour the applicant was. He held the proud position of Past Master, for forty years, of the Friendly Lodge in this city, and was able to see his two sons installed as Masters of that Lodge. His remains were followed to their last resting place by a large number of brethren of the Friendly and other Lodges in the province. He died at the ripe age of 78 years. The Masonic fraternity have lost a good supporter of the rituals and regulations of the order. He was interred in the Jewish cemetery. He was a lover and strict observer of his religion.

We announce also the death of Bro. Marshall M. Harris, J.D. No. 1470, which took place on the 24th January. His funeral was attended by about twenty of his brethren. We extract the following from the *Dunstable Gazette*:—

"The deceased gentleman was a Freemason, a member of the Chiltern Lodge, 1470, and on the afternoon preceding the funeral the members who could be communicated with on such short notice were invited by the officers to assemble at the Town Hall, at 1.15, and accordingly there was a muster of as many gentlemen belonging to the Lodge as could, on a busy day, at so short a notice, be spared from their business engagements. Their carriages preceded the procession in the order following, and the brethren lined the porch of the mortuary chapel by the time the body was ready to be borne therein:—

"In the first carriage were Mr. J. Stevenson, Mr. M. Rest, Mr. Crow, and Mr. Latham.

"In the second carriage were Capt. Teale, Mr. Beart, Mr. Ballans, and Mr. Rowland Cutler.

"In the third carriage were Mr. Otway, Mr. Sinkwell, Mr. Randall, and Mr. T. W. Haselgrove.

"The officiating clergy were the Rev. F. Hose M.A., the rector, and the Rev. C. B. Harris M.A., the uncle of the deceased. The coffin, of plain black, with handsome white furniture, covered with a pall, on which was laid a wreath and a cross of *immortelles*, was met at the entrance by the Rev. C. B. Harris, who read the introductory sentences of the services with marked solemnity. Inside the building, the mourners having taken their places in the very limited accommodation provided for them, the Rev. F. Hose continued the service; which being ended, the procession re-formed, and having taken up their positions round the open grave, the Rev. C. B. Harris concluded the service, and with the deepest emotion committed the body to the tomb, in sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection at the last day.

"Immediately upon the conclusion of the religious ceremonial, which had been specially impressive,—

"Bro. F. Howell P.M. of the Chiltern Lodge, 1470, came forward, and standing at the head of the open grave, delivered—with much feeling—the following short Masonic address:—'My friends and brethren of the Chiltern Lodge,—The Gavel of the Supreme Ruler of this Universe has sounded, and summoned our dear departed

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friend and brother to quit this sublunary abode and ascend to those immortal mansions whence all goodness emanates. Few and feeble are the words of testimony to his worth which around this open grave, and in the presence of his relatives and friends, I can speak. Those who are nearest and dearest to him know how affectionate he was as a son; I can declare how true and steadfast a friend he proved, and we all, brethren, know how faithful a brother he was. He lived respected, and he died regretted. He was one to whom the burdened heart might pour forth its sorrows; to whom the distressed might prefer their suit; his hand was ever guided by justice, and his heart expanded by benevolence. Sure I am, from his consistency of life, that he has laid up for himself a crown of joy and rejoicing which shall continue now that time, on earth, is with him no more. May the Great Architect of the Universe, having mercy on his soul, grant him rest and give him peace.

"Response—So mote it be."

Our mournful duties, this week, are not yet over; as we go to press we hear of the sudden death of Bro. Charles Gosden, long associated with the Freemasons' Tavern, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Coleman street, and latterly of the Inns of Court Hotel. Bro. Gosden died early this (Friday) morning.

LEEDS MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE first annual meeting of the patrons, life governors, and subscribers to the above Institution—the object of which is the formation of a Charity Fund amongst the Leeds Lodges for the education, partial maintenance and advancement in life of the orphans of deceased brethren, and of the children of brethren who have become incapacitated (by sickness or accident) from properly providing for their families—was held at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on Monday, the 22nd January, at seven o'clock in the evening, when the following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing year:—

President—Bro. Thomas Schofield P.M. 306.
Vice-Presidents—Bro. Henry Inchbold P.M. 289, and Bro. Townsend 1211.
Treasurer—Bro. C. L. Mason P.M. 304.
Secretary—Bro. C. Lowrey P.M. 304.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT—

Bro. Robert Craig P.M.		304	Bro. C. G. Cooper P.M.		1042
„ J. D. Kay	„	289	„ Alfred Britton	„	1042
„ R. W. Moore	„	1221	„ J. L. Oates	„	304
„ J. Chadwick	„	1311	„ James Dixon	„	289
„ Wm. Fleming	„	1211	„ J. Broughton 1211		
„ Thos. Crossley	„	1311	„ T. Stockdale 1311		
„ G. F. Crowe	„	1211	„ Jno. Bell 306		
„ Samuel Stead	„	1042			

Auditors { Bro. Wm. Warren 1211 „ F. Dunsford 306

The following brethren were appointed trustees:—

Bro. Jno. C. Malcolm P.M.		306	Bro. James Bedford P.M.		304
„ H. Inchbold	„	289	„ Jno. Franks 1211		
„ Thos. Schofield	„	306			

This Institution is intended to supplement the work at present carried on by the noble institutions already established in or near London, by extending relief to those children who, by reason of their age or other circumstances, cannot by any possibility gain admittance into the larger institutions. It also purposes assisting in a similar manner the children of brethren who cannot—from the reduced circumstances of their parents—attain a proper education to fit them to take respectable positions in society.

Although the Institution is only just established, subscriptions exceeding £300 have been paid and promised, and the promoters are of opinion that they shall be able, for some years, at least, to carry on the work of the Institution by means of the annual subscriptions alone, thereby enabling them to capitalize the monies paid by patrons and life governors, or, at all events, without seriously drawing on that fund.

CHARLES LOWREY, Secretary.

Leeds, 26th January 1877.

The second concert of the St. Andrews City Amateur Musical Society took place at the Grapes Hotel, Jewin-street, under the direction of Brother F. T. Dawson, on Wednesday evening. There were about 130 present. Several gentlemen, although amateurs, rendered valuable service. Bro. Dawson played Auber's overture to "Gustave." A recitation was rendered by Mr. Gill. A humorous song was sung by Mr. Hamilton. Mr. North played a solo on the piano. Mr. A. C. Scarle sang the song of "Sweethearts," and this was followed by a humorous selection by Mr. Weston. Mr. J. Airey sang sweetly. Mr. Eustace gave "The Message." Messrs. Hart, Foote, G. B. Dawson, A. L. Green, Hislop, G. Henry, Campbell, A. H. Lay, Dalby, &c., contributed some excellent songs, and Bro. Dawson was loudly applauded in the "Little Fat Gray Man."

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HUGHAN'S LIST OF LODGES, A.D. 1734.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me a brief space in your columns, in order to reply to Bro. Hughan's communication of last week.

1. If Bro. Hughan is prepared with evidence that No. 13 in Pine's List, held, in 1734, in the neighbourhood of Covent Garden, is one and the same with the Lodge at the Crown, in Cripplegate, to which a Warrant was granted in 1723, and which, in 1748, removed to Chatham, in Kent, then I accept his location of No. 20.

2. I am quite satisfied about Pine's No. 35. But in this and the former case, I offered only suggestions, not arguments, and I was at the pains of pointing out that these suggestions rested on a very unsubstantial basis.

3. The Strong Man Lodge. Let us hope the mystery may be cleared up sooner or later.

4. I must point out to Bro. Hughan that my argument, as appended to his letter in your issue of the 20th ult., is wholly independent of the note I quoted from Oliver's edition of the *Illustrations of Masonry*, so far as the authorship of the note is concerned. I have but one edition of the work, and my time has been too occupied to allow of my comparing it with any of its predecessors. I was wrong in making no allowance for the oversights of editors, and accepted the insertion of the words "(in 1820)" after "is still extant," as indicative of the date when the note was written, and by whom. But without, perhaps, remarking it at the time, Bro. Hughan's statement that "Bro. Preston himself" inserted the note, "in the 1788 edition," materially strengthens my argument, that it was old No. 3 which received a new Warrant in 1722-3, appears in Pine's List as No. 11, in the 1738 as No. 10, and is now—though, of course, shorn of all its time immemorial privileges—in existence as No. 18. We agree that old No. 2, as numbered in Pine's, died between 1734 and 1738. Preston's note, inserted, as Bro. Hughan says, in his 1788 edition, says, that Old Time Immemorial, No. 2, "has been extinct above fifty years, by the death of its members." This then exactly corresponds with the time when No. 2 of Pine's became extinct. Exactly fifty years from 1788 bring us to 1738, and "above fifty years" fairly meets the case, coinciding, as it does, with the death of Pine's, No. 2, between 1734 and 1738. Under these circumstances, I do not see that I am wrong in maintaining the following position, taking as the basis of my statement Preston's note, Pine's, Rawlinson's, and the 1738 Lists, and Bro. Hughan's latest observations. The old No. 2 of 1717 is Pine's No. 2 of 1734, and died some time between the latter year and 1738. Preston writes in 1788, that old No. 2 "has been extinct above fifty years," which agrees essentially as to time with the extinction of Pine's No. 2, and bears out what I have said, that no trace whatever now remains of the *second* in numerical order of the four old Lodges of 1717. Old No. 3, writes Preston, obtained a new Constitution, though it "wanted it not," in 1722-3, met at the Queen's Head, Knaves' Acre, and is No. 10 in the 1738 List. This No. 10 agrees as to location and date of Warrant with No. 11 of Pine's in 1744. Bro. Hughan accepts this as the result of the demise, in the interim, of No. 2. He also suggests that this No. 10 is our *present* No. 18. Putting all these together, I say, Old Time Immemorial No. 3, of its own free will, surrendered its ancient privileges in 1722-3, obtainining a new Warrant of Constitution, which it wanted not, and meeting at the Queen's Head, in Knaves' Acre. We find this, or at least a Lodge answering in all essential particulars to this, included in Pine's and Rawlinson's Lists as No. 11. Preston says, distinctly, it is the No. 10 of 1738, and, if Bro. Hughan's suggestion is right, it is now our No. 18. I recur, then, to my former statement that the old Lodges, Nos. 1, 3 and 4, of 1717, will be found in the present Nos. 2, 4 and 18; No. 1 of the former being No. 2 of the latter, No. 4 of the former No. 4 of the latter, and No. 3 of the former (but shorn of its old privileges) No. 18 of the latter.

I highly appreciate Bro. Hughan's complimentary remark in the concluding paragraph of his letter of last week. I wish, for his sake, I had better materials at hand to guide me, for then I feel I should be in a better position to second his laudable efforts to promote the more certain knowledge of Masonic History. In the present fraternal argument, I have, I think, been able to supplement my own scanty materials in the way of lists, &c., by employing one or two of his statements.

Fraternally yours,

OUR REVIEWER.

ART IN HOSPITALS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—All who have any acquaintance with the interiors of our London hospitals must have been struck by the excessive dreariness of most of the wards. It is time that this should be remedied. A little energy on the part of a few philanthropists and artists, aided by subscriptions from the general public, would suffice to accomplish this improvement. I advocate the brightening of the wards, and the cheering of their inmates, by the addition of suitable pictures, plate, bronzes, carvings, bric-à-brac, old armour, china, sculpture,

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ornamental clocks, fancy glass, tasteful glazed tiles, and other art decorations of all sorts.

To promote this object I will give a hundred guineas, provided that a thousand other donors each subscribes an equal or larger sum before the 1st of May 1877. A responsible committee being formed, I believe that Messrs Roberts, Lubbock, and Co. will act as bankers to this fund. Soon I hope that some public place will be granted as a provisional storehouse of and exhibition for art contributions, previous to their distribution to the hospitals of London. Intending donors, contributors and subscribers are invited to communicate with

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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.

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Early History and Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, 1781-1815. Part VII. Published by authority of the Grand Lodge. Granted to Kane Lodge, No. 454, June 1874. New York: Masonic and Miscellaneous Publishers, No. 2 Bleecker-street; D. Sickels and Co., Managers. 1876.

THIS Part carries us nearly to the end of the year 1807, and as in the case of previous parts, we propose to lay before our readers a summary of the most salient features. In the first recorded minute we find Bro. Jacob Norton re-elected Grand Master, but this is almost the only minute worth mentioning, except that sundry petitions for the erection of new Lodges, are presented and dealt with on their merits, one to hold a Lodge at Sag Harbour, on Suffolk Coasts, being granted, while three others were referred to the Grand Officers. On the 5th of September 1804, there was no Grand Lodge held, the attendance of members being insufficient to form a quorum. On the 5th December further petitions were presented. It is also recorded that Ontario Lodge, No. 23, remitted the sum of Thirty Dollars, in full discharge of its dues to the 5th of November, and praying the acceptance of a yearly payment of eight dollars in lieu of the dues annually payable by the Lodge. The thirty dollars are accepted as a discharge of former dues, but the Grand Lodge expresses its opinion that it "cannot with propriety or constitutionally compound for an equivalent for the future annual dues" of the Lodge. A resolution is also minuted, "authorizing the Grand Master to appoint Inspectors in such districts of this State as he should think proper, to visit the several Lodges in such districts, to promote uniformity in this mode of working, to collect their dues, &c." After some consideration this important resolution was referred to a Special Committee, who were directed to report on the subject at the next meeting. No immediate action, however, was taken, and it is not till the meeting held on 4th December 1805, that we find the subject again referred to, and a motion recorded that the original Committee be discharged, and a new one, consisting of the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden and the Grand Secretary, appointed in his stead. On the 19th February 1806, the new Committee reported a Law on the subject, the nature of which is not stated, but which, we are told, "was read by paragraphs, amended, and passed, and ordered to be entered in a book to be provided by the Grand Secretary for such purpose. At this meeting it was further resolved that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of drafting a circular address to the different Lodges under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, "explaining and enforcing the principles and duties of Masonry, which should accompany the notification to them, of the law just mentioned, and the appointment of Grand Visitors under it." This Committee, as afterwards appointed, consisted of the Senior Grand Warden, Past Master Sanford, and the Grand Secretary. But to return to the regular sequence of the proceedings, from which we have digressed, for the purpose of following up this subject. At the Grand Lodge held on 6th March 1805, amongst the petitions for new Lodges, was one by Bro. General "Rey" and others, for a new French Lodge, to be known by the style and title of Lodge "La Sincérité." This petition was at once granted, and subsequently Bro. "Rey" was introduced into Grand Lodge, and delivered an address in French, to which a Committee was appointed for the purpose of preparing a suitable reply. A squabble in Union Lodge, City of Albany, was referred to a Select Committee, and it was further resolved that Committees be appointed, (*a*) to inquire and report upon a suitable place of meeting for Grand Lodge after the 1st of May following, and (*b*) to examine into the books and accounts belonging respectively to the departments of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, "and to report a statement of the same, and of the funds belonging to Grand Lodge." On the 5th June of the same year occurs the re-election of Bro. Jacob Norton as Grand Master, and the election of the other Grand Officers; and when propositions to the effect that certain amounts should be accepted in full discharge of all dues by Otsego and Rensselaer Lodges had been agreed to, we read that "a communication from the Grand Lodge of England was read and ordered to be filed." It is also announced that certain differences existing between certain members of Union Lodge, Albany, had been amicably adjusted. Subsequently a resolution is unanimously passed "that the Grand Secretary do hereafter apply to his private use the salary and emoluments attached to his office." At a Grand Lodge of Emergency, held on 13th June, communications from the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, New Jersey, Virginia, and Kentucky were read and referred to the Grand Secretary, with directions to return suitable answers to each. A motion for a procession on St. John's Day was negatived. Directions, however, were issued to the Grand Treasurer "to purchase for the Grand Lodge a Bible, and also as many candlesticks and snuffers as he should think necessary for the use of the Lodge. Bro. Daniel D. Tompkins having resigned his office of Grand Secretary, it was announced that the Grand Master had appointed Bro. Wells as his successor, and Bro. Wells accordingly attended and fulfilled the duties of his new office on this occasion. On the 4th September an application for relief was made on behalf of the widow of the late Grand Secretary, Bro. Abrams, and a payment of 250 dollars out of the funds of Grand Lodge was unanimously ordered to be made to her. We also read that on this occasion, "A communication from the Grand Lodge of England, dated March 6th 5805, was read and filed, and the Grand Secretary directed to answer the same." There is also read a communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, to which the Grand Secretary is directed to return a suitable answer. It was then resolved that the Grand Secretary give notice to the Grand Tyler, to the effect that he will be expected to explain at the next meeting certain irregularities of conduct with which he was charged. Accordingly, at the next meeting, on 4th December 1805, the Grand Secretary reported that the Grand Tyler "had given assurance that the Grand Lodge should have no occasion to complain of him in future," and this assurance was deemed satisfactory. We note, further, among the minutes of this meeting, that Past Master Richard Lewis, having represented that he had been refused admission into the Adelphi Lodge at one of its regular meetings, and prayed that some order be made thereon, the representation is referred for report to a Committee of five. Two communications from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, notifying sundry expulsions, were read and filed, and ordered to be answered, an order being likewise issued to the Grand Secretary that he notify the said expulsions to the different Lodges in the State of New York. A petition from Hiram Lodge, No. 27, to the effect that its Warrant of Constitution had been lost, and praying for a new one, having been submitted, it was resolved that a dispensation should be issued for twelve months, and then if the warrant were not found, that a new warrant should be issued as prayed. At the Grand Lodge, on 19th February 1806, a complaint made by certain members of Independent Royal Arch Lodge, No. 2, against the present Worshipful Master was referred to a Committee, of nine, "with full power to examine such persons and papers as they should think necessary, and report to the Grand Lodge the facts which should be disclosed on such examinations." We also note that a motion made by the Senior Grand Warden was carried, by which it was settled that "no person be admitted into the Grand Lodge after one hour from its opening." Reports to the effect that certain new Lodges had been duly installed having been read and ordered to be filed, Grand Lodge was closed. On the 5th March the Committee appointed to examine the accounts and papers of the late Grand Secretary, and also into the funds of Grand Lodge, delivered their report, which was approved, and as in such report it was stated that so much of it as referred to the Grand Lodge funds was imperfect, owing to the Grand Master's absence at Albany, it was further resolved that the Committee do perfect the same with the Grand Master, and report again. It was also resolved that the said Committee "invest so much of the funds of this Grand Lodge as to them shall seem proper, in such stock as they shall think will be most to the advantage of the Grand Lodge." Several petitions for new warrants were then submitted and dealt with, after which we find that "Union Lodge of the City of Albany having surrendered their Colonial Warrant, and prayed for a new one, by the name of Mount Vernon Lodge, of like rank with the old one, which was promised to them by the Most Worshipful Master and Junior Grand Warden, gratis, it was ordered to issue accordingly. In a foot note the editor draws attention to a memorandum on the same subject in the minutes of the 3rd of December 1806, and on reference to the latter, we find that another petition to the same effect was submitted and granted. On the 4th of June of this year, Bro. the Hon. De Witt Clinton was elected Grand Master, after which, and the election of other Grand Officers, it was unanimously resolved that a jewel or medal be presented to Past Grand Master Jacob Norton, in testimony of the high sense entertained of his past services and usefulness to the Fraternity. A Committee was then appointed to give effect to these resolutions. A Committee was likewise chosen to make the necessary arrangements for the installation of the new Grand Master, and this ceremony was duly performed at a Grand Lodge of Emergency held on the 19th of the same month, the Installing Officer appointed under the dispensation of the Past Grand Master being Bro. Hoffman. The latter having afterwards installed the other newly-elected Grand Officers, Grand Master Clinton delivered a very elegant address, "replete with Masonic instruction." It was subsequently resolved that a Committee wait on Grand Master Clinton, for the purpose of requesting from him a copy of his address with a view to its publication. A motion for a procession on St. John's Day was then negatived, but a petition from a number of brethren "confined within the limits of the prison of this city, praying for a special dispensation to open and hold a Lodge within the said limits, for the celebration of the ensuing festival," was granted. In the course of these meetings of Grand Lodge we find likewise minutes of the proceedings of Grand Stewards' Lodge, but as the matters recorded are chiefly of a financial character, we have not referred to them specially. We note, however, that from the Grand Secretary's account, presented on the 27th of August 1806, it appears that after payment of sums together amounting to [illegible] dollars, a balance remained of 247·75 dollars, the amount of dues received by the Grand Secretary from June 4th to August 27th, both dates inclusive, being 729·65 dollars. On the 3rd of September communications from the Grand Lodges of North Carolina and Tennessee were read and referred to a Committee. Subsequently, a communication from the Grand Lodge of England was read and ordered to be answered, and a list of the expulsions therein contained was ordered to be made out, and transmitted to the different Lodges in the State. Certain charges against the Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 6, and one of the Wardens of Mount Moriah Lodge, were referred to a Committee of seven, and sundry petitions for new Lodges granted or refused,

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among the former being one submitted to brethren praying to hold a Lodge in Sharon, Franklin county, State of Ohio, to be called the Aurora Lodge. At the Grand Stewards' Lodge on 26th November, application was made on behalf of two brethren hailing from Connecticut, who were desirous of returning to their native state, but who, owing to sickness, were destitute of funds. The application was referred to a committee of three brethren, with power to draw on the Grand Treasurer for such amount as they should deem fit. On the 3rd December, compositions by certain Lodges for the payment of their dues having been accepted, and several petitions granted for warrants to hold certain new Lodges, a motion was made to the effect that "no Lodges in this city shall, after six months from this time, be entitled to vote in this Grand Lodge, in any case whatever, if such Lodge shall not, within six months immediately preceding, have paid its dues to this Grand Lodge; and that no Lodge out of the said city, after eighteen months from this time, shall be entitled to vote in this Grand Lodge, in any case whatever, if such Lodge shall not within eighteen months immediately preceding have paid up its dues to this Grand Lodge." A very unusual entry occurs in the minutes of the Grand Lodge of 4th March 1817. The W.M. of Trinity Lodge, No. 10, stated that a candidate had been proposed for initiation in the Lodge over which he presided, "who had only one eye," and he expressed a wish to know the sense of Grand Lodge as "to whether it would be proper to make such a person a Mason." After some remarks the matter was referred to a Committee of seven, and their report, delivered at a Grand Lodge of Emergency, on the 10th June following, was to the effect that "the loss was such a defect as ought to preclude him from initiation into our mysteries." This report was agreed to. Among the petitions for new Lodges presented on the 4th March, was one from a number of brethren in Havanna for permission to erect a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the New York Grand Lodge, to be called "Le Temple de Bienfaisance." The petition was referred to the Grand Officers. At the meeting held on 3rd June, no less than thirty-nine Lodges were either actually represented, or represented by their proxies. On this occasion, Bro. Clinton was re-elected Grand Master, and the rest of the officers having been elected, the further business was adjourned, and the Lodge closed. At a Grand Lodge of Emergency on the 10th of the same month, after the transaction of certain business, it was again proposed to have a procession on St. John's Day, to which an amendment was moved, to the effect that a Masonic celebration be held on the occasion. Both propositions were negatived. Notice was also given by a Past Master, that at the next regular meeting, he would propose that "the fee to be paid for a warrant should be raised from twenty-five to fifty dollars." At the meeting on the 2nd September, among the petitions was one from some brethren in New Orleans, for the erection of a new Lodge, to be called the Louisiana. The petition had accidentally been mislaid by the brother to whom it had been entrusted, but the prayer was granted nevertheless. On this occasion we find that a letter was read from Bro. Isaiah Thomas, Past Grand Master of Massachusetts, to the effect that he had been ordered to call the attention of the Grand Lodge of New York to the inconvenience arising to some of the Lodges in the Massachusetts jurisdiction from the initiation fees being less in the New York Lodges, and requesting that the Grand Lodge of the latter would adopt measures for the promotion of union and harmony between the two Grand Lodges. The letter was referred to the Grand Officers. A notice of the proceedings of Grand Stewards' Lodge on the 25th November brings this part of the history to a close.

MEETINGS HELD, &c.

Apollo University Lodge, No. 357.—At Oxford, on Tuesday, 30th January.

Ivor Hael Chapter Rose Croix.—At Newport, Mon., on Wednesday, 31st January. Ill. Bro. Captain A. T. Perkins 32° M.W.S. Several candidates perfected. Election of M.W. Sov. for this year.

Morganwg Chapter Rose Croix.—At Masonic Hall, Swansea, on Thursday, 1st February. Several candidates perfected. Election of M.W. Sov. and Treasurer for ensuing year. Ex. Bro. W. H. Tucker as M.W.S.

The Gwent Preceptory, No. 115.—At Newport, Mon., on Tuesday, 30th January. Sir Knight L. A. Homfray E.P. Installation of candidates and of Sir Knight Wm. Williams as E.P. for the year, and appointment of officers. Priory of Malta opened afterwards, for candidates.

Studholme Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 197.—On Thursday, 1st February, at 33 Golden-square, W. R.W. Lieut-General J. Studholme Brownrigg C.B. as W.M. Several candidates advanced to Mark Masters. Confirmation of bye-laws.

Antient York Chapter of Redemption Rose Croix.—At Masonic Hall, Hull, on Thursday, 1st February. Ill. Bro. Walter Reynolds 30° M.W.S. Several candidates perfected. M.W. Sov. installed and officers appointed for the ensuing year.

Canterbury Chapter Rose Croix.—E. Bro. the Rev. Dr. John Robbins M.W.S.—Will be held on Tuesday, 6th February, at 5 p.m., in the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, for perfection of candidates, and to receive the report of the committee appointed to frame the bye-laws.

Liverpool Chapter Rose Croix.—Ex-Bro. Samuel Spratly M.D. M.W. Sov.—Will be held on Wednesday, 7th February, at 4 p.m., in the Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool, to perfect candidates, and elect the M.W. Sov. for the ensuing year.

The Studholme Chapter Rose Croix.—Ill. Bro. Lieut-General J. Studholme Brownrigg C.B. 32° M.W. Sov.—Will be held on Wednesday, 7th February, at 4.30 p.m., in the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., to perfect candidates, to instal Ill. Bro. Colonel C. W. Randolph 30° as M.W.S., and to appoint officers and elect a treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Friends in Council Royal Arch Chapter, 1383.—Will be held on Thursday, 15th February, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W. Comp. Dr. R. Hamilton Z.

We have been requested by Bro. Charles Blain to announce to those of our readers who assisted him in the disposal of tickets for the Concert at the Bow and Bromley Institute, on the 14th of December last, that the ballot for one Life Governorship and one Life Subscribership will tage place at Bro. Seaton's, Fenchurch Street Tavern, on Monday evening next, at 7 o'clock precisely.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Israel Lodge of Instruction, which meets at Bro. Yetton's, Rising Sun, Globe-road, Bethnal-green, on the 25th inst., when Bro. Hewlett will, for the first time, preside.

The meetings of the Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, will in future be held on Thursday evenings, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, at 6.30 p.m.

Old Warrants.

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No. 261, "Ancients;" No. 329 at the "Union of 1813," No. 229 from A.D. 1832, and No. 194 from A.D. 1863 to the present time.

GRAND MASTER ANTRIM.

JAS. AGAR S.G.W. JA. PERRY D.G.M. WATKIN LEWIS J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, THE GRAND LODGE of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred and twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six) in ample form assembled, viz.:—

The Right Worshipful and most puissant Prince Randal William, Marquis, Earl and Baron of Antrim, Lord Viscount Dunluce, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Antrim in the Province of Ulster and Kingdom of Ireland, Knight of the most honorable Military Order of the Bath, one of His Majesty's most honourable Privy Council, & in that part of Great Britain called England, and Masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS. The Right Worshipful James Perry Esq^r. Deputy Grand Master. The Right Worshipful James Agar Esq. Senior Grand Warden. And the Right Worshipful Sir Watkin Lewis K^nt. Junior Grand Warden No. 261 (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the cities and suburbs of London and Westminster), DO HEREBY AUTHORISE and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz.: The Worshipful Joseph Martin, one of our Master Masons. The Worshipful Abraham Martin, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Benjamin Friedeburg, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at Mr. Edward White's, the sign of Duke William on Horseback, in Quakers'-street, in the parish of Christ Church, Spital Fields, in the county of Middlesex, or elsewhere within the city and liberties of London and Westminster, on all seasonable Times and Lawful Occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby farther authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved brethren, Joseph Martin, Abraham Martin and Benjamin Friedeburg (with the consent of the members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their powers and dignities as Free Masons, &c. &c. And such successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse and install their successors, &c. &c. &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY during the continuance of this Lodge for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force nor virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our GRAND LODGE in LONDON, this thirty-first day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and in the year of Masonry Five thousand seven hundred and ninety.

JOHN MCCORMICK,
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol 6, Letter F.

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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, 3rd FEBRUARY.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

MONDAY, 5th FEBRUARY.

45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem, St. John's-sq., Clerkenwell, at 8. (Instruction.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1626—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
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.
431—St. George's Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
482—St. James's, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
622—St. Cuthbergа, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashburn, Derbyshire.
1008—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1060—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
1061—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
1364—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1573—Carnduc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.

TUESDAY, 6th FEBRUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand Court, W.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
1296—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, Islington.
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
1473—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
154—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
246—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
393—St. David, Masonic Hall, Parade, Berwick.
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
555—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Lindale, Leighton Buzzard.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1323—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1469—St. Kleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea.

WEDNESDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, 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.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1634—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1685—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney.
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.)
298—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.
1095—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.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind- treet, Swansea.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

THURSDAY, 8th FEBRUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

THURSDAY—continued.

1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. (Instruction.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter.
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
509—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1094—St. George's, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1204—Royal's Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Bald Faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill.

FRIDAY, 9th FEBRUARY.

87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
814—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1269—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1295—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1298—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.

SATURDAY, 10th FEBRUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1338—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1426—The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
1109—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1302—De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1543—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
R. A. 307—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
R. A. 390—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.

TUESDAY.

265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 298—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 800—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

WEDNESDAY.

R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R. A. 301—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.

THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.
K.T. Salamanca, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

FRIDAY.

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

SATURDAY.

R. A. 306—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—129—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.
TUESDAY—5—Canongate and Leith (L. and C.), 86 Constitution-street.
THURSDAY—8—Journeymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.
FRIDAY—56—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—103—Union and Crown, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" R. A.—122—Thetis, 35 St. James's-street.
TUESDAY—R. A. 67—Cathedral, 22 Struthers-street.
WEDNESDAY—R. A. 73—Caledonian of Unity, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow
THURSDAY—27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 465—St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road, Glasgow.
FRIDAY—116—Royal Arch, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.
" 275—Shamrock and Thistle, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.
" 360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" 463—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 512—Thornliebank, School Room, Thornliebank, at 7.
SATURDAY—28—St. John's, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch, at 7.
" 304—St. John Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown, at 7.
" 456—St. John, Wilson Hall, Busby, at 6.

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H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., &c., &c.

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has graciously signified his intention of presiding.

Brethren desirous of accepting the office of Steward upon this auspicious occasion will greatly oblige by forwarding their names, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give every information required.

JAMES TERRY, Prov. G.D.C. Herts,
Secretary.

*** H.R.H. Prince Leopold has been pleased to alter the day of the Festival from Wednesday the 14th February (being Ash Wednesday) to Monday the 12th.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen is still at Osborne, with the Princess Beatrice and Prince Leopold—the Duke of Connaught also having been on a visit to Her Majesty—where, doubtless, she will remain till within a few days of the opening of Parliament. On Saturday last Her Majesty's eldest grandchild, Prince William of Prussia, son of the Imperial Crown Prince of Germany and the Princess Royal of Great Britain and Ireland, attained the age of eighteen; and, in accordance with the law of Prussia, became of age. In honour of this event, the Queen has conferred upon the young Prince the order of the Garter. She has likewise made her son, Prince Leopold, a Knight Grand Commander of the Star of India. It is announced that Her Majesty will not hold an official Court this season. On the 2nd of March, however, she will hold a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace, for the reception of the Corps Diplomatique, and another on the 14th of the same month. Two more will be held after Easter, of which due notice will be given. On the 18th and 26th instant His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will hold *levées* on behalf of Her Majesty at St. James's Palace. Presentations at these will be considered equivalent to presentations to the Queen. On Monday the Prince returned to Sandringham from London. It is probable that after a short stay there, he and the Princess will leave for London for the season.

Thursday next, the fourth Session of the present Parliament, will be opened by the Queen in person. Under these circumstances, Ministers have been holding Cabinet Councils very frequently, with a view, no doubt, to give the finishing touches to their programme for the year. No doubt, too, the close of the Conference and the new phase upon which the Eastern Question has entered has commanded their attention. It is, at least, a satisfaction to know that in a short time we shall be in possession of authoritative news of the stirring events which have been occurring since the prorogation in August last. For these reasons, too, we regret that any statesman or politician who has not been expressly called upon to speak in public should have gone out of his way to discuss questions the full knowledge of which is not yet before the public.

The Mansion House Fund, for the relief of the sufferers by the recent floods, had already reached the very respectable total of £8,500 on Friday last, when the Executive Committee met together for the dispatch of business. A number of sums were voted for the relief of sufferers in different parts of the country. A further meeting was fixed for Wednesday. It seems, however, as though there were further inundations in store for us. There was a terrific gale on Tuesday morning all over the country, and considerable damage both to life and property was the result. In the Metropolis, one or two very serious accidents occurred. One in Lambeth was caused by the fall of a scaffold, and another in the Gray's-Inn-road, by the fall of some chimneys. On Wednesday there was another overflow of the Thames, the tide in the afternoon rising some three feet above Trinity high water-mark. Fortunately, great precautions had been taken, so that the loss of property will not be so great as it might have been. At Richmond the river overflowed its banks, and some twenty or thirty acres of the old Deer Park are under water. In the station too, which, during the floods in the early part of the year, was inundated to the extent of some feet, there were quite six inches of water. A considerable amount of property has been destroyed at Margate. Philpott's Baths are nearly washed away, and all along the Marine Parade the roadway has been broken by the violence of the sea, while many houses in the High Street have also suffered. We hear a similar story from different parts of Essex, from Sittingbourne, from Warwickshire, and, indeed, throughout the country generally.

It seems that the Cattle Plague has again visited London, owing, we presume, to the importation of cattle from parts of Germany, where it is known there has been another outbreak more or less severe. In consequence, the Lords of the Council have issued orders forbidding the importation of beasts, &c., from certain countries, and against the movement of cattle from the Metropolis. We sincerely hope we are not going to have such another visitation as overtook us in 1865. Equally anxious are we that the butchers will not make this a reason for raising the price of meat, which is dear enough in all conscience already.

The action for libel brought by Mr. Metcalf and wife against Mr. Horace Wigan terminated on Wednesday, in a verdict for the plaintiffs, the jury awarding damages to the extent of £70. The libel complained of was uttered by Mr. Wigan, and imputed professional incompetency to Mrs. Metcalf, or, as she is known in dramatic circles, Miss Beauclerc. This, of course, was a very serious imputation, but the defendant justified it on the ground that it was true, his other line of defence being that the communication in which it was made was a privileged one. The evidence adduced by the plaintiffs was overwhelmingly in favour of Miss Beauclerc's ability. So, at least, the jury appear to have thought, from the verdict they delivered and the damages they awarded. While on legal matters we may mention, that "Dr. Slade's" appeal against his conviction last year, for obtaining money under false pretences, has been sustained, and the conviction is, therefore, quashed. It appears, however, that fresh summonses have been taken out, with a view to trying the case a second time. It should also be mentioned that Mr. Cobbett appeared on Wednesday, in the Court of Appeal, to appeal against a recent judgment of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Judicature, in an action he brought against Justice Field, to recover a penalty of £500 for refusing to issue a writ of Habeas Corpus, Mr. Cobbett's application, however, was dismissed by the Court with costs.

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A new unarmoured cruiser, named the Euryalus, has been added to the strength of Her Majesty's fleet. The launch took place at Chatham on Wednesday, the ceremony of christening the new corvette being performed by Mrs. Stewart, the wife of Rear-Admiral Stewart, Controller of the Navy, in the presence of Rear-Admiral Fellowes, Superintendent of the Dockyard, and a large number of visitors. The ship is 280 feet in length, her extreme breadth 45 feet, and depth in hold 15 feet seven inches, burden close on 3,700 tons. She is built of iron, cased in wood, and is intended to form one of that flying squadron on which, in the event of war, would depend the harrying of an enemy's commerce and the defence of our own. She is neither strong enough to resist the big guns of the day, nor will her intended armament be strong enough to penetrate the sides of armoured vessels. Her speed, however, will be very great. While on the subject of our defences, we may state that a further series of experiments with the 81-ton gun was begun on Thursday morning, the object being to test its efficacy with shell against a massive target representing the side of a ship of moderate thickness, the general belief being that a moderate thickness of armour will serve to resist common shell, as the projectile is shattered to pieces on impact. The distance will be 120 yards, the weight of the charge 370 lb. of pebble powder of 1½-inch cubes, and that of the shell 1700 lbs.

The fame which Commander Cameron has obtained through his journey across the Continent of Africa, is by no means confined to his own country. The gallant officer has recently paid a visit to Paris, and has there delivered a lecture, describing his enterprise. The audience assembled to hear him was immense, and they accorded him a most enthusiastic reception. He has also been awarded the gold medal of the Paris Geographical Society. An incident in connection with the lecture is worth recording. Commander Cameron spoke in French, and his accent is said to be very pronounced. Some rude persons were overheard laughing to themselves at our countryman's unfamiliarity with the true Parisian accent, when the whole assembly rose as one man, and vented their indignation in such an unmistakable manner that the rude people were silenced.

After a storm comes a calm, and this seems to hold good in the case of the Eastern question. The ambassadors, both ordinary and extraordinary, have taken their departure from Constantinople, but though some of the rumours which are abroad are not the most reassuring, we seem more likely to have peace than at any time during the last three months. What is more satisfactory still is, that negociations have been commenced between Turkey and Servia for the restoration of peace. The terms said to be proposed by Turkey are by no means heavy, considering that she was so easy a victor in the late struggle, and even these, it is believed, will be modified rather than that the opportunity of securing herself in this direction should be lost by Turkey. Similar rumours prevail as regards Turkey and Montenegro, but there is a talk about the surrender of certain districts by the former to the latter. Perhaps Turkey may not so easily reconcile herself to this. As regards Russia, the reports are conflicting, as usual, but the general belief inclines towards the maintenance of peace between her and Turkey. Some say the Czar contemplates abdication, others that Russia will quietly withdraw from the advanced position she took up last November, and others affirm that she is about calling out more *corps d'armée* to strengthen her force at Kischeneff. However, we shall not have long to wait ere learning which, if any, of these rumours is correct.

On Thursday, 25th ult, after the business of the General Committee meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which was held at Freemasons' Hall, had been disposed of, the members of the Club, which was established in 1873, met, and, according to custom, dined together. These gatherings tend to cement friendships that have long existed, and are always looked forward to with pleasurable anticipation. Bro. Geo. Kenning was Chairman, by rotation, while Bro. John Boyd very ably occupied the Vice-Chair. On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal toasts were proposed, and the members proceeded to ballot for the brethren who had been proposed as candidates, and who were unanimously accepted. The formal business was then transacted; the accounts showed a balance in favour of the Club to the amount of 40 guineas. Five guineas was voted to each of the four Past Presidents to enable them to become Life Subscribers of the Institution. The Chairman informed the brethren that Bro. Col. F. Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex, would take the chair at the next meeting of the Club, and this announcement was received with feelings of great pleasure. The health of the President, Bro. Geo. Kenning, was proposed and responded to, as also was that of the acting V.P. Bro. John Boyd, who responded in his usual expressive manner. Bro. H. Dicketts P.G.S. proposed the health of Bro. R. W. Little, the worthy Secretary. All knew and respected him, and would testify their appreciation of the zeal manifested by him in connection with the Institution since he had been associated with it. He was sure every one present cordially wished him health, to continue among them, to carry out those duties he had so efficiently performed. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 replied for the Visitors. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Howe for his acceptable gift of a signature book, and cards with the names of the founders and members of the Club. Two brethren consented to become Stewards at the next Anniversary Festival of the Girls' School. Bro. H. M. Levy proffered a silver watch, to be given to one of the girls as a prize at the next Examination. The members separated, with a pleasing recollection of having passed an agreeable evening.

The Musical Committee of the Board of Stewards for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons met on Monday the 29th ult., Bro. J. M. Case G.D. in the chair; Bro. S. Rothenthal, C. J. Livett, C. Martin, and H. M. Levy, were also present. The selection of music was entrusted to Bro. T. Lawler jun. The general meeting of Stewards was then held, and was numerously attended. Bro. J. M. Case here also took the chair. Bro. Jas. Terry, Hon. Sec., read the report, which was carried. He then announced there were 259 Stewards. A vote of thanks was passed to the Board of General Purposes for the use of the Hall. The Reception Committee to receive H.R.H. Prince Leopold was appointed; it will consist of the President, Vice President, two Grand Stewards, and Bros. Martin, Curtois, Oughton, and H. M. Levy. Ballots for seats in the Hall were taken, and a cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Case for presiding. Among those present were Bros. T. Foxall, J. Tanner, G. Ward Verry, C. Montrie, W. J. Ferguson, W. Murlis, M. Spiegel, Baldwin, J. Stevens, C. Godtschalk, Corke, J. Elliott, Watts, Scott, Rev. R. J. Simpson, L. C. Birley, Z. D. Berry, Rawley, Wallington, Faulkner, &c.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held at the Masonic Hall, Bugle Street, Southampton, Friday, 26th ult., under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent of the Province, W. W. B. Beach, Esq., M.P. The usual business having been transacted, the following were invested as Provincial Officers for the ensuing year:—

M.E. Comp.	W. Hickman	...	130	H.
,,	T. Best ...	...	394	J.
,,	J. E. Le Feuvre	...	394	Scribe E.
,,	T. Batchelor	...	487	Scribe N.
,,	J. B. Thomas	...	394	P.S.
,,	J. Wallingford	...	903	First Assist.
,,	Dyson ...	...	130	Second Assist.
,,	M. E. Frost	...	487	Treasurer.
E.C.	Dyer ...	...	359	Registrar.
,,	Turney ...	...	342	Sword Bearer.
,,	E. Bunting	...	487	Standard Bearer.
,,	Page ...	...	903	D.C.
C.	Biggs ...	...	130	Janitors.
,,	Exell ...	...	487	Janitors.

The Companions subsequently partook of an excellent banquet, supplied by Mr. T. Dartnall, of the High Street.

In our report, last week, of the meeting of the Salisbury Lodge, No. 435, we stated that Bro. Wilhelm Ganz had been a member TEN years; we should have said TWENTY years, as Bro. Ganz joined the Salisbury in 1856, and has been a member ever since.

At the dinner and ball in aid of the Caledonian Society, held at Freemasons' Hall on the 25th ult., in commemoration of the Birthday of the poet Burns, the band was furnished and conducted by Bro. Louis, No. 1559, bandmaster of the London Scottish Rifles.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—At the last meeting of this Chapter, which took place on Tuesday, the 30th inst., at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, an unusual number of members assembled. By some curious coincidence several of the oldest member, having for divers reasons been absent for a considerable time, made their re-appearance on that occasion. Comps. W. Stephens acted as Z., Cox H., Berrie J., Leemann S.E., J. Constable S.N., Highe P.S., John Boyd as Preceptor. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Self acting as candidate. The first clause of the first section of the first Lecture was worked by Comp. Boyd, assisted by the companions. It is remarkable that this well-conducted and ably worked Chapter is not better supported. New Royal Arch Chapters are continually being consecrated, and scores are exalted to the degree. It might, therefore, be reasonably supposed that the number whose business it is to obtain the requisite knowledge to fit them for office should increase in a proportionate ratio. Such, however, is apparently not the case, judging from the comparatively scant attendance at one of the few Chapters of Instruction of which London can boast. Surely there can be but few who think it consistent with the honourable feeling which should actuate every true Mason to permit himself to pass the different grades of office without due preparation. And where can proficiency be obtained if not at the place set apart for the purposes of rehearsal and instruction? It is, therefore, surprising, and not easily accounted for, that this Chapter of Improvement is not more numerously patronised, more especially when we take into consideration that it is the only place where the explanatory Lectures, which form no mean aid to the student, are worked. There are always able Companions present, who gladly give their assistance, and who earnestly invite those who are desirous of being instructed to pay a visit to the Chapter, which meets every Tuesday throughout the year, at 6.30, and closes at 8.30.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, 1st February, at Bro. Hallow's, The Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. Saunders W.M., Brand S.W., Franklin J.W., Pinder Preceptor, Saunders Secretary, W. G. Hallows S.D., Oldroyd J.D., F. Hallows I.G., Upward Organist; also Bros. Christian, Groom, Badkins, Delavanti, Appleby, Evenett, Rowley and Field. The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Groome acting as candidate. The Lodge was advanced to the 2nd, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Groome acting as candidate. The Lodge was closed in the 2nd degree. Bro. Christian worked the 3rd section of the 1st lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Rowley and Appleby were unanimously elected joining members of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Brand was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Monday, the 29th of January, at Bro. Gay's, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell. Present—Bros. R. G. Tolmie W.M., Killick S.W., Stock J.W., A. W. Fenner Secretary, Powell S.D., Pilbeam J.D., Millward I.G., Piercy acting Preceptor, Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Alford, Cook, Halford, Kidder, Mousley, Saul, &c. Lodge was opened in due form. Minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Mousley having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in 2nd degree. Bro. Mousley was passed. The W.M. worked the 1st section of the lecture, Bro. Piercey worked the 2nd section; the W.M. worked the 3rd, 4th, and 5th sections, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed to the 1st degree. Bro. Killick was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. It was proposed by Bro. Killick (ex Secretary), and seconded by Bro. Halford, that Bro. A. W. Fenner be appointed Secretary. This was unanimously carried. All business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. At the next meeting, according to notice of motion, a proposition will be made to remove the Lodge, when the attendance of every member who can make it convenient is earnestly requested.

Howard Lodge of Brotherly Lodge, No. 56.—On Thursday, 25th, ult., at a meeting of this Lodge, Bro. G. T. Evershed P.M., late Mayor of Arundel, was presented with a very elegantly illuminated testimonial, signed by the members of the Lodge, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by every member; and also in commemoration of his having so efficiently and honourably discharged his duties as Mayor, thereby deserving the esteem of his fellow townsmen. The testimonial is of artistic design, illuminated on vellum, and reflects great credit on the artist, Mr. J. Leggatt, of Brighton.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Leadenhall-street, 30th Jan. Present—Bros. Lees W.M., Maidwell S.W., Biddle J.W., Fraser S.D., Sayer J.D., Hogarth I.G., Hollands Sec., Rudderforth Preceptor, Ellis, Green, Sharp, Barter, Laroon, Botibol, Hullar, Brown, Daniel, Walker, Dart, Rich, Wharman, Bone. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ellis candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Rudderforth, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was opened to the second degree, and the ceremony of installation was ably worked by Bro. Green W.M. of the Egyptian Lodge, to the great satisfaction of all present. A vote of thanks was proposed and seconded, to be recorded on the minutes to that effect. Bro. Maidwell was elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight. It was proposed that Bro. Carruthers, W.M. of the Mother Lodge, should preside at the annual banquet, Bro. Rudderforth to be S.W. and Bro. Ellis J.W. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Ark Mariners Lodge, No. 69.—This Lodge held its quarterly meeting on Friday, 26th January, at St. Clair's Hall, Glasgow, Bro. T. M. Campbell presiding as F.N., Bros. J. McInnis J., and R. Brand S.; J. Fash S. and G. W. Wheeler acting as conductor of Pilots, and J. O. Park as G. There were petitions from four Comps., J. Duthie P.Z. 67, M. Robin, William Ferguson and J. Curren, all of 69. They were admitted on board, and duly instructed in their duties as Mark Mariners. The election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and resulted in the re-appointment of the brethren then acting, along with J. Blackman as Treasurer, and D. Ramsey as Outer Guard.

A Council of Knights of the Red Cross of Babylon was opened by the same Comps., in their respective offices, and the four candidates whose names are given above were admitted and duly elected Knights of the Sword and Knights of the East, and subsequently Knights of the East and West. The whole of the ceremonies were admirably wrought by Sir Knight T. M. Campbell, as President of the Council.

Caledonian of Unity Chapter, 73.—Presentation to Comp. G. McDonald M.E.P.Z.—At the regular monthly meeting, held in St. Mark's Hall, on Wednesday, 31st January, Comp. G. W. Wheeler Z. presiding, assisted by Comps. J. Kennard H., W. Gunn J., G. McDonald P.Z., J. Balfour S.E., J. Bannerman Tr., Wm. Hay 1st S., J. Kay 2nd S., J. B. Hardie 3rd S., and Wm. Jameson Janitor. The auditors presented their report, showing a good balance in hand. The M.E.Z. said a very pleasant duty devolved on him, to present a handsome P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. George McDonald, one who had always, from the date of his exaltation, worked unceasingly for the prosperity of the Chapter, and, although now P.Z., he was at all times ready to fill the place of any officer who might chance to be absent; his constant attention and truly Masonic conduct, both in the chair of the Lodge and Chapter, had endeared him to all his brethren, and he (Comp. Wheeler) was glad to be their mouthpiece on this occasion, and in their name presented this mark of their esteem. Comp. G. McDonald said he was quite taken by surprise. He had no idea that the Companions had deemed him worthy of such a testimonial. The gift in itself was valuable, but he should prize it far above its intrinsic worth, as marking the esteem of those among whom he had been proud to work. He should prize it, and leave it to his son, when the Chapter would have to do without him; but while health and strength were spared him, he would always strive to be present, and do his duty as he had hitherto done. Comps. J. Tweed P.H. 73, and J. O. Park P.Z. 122, as old members of the Chapter, spoke highly of the services of the P.Z., as well as those of his successor. Thanks were also awarded to P.Z. J. Balfour S.E. for the great services he had rendered to the Chapter for many years past. The Chapter was duly closed.

St. Mungo Encampment, Glasgow.—This Lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, at the Masonic Hall, 12 Trongate, and was opened in due form by Sir W. F. Shaw E.C., assisted by Sir Knights R. Bell P.E.C., J. O. Park C.G., G. W. Wheeler Prelate, D. Reid R., J. A. Fergerson T., John Kay M.D., Baker D.M., and Sir Knights H. J. Shields 33° P.E.C. Manhattan Commandery, R. Grange, J. Douglas, J. Hoy, Wm. Harding, P. Hepburn, J. D. Neif, and J. McDade. A petition was presented on behalf of Comp. Jas. Perston of 87, who was duly admitted as a Pilgrim and Esq., and afterwards, in company with Comp. Mechell Meyer, was duly dubbed and created a Knight of the Temple. Sir Knight H. J. Shields was asked to make the necessary arrangements for working the degree of Templar Priest at the next meeting. The Encampment was then closed in due form.

Union Lodge, No. 129, Kendal.—The annual meeting of this ancient, flourishing, and well-worked Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Stramondgate, on Thursday, 25th January, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. F. C. Grayson, assisted by Bros. Nelson S.W., Bell as J.W., John Holme P.M. P.P.G.W., John Talbot P.M. P.P.G.W., Joseph Bintley P.M. P.P.G.S. of Works, Titus Wilson P.M. P.P.G.S.B., John Bowes P.M. Prov. G.J.W., and so many other brethren that the room was crowded to inconvenience. The minutes having been confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the W.M. invited Bro. John Bowes to undertake the duties of installing master, which he did, and discharged his obligations in a manner that elicited the warmest approval of the brethren. The W.M. elect, Bro. E. J. Nelson, was presented, and after he had been installed in ample form, he appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year. The installing master then called upon Bro. John Talbot to deliver the usual addresses. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Bowes for his services. A sum of £5 was voted to Bro. McKay's list. Several candidates were then proposed, and other routine business transacted, after which the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a dinner of a *récherché* character awaited them. The newly-installed W.M. presided; he was supported on the right and left by Bros. Bowes, Holme, Talbot, Bintley, W. Cartmel, G. Cartmel, John Bintley (London), Tattersall, F. C. Grayson, C. Gardner-Thompson, Medcalf, Cragg, Hunter, J. Ottley Atkinson, &c. The Wardens occupied their usual positions. After the cloth was withdrawn, the usual Loyal and Masonic Toasts received due honour. Bro. Bowes responded for the Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland. Bro. John Holme P.M. P.G.W. proposed the W.M.'s health, and in doing so referred to the rapid progress he had made in the art since he (Bro. Holme) had the pleasure of initiating him. Bro. Bowes proposed "The Masonic Charities," and coupled Bro. McKay's name with the toast. On a collecting card being sent round the tables, it was returned to Bro. McKay, and he found his list augmented by above £5. Bro. Hogg, in responding for the older members of the Lodge, referred to

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the time when they were indebted to the Carlisle brethren for their existence as a Lodge, and contrasted that state of things with the present time, when they had a large body of working members, and their number was constantly increasing. Some excellent songs were admirably rendered during the evening, by Bros. Gooding, Sissons, Nelson, Scales, John Bintley, and others, and the brethren separated before 10 o'clock. One pleasing, though melancholy feature of the day's proceedings, was the unveiling of a memorial portrait of the late Bro. Henry Rauthmel, who had been unexpected called to the Grand Lodge above, in the prime of life. Bro. Hogg was the artist, and his effort was one of unqualified success.

Kendal Castle Chapter, No. 129.—The annual convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday, 25th January, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Masonic Hall, Stramondgate. The Chapter was opened by the Principals, after which the Companions were admitted, and the minutes read and confirmed. E. Companion John Bowes P.Z. &c., was then invited to instal the Principals elect—viz., Comps. John Holmes Z., Joseph Bintley H., and John Talbot J. The ceremony having been completed, the officers for the ensuing year were invested—viz., Comps. McKay E., Bell N., and Godfrey P.S. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Bowes, for his able services for years past, and particularly for those of the day. The Treasurer, Comp. Titus Wilson, reported that the finances of the Chapter were in a very satisfactory condition, whereupon Comp. McKay announced that he had undertaken the duty of Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and asked for £5 to be added to his list. This was readily granted. After the transaction of some routine business, the Chapter was closed, with the usual solemnities.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—A Convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday, 29th Jan., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Comps. E. P. Albert P.Z., in the absence of the M.E.Z., as Z., W. Littaur P.Z. H., L. Jacobs J., P. Dickinson S.E., L. Lazarus P.S., M.Myers 1st Asst., Davis 2nd Asst., P.Z.'s S. Pollitzer, S. Lazarus and J. Lazarus; also Comps. L. Anerhaan, Bookbinder, Davis, Mellish, Grove Ellis, A. Anerhaan, P. Moore, J. S. Lyon, N. Banm, M. Silver, Haines, Myers, &c. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. R. G. Howell, No. 12, which was unanimously in his favour, he, with Bro. Snelling, who had been elected on a former occasion, being in attendance, both were duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. The working in every respect was excellently rendered. Two brethren were proposed for exaltation at the next meeting, and the Chapter was closed until the last Monday in March. A sumptuous banquet, provided by Comp. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver, was then partaken of, and at which all present expressed unqualified satisfaction. On the removal of the cloth, the Acting M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. He then gave that of the newly exalted Companions. From the attention they had paid to the ceremony, and the recommendations they brought, they merited respect from all. Comp. Snelling responded to the toast. The acting M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the Visitors; although but few in number, they were distinguished in the Order. They were welcome, not only on this occasion, but also at any time they might honour the Chapter with a visit. Comps. Howe Z. elect 217, G. Bubb 180, and C. Hogard M.E.Z. 141, severally responded; they appreciated the excellent working, and the kind hospitality accorded them. Comp. J. Lazarus P.Z. then proposed the health of the acting Z., Comp. E. P. Albert. The Companions had seen how, at so short a notice, he had occupied the chair, and discharged the duties, to their satisfaction (cheers); also how admirably and genially he had presided. All hoped he would have health and long life to be among them. Companion Albert thanked them for the kind appreciation of his services; it was ten years since he had occupied the chair of Z. in that Chapter. He had to thank his two supporters for their kind assistance, and he was pleased to hear that his efforts had met with their approbation. He then proposed the toast of the P.Z.'s, who had discharged their duties to the satisfaction of all; he would call on an old and valued friend, Comp. S. N. Abrahams, P.Z. and Treasurer, to respond to the toast. Comp. Abrahams, in returning thanks, fully justified the pertinent remarks of the acting Z. The healths of the H. and J. was responded to by Comps. W. Littaur and A. L. Jacobs. The M.E.Z., in proposing the toast of the Junior Officers, complimented Comp. Dickinson S.E., who had occupied that position for two years with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Chapter. Time and distance was no object to him, so long as the interests of the Chapter were at stake. The same remarks would apply to Comp. L. Lazarus P.S., whose excellent working was such that he was sure he would fill with credit any office entrusted to him in the Chapter; he was a pattern worthy of imitation. The Janitor's toast was then given, and the Companions separated. Comps. Dickinson and N. Banm contributed to the harmony.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—At the weekly meeting, which was held on Wednesday, the 31st inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., Bro. Bone presided, assisted by Bros. Abell S.W., Turner J.W., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, John Constable P.M. Hon. Treasurer, Rudderforth as Secretary, Triggs S.D., Sayer J.D., Lay I.G., Christopher Tyler. The business of the evening consisted of the rehearsal of the third ceremony, Bro. Defries acting as candidate, after which the second and third sections of the lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the Brethren. In moving a vote of thanks to the W.M., Bro. Gottheil took the opportunity to observe that it was customary, he believed, in every Lodge of Instruction to pursue a similar course. It was a beneficial custom, as it tended to gratify the recipient, and stimulated others in their endeavours to excel. In all cases the thanks of the meeting to a Brother who for the first time attempts the duties of the Chair are well deserved, even by one who is not precisely *au fait* in the work, because every one in that position is sure to try to do his very best. In this instance, however, the vote is pre-eminently well deserved, seeing that not only is it the first time Bro. Bone has occupied any chair previous to his following the various offices leading to it, but in his maiden effort he undertook the onerous duty of working the ceremony of the third degree. The brethren had witnessed the manner in which he had succeeded, and would agree to the proposition, that a vote of thanks to the W.M. be recorded on the Lodge Book for the excellent manner in which he had conducted the business of the evening. This was seconded by Bro. Defries, who expressed a desire to do so from the fact of his having acted as candidate. He wished to testify to the pleasure with which he had listened to the W.M., and the gratification it had afforded him to witness his excellent working. Bro. J. Constable, in supporting the motion, urged the brethren to emulate the example of the W.M., which would, he assured them, not only give satisfaction to themselves but bring credit to the Lodge. The vote was unanimously carried. Bro. Bone cordially thanked the brethren for their kindness. He was pleased to have given even a small measure of satisfaction, but hoped that when next permitted to occupy the position he would be able to do the work with greater efficiency. The election of officers was next proceeded with, when Bro. Abell, the S.W., was unanimously elected. According to the bye-laws, the ceremony of the first degree will be rehearsed on the next occasion, when it is hoped a large number of members and brethren will rally round our respected and aspiring brother.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Saturday, 27th January, at The Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, corner of Church-road, Islington. Present—Bros. Groner W.M., Read S.W., Brisker J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Bedwell S.D., Millward J.D., Powell I.G. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of previous meeting confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. Hewlett and Stock acting as candidates. Several sections were worked. Bros. Hewlett 141, R. Clark 1613, R. Abbott 917, Taylor 811, and G. Schuldenfrei 188 were elected members. Bro. Read was appointed W.M. for the next meeting.

Zetland Chapter, No. 236.—The regular meeting of this Chapter was held at York, on Wednesday, 31st January, when, after the exaltation of Bros. Geo. Seller, J. T. Seller and W. H. Gainforth to the supreme degree, the annual election of officers was held, with the following result:—Comps. Thos. Smurthwaite Z., H. V. Palmer H., the Earl of Zetland J., Wm. Cowling P.Z. Treasurer, T. G. Turner S.E., the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett S.N., Ralph Davison P.Z. P.S., Jas. Redfare Janitor. There was a good attendance of members, and the proceedings were followed by an excellent supper, at which the M.E. Comp. J. Todd P.Z. presided.

Commercial Lodge, No. 360.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Friday, 19th January, in its own hall, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow, Bro. J. Munro R.W.M. in the chair, Bros. J. M. Oliver D.M., Wm. Findley S.W., G. W. Wheeler J.W., J. Smith Sec., G. Scott Tr., A. Patterson S.D., R. Brodie presiding at the harmenium, Harrison acting I.G., and Jas. Minnock Tyler. The Lodge was then raised to the 2nd degree, when Bro. J. M. Oliver, in a most able and efficient manner, passed Bros. Wm. Melville and W. G. Craven to the Fellow Craft degree. The Lodge is fortunate in having so many of its office bearers able and willing to work all the degrees.

Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Artillery Grounds, Finsbury, the Head Quarters of the Regiment, on Friday, 26th January. Bro. Frederic Graves W.M. presided, and all the officers were present. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, and of a Lodge of Emergency, a ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. Lieut. A. Durrant, P.M. of Lodge No. 1185, which proved unanimous in his favour. Bro. Capt. Eglese then took the chair, and installed Bro. Ensign W. I. Spicer as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed in a very able and impressive manner, and the addresses were listened to with earnest attention. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follow:—Bros. R. G. Webster S.W., A. Everingham J.W., J. Sanderson S.D., F. J. Stohwasser J.D., Quarter-Master W. G. Brighten I.G., Capt. J. Eglese Hon. Sec., and W. Jolliffe D.C.: Bro. Capt. Helsham was invested as Treasurer. The W.M. then stated that he had a very agreeable duty to perform, which was to present to the I.P.M., Bro. Graves, a jewel, unanimously voted to him by the Lodge, in recognition of the able and satisfactory manner in which he had fulfilled the arduous duties of his year of office; he had had more work to do than any preceding Master in that chair. Bro. Graves briefly thanked the brethren for their kindness; he should always regard the gift with feelings of pleasure, and as a memento of his happy year of office. The sum of £10 was then voted for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Bro. P.M. Adams. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to their magnificent hall, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, where an excellent banquet was served by their Sutler. After the usual Loyal and Craft toasts had been proposed and responded to, Bro. Capt. Helsham (in the unavoidable absence of the I.P.M.) proposed the health of the W.M. in a very eloquent speech. He felt sure that the brethren had elected one who, from his well known amiable qualities, would reflect credit on their choice, and, in conclusion, wished him a happy year of office, with plenty of work. The W.M. said he was quite taken aback by the flattering manner in which his health had been proposed; he felt that he did not merit all the kind things that had been said about

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him. However, he begged to assure the brethren that he was not insensible to the honour that had been conferred upon him, or to the important duties attaching to his office. At the same time, if they would afford him their kind co-operation and assistance, he would endeavour to discharge his duties with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the Lodge, so that, at the end of his year of office, he might show that he had deserved the confidence they had been pleased to place in him. The healths of Bros. H. P. Matthews, George Fulcher and John Pash (who had been initiated at a Lodge of Emergency) were then proposed by the W.M., who drew attention to the fact that the Lodge was essentially confined to members of the Regiment, and, therefore, they were always glad to see their comrades join that Lodge in preference to an outside one. He hoped they would become good and deserving Masons, and always regard their admission into the Craft as one of the happiest events of their lives. The "Initiates'" song was then sung by Bro. Capt. Eglese, and afterwards these brethren made suitable responses. In giving the health of the "Visitors," the W.M. said there were upwards of 30 present, most of them were well known in the Masonic world, and some of them held high positions in the Craft. They were always pleased to see visitors there, and they did their best to give them a hearty welcome; this he hoped all had so far experienced. In returning thanks, Bro. Major Charles Harding and Bro. Dr. Ramsay both expressed their thanks for the cordial welcome extended, both to them and the other visitors. In proposing the next toast, "The Past Masters," the W.M. said it was one that was always received with reverence and respect; they were regarded as the strength and stability of the Lodge. Bros. Honey and Griffiths Smith each said a few words in acknowledgment. The Treasurer and Hon. Secretary was then given, and in speaking of the able and zealous services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. Capt. Eglese, as Hon. Secretary, for so many years past, the W.M. congratulated the Lodge on having a brother whose whole heart and soul was in his work; one who was always ready to assist any rising member with the benefit of his Masonic knowledge. Bro. Capt. Helsham, having only recently been elected, had not yet entered on his duties, but they had a guarantee he would take the strictest care of their funds. Both these brethren assured the Lodge that their best energies should be devoted to their respective offices. The health of "the Officers" was responded to by Bros. R. S. Webster S.W., and W. Jolliffe D.C. The evening was made additionally pleasant by some capital singing by Bros. H. P. Matthews, F. H. Cozens, T. W. Simons, and A. Hubbard. There were present, amongst others, Bros. Dr. Ramsay P.M. 259, Major C. Harding P.M. 231, D. W. Pentecost P.M. 231, Lieut. A. Ritchie R.A., W. P. Brown 90, J. Spice, P. Vargues, Webster, Norris, Stannage, and Middlemist P.G.S.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—

This Lodge met on Friday, the 26th of January, at Bro. Kennard's, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. Aug. Braun P.M. 766 W.M., J. Davison S.W., Parsons J.W., Rudderforth Preceptor, Gadden S.D., Hayes J.D., Tribbel I.G.; also Bros. Kennard, Shephard, Reddie, Evans and March. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M., Bro. Braun, rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Coates acting as candidate. The Lodge was advanced to the second, and Bros. Coates and Evans answered the questions for raising. Lodge being resumed to the first degree, Bro. Rudderforth worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. He then asked the questions in the fourth section, in which Bro. Jas. Davison answered the whole in a most satisfactory manner. Bro. Davison was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and the Lodge was then closed.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—

The weekly meeting of the above Lodge took place on Tuesday, 30th January, at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Bro. Lovelock W.M., W. J. Smith S.W., Perry J.W., Barker S.D., Hewlett J.D., Saunders I.G., Worsley Secretary, and P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Brown 1607, Brown, Defries, P.M.'s Ashburner, Wright, Bonner, &c. The Lodge was opened, with solemn prayer; the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The chair was then occupied by Bro. P.M. Wallington, who worked the installation ceremony, and invested the officers as above; Bro. P.M. Ashburner gave the remainder of the ceremony; both P.M.'s rendering their parts in a clear and impressive manner. The ceremony of initiation was then worked by the W.M. (Bro. Lovelock), Bro. R. Dallas acting as candidate. Bro. Hewlett worked the 3rd section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. J. Smith was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. We hope Bro. Smith will have a good attendance, as the Preceptor justly remarked that it was always very pleasing to hear him do the ceremonies. Although a young member, Bro. Smith is always perfect. A unanimous vote of thanks was given to Bro. Lovelock for his able occupancy of the chair for the first time. Bros. Macklin and Wardell, of Lodge Eastern Star, No. 95, and Bro. Coombes, of Lodge Fortitude, No. 12, were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned till Tuesday, 6th February, at 7.30 precisely.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1277.—

This Lodge held its meeting at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 26th January. Bros. Cleverley W.M., Lane S.W., Oldroyd J.W., Lupinsky S.D., Townsend J.D., A. W. Fenner I.G., Bolton Treasurer. Lodge was opened in due form, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Simpson acting as candidate. Bro. Gross having, through unavoidable circumstances, resigned the Preceptorship of the Lodge, after some discussion it was resolved to accept the same, and the brethren expressed a hope that some brother would kindly offer his services as Preceptor, when, through the medium of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, their want became known to the brethren at large. This being the first time of the W.M. occupying the chair, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded him for the creditable manner in which he had filled the same. Bro. Lane was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

Gladsmuir Lodge. No. 1385.—

The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, 26th January, at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, and was well attended by the members and visitors. Bros. James Cutbush W.M., occupied the chair, J. Livingston S.W., R. F. Young J.W., J. Lowthin P.P.G.S.W. Treasurer, G. Askew Hon. Sec., F. Paterson Organist, F. Venables S.D., C. Gray J.D., J. Enerby I.G., W. Brown S.W., P.M.'s Bros. Edwards, Carter, Terry; Bros. Parrott, Brittain, Whitehouse, Evans, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, the Auditor's report was received and unanimously adopted. A board of installed masters was then formed, and Bro. John Livingston S.W., W.M. elect, was regularly installed into the chair, the ceremony being very efficiently performed by Bro. James Terry. The W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. R. F. Young S.W., F. Venables J.W., P.M. J. Lowthin P.P.G.S.W. Treasurer, P.M. Askew Secretary, F. Paterson P.P.G.O. Organist, C. Gray S.D., J. Enerby J.D., C. Allen I.G., W. Brown D.C., and J. Purrott and J. Brittain Stewards. Bro. Goddard was unanimously re-elected Tyler. The W.M., in the name of the Lodge, presented a P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. Cutbush, as a token of esteem and fraternal regard, and for the able manner he had managed the affairs of the Lodge during his year of office. This was very suitably acknowledged. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a most sumptuous banquet, provided in Bro. Fisher's well known admirable manner. Upon the table being cleared, the W.M. proposed the health of the "Queen and Craft" in few but fitting terms, which were received in the usual cordial manner. The national anthem was then sung. The W.M. gave the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, after which the Pro G. Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present, whose healths were drank with enthusiasm. The Prov. G.M., Bro. Halsey, was the next toast on the list, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge past and present. The W.M., in giving this toast, said that it afforded him very great pleasure to see so many brethren round the table who held office in Provincial Grand Lodge; he was happy to find so many in his own Lodge who were honoured with the Purple. This toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Dr. Iles, the Prov. Grand Secretary for Herts, who replied in most able terms. Other toasts followed, and received due acknowledgment. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Iles P.M. P.G. Sec., W. Gilbert P.G.J.W., Briggs 25, Foord 404, Hickman 228, Selby 157, Webster 1497, Kent 1497, Triggs 157, Hunt 194, Louttit 10, Campkin 403, Willson 403, Boatwright 403, L'Estrange 645, Baker 600, and Fred. Binckes P.G.S., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—

This Lodge met at its new quarters, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Coleman Street, E.C., on Thursday, the 1st instant, when there was a very good attendance of brethren, and a full evening's work. The Lodge was opened by Bro. W. Shaw, who then requested Bro. James Stevens to take his place, and carry out the business of the evening. This consisted of the rehearsal of the first ceremony, and the working of the whole of the sections of the first lecture. Amongst those present were—Bros. T. Poore Preceptor, Browne S.W., Payne J. W., Spiegel S.D., Goodman J.D., Gladwell I.G.; C. Taylor, Harper, Bain, Blissett, Saul, Frances, Blackie Secretary, Colmer Treasurer. Bro. Taylor officiated as candidate. The accommodating room secured by this Lodge gave great satisfaction, and will, certainly, materially increase the prosperity and popularity of the Lodge.

Chiltern Lodge, No. 1470.—

This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, 23rd ult., at the Town Hall, Dunstable. Present—Bros. F. Howell W.M., T. W. Haselgrove S.W., Randall J.W., Saunders Secretary, Rev. C. Harris Chaplain, Otway S.D., Sinkwell J.D., Cutler Steward, M. Harris I.G., Day Tyler; and Bros. Crew, Beart, Ballans, Monk, Teale, Stevenson, Jones and others. Visitors—Bros. Grigg W.M. 228, Holmes, Patmore, Haselgrove, Inwards, &c. The Lodge having been opened, Bro. Jones was passed, and Bro. Howell W.M. then installed his successor, Bro. Thomas W. Haselgrove, in a very perfect manner, eliciting the thanks of the brethren. Having completed his second year of office, the out-going W.M. was voted an extra bar to his P.M.'s jewel, to record the esteem of the brethren for his courtesy, and to show their appreciation of the manner he had again conducted the business of the Lodge. The new W.M. then appointed his officers, viz.—Randall S.W., Otway J.W., Sinkwell S.D., M. Harris J.D., Cutler I.G., Rev. C. B. Harris Chaplain, Captain Teale Secretary, Cobley Treasurer, Russell D.C., Wood Steward, Day Tyler. The banquet was served by Bro. Saunders, at the Sugar Loaf Hotel, in his best style, and the usual toasts were duly given and responded to.

Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541.—

We have on several previous occasions had to chronicle the successful gatherings of this highly prosperous suburban Lodge, but those agreeable re-unions have usually occurred between the spring and autumnal equinoxes, when the surroundings of the now deserted Palace at Muswell Hill have presented a scene of animation and enjoyment. Essentially, the Alexandra Palace is a "summer Lodge," but at the last regular meeting, held in October, there were no fewer than five candidates for Initiation, and a number of brethren awaiting advancement in the superior degrees. The W.M. therefore ordered an Emergency Lodge to be called on Saturday last, and it redounds highly to the credit of the members, and speaks volumes for their enthusiasm in the good

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cause, when we record the fact that, despite the miserable weather, and the circumstance that the Palace was entirely closed to the public, the rooms wholly dismantled, the gas cut off, and a communication received from Messrs. Bertram and Roberts, that "no refreshment, except a glass of sherry and a biscuit, could be supplied," there were upwards of thirty brethren present to take part in the three hours work that succeeded. Most of the brethren came by the Great Northern Railway to Wood Green, and had to climb the steep acclivity in the teeth of a driving wind and rain. Arrived in the Palace, all seemed still and death-like, but the Lodge room (which is a splendid apartment in the South East Tower) had been temporarily carpeted, and a cheerful fire (the only one in the vast building) was as bright as it was welcome to the brethren. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. Kelly King, Bro. J. Dyte occupied the post of Senior Warden, in the enforced absence of Bro. G. J. Palmer; Bro. E. M. Haigh being in his own chair, as Junior Warden. Bros. J. Lee and Daniel, the Deacons, were in their respective positions, and Bro. Chapman Inner Guard. There were also present Bro. J. R. Stacey, as acting Past Master, Bro. Snelling as acting Secretary, Bros. Lanchin, Matthews, Todd, Dennington, Gutch, Pandon, Rosenberg, Taylor, Stubbins, Sherrington, Craft, and other brethren, as well as several visitors. The agenda was a heavy one, a Ballot being taken for no less than six candidates, all of whom were elected; there were three candidates for passing to the fellow craft degree, and four aspirants for the third degree, thus rendering it impossible to administer the obligation separately, for which the W.M. is a great stickler. Messrs. R. J. Ward, J. S. Rabenstein and R. F. Gladstone (a cousin of the ex-Premier) were first admitted, and subsequently Messrs. A. *Lévêr* and E. W. Wheeler, after which the whole were entrusted, the ritual being impressively rendered by the W.M. Bro. Stacey, at the request of the W.M., then, in his usually correct manner, advanced Bros. Sherrington and Craft to the second degree. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the W.M. having resumed the chair, raised Bros. Sidney Pandon, Rosenberg, and Taylor to the sublime degree of Master Masons, thus completing a very hard day's work, which was admirably performed by all concerned, and which may fairly be described as "the pursuit of Masonry under difficulties." The W.M., who had cause to feel highly flattered by so numerous an attendance under such exceptionally adverse circumstances, sent a telegram to town, ordering dinner at the Holborn Restaurant, which was partaken of by 20 of the brethren; while a smaller contingent of "locals," not disposed to re-visit London, dined in the neighbourhood of the Palace.

Bayard Lodge, No. 1615.—This Lodge met on Monday, 29th January, at 33 Golden-square, W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. H. Somerville Burney W.M. presiding. Bros. Capt. Leeson S.W., Alfred E. T. Watson J.W., Frank Richardson P.M. and Treasurer, Captain Portlock Dadson Secretary, Captain Compton S.D., Robert Tyers J.D., Major Wemyss I.G., James Keene P.M. and M.C., Francis C. Compton Organist; also Bros. Captain N. G. Philips P.M. 1383, The Chevalier Habicht P.M., Captain T. Norris P.M., Major Skene, C. Malcolm Wood, Walter B. Lethbridge, Captain E. Cecil Johnson, Captain Murray Robertson, Herr Edward Sauerbrey, S. H. d'Avigdor, E. T. R. Tenison P.M., Lamont H. G. Young, F. Graham Bennett, C. P. Kempe, Major Wood, J. E. Mortimer, W. Bezly Thorne, Captain Andrews, Nicholas Herbert, F. Cave Maitland, the Rev. G. Sutton Flack, J. Y. W. Lloyd K.S.G., Edmund B. Bernard, and Arthur Spicer. Visitors—Bros. Kenneth R. Murchison 1383, J. C. Parkinson P.G. Deacon, the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall P.M. 416, P.S.G.W., P.P.G. Chaplain Surrey, Captain Noel Sherson 257, W. H. Maitland 101 Ireland, Hugh H. Risch 357, W.M. 874, P. Prov. Grand Secretary Oxon, Stanley Robinson P.M. 14, and G. E. Wainwright P.M. 165. Six brethren were balloted for as joining members, and one proposed. Bro. Lamont Young was raised to the 3rd degree. Bros. Spicer, Bernard, and the Chevalier Lloyd, were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and the Rev. George Sutton Flack M.A., and Messrs. Nicholas P. L. Herbert, and F. C. Maitland, were initiated in the mysteries of Freemasonry.

JAMAICA.

Bro. Edward J. Mandon has been elected Worshipful Master of the Friendly Lodge, Jamaica. Bro. W. R. Lee has been elected Worshipful Master of the Sussex Lodge, Jamaica.

Friendly Lodge, Kingston.—The Installation of Worshipful Master and Officers of this Lodge took place on 8th January 1877, when the following officers were duly installed:—Worshipful Edward J. Brandon W.M., Bros. S. S. Lawton S.W., E. De Pass J.W., S. Alexander Treasurer, S. Wolfe Secretary, M. Delgado S.D., E. Finzi J.D., S. Mordecai I.G., G. Magnus Tyler. The following Past Masters were present, and assisted in the ceremony—Worshipful A. De Condova, M. Ross, G. C. H. Lewis "Friendly Lodge," Worshipful Kennedy Binki Dicis "Glenlyon Lodge," Worshipful Tait "Sussex Lodge," Worshipful O. Delgado jun. "Phœnix Lodge."

Glenlyon Lodge, Kingston.—The Installation of Officers of this Lodge took place on 13th December, when the following officers were duly installed:—Right Worshipful B. M. Dias W.M., Bros. J. Pollack S.W., Dr. Cotter J.W., S. Stuartmell Treasurer, J. Mitchell Secretary, Turner S.D., Smedmore J.D., Hoyes I.G., D. Carter Tyler. Several Past Masters were present, and assisted in the ceremony. Worshipful B. M. Dias has served this Lodge as Master three times, and has won the good will of the members.

Caledonian Lodge, Port Maria.—The Installation of Officers of this Lodge took place on 14th December, when the following officers were duly installed:—Right Worshipful D. N. Berwick W.M., T. G. Mesquita I.P.M., A. Levy D.M., Bros. T. Dias S.W., H. Hore J.W., J. Nelson Treasurer, T. Facey Secretary, C. Austin S.D., T. De Pass J.D., J. Hinds I.G., N. Cuthbert Tyler. Several Past Masters were present, and assisted in the ceremony. A banquet took place, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and were heartily responded to.

Friendly Holy Royal Arch Chapter.—At an ordinary Convocation of the above Chapter, held at Freemasons' Hall, on 27th November 1876. Present:—Most Excellents A. De Cordova Z., J. J. G. Lewis H., J. Asbemien J. This being the night for the election of officers for the ensuing year, the following were proposed and elected:—Most Excellent Companions J. J. G. Lewis Z., J. Asbemien H., G. C. H. Lewis J., Edw. Brandon S.E., M. Asbemien S.N., S. S. Lawton P.S., E. Wolfe Treasurer, G. Magnus Janitor.

NEW ZEALAND.

AFTER a weary and hopeless illness of many months' duration, Bro. John Millar, F.S.A., in his 69th year, died on Wednesday, 15th November, at Rock Villa, Nelson Haven (N.Z.). The deceased was a native of Ulsterville, Belfast, Ireland, and his long life, although somewhat troubled towards its close, was one of great practical utility. Educated as a civil engineer, Bro. Millar, by his talents and unwearied application to the details of his profession, established for himself at a comparatively early age a reputation. In 1848 he was entrusted with the construction of the whole of the sewerage and a great part of the general public works designed and carried out in Londonderry, under the City Improvement Act, and upon their successful completion in 1853 received a very flattering acknowledgment of his services, signed by the mayors of the city that had held office during the time the works were in progress. Induced by the splendid opening caused by the gold discoveries in Victoria, Bro. Millar came out to Melbourne in 1854, and almost immediately received a lucrative and important appointment in connection with the water supply of the city, and it was from his plans, and under his direct superintendence, that the River Plenty Tunnel was completed, pronounced by the *Argus* a work of much more difficult execution than the celebrated Croton Aqueduct in New York. While this work was in progress Bro. Millar was compelled to make a voyage to England, and upon his return was wrecked in the ill-fated Schomberg, lost upon the Australian coast on the night of the 25th December 1855. Upon this occasion the deceased was instrumental in saving the lives of his fellow-passengers. He kept order when it was most needful, was the first to volunteer to take one of the ship's boats to search for a landing-place on the rock-bound coast, and after an unsuccessful search at great personal risk prevented the boats being overcrowded, when the passengers were ultimately rescued by a passing vessel. For his exertions he was presented by the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society with the gold medal, a splendid memorial casket, and an illuminated address. The presentation was made by Sir Henry Barkly, at the Government offices, Melbourne, on November 26, 1858. In 1857, the late Bro. Millar was appointed Engineer-in-Chief to the Water Supply and Sewerage Commission of Geelong, and performed the work to the unqualified satisfaction of his employers, as proved by a letter written upon the completion of the improvements, and signed by the Commissioners and Civic authorities. He also filled situations that demanded the exercise of very great ability in Melbourne, Brighton, and Hotham, in all of which he seems to have given entire satisfaction. In 1863 he commenced his New Zealand career by accepting the appointment of City Engineer at Dunedin; but in this, as in his subsequent engagements with the authorities of Wanganui and Nelson, very serious differences seem to have arisen between employers and employed; and the reason for these unfortunate contentions may be found in the inability of the authorities to carry out in their entirety the elaborate but thoroughly efficient designs of their surveyor. He was the author of several valuable professional works, and many of the largest public buildings throughout Victoria owe their symmetry to the labour of his pencil.

> "Men's evil manners live in brass; their virtues
> We write in water."

And possibly in this respect the memory of our brother will share the common destiny. He had imperfections, no doubt, and enemies; but against these—more than balanced—are his many sterling qualities and the large circle of firm friends, who will sincerely regret his loss.'

> "So may he rest; his faults lie gently on him."

The remains of the late brother were interred at Stoke, on the 17th. In compliance with the last wishes of the deceased, as expressed to Bro. W. M. Stanton, the funeral was conducted according to the Masonic custom, and the body was attended to its last resting-place by a great number of the members of the Southern Star Lodge. The funeral procession was met at the gate of the churchyard by his lordship the bishop, who read the service in the church and at the grave. The Masonic service was then read by the W.M. Bro. Moutray, and the bishop pronounced the benediction. During the long illness that preceded his decease, he had most persistently expressed a wish to be buried beside the late lamented Bro. the Rev. F. C. Simmons, and in this respect the wish was fulfilled to the letter, and the graves of the friends in life are only a few feet apart.

Deceased had been an officer of the Grand Lodge of Otago, and was also a Companion Royal Arch, and an ardent and thorough Freemason, his dying thoughts being given thereto, as clearly expressed after words had failed our brother.

From files of the *New Zealand Herald* to hand up to the

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15th December, we take the following items of intelligence :—

On 28th Nov., Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker P.M., of Lodge Ara I.C., and one of the founders of Freemasonry in the colony, was affiliated in Lodge Sir Walter Scott, S.C., preparatory to his taking the position of Provincial Grand Master of the Scottish Constitution in the North Island of New Zealand, for which he has been nominated by all the Lodges interested and holding under the Scottish Constitution. The W.M. and officers of the Corinthian Lodge, E.C., and those of the Lodge of Light, I.C., together with a large number of visiting brethren attended, and the Freemason's Hall, in which the ceremony was held, was crowded to excess. The R.W.M., Bro. the Rev. James Hill, performed the impressive ceremony of affiliating the distinguished brother, after which the Lodge was called off, and re-assembled in half an hour to partake of an excellent banquet. The R.W.M. of the Lodge (the Rev. J. Hill) presided, and the guest of the evening was seated at the right of the R.W.M., and His Worship the Mayor (Bro. Macdonald) on his left.

At the monthly meeting of Lodge Sir Walter Scott, No. 533, S.C., held in the Freemasons' Hall, Grahamstown, on 21st November, the following officers were elected for the ensuing twelve months:—Bros. T. L. Murray R.W.M., Rev. J. Hill R.W.P.M., A. Aitken W.D.M., G. Black P.M. W.G.M., W. Wilkinson W.S.W., J. Fotheringham W.J.W., W. Carrick Treasurer, R. Skeen Secretary, J. Emmerson S.D., H. Moore J.D., G. Kerr I.G., T. Rawden Tyler, Rev. J. Hill Chaplain and Lecturer, G. Pitkethley Bible Bearer, J. M. McLaren Architect, H. J. Weeks Organist and Director of Music, Charles Weston Jeweller, A. Brodie R.W.P.M. Director of Ceremonies, H. C. Gillespie and H. H. Wright Auditors, W. Laurie (President), W. Fisher, J. Forgie, George Wilson, J. G. Murray Stewards.

The following is from the *Newport Mercury*, Rhode Island, U.S. America :—

"The oldest Mason, so far as is known, is Francis Brinley Fogg, now residing in Memphis, Tenn. He was made in St. Paul's Lodge, No. 14, in 1817, and is one of the charter members of the present St. Paul's Lodge. Next comes S. Ayrault Robinson, now of Wakefield, who was made in St. John's Lodge in 1819; William S. Clarke, Providence, St. John's, 1822; Freeman Mayberry, Newport, St. John's, 1824. Captain George Howland, of this city, was made a Mason in Mount Vernon Lodge, Providence, in 1821."

There is now residing at Hayle, Cornwall, an older Mason than either of the above, in the person of Bro. Nicholas Donnithorne, who was born at Marazion, July 1789, and was initiated in the Royal Cornwall Militia Lodge, No. 618, now 330, "One and All," Bodmin, on the 6th April 1812. Bro. Donnithorne comes from a Masonic stock, his father having been a member of the Craft for many years, and who died in 1803.

Is there an older Mason in England?

PRESENTATION TO BRO. F. WALTERS, P.G.J.D. MIDDLESEX, P.M. 78., &c.

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IT is undeniably a matter of the greatest importance that those who are elected to high office in Freemasonry should possess the requisite qualifications. We are becoming almost daily a more numerous body than we have ever been at any previous period of our history. We are attracting to ourselves a larger share of public attention. It follows then that we should be at greater pains than ever to create a favourable impression in non-Masonic circles, or rather to confirm the very favourable impression already formed of us. Every individual Craftsman has it in his power to add to, or detract from, the esteem in which we are held, and, *à fortiori*, has every Lodge. It is our duty, then, to see that the latter are well organised and efficient in their work; and to this end it is imperative that those to whom is entrusted the government of Lodges should be capable men. It is a sad spectacle to enter a Lodge of worthy Masons, and find its Worshipful Master and Wardens incompetent to fulfil the simplest duties; the former obliged to vacate his seat when one of our ceremonies has to be rehearsed, or at a loss to answer when one of the brethren asks him for information on some not very difficult question, while the latter are not only incompetent to assist their chief, but are likewise unacquainted with their own business. Of course, we cannot go so far as to affirm that brethren possessing all the requisite qualifications for office will always be found in all our Lodges. We do say this, however, that where such men are wanting, it is the duty of brethren to select for their rulers those who possess more rather than less of the needful competence. It is only when the tale of able men is quite exhausted that a Lodge should elect incompetent members to rule and govern it; and we trust the day is yet far distant when it can be said of any one of our Lodges that it contains no members qualified to rule over it.

Many labour under the belief that the Mastership of a Lodge has attached to it no serious responsibilities, that in fact it is little else than the Chairmanship of an ordinary social gathering. But even in the Chairman of such a meeting, there are certain qualifications which he is expected to possess, or the social gathering may very likely prove to be a confabulation of bears. He who presides over any body of men, for no matter how brief a season, must have tact and good temper. He must likewise exhibit some slight knowledge of human nature, and a certain power of discrimination, or he will never be able to reconcile the different views and feelings of those who sit around him. But the Master of a Lodge is something more than the Chairman of an ordinary meeting. In addition to the qualities we have enumerated, and others which must as readily occur to our readers as to ourselves, he must know well how to perform certain ceremonies, how to advise brethren when any unwonted difficulty arises, and how to instruct his subordinates in the fulfilment of their several duties. Lawrence Dermott, who in his day was Grand Secretary, and afterwards Deputy Grand Master of the "Ancients," and who merits, therefore, the honour of being described as one speaking with authority, says of the choice of officers to rule and govern the Lodge, that it is a matter "of great concern;" for, he adds, "the officers of a Lodge are not only bound to advance and promote the welfare of their own particular Lodge, but also whatever may tend to the good of the Fraternity in general." He then proceeds to point out that, "therefore, no man ought to be nominated or put in such election, but such as, by his known skill and merit, is deemed worthy of performance, *viz.* He must be well acquainted with all the private and public rites and orders of the craft; he ought to be strictly honest, humane of nature, patient in injuries, modest in conversation, grave in counsel and advice, and (above all) constant in amity and faithful in secrecy." Later on he says:—"I have known men whose intentions were very honest and without any evil design, commit great errors, and sometimes been the destruction of good Lodges; and this occasioned by their brethren hurrying them indiscreetly into offices wherein their slender knowledge of Masonry rendered them incapable of executing the business committed to their charge, to the great detriment of the Craft and their own dishonour." And Oliver, in charging the brethren to beware of incompetency in the Master, says very justly, "It requires knowledge and experience to preserve respect; tact and firmness to maintain authority; affability and kindness to secure affection; with many other traits of character to enable him (the Master) to discharge the duties of his office creditably, if not triumphantly." Unfortunately, it is within the experience of most of us that there are many Worshipful Masters who, so far from possessing "knowledge and experience to preserve respect," have hardly acquired the A B C of their duties. In one or two cases we have heard of Masters who not only never threw even a solitary glimmer of light on Masonic duty, during their tenure of office, but hardly so much as opened their lips to utter half-a-dozen consecutive words, except when they were prompted by a friendly Past Master. These we admit were extreme cases, but they should never have been allowed to happen. No amount of respect for the man and brother should ever have intervened between the members and the fulfilment of their duty. A brother who is incompetent to discharge the functions of the Master should not be chosen. He may be the very personification of kindness; he may, indeed, be the embodiment of all the Masonic virtues, but if he lack the requisite knowledge, he is worth nothing as Master. How can members respect a W.M. who is scarcely able to open and close his Lodge without assistance? How can they respect him, if the moment he is called upon to work one of the ceremonies, he vacates his seat in favour of some competent brother? Is it not likely that our younger brethren will regard as moonshine the obligations that are imposed, and the advice that is tendered them, when they find the ruler of their Lodge is little, if at all, less ignorant than themselves of Masonic doctrine. What is the good of telling a young member that at a particular stage in his career he will be expected to acquire some further knowledge of the science of Freemasonry, when the supreme authority in his Lodge, who has passed through all the stages, is absolutely and entirely ignorant of anything but the colour of his Masonic clothing, and the metal of which his jewel is composed, as well as the necessary signs and tokens which are now and again demanded of him. In all other pursuits it is considered necessary that a man should possess some knowledge of the duties he is about to be entrusted with. He may not already be furnished with much knowledge, in which case he is expected to acquire it. But it seems that in the pursuit of Masonry, chance, or the accidents of chance, are not unfrequently allowed to determine an appointment to a superior office. And what is the result where these things happen? For a time, perhaps, the respect which brethren feel towards Freemasonry restrains them from all outward manifestations of impatience. But the limits of forbearance are at length reached, and the Lodge falls into a state of anarchy. The attendance of mem-

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bers is unsatisfactory. The interchange of courtesies with other Lodges is of rare occurrence. The meetings are purely formal. An air of somnolence pervades everything, and the Lodge may think itself fortunate if it does not fall into abeyance, with little or no chance of resuming its labours.

Now and then it happens that a brother is called upon to fill the chair of some Lodge at a time when he is less capable than he was in his earlier days of exhibiting the needful energy, less able to master the duties he will have to perform. He is sensible, perhaps, of his unworthiness. He appreciates the honour that is paid him, but accepts it only when he finds that a refusal will be painful to his future subjects. It were unkind indeed to blame a brother who accepts office under these circumstances, and if he is careful to acquire as much knowledge as he can, and to appoint zealous, skilful, and enthusiastic brethren to assist him in his labours, he will very likely complete the term of his Mastership, not only without detriment to the interests over which he has been called upon to preside, but probably also with a fair degree of credit to himself. It is almost certain he will possess already some qualities which eminently fit him for his post, or, when seeking for a new ruler, his Lodge would never have selected him. He will enjoy, therefore, from the very first, the respect and esteem, if not the affection, of all his fellows. A certain amount of study, and the requisite practice will soon enable him to do "creditably, if not triumphantly," as Oliver phrases it, all he is ever likely to be called upon to do. We should not care, in the interests of Freemasonry, to see even such a case as this too often reported, but we protest against men being pitchforked into power who have absolutely nothing to recommend them but, in some cases, a certain harmlessness—combined with geniality; and in others, inordinate ambition, untempered by any pleasing and commendable quality. It is against the election of such as these latter we feel inclined to protest so strongly. The government of a Lodge is of too great importance to be entrusted either to child-like simplicity of character, or ambitious ignorance. Of the two, of course we prefer the simplicity, yet it is beyond all question that both are out of place in the conduct of a Lodge.

DEMOLITION OF THE FIRST MASONIC LODGE IN PARIS.

From "THE BUILDER."

ENGLISH Freemasons curious in the history of their Craft, and familiar with Paris and its innumerable memorials, must remember the old *traiteur's* in the Rue des Boucheries St. Germain (now the Rue de l'Ecole de Médecine), where the first Masonic Lodge established in Paris was founded by Lord Derwentwater in 1725.

Every Mason must know how this antique confraternity of the arts was transformed in 1717, at London, from a mechanical and philosophical corporation into an institution purely philosophic, abandoning for ever the material portion of its labours, the construction of monuments, but preserving at the same time scrupulously its doctrines and traditional symbols.

The first towns on the Continent where Masonry thus regenerated was carried from London were Dunkirk (1721) and Mons (1721).

It was only in 1725 that a first Lodge was founded at Paris, by Lord Derwentwater (and two other Englishmen), under the title of *St. Thomas*, and constituted by them in the name of the Grand Lodge of London, 12th June 1876; its members, to the number of five or six hundred, met at Hurré's, a *traiteur*, in the Rue des Boucheries St. Germain. By the care of the same Englishmen, a second Lodge was established, 7th May 1729, under the name of *Louis d'Argent*; its members met at Lebreton's, another *traiteur* at the sign of *Louis d'Argent*. The 11th of December, the same year, a third Lodge was constituted under the title of the *Arts Sainte Marguerite*, its meetings were held at the house of an Englishman named Ganstand. At length, in 1732, 29th November, was founded a fourth Lodge, called that of *Buci*, from the name of the Hotel where its members met, situated in the Rue de Buci, and held by the *traiteur* Landelle; this Lodge, after having initiated the Duc d'Aumont, took the name of the *Loge d'Aumont*.

Lord Derwentwater, who had in 1725 received from the Grand Lodge of London full powers to constitute Lodges in France, was, in 1735, invested by the same Grand Lodge with the functions of Grand Provincial Master; and when he quitted France to return to England where some time after he perished on the scaffold, the victim of his attachment to the Stuarts, he transferred the powers he possessed to his friend Lord Harnouester, whom he charged to represent him during his absence.

The four Lodges existing then in Paris resolved to found a Grand Provincial Lodge of England, to which the Lodges, which would in time to come be founded throughout France, could address themselves directly as representants of the Grand Lodge of London. A short time after the departure of Lord Derwentwater, this resolution was put into execution, and, in 1736, under the presidency of Lord Harnouester, this Grand Lodge was legally and regularly constituted.

Little by little were established at Paris, by the side of those Lodges founded on the principles of the Grand Lodge of London, other Lodges, constituted by a Scotchman, Baron Ramsay, a firm partisan of the exiled Stuarts. This famous Mason for some time held the functions of Orator to the Grand Provincial Lodge of England, above referred to. He, however, succeeded in establishing and introducing another Masonic system, called the Scottish, with seven grades, which had been created at Edinburgh by a Chapter of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, with a political aim,—the support of the Stuarts, the subjection of Masonry to Catholicism, and the founders of which, not being able to state its true origin, had attributed the creation to Godefroi de Bouillon. This Masonic Rite has never been accepted either in Scotland or in England; but, introduced by Ramsey into France in 1730, it has served as the basis of all the Masonic systems propagated from that time throughout France and in many parts of the world.

In 1737 Lord Harnouester, the second Provincial Grand Master of France, wishing to return to England, asked before his departure to be replaced, and manifested the desire to be so by a Frenchman. The Duc d'Antin, a zealous Mason, succeeded him in June 1738. The Duc d'Antin was chosen among those members of the Court who had shown the most zeal for the Order. He had in reality faced the prohibition of Louis XV., who had forbidden any of the nobles of his Court to belong to any of the societies of Freemasons, and the Duke showed much courage in accepting the functions of Grand Master, inasmuch as the King had threatened to immediately put into the Bastille any member of his Court who would preside over Freemasonry in that quality. The king, however, did not carry out his threat, but the police of the Châtelet continued the proscription against those members who could not oppose to them the influence of their names or capacities.

To follow the subsequent history of Freemasonry in France would be a study beyond the limits of these pages, but by a recent return it appears that there are at present in France no less than 203,400 active members of the Craft; adding to these those Masons who have renounced any share in the work of the order, we have a total of some 500,000 Masons in France.

Within, then, a very few days, this interesting old building will have disappeared. Not far from it rises the venerable old church of St. Germain des Prés, which has existed here since the sixth century.

This quarter and its historical surroundings are about to be demolished to make way for those changes which, since the announcement that the Exhibition is to be opened in 1878, have received such an extraordinary impetus.

The Boulevard St. Germain, which has partially existed already for some years, will, by 1878, be completed. Those who believe in Abernethy's prescription, that it is healthful to look into the shop-windows, and those fond of the asphalt pavement (and really it would be affectation to be otherwise than fond) may then enjoy a walk or drive of some ten miles of *cafés* (where *bock* is chiefly consumed), *bonbon* shops, and *Articles de Paris*, between rows of trees, starting from the Place de la Concorde, pursuing the Boulevard St. Germain and the Boulevard Henri IV.,* passing through the Place de la Bastille, along the Boulevard Beaumarchais, and so along still under the trees, to the Porte St. Martin, to their beloved Boulevard des Italiens, and the Café Anglais, and the familiar Madeleine.

As for the rue de l'Ecole de Médecine, which has now to give away, it has existed under this name but for a very few years, since, indeed, 1851, up till which time it was known as the rue des Boucheries St. Germain.

Originally only a country road from the hamlet of St. Germain, in April 1274, the butchers of the suburb were allowed there to establish sixteen stalls, and from this time the street became one of the most commercial in the locality. After the battle of Poitiers (1356), when the English, victorious, advanced up to Chantelonp, these butchers abandoned their establishments, and took refuge within the walls, and it was only after all danger was over that they ventured back to their deserted shops.

Sauval, writing at the commencement of the eighteenth century, gives us a description of the street in his time. "The shops," says he, "are part of the houses in which live, above, the masters. Each shop is accompanied by a spacious slaughter-house in the open air." Judging by this, we can easily imagine the narrow street, lined with the stalls, while through it ran a gutter reeking of infection. Happily, the creation of public *abattoirs* in 1809 purified the street.

The butchers, judging by the appearance of the streets in Paris, seem always to have been a very important class of the *bourgeoisie*, and if, as vegetarians tell us, that their own innocent diet is provocative of clear-headed sprightliness, it is difficult to account for the proverbial *esprit* of the French who, we are told, are much larger consumers of meat than we in England. The fact is, that the French, who have gained, and justly gained, so high a reputation for their provident ways, are provident and self-denying merely with a view to obtain the means for the indulgence of habits and modes of life that are very much opposed to asceticism. When the people were poor, they were temperate and sober; as the workman's income increases, he eats more meat and drinks stronger wine. He is, still, thanks to some unknown reason, a far more temperate man than his English brothers, but it is evident that the use of alcohol is even here on the increase.

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The consecration of the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, will take place on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at Ashley's Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent-garden. Bro. John Coutts P.G.P. is the W.M. designate, E. Jacobs J.W. 1348 S.W. designate, A. J. Ireton S.W. 1348 J.W. designate, Bourne P.M. 1348 Hon. Sec. *pro tem.* The ceremony of consecration and installation will be performed by Bro. W. Watson P.G.S., assisted by Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden, W.M. City of Westminster Lodge.

The "Wolsey Lodge," 1656, will be consecrated on Saturday next, at the White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick, at half-past 3 o'clock. The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be worked by the R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett P.S.G.W. and P.G.M. Middlesex, assisted by Bro. Robert Wentworth Little P.P.S.G.W. Middlesex, and Bro. the Rev. F. J. Champion de Crespigny P.M. 708, P.P.G. Chap. Middlesex. The officers designate are Bros. W. Hammond P.M. 201, 1326, 1512, P.P.G.D. Middlesex W.M., B. Sharp P.M. 84 S.W., and J. Bond P.M. J.W.

As announced in our columns last week, the ballot was taken at Bro. Scaton's, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch Street, for one Life Governorship, value £10 10s, and one Life Subscribership value £5 5s these amounts being a portion of the proceeds of the Concert given by Bro. Charles Blain at the Bow and Bromley Institute, on 14th December last, in aid of our Masonic Institutions. The result was as under:—Bro. W. N. Lash (Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73), one Life Governorship; Bro. C. H. Webb (Sincerity Lodge, No. 174), one Life Subscribership. The following brethren were present:—Bros. P.M. Austin, P.M. Moore, Appleby, Blasby, Bennet, A. H. Brown, T. Brown, C. Blain, Baxter, F. Fraser, J. Fraser, Gardener, Hewlett, Hill, and J. Rawley.

Bro. Douglas Cox, No. 11, acting manager of the Globe Theatre, announces his first benefit at that establishment on 15th inst., on which occasion Mr. E. Solomons' comic opera will be revived. The principal characters will be sustained by Bro. Edgar Bruce, Douglas Cox, Jas. Edwards, Wingrove, Miss Rachael Sanger and Miss Jenny Lee. The entire company will appear in the extravaganza of the *Invisible Prince*.

We have once before described briefly the very elaborate and artistic display of needlework which for some months past has been on view at No. 50 Buckingham Palace Road, opposite the Grosvenor Hotel. We were very much pleased with what we saw, and strongly recommend our readers, when they have a leisure hour or two, to spend it in inspecting these various works on exhibition. Ladies will be especially delighted, and not a little astonished perhaps at the skill and labour which have been bestowed on the collection by the fair artists.

The Anniversary Ball of the veteran Preceptor, Bro. T. A. Adams P.G.P., was held on Tuesday, the 6th, at Willis's Rooms, and the number present showed the respect in which "The Octogenarian" is held. An excellent supper was provided, and those assembled thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Among those present were Bros. Treadwell, C. W. Davis, Cooper, C. Burmeister, W. Smith, Kingham, W. Palmer, Wane, T. Bull, T. Foxall, Jenkins, Solomons, Tribbel, Ponsford, H. M. Levy, &c.

We notice that the partnership hitherto existing between Bros. David Posener and Adolph Posener, has been dissolved by mutual consent. Bro. David Posener has removed to more spacious and commodious premises, at 15 Commercial-road-east (City end), where he intends carrying on the business of pipe manufacturer and importer of meerschaum pipes, as before, under the style of "David Posener and Co." From the well-known reputation of our brother as a business man, and the increased facilities he now has for doing a more extensive trade, we feel sure that his energy will be rewarded, and we heartily wish him success.

The current number of the *Lifeboat* contains, *inter alia*, a highly interesting article on "Weather Charts and Storm Warnings," in which are noted the various steps that have been taken of late years by Government, scientific bodies, and men of science, to advance the science of meteorology, and so enable our marine authorities to give timely warning of approaching storms. The basis of the article is a chapter from the work, bearing the same title, by Mr. Robert H. Scott, Director of our Meteorological Department. The number likewise contains a record of services latterly rendered by the lifeboats of the Institution, and also a full report of the late Special Communication of Grand Lodge, when it was resolved to present a donation to the Institution of £4,000, for the purpose of building and endowing two lifeboats in commemoration of the Grand Master's safe return home from India.

It seems our hope that, at the destruction by fire of the Masonic Hall, Portland, State of Maine, Grand Lodge, sustained no serious loss in the shape of books and records, will not be realised. The *Keystone* says, that not only were the regalia, &c., &c., burnt, but the records and the Masonic Library were burnt likewise. This and the disaster recorded above are two serious blows to the cause of Masonic literature. Craft records are so few in number, and have at times been so indifferently kept, that we can ill afford to lose those which it is known must be authentic.

The *Freemasons' Repository* announces that Bro. Perceval Lowell Everett, and Rev. Charles H. Titus, have been re-elected Grand Master and Recording Grand Secretary respectively of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. We read also, in a recent issue of the *Keystone*, that Bro. E. G. Davis is Grand Master of the Grand Lodge for the District of Columbia; Bro. J. H. Jochum D.G.M., Bros. H. A. Whitney and Joseph S. McCoy, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively, Bro. W. R. Singleton, Grand Secretary, and Bro. W. J. Stephenson Grand Treasurer.

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NEW ZEALAND.

THE PROGRESS OF FREEMASONRY.

ON the 28th November, Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker (a member of the New Zealand Cabinet), P.M. of Lodge Ara, I.C., and one of the founders of Freemasonry in the colony, was affiliated in Lodge Sir Walter Scott, S.C., preparatory to his taking the position of Provincial Grand Master of the Scottish Constitution in the North Island of New Zealand, for which he has been nominated by all the Lodges interested and holding under the Scottish Constitution. The W.M. and officers of the Corinthian Lodge, E.C., and those of the Lodge of Light, I.C., together with a large number of visiting brethren attended, and the Freemasons' Hall, in which the ceremony was held, was crowded to excess. The R.W.M., Bro. the Rev. James Hill, performed the impressive ceremony of affiliating the distinguished brother. After which the Lodge was called off, and re-assembled in less than half-an-hour to partake of an excellent banquet. The R.W.M. of the Lodge (the Rev. J. Hill) presided, and the guest of the evening was seated at the right of the R.W.M., and His Worship the Mayor (Bro. Macdonald) on his left.

The R.W.M. (the Rev. J. Hill) proposed the toast of the evening. He said: Brethren, I have now to propose the toast of the evening. In common with all the Lodges under the Scotch Constitution in New Zealand, the Sir Walter Scott Lodge has been in connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dunedin. For several years it has been the opinion of the brethren, both in the South and North, that there should be a Provincial Grand Lodge in the North Island, and Bro. Hislop, the Provincial Grand Master in Dunedin, kindly agreed to recommend its formation to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Some months ago the idea was revived. One of the first things to be done was to nominate a brother to occupy the high and important position of Right Worshipful Master of the proposed new Lodge. The brethren at the Thames suggested the name of Bro. Worshipful Past Master the Hon. Frederick Whitaker, and the unanimous concurrence of the Lodges concerned was given. Bro. Hill concluded by proposing "The health of Bro. Past Master the Hon. Frederick Whitaker."

Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker, who, on rising to respond, was received with loud cheering, said: Right Worshipful Master and brethren, I hardly know how to thank you for the honor you have this day accorded me, first by affiliating me into your Lodge, which I heard spoken of as the best worked and best managed Lodge in New Zealand, and for your having put me up as your representative in the Provincial Grand Lodge, and then again this evening the manner in which the R.W.M. has proposed my health, and you have responded to it. (Cheers.) Well, now all these honours conferred on one man in one evening would be enough to turn his head, and would be enough to turn mine if I was subject to such. It does strike me to ask myself why do I deserve this honour, or do I deserve it? I say I do not feel that I can answer that I have done anything to entitle me to this honour which you have done me. It is true, as the R.W. chairman has said, that I was connected with the first Masonic Lodge in New Zealand, and when I look back at that time, 33 or 34 years ago, I do so with satisfaction. There were then in Auckland only a few wooden and raupo houses, and in a small room, not one-fourth the size of this, we established the first Lodge in New Zealand. It is with pride and satisfaction I look back to those days, and notice how early men from the mother country plant Masonry in the countries they take up their abode in. With about a dozen brethren we set to work and laid the foundation of Masonry in New Zealand, and now we see the fruit thereof; and those who took part in that opening—and there are few that remain—look with pride and satisfaction on that tree which they have planted, and which has now spread and flourished to such splendid proportions." (Cheers.) During the time I have been in New Zealand I have been connected, in a Masonic way, with some important events. I was present, as a Mason, at the laying of the foundation stone of the first church in New Zealand—that of St. Paul's, in Auckland. Occasions such as these are peculiarly pointed out as occasions on which Masons should meet. I also feel proud of another instance in which, in a Masonic manner, I took part in a Masonic ceremony, that was when I, as a Master Mason, laid the foundation stone of the Supreme Court in Auckland, and I am proud to say that in no other part of New Zealand have I seen as Court buildings anything to compare with the Supreme Court in Auckland, and of that building I, as one of the craft, laid the foundation stone. (Cheers.) It is possible that these connections have given me some claim to the honor which you have conferred on me. In accepting your offer to be nominated as Provincial Grand Master of the North Island, I felt I was undertaking something that I did not know much about, and it has been a principle with me, through my life, not to undertake anything of which I do not at least think I know something, but in accepting the honor of being Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge, I feel I have a great deal to learn, but I promise that I shall devote my best energies to justify your choice. (Cheers.) Now, this evening I see a gathering round me. I recently came from a place where there used to be a gathering of about the same number, but it was of a widely different character, (the New Zealand House of Representatives). Here we are met in fellowship. There, there was nothing of the kind, and we fought—if I may be allowed to use the expression—like cats and dogs. But, leaving politics out of the question, if I could take you there with me, you would see something which would surprise you, and I feel altogether greatly relieved in coming out of a hotbed like that into a community like this, were we all feel alike. It is totally unlike what I have left, and I feel a certain amount of recreation in being amongst you. (Cheers). I feel that I have come to a re-union of brethren, and feel that it is a happy occasion on which men of different religious beliefs and different political opinions can meet on a common platform, where all their endeavours are directed to the one object—the benefit of each other and the benefit of the community—(cheers), without bickering or quarrelling, seeking the same end, the benefit of the Craft, and, through the Craft, of the world. (Cheers.) Masonry has now taken root, and I feel happy that here we can meet without that clashing of interests which is experienced in the political world. Now, when I looked around amongst you I thought it rather incongruous that I should have been chosen by you as Provincial Grand Master; but I have now began to look upon it as a matter for congratulation. I did think that the Hon. Sir Donald McLean was more fit to be appointed Provincial Grand Master of the Scottish Constitution, and that I would have been better fitted to the English Constitution; for although I was connected with the opening of the first Masonic Lodge in New Zealand—and that was under the Irish Constitution—I was made a Master Mason in the English Constitution in 1839, and am on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. But in New Zealand, up to the present, I have been connected with the Irish Constitution, and this is my first introduction to Scottish Masonry, and if it improves as I go on, I have now landed in the best. (Cheers and laughter.) I now think, on the whole, that this is better. It shows that Englishmen are willing to accept a good Scotchman, and that Scotland is willing to accept what you, I suppose, believe to be a good Irishman engrafted on a good English stock. (Cheers.) I agree that, on the whole, this is the best as it is; and I am sure you all honour and respect the Hon. Sir Donald McLean, P.G.M. of the English Constitution. Whatever opinion we might entertain of Sir Donald McLean's politics, or his action in the Native Department, we must all acknowledge that he is a good Mason, and wish him long life and happiness as the head of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the English Constitution. (Cheers). When I was asked to take the position of P.G.M. of the Scotch Constitution in the North Island, I began to consider what you would expect me to do. Not having a great deal of connection with the people of Scotland, except in this country, I began to ask myself would they expect me to play the bagpipes—(cheers and laughter)—for after all, although in Scotland that is a favourite instrument, it is not so in mine, and is very seldom heard there. I heard it played exceedingly well, too, in Nelson, on board the Hinemoa. A man in the ship struck up the Scotch bagpipes, and I felt very much inclined to dance. (Cheers). I thought to myself, surely he does not know that I have been elected Provincial Grand Master, but I accepted the honor as being paid to myself, and considered that I had been paid the highest compliment. (Cheers and laughter.) Then I hope you do not wish me to embrace the Scotch thistle. (Laughter). I remember the old adge—*nemo me impune lacessit*. (Laughter.) And then I hope you do not want me to learn Gaelic. I fear I could never accomplish that. (Cheers). But if what you desire is that I should get up in the duties of Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge, all I can say is I will try. Not being connected with any other Lodge in New Zealand, I shall look on this Lodge as my parent to bear me out, and I shall pay it the greatest gratitude for rendering me that assistance. (Cheers.) Permit me again to thank you for the honor you have done me. I feel that more honor has been conferred on me than I now deserve, but in the future I will try to deserve it all. (Cheers.)

The *New Zealand Herald* thus comments on the appointment of Bro. Whitaker:—"It has come to be the fashion now to find out that everything that has been done in apparent conformity with law has really been in violation of the law, and we feel it incumbent upon us as journalists, if we would not be quite left behind, to find out and make public something in that line on our own account. However, we do not profess in this to speak from our own knowledge, but upon information. The Hon. F. Whitaker was a few days ago installed into the office of Provincial Grand Master by the Masonic Lodge Sir Walter Scott, at the Thames. Outsiders wondered how this Lodge, which is but of yesterday, compared with other Lodges in the North Island, should have assumed this duty, but they considered that it was one of the mysteries of the Craft with which the profane must not intermeddle. It seems, however, that it is all wrong in point of Masonic law, and that the duty of appointing a Provincial Grand Master lay with an Auckland Lodge. As we are informed, Bro. Whitaker is not Provincial Grand Master of the Masonic Lodges under the Scottish Constitution. Just to mention another catastrophe, Sir D. McLean was appointed Provincial Grand Master of the English Constitution by a Lodge in Wellington, while there is a more ancient Lodge in Auckland with whom only is the power to appoint."

We may add that the appointment of Sir Donald McLean, as District Grand Master for the whole North Island has not given satisfaction to the Lodges under the English Constitution in Auckland, and steps are being taken at the present moment to nominate Bro. G. S. Graham, of Auckland, an excellent Mason, and a gentleman, of good social standing for the office of District Grand Master for Auckland. The reasons why such an appointment should be made are difficult to explain within reasonable limits in the columns of this Journal, but they are easy to be understood by all Colonial Masons, and we shall be glad if the Colonial Board can see their way to carry out the wishes of the Northern Lodges in this matter, feeling confident, as we do, that such an appointment would have a marked effect on the prosperity of English Masonry in that important division of the Colony of New Zealand.

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To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and o nourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six) in ample Form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful and Most Noble Prince John (the third), Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount of Ballquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Captain and Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Falkland, and in that part of Great Britain called England and Masonical Jurisdiction thereunto belonging Grand Master of Masons, The Right Worshipful Lau. Dermott Esq^r. Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Will^m. Tindall Esq^r. Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Thomas Carter Esq^r. Junior Grand Warden (with the Approbation and Consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster) Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well beloved Brethren, viz. The Wor-
No. 195 shipful Alexander Smith, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful George Irons, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful William Massey, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Bedford Head, in Maiden Lane, Covent Garden (or elsewhere), in London, upon the First and Third Thursday of each Kalender Month, and on all seasonable Times and lawful Occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And we do hereby farther authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well beloved Brethren Alexander Smith, George Irons, and William Massey (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like Manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c. &c. &c. Such Installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this fourteenth day of December in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred seventy five, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand seven hundred seventy and five.

WM. DICKEY, Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 6, Letter F.

ENDORSEMENT.

Transferred to our Trusty and Well beloved Brethren, viz., John Hales, one of our Master Masons, Nathaniel Acland, his Senior Warden, Robert Crawford, his Junior Warden, and their Successors (being first duly registered pursuant to the Statute) to be held at the Ship, Brick-lane, Bethnal Green, upon the second Monday in every Month and on other lawful occasions, subject always to the Provisoes and Conditions within mentioned, and paying due respect and obedience to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, by whom the within Warrant is granted.

THO^S. HARPER, D. G^d. Master.

ROBT. LESLIE, G.S.

J. HUMMER, S.G. Warden.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145, Freemasons' Hall, London.

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"THE OLDEST MASON."

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In answer to your query in last week's number of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, "Is there an older Mason in England?"—

Bro. Norris, the present respected Warden at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, was born 21st January 1790; and was initiated in the Lodge of Sincerity, then 290, now 174, on the 10th March 1812. He is therefore a month older than Bro. Donnithorne, whose name you mention.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

North End, Croydon, 5th February 1877. H. J. STRONG.

BOMBAY.

Lodge Rising Star of Western India, No. 342, S.C.—On Saturday, the 6th January, the most important meeting of the season of this flourishing Lodge was held in the Scottish Masonic Hall, Gowalla Tank-road. At the previous sederunt of the Lodge, the Senior Warden, Bro. Rustomjee M. Patel, had been unanimously chosen to fill the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year, and, at the regular monthly meeting on Saturday last his installation took place. To mark the high estimation in which this Lodge is held, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry in India (Bro. H. Morland), accompanied by R.W. Bro. Balfour (Deputy Grand Master) and a large number of his officers, paid an official visit on this occasion, when they were received in due and ancient form by the R.W. Master, Bro. Darashaw D. Reporter, the Wardens and brethren—including a large number of visitors. The M.W. Grand Master having assumed the Hiram presented to him by the Worshipful Master, raised the Lodge to the sublime degree, and, in the presence of a numerous body of Past and Installed Masters, proceeded with the ceremony of installation, which he conducted with his wonted ability, setting a bright example to all present, and illustrating, in a striking manner, how essentially necessary it is for all those Masters in Israel who aspire to rule the Craft to be thoroughly proficient in all the duties devolving on them. It was quite evident on this occasion, as on many others, that M.W. Bro. Morland had 'his soul in his work,' and that it was 'a labour of love' for him to perform the onerous duties imposed on him—which he carried out with such solemnity and efficiency that made a most vivid and lasting impression on all who had the honour and privilege to witness and take part in the proceedings of the evening. The Right Worshipful Master elect having been proclaimed and saluted in the several degrees, then proceeded to invest the following brethren with the jewels and badges of their respective offices, and delivered an appropriate address to each on the responsibilities attaching to their several positions in Lodge:—R.W. Bros. Darashaw D. Reporter I.P.M., Hormusjee Dadabhoy Pleader D.M., Cursetjee Nusserwanjee Cama S.M., Burjorjee Framjee Doctor S.W., Hormusjee E. Chichgur J.W., Cursetjee F. Khory Treas., Rustomjee M. Chichgur Sec., Nowrajee Dajeebhoy Jeweller, Atmaram Pandurung Architect, Manackshaw D. Docturna Organist, Heerjeebhoy F. Cooper S.D., Hormusjee A. Suntock J.D., M. M. Bhownuggree I.G., Nusserwanjee D. Patel Tyler and Steward. The M.W. Grand Master delivered an eloquent address, impressing upon the newly installed Master and his officers the importance of their relative positions, the necessity of their working in peace and harmony, and their solemn obligation to support the R.W. Master in the duties of his office. The business of the evening having been brought to a conclusion, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where covers had been laid for upwards of eighty, and every chair was filled. The dinner was served *a la Russe*, the table being ornamented with several beautiful silver epergnes and vases of antique and oriental design, filled with choice flowers. The whole of the arrangements reflected the highest credit on the Stewards. The menu was tantalizing, and the wines were choice and of the best vintage. The usual Loyal and Constitutional toasts were proposed and duly acknowledged. "The Sister Lodges" and the "Visiting Brethren" drew forth the eloquence of several well-known and popular brethren. W. Bros. Nowrojee Furdonjee and W. M. Champa responded to the latter toast, and acknowledged, in suitable terms, the hospitality so freely extended to all comers, and particularly the fraternal welcome accorded them on so interesting an occasion. The M.W. Grand Master retired after the last toast of obligation, and the meeting broke up shortly after 11 p.m. It would be unjust to close this brief record of a most interesting meeting without recording the fact that the retiring Worshipful Master (Bro. Darashaw) has completed his term of office, after a most painstaking, earnest and creditable twelvemonth of hard work, zealously undertaken and most successfully accomplished. He is, therefore, pre-eminently entitled to the gratitude of his brethren, who have not been slow to recognise his genuine merits. It is confidently hoped that his successor will follow in his footsteps, and maintain and extend the prestige of Lodge "Rising Star of Western India."

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REVIEWS.

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John Lillywhite's Cricketers' Companion for 1877. Thirty-third Edition. London: John Lillywhite, Cricket Warehouse, 10 Seymour-street, Euston-square, N.W. Kent and Co., Paternoster-row.

We have received a copy of this invaluable handy-book for the Cricketer. It contains a full record of events and performances during the past season, with the bowling and batting averages of the principal elevens—County, University, Public School, Clubs, local and others, &c., &c.—with comments on the style and success, or defects, of individual players. There is also a Guide to the Cricketer, containing hints on the game by the late John Lillywhite, and several papers by noted amateurs. In fact, all the information that can possibly be needed by a Cricketer, be he amateur or professional, will be found clearly and concisely stated in these pages. No lover of the game can afford to be without it.

Cassell's Family Magazine.—Those who have carefully followed the career of "Paul Knox, Pitman," will read with pleasure the present instalment describing the gallant service he rendered in saving the life of an obnoxious "butty," with his splendid treatment of the miner "Ned Foord," the professional athlete, whom he vanquishes in every way. The scene by the canal is well described. "My Guardian," is progressing satisfactorily. Then follow the usual papers, here and there interspersed amongst them, being such excellent short tales as "A Fight at Close Quarters: a Yarn from Ceylon," and "Old Money-Bags," a "Story told over a Counter." There is a short sketch of Covent Garden, some sensible advice to those who may be desirous of entering the Indian Civil Service, directions by Phillis Browne "How to Make Children's Toys," "Chit-Chat on Dress," the usual excellent Gardening Notes for the month, together with Notes by "the Gatherer." We must not forget to mention as among the other contents, that there is a very clever serviceable paper giving hints, for those who may require any, as to "Home Billiards." Mr. B. H. Cowper contributes a very readable description of "Epping Forest and its Ancients Camps." A Family Doctor indulges in "A familiar Chat about Vaccination," and there are some particulars about "Winter Sessions at the London Colleges." We may further mention that the Frontispiece is from a drawing by Mr. Fred. Barnard, and is entitled "Just now we are Selling Valentines."

The Leisure Hour has a most excellent programme. The serial "A Young Wife's Story" being one of the chief attractions. For example, there is a very good account of "An Armenian Wedding," and this is followed by a biographical sketch of "The Late Sir Robert Peel, Bart.," he who was Prime Minister, and died in 1850, of injuries received when thrown from his horse. "The State of the Funds" is the title of a most valuable article, in which are shown the amount of the National debt, and the rise and fall of the Government Funds for the years from 1789 to 1876. This is very ingeniously managed, by means of a tabular statement, not unlike at a distance a Berlin wool or shawl pattern, measured according to scale, only in this, there are deep black patches on the space marked for each successive year, showing the highest and lowest quotations for that year. Thus at a glance the reader can obtain a clear notion of the fluctuations to which our funds have been subjected within the period referred to. "Americanisms" is worth reading, while "Zoological Disillusions" is of a lighter character than we find in this periodical. But the papers to which we would rather draw the attention of our readers are those in which are described "Brazil and its Chief Cities," and the second instalment of Miss Bird's impressions of Victoria, under the taking title of "Australia Felix." We may add that Mr. E. Paxton Hood contributes an interesting sketch of the "Great Smith Family, Lineal and Collateral." The illustrations are for the most part as good as usual, that of "Canadian Tobogging," which forms the frontispiece, being particularly so.

We have noticed in the *Sunday at Home* a very neat story, entitled "The Fords of Dingle Nell," by the author of "A Golden Harvest." Though short, it is exceedingly well told. No. II. of "Pictures from Jewish Life" have also impressed us most favourably. Not so, however, "Personal Adventures of a Young Officer during the Peninsular War," though our objection is rather to the manner in which these are related than to the matter they contain. Of the other contents we have been most pleased with "A Wonderful Cure," by the late J. de Liefde, of Amsterdam. Those who have read any of the late de Liefde's works will readily understand how effectually he succeeds in fixing and retaining the attention of his readers. The story is very short and very simple, but it is, perhaps, the more effective on that account. The frontispiece is "My First Sermon," from Mr. Millais' picture, and fills admirably the place assigned to it.

In *The Countries of the World*, Part 6 (Cassell, Petter and Galpin), are several capital illustrations, among them being "Hunting the Prong-horned Antelope with Greyhounds on the Eastern Slope of the Rocky Mountains," "A Winter Hut in the Saskatchewan Country," and "Birch-bark canoes on the Red River of the North." Among the literary contents, the chief interest will attach to the particulars given about the Fur Trading, and also of the different "Types of the 'Mountain Men.'"

Many of the contributions to the *London Magazine* are worth reading. "May Fair," for instance, by one who signs himself "A London Writer," is more than a passable representation of serial fiction. "Men (and Women) of the Time" will, no doubt, prove useful to the class of people who are fond of collecting lists and indexes. The compiler, Mr. G. Kingfrede Cooper, has been at some pains in preparing this list of eminent personages, who, he tell us, are conspicuous by their absence from Routledge's *Men of the Time*. But, if useful, this list is not exactly what we care to find in a magazine of light literature. Far more appropriate is the true sketch of "A Civil Servant," "Up the Rhine," and the "Story of My Little Lady," by St. D'Arros Planche. There is also, by Mrs. M. A. Baines, a song, to be set to music, bearing the title "Oh, let me Dream that Dream again," which, like all Mrs. Baines's effusions, reads very gracefully. The last verse will convey an excellent idea of the song:

> "Dream on, poor soul; while such bright dreams,
> By fancy's art, can set thee free,
> To revel in a world that seems
> Foretaste of blest eternity."

The Age of Science, a newspaper of the XXth century, by Merlin Nostradamus, had it been even moderately well written, and had not the same idea been many times worked out in other and more attractive forms, would have been worthy a few minutes' attention. But it in no way realises our idea of what such a paper should be, and we should be sorry to go out of our way to read a line more than is necessary to enable us to form a judgment of it.

We regret to announce that, owing to the state of his health, His Royal Highness Prince Leopold will be unable to preside at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Monday next. The Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, has, however, very kindly undertaken to supply the vacancy.

BROTHERHOOD.

Speak kindly to thy erring brother; God pities him; Providence waits for him; Heaven's mercy yearns towards him, and the spirits of the just made perfect are ready to receive him back with joy. Why, then, should not your voice be in unison with all those powers that God is using for his recovery?

Pray for thy erring brother in every prayer
That thou offerest to the Great Architect's care;
When in the Lodge, 'midst happiness and joy,
When charitable thoughts thy heart employ,
When thy yearnings point to duty's call,
Then pray for thy brother—pray for all.
We are all erring, thou might'st well say,
We have all forgotten God's will to obey.
True, but there are those more guilty still,
True they have erred more greatly against His will.
Pray that they may not be beyond mercy's call,
Pray for thy erring brother; oh! pray for all.
Yes, pray for the erring—day by day—
Yes, even when they wrong thee, brother, then pray—
That those now in darkness may see the light,
That their lives, henceforth, be pure and bright.
Pray, for we all are erring, and may soon fall,
Pray for thy erring brother; oh! pray for all.

C. Hosgood

DEATH OF BRO. W. R. BAKER.

WITH feelings of the profoundest sorrow we take pen in hand to chronicle the death of William Richard Baker, of Cripplegate and Camden-square, which took place on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at the age of forty-two years. The interment took place on Saturday, the 3rd inst., at Kensal-green Cemetery, in the presence of above 250 of his most intimate friends. At half-past 2 o'clock the hearse drew up in front of his residence in Camden-square, and the body was placed therein. Having moved a few paces off, four mourning coaches drew up, the first three containing his sorrowing and bereaved family. These were followed by twenty-five pair-horse carriages, occupied by some of his oldest friends. The funeral *cortège* slowly and solemnly wended its way to the cemetery, where it was met by a large concourse of sympathising friends. The body was borne to the church through a line densely formed, and attended to the grave by his brethren and fellow citizens. A wreath of flowers was placed on the coffin, which was of polished oak with brass mountings. The dead silence of the vast assembly around the grave gave proof of the pure feeling of respect which existed for their friend and brother. He was a brother, not only in name but in deed. His ear was never deaf to the appeal of the poor, and his hand was ever open to the cry of the needy. The shortness of his illness, the suddenness of his death, and the loss of his kind and genial countenance, will leave a gap in many a circle which it will take a long time to fill up; and his loss will not only be regretted amongst the Craft, but by a numerous circle of non-Masonic friends to whom he had endeared himself during his whole life, which has been passed in the Ward of Cripplegate. His memory will ever be enshrined in the hearts of those who love truth and honesty above the external advantages of rank and fortune. Amongst his many friends we noticed Messrs. T. Board, T. Fisher, E. Coleman, S. Haines, B. Bright, J. Carle, J. Foulger, D. Smith, H. Dix, H. Freshwater, J. Constable, J. Lawrence, E. Jones, J. G. Marsh, C. Hosgood, &c., &c.

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THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THIS INSTITUTION will take place on Monday, the 12th February 1877, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, upon which occasion

H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., &c., &c.

R.W. Prov. G.M. for Oxfordshire,

has graciously signified his intention of presiding.

Brethren desirous of accepting the office of Steward upon this auspicious occasion will greatly oblige by forwarding their names, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give every information required.

JAMES TERRY, Prov. G.D.C. Herts,
Secretary.

*** H.R.H. Prince Leopold has been pleased to alter the day of the Festival from Wednesday the 14th February (being Ash Wednesday) to Monday the 12th.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice, arrived at Buckingham Palace from Osborne early on Wednesday morning. In the afternoon, Quo-Ta-Zhan, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the Emperor of China, was introduced to Her Majesty by the Earl of Derby, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. Sir Thomas Wade then had an audience, and introduced the other members of the Embassy. Later, the Queen presided at a Council, at which were present the Duke of Richmond, the Earls of Derby and Beaconsfield, the Marquis of Salisbury, and the Right Hon. R. A. Cross. On Thursday Her Majesty opened Parliament in person. There were present the Yeomen of the Guard, the principal officers of the Court, various members of the Royal Family, the Queen being accompanied by the Princess Louise and Princess Beatrice. The weather was fine, as it invariably is when Her Majesty appears in public, and therefore there was a considerable crowd along the prescribed route. Barriers had been erected where the pressure of people was likely to be greatest, the Household troops, both cavalry and infantry, together with some 3,000 police being on duty to help preserve order. At the appointed time, the Queen entered the House of Peers, attended by the great officers of state, the whole assembly—which consisted, by the way, mostly of peeresses—rising to receive her. The House of Commons having been summoned, rushed in pell mell, in accordance with ancient custom, and the speech having been delivered by the Lord Chancellor by Her Majesty's desire, salvoes of artillery announced to the outer world that the Fourth Session of the Ninth Parliament assembled during this reign was opened for the despatch of business. On the Queen leaving the House of Peers, the whole assembly dispersed, but in the evening both Houses were very well attended in order to hear the debate on the address which, as had been foreseen, was more exciting than almost any debate that has taken place during the last two or three and twenty years. However, our readers have doubtless gleaned all they desire to know on this subject from the daily papers.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have likewise returned to town from Sandringham, their Royal Highnesses having been present, as stated, at the opening of Parliament. On Wednesday afternoon, they were both present at the Gaiety Theatre, on the occasion of Mr. John Parry's benefit. It is not necessary we should dwell on the merits of this distinguished public entertainer; they are so generally known and appreciated. We may, however, express the pleasure we feel that the benefit was so marked a success, not merely financially, but as furnishing proof how well Mr. Parry is esteemed and respected by his friends and admirers. The young Princes, Albert Victor and George of Wales, were likewise present, with their father and mother, and no doubt thoroughly enjoyed the performance. We are sorry to hear that the Duke of Connaught met with a slight accident on Wednesday. His Royal Highness was about to attend the meet of the Duhallow hounds, in company with Lord and Lady Listowel, when the latter's horse became restive and kicked the Prince on the leg, severely enough to put a stop to his hunting—for that day at least. We trust this slight mishap will not seriously interfere with the Duke's movements for any length of time.

On Wednesday, of course, the principal party leaders gave their usual Parliamentary banquets. That of the Earl of Beaconsfield was held at the Foreign Office, while the Chancellor of the Exchequer, as the new leader of the House of Commons, gave a dinner at the official residence of the Prime Minister. At the former were present the Dukes of Richmond and Gordon, Buccleuch, Manchester, Northumberland, and Wellington, the Marquises of Bath, Salisbury, Bristol, the Earls of Derby, Malmesbury, Donoughmore, and others. The Right Hon. the Speaker dined with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, as did Lord Galway and Mr. Torr, respectively the mover and seconder of the address, Lord J. Manners, Mr. Cross, Sir M. H. Beach, Sir W. Dyke, &c., &c. The Earl of Granville and the Marquis of Hartington, as the Liberal leaders in their respective houses, also entertained their principal supporters.

The week has not passed without additional calamities to record in the shape of wrecks and colliery accidents. It is quite recently we chronicled one of these latter as having occurred in the neighbourhood of Bolton, and caused the loss of eighteen lives, and now another has taken place at Fogg's Pit, Darcy Lear, in the same neighbourhood, by which it is believed that ten lives have been lost. When the men had been at work some hours, those at the pit's mouth were alarmed at the sudden emission of a considerable column of smoke in the return air-shaft, and the usual signal was given to wind up the cage. This was done immediately, and many of those who were brought up were much exhausted, owing to their inhalation of the sulphurous fumes. On the list of names being called, it was found there were ten still missing, and as they are known to have been working at the greatest distance from the pit's mouth, it is not believed to be possible they can have escaped. Parties have been sent down with a view to exploring the pit and recovering the men; but the work is dangerous, and can only be pursued with the greatest caution. Meantime, the greatest anxiety is felt, while the utmost commiseration is shown for the families of those who are supposed to have perished. In the way of wrecks there have been two, both of them being accompanied with a serious loss of life. In the one case, the steamer George Washington, on its way from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to Newfoundland, was wrecked off Cape Race, all on board, to the number of twenty-four, perishing; in the other, the

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Newcastle steamer, Ethel, on its way from Bilbao to Newport, Monmouthshire, became enveloped in a fog, and struck on the rocks lying south of Lundy Island, filling and sinking immediately. The captain and eighteen men went down with her, the only survivor being the mate, who managed to get into a boat, and when that was broken to pieces, on to some portions of wreck. Ultimately he reached the shore, but in a very exhausted and bruised condition.

There appears to be a very strong probability that the Easter Monday Review will take place this year. Formerly this was one of the principal events of the year, but for some time past the railways have found it impossible to afford the necessary facilities for the conveyance of so many thousands of men on a Bank Holiday, when their resources are already taxed to the very utmost. Lord Ranelagh, however, is reported to have hit upon a place most suitable in all respects for a review, in the neighbourhood of Dunstable, and latest reports favour this belief, that this old institution of the early Volunteer days will be revived in all its pristine glory.

Another annual event is beginning to assume its wonted degree of importance in the eyes of the British public. Not a day hardly passes but we find notes of the doings of the rival 'Varsity crews. We are told how the places of this or that 'Varsity crew are changed, how this old 'Varsity oarsman coached from the bank, and how certain members were out all the morning in tub pairs, under the immediate eye of the president of his club. All these matters are recorded daily with the most exact minuteness, a fact which betokens that the day of the great struggle is pretty close at hand. The race, indeed, is fixed for the 24th prox., and as Wednesday next will be Ash Wednesday, why there is little difficulty in reckoning the few weeks that will intervene between the commencement of strict practice and the race. Indeed the crews will be in training next week, and almost before we are aware of it we shall hear of their arrival in London, and their doings on the London waters.

The annual meeting of the Seamens' Hospital was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street, under the presidency of the Duke of Northumberland. According to the report that was read, the year 1876 left the society indebted to the extent of £1,539 6s. There had been an increase of income derived from voluntary sources, the same being close upon £1,000 above the average of the last ten years, while the receipts derived from legacies were below the average. The expenditure had increased by £1,121, but nearly one half of this arose from the increased cost of provisions. Mr. S. Cave, M.P., moved the acceptance of the report, which was duly accepted and agreed to. In doing this he pointed out that a special appeal should be made to the public in support of an institution which had existed for so many years, and done such good work. Before the meeting broke up some £500 in donations were promised towards making good the deficiency of £1,500. It is hoped the public will show their sense of good work done by liberally supporting this useful Institution.

Of the wonderful changes that occur in the progress of an Eastern political question, we have the latest illustration in the dismissal and banishment of the Grand Vizier, Midhat Pacha. It is but the other day he supplanted his great rival, Mahmoud Ruchdi Pacha, prepared a new Constitution for the whole Turkish empire, and firmly but politely declined to entertain even the mildest of the proposals offered by the Great Powers of Europe for Turkey's acceptance. Hardly, however, has he achieved this brilliant triumph, hardly have the different Ambassadors taken leave of Constantinople, when the Minister, whom no amount of Ambassadorial pressure affected in the slightest degree, is turned ignominiously adrift, and sent no one knows whither. Whether the present Sultan has a taint of his uncle's madness or his brother's imbecility about him, we know not. It seems, however, an act of sheer wantonness on his part to dismiss his most trustworthy minister at, perhaps, the most critical epoch in Turkish history. There are those who attribute this sudden change to the machinations of General Ignatief, who, finding Midhat the resolute enemy of Russian intrigues, and the most capable of successfully resisting them, has been secretly at work undermining Midhat's position, and has, for the moment, succeeded. We should not be in the least surprised if this were the case. Other reasons are assigned for the dismissal of the Grand Vizier, but, whatever the true cause, we cannot but regard the matter as likely to induce further complications—not immediately, perhaps, but at no very distant date. However, now that our English Parliament is in session, we shall be in a better position to understand all the complex transactions of the past few months, and the present aspect of the question.

We have just received the *Masonic Review* for December. It contains a very elaborate sketch of American Union Lodge, No. 1, jurisdiction of Ohio, to which we may recur in some future issue. Our present purpose is to note the severance of Bro. Cornelius Moore's connection with this magazine, after having piloted it skilfully through all those vicissitudes to which periodical literature is liable. We wish we could have said successfully as well as skilfully, but in such case there would have been no severance to record. It is the very reverse of creditable to our Ohian brethren to find that after a distinguished member of their brotherhood has devoted the energy and ability of a lifetime to promoting, as far as in him lay, the cause of Masonry; after he has worked on the *Masonic Review* throughout forty-eight volumes, that distinguished member should find himself under the necessity of abandoning his task to others who, though not abler or more energetic in the cause of Masonic literature, are financially in a position to continue it. Bro. Moore, we repeat, deserves to have met with a better return for his labours than to find himself, towards the end of a long and well-spent life, in the position he was when he was first admitted into a Lodge of Freemasons. We are pleased to hear that he will give the new editor, Bro. Melish, the benefit of his long experience, and we trust, for the honour of Ohian Masonry, that the latter may experience better fortune. This, indeed, is the only amends our Ohian friends can make for their shabby treatment of Bro. Moore—namely, to support the magazine which owes its being to his energy and ability.

It appears, according to *Le Monde Maçonnique*, that the Grand Orient of Italy has just recognised the Prince Hall Grand Lodge and the coloured Grand Lodge of Ohio. We learn further that the Grand Orient of Egypt, by a decree dated 1st November 1876, declines to recognize the Grand Orient of France as a regular Masonic Power, unless the proposition adopted at the annual meeting of the latter in September, relative to Article I. of the Constitution, is withdrawn. Our readers will, no doubt, remember that this proposition has for its object to strike out so much of the Article in question as declares that belief in the existence of the G.A.O.T.U. is a fundamental principle of Freemasonry; that it was carried by a large majority of votes; and that it only awaits confirmation by the several French lodges in order to become law at the next meeting of the Grand Orient.

The *Masonic Jewel* records an irreparable calamity which has recently befallen the Masonic Grand Bodies of Arkansas. On the 19th December last a fire broke out at Little Rock, in the head quarters of Freemasonry in this State, the result being that all the records, jewels, and paraphernalia, as well as of the subordinate, as of the Grand bodies, were totally destroyed, together with the Grand Lodge Library. The fire attacked the staircase, so that access to the different halls was rendered impossible. Last year, it seems, all the printed proceedings of Grand Lodge, Chapter, and Council, were burned just when they were ready for delivery; and the *Jewel* trusts that after this second and more terrible mishap our brethren of Arkansas may be less unfortunate. We fully endorse this wish.

In the *Voice of Masonry* will be found a very elaborate notice by Bro. Hughan, of Bro. Smith's History of the Humber Lodge, now No. 57, published at Hull in 1855. Bro. Hughan points out several errors which need to be corrected, but speaks generally in high terms of Bro. Smith's work. For the benefit of our readers we may as well mention that Humber Lodge has, at the present time, about two hundred and fifty members; that the value of its Hall and furniture is about £2,500; that its "Benevolent and Pension Funds" are in the possession of funds to the extent of close on £5,000; and that, in addition, it has a "Poor Fund" for the education of children of deceased members, and casual relief, and an "Independent Sinking Fund" likewise.

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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 FEBRUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1338—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1426—The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
1613—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 12th FEBRUARY.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street.

45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem, St. John's-sq., Clerkenwell, at 8. (Instruction.)
90—St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1506—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1635—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
282—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-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—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindpool-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
1396—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1449—Royal Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury.
1502—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Micklegate, York.
1619—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.

TUESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY.

46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand Court, W.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Masons Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden-square, W.
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
184—United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton Kent.
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
636—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1120—St. Milburga, Toutine Hotel, Ironbridge.
1260—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.

WEDNESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, 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.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, 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.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1565—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
225—St. Luke, Couch and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
281—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
962—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1061—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1269—Lewisca, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1284—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1312—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1529—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Staffs.
1582—Llandilofes, Trewythen Hotel, Llandilofes, North Wales.
1593—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.

THURSDAY, 15th FEBRUARY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea, 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. (Instruction.)
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C., at 4.0.
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
458—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
813—New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.

THURSDAY—continued.

1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road.
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
M.M.—Temple, Gun Tavern, Wapping. (Instruction.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1333—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1433—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.

FRIDAY, 16th FEBRUARY.

House Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1327—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1360—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1378—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1296—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1565—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1296—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton.
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.

SATURDAY, 17th FEBRUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
K.T. 29—Faith, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.

TUESDAY.

495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
1523—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
R. A. 290—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield

THURSDAY.

600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

FRIDAY.

1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 321—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.
TUESDAY—1—Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.
WEDNESDAY—2—Canongate, Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.
" R.A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.
THURSDAY—49—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
" R. A. 152—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 66 Constitution-street.
FRIDAY—R.A. 83—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—102—St. Mark's, St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
" 362—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.

TUESDAY—413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 429—Neptune, 35 St. James's-street, Glasgow.
" 441—Glasgow, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.
" R. A. 69—St. Andrew's, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.

WEDNESDAY—178—Scotia, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
" 333—St. George, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 510—Maryhill, 167 Main-street, Maryhill.
" R. A. 113—Partick, School-room, Douglas-street, Partick.

THURSDAY—27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 465—St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road, Glasgow.

FRIDAY—360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" 408—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 553—St. Vincent, Freemasons' Hall, Dumbarton-road.

We learn from the *Hebrew Leader* that on the 18th ult. Bro. Marshall B. Smith was elected Grand Master of New Jersey Grand Lodge; Bro. Nathan Haines D.G.M., Bros. Hamilton Wallis and Joseph W. Martin Senior and Junior Grand Wardens; Bro. Chas. Joetad Grand Treasurer; Bro. Joseph H. Hough Grand Secretary; and Bro. T. H. R. Reaway Assistant Grand Secretary.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12.—The installation meeting of this ancient and flourishing Lodge was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at Bro. C. Painter's, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street. Present—Bros. G. Angold W.M., W. B. Kidder S.W., Bateman J.W., L. Ruf P.M. Treas., J. Snelgrove Sec.; P.M.'s Bros. T. Cleaver, Lemaitre, W. R. Stewart P.G.D., Dudley Rolls, Lilley, S. Rolls, and Bros. Krehl, E. B. Kidder, Crick, Marshall, H. G. Rudderforth; D. Nicols, Mower, Crouch, Frost, Bower, Ruf, Henshaw, Elliot, Cooper, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Mr. J. Kent, who had been balloted for and accepted, was duly initiated into the Order, and Bro. W. J. Beedel was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in a perfect and impressive manner. Bro. W. B. Kidder S.W. and W.M. elect was then presented to the Lodge. A Board of Installed Masters, 18 in number, was formed, and Bro. J. Cleaver P.M. duly installed Bro. Kidder into the chair, in a manner that reflected great credit for its perfect and careful rendering. He was deservedly congratulated at the conclusion by the brethren and visitors. The W.M. having been saluted, proceeded to invest his officers, as follow:—Bros. G. Angold I.P.M., D. Nicols S.W., Bateman J.W. Leopold Ruf, Father of the Lodge, Treas., re-invested for the eleventh time, amid the enthusiastic applause of the brethren. G. S. Snelgrove P.M. Sec., H. Mower S.D., R. Coombs J.D., T. K. Freeman I.G., Rudderforth D.C., Gilchrist P.M. Tyler, Bro. Dudley Rolls P.M. gave notice, "That the number on the Lodge roll being complete, the initiation and joining fee in future be fifteen guineas." Brother Kidder W.M. then, amid the congratulations of the brethren, presented an elegant gold jewel, with suitable inscription, to the retiring Master, Bro. G. Angold I.P.M. for the valuable services rendered by him to the Lodge during his year of office. Bro. Angold briefly returned thanks, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren, sixty-two in number, sat down to a banquet provided by Bros. G. and A. Painter, that gave unqualified satisfaction. The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," which was followed by the National Anthem. The toast of "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. was enthusiastically received. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, said he was proud that one of the members of the Lodge had been selected as a Grand Officer—all who knew him respected him. He referred to Bro. R. W. Stewart P.G.D., whose name he would couple with the toast, which was acknowledged by Bro. Stewart. Bro. Angold I.P.M. then rose. He had to propose a toast that he was sure they would receive with pleasure, the health of the W.M. (loud cheers.) He and the W.M. had worked together in Masonry, and he knew his qualifications. His best services he was sure would be at the disposal of the Lodge. Bro. Snelgrove then sang an excellent buffo song; he was accompanied by Bro. F. Meen. The W.M. on rising to respond was greeted with loud applause. He thanked the brethren cordially and sincerely for the enthusiastic manner the toast had been received. He appreciated the honour of being placed at the head of so influential and ancient a Lodge, every member of which is entitled to wear the centenary jewel. They had also a Grand Officer among the Past Masters. He hoped to be enabled to carry out the duties of the chair satisfactorily, and nothing should be wanting on his part to merit their approbation. To the Past Masters he naturally looked for assistance, they were eminently qualified to render it. The officers he had invested that evening he knew would co-operate with him, and he entered upon his duties with every confidence. He might say for himself and officers,

> "Be to our faults a little blind,
> And to our virtues very kind."

He hoped on his retirement from the chair to hear he had done his duty. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters. He mentioned their names seriatim, and spoke of the able and valuable services they had rendered to the Lodge. Bro. Angold I.P.M. replied: he saw Past Masters who had been in that capacity over 20 years; he was, he might say, only a few hours old; he saw one among them, Bro. L. Ruf, the Father of the Lodge and the respected Treasurer. He as well as every Past Master would only be too happy to render assistance if required of them. The W.M. then gave the Visitors. They were not only numerous but also distinguished. He mentioned their names, and coupled with the toast the name of Fred. Binckes P.G.S. (Cheers). Bro. Binckes replied, with his customary eloquence, and was followed by Bro. J. Binge, who said it was just 20 years since he last visited the Lodge, and that was at the installation of Bro. Leopold Ruf, a brother whom all were proud to see among them. Bro. Jardine also said he hailed from New York, he was proud to be an American Mason, Bro. George Washington was the 1st Grand Master, and Bro. Abraham Lincoln, the late respected President, made the slaves free; that was something to be proud of. Should any of the brethren visit his country, he was sure American Masons would give as hearty a welcome as he had received that night. (Cheers.) Bro. George Honey, in admirable style, then sang "Simon the Cellarer," which was loudly encored. Bro. J. Kent, the newly initiated brother, very appropriately returned thanks. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, said the former brother had been among them for 30 years, he is esteemed for his genuine worth, and also for the efficient manner he had always discharged his duties. The same remarks might be applied to the worthy Secretary, whose duties are always fully appreciated. After a song from Bro. Hogarth, Bro. L. Ruf, who on rising was cordially greeted, said he had been invested as Treasurer for the eleventh time, and he felt it an honour for his name to be associated with the toast. He was pleased to see the Lodge in so flourishing a condition, he was proud to see so many members now, for he remembered when only eighteen met. He felt a pride in being associated with this Lodge, and he hoped to be spared for many years to be among them. His services were always at their command. Bro. Snelgrove also replied. After the toast of "The Masonic Charities," which was proposed by Bro. Stewart, the W.M. gave the toast of "The Wardens." He trusted he had given satisfaction by his selection, and hoped the Senior Warden, Bro. Nicols, would receive at their hands the same kindness they had shown him. He was a resident of another country, but his heart was in the right place, and his charity knew no bounds. He was a Vice President of the Institutions, and qualified to occupy the position of S.W. (Cheers.) The J.W. was one whom all respected. The same remarks might be applied to each officer, who, in turn, would merit the suffrages of the brethren. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated. The following brethren were present as visitors:—A. Bird 7, W. B. Shackleton W.M. 1524, J. Robins P.M. 452, A. F. Rowley W.M. 917, R. Davids 1470, W. Marks W.M. 1642, Durham, Fountenmerr 115, 85, L. Cartier 11, E. Grabham W.M. 19 P.G.S.W. Middlesex, E. Legge 1196, C. Coleman Royal Albert, Themans P.M. 141, J. Blum P.M. 1119, L. Stean P.M. 917, Warner Sleigh Kennington Lodge, T. H. King No. 72, F. Binckes P.G.S., G. Honey No. 1319, F. Binge, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 8th inst., at Bro. Hallows, The Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. Christian W.M., Groome S.W., W. G. Hallows J.W., Saunders Secretary, Oldroyd S.D., F. Hallows J.D., Appleby I.G.; also Bros. Upward Brand, Cambridge, Mumford, Franklin, Evennett, Brown. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer. The minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Cambridge acting as candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Franklin acting as candididate. The W.M. worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Groome was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed with solemn prayer.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 8th February. Present—Bros. Biddle W.M., Hogarth S.W., Maidwell J.W., Grammer S.D. and Sec., Horsley J.D., Hollands I.G., Webb Preceptor *pro tem*, and several others. The ceremony of the 2nd degree was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Hewlett acting as candidate. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th sections of the lectare were worked by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hogarth will fill the chair next Thursday.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at Bro. Gay's, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Monday the 5th inst. Present—Bros. Killick W.M., Powell S.W., Millward J.W., Cook S.D., Piercy J.D., Curry I.G., A. W. Fenner Sec., Tolmie acting Preceptor, Christopher Tyler, Robinson, Leber, Parkinson, Saul, Weedon, Alford, Halford, Gay, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Robinson acting as candidate. Bro. Tolmie worked the 5th and 6th Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Parkinson (46) and Leber (1366) were elected members. It was proposed by Bro. Powell, and seconded by Bro. Halford, "That this Lodge of Instruction be removed to more convenient premises." After some discussion, the proposition was carried unanimously; it was also decided that the Lodge be removed to the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, near Goswell-road. A proposition that the Lodge hold its first meeting at its new quarters on the last Monday in the present month was also agreed to. The necessary alterations in the Bye-laws were then formally settled. It was also unanimously agreed that the Fifteen Sections be worked on the first meeting night of the Lodge at the old Rodney's Head, Bro. Tolmie having kindly consented to work the same. Bro. Fenner was requested to report the same to the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, in the hope that brethren—other than members of the Lodge—may find it convenient to attend, as the situation of the future place of meeting is most central. All business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Bros. Lewis Lazarus W.M., Miller S.W., M. Spiegel J.W., L. Auerhaan Treasurer, E. P. Albert Grand Pursuivant P.M. Secretary, M. Hymans S.D., Campion J.D. Baker I.G., H. P. Isaac D.C. P.M.'s Bros. A. Dodson, L. Alexander, Israel Abrahams F.G.S., M. Alexander, E. Hunt, S. Hickman, and Bros. S. Davies, Langley, A. Auerhaan, J. L. Shuter, Rohman, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Mr. Osborne was balloted for and duly initiated. Bros. Buck and Wilenski were passed to the second degree. Bro. M. Spiegel then called the attention of the brethren, and, though the Lodge of Joppa, of the Craft in general, to the following facts: In one of the Grand Lodges in Germany is an existing law, "That only believers in Christianity can be admitted into Freemasonry." Such a law in the present enlightened age is against every principle of humanity. He then moved, that this Lodge appoint a committee to co-operate with the other Jewish Lodges, as the brethren most aggrieved in Europe, jointly, to draw the attention of Grand Lodge to this obnoxious law. Bros. Israel Abrahams P.M., L. Alexander P.M., and Hymans S.D. having spoken in favour of the resolution, it was carried. A committee was appointed of the former brethren and Bro. Spiegel, for the purpose of making arrangements. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of slight refreshment.

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The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic Toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert G.P. returned thanks for the Grand Officers. The toast of the W.M., Wardens, Visitors and Officers were given. Bros. M. Levy 1017, Stunt 1641, Goldsmith 339, and Barbo 1533, were present.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 63.—A numerous assemblage of members of this Lodge sat down to the annual supper, which was provided in a very sumptuous manner, by Bro. Maidwell, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, 6th February. Bro. Carruthers W.M. presided, and he was supported by Bros. Rudderforth S.W., Ellis J.W. The usual Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with vocal harmony by the following brethren:—Bros. Carruthers, Brown, Hogarth, Dart, Richards, White. Bros. Rudderforth and Maidwell rendered a duet, which was rapturously received. Excellent speeches were made by Bros. Carruthers, Daniel, Maidwell, Holtham, Hollands, &c.; and the manner in which the Craft supported this Lodge of Instruction was commented upon. Altogether a most pleasant evening was spent.

Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Warrington.—The regular monthly meeting of this old Lodge was held on Monday, 29th January, at the Masonic Rooms. The W.M., Bro. Thomas Tunstall, was supported by Bros. W. Sharp P.M. Prov. G.J.W. as S.W., John R. Young J.W., W. H. Robinson I.P.M., A. H. Young S.D., James Paterson J.D., James Hannah as I.G., John Bowes P.M. (Prov. G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmorland) Hon. Sec., John Armstrong (S.W. No. 1250) Treas., J. S. Patten, P. J. Edelsten P.M., and other members and visitors. The Lodge was opened in form, when the minutes were read and declared to be correctly recorded. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Richard Walker Francombe, of the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 269, Blackburn, as a joining member. The result was unanimously in that brother's favour, and he, being in waiting, was announced as "a member of this Lodge." The W.M. said the next business was a source of extreme pleasure to him. In the name of the Lodge it was his privilege to place upon the I.P. Master's breast a massive gold P.M.'s jewel. The jewel was inscribed:—"Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Warrington. Presented to Bro. W. H. Robinson, by the Lodge, in acknowledgment of able services as W.M. A.L. 5876." He would not dilate on Bro. Robinson's merits in his presence, but he must be permitted, as the representative of the members, to say that it was many years since the Lodge was presided over by so young a brother. He had, moreover, performed all the duties of his office in an able manner, and he assured him his services were very highly appreciated by every member of the Lodge. He would not trespass further on their time; but he should be glad if the Secretary would supplement his remarks with a few words of wisdom. Bro. Bowes was glad of the opportunity, and addressing Bro. Robinson, said—The jewel which the W.M. has just placed on your breast, as a gift from the Lodge, is one that you are entitled to wear, having filled the office of Master of this Lodge during the past year. The jewel is a square with the 47th proposition of the 1st Book of Euclid pendent therefrom, and is intended by the Constitutions of our Ancient Order to mark your rank as a Past Master. This proposition of Euclid's Elements is one of the most important discoveries of the learned Brother Pythagoras, who flourished 555 years B.C., and in the joy of his heart he is said to have exclaimed, *Eureka*, "I have found it," and to have sacrificed a hecatomb. As the figure depends upon several lines, angles, and triangles, as shown in the diagram before you, so Freemasonry depends upon its several members, and the principles upon which the Institution is established. Some of our brethren, from their station in life, standing as they do on the basis of earthly bliss, are emblematical of the great angle which subtends the right angle; others, blessed with means to tread the flowery meads of prosperity and affluence, are descriptive of the squares which stand on the sides; those brethren who enjoy every social comfort and never exceed the bounds of mediocrity, symbolize the triangles within the square; and those who have the satisfaction of administering to the wants of the indigent and industrious, may be compared to the triangle which surrounds and supports the figure; whilst the lines which form it may remind us of those brethren who are incapable of providing the necessaries of life unless aided by cheerful and ready assistance. May the lessons taught by your beautiful jewel ever influence your actions for good, while treading the thorny path of this life, so that when you are summoned to the Grand Lodge above you may receive a much more glorious jewel—one which will never fade away. Bro. Robinson made a feeling response, and assured the brethren that when elected W.M. he determined to try to do his duty, and if he had succeeded to their satisfaction he was amply repaid. The beautiful and costly jewel they had given him he should ever treasure with pride. After some propositions, the Lodge was closed.

Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 1st inst., at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. The Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and a brother was raised to the degree of M.M. The Lodge resumed to the first degree, and Mr. W. H. Davies was duly initiated into Freemasonry. The election of Master then took place, and Bro. E. Jones was duly elected as the W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Kenning was also re-elected Treasurer. The somewhat sudden death of Bro. W. Baker, an old member, having been announced, the old and many young members retired.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—This Lodge met at the Mason's Hall Tavern, Mason's-avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Wednesday the 7th inst. Bro. Abell occupied the Worshipful Master's chair. Bros. Turner was S.W., Sayer J.W., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, John Constable P.M. Hon. Treas., J. K. Pitt Hon. Sec., Fenner S.D., Lay J.D., Walker I.G., Christopher Tyler. Past Master Bloomfield and a full complement of usual attendants were also present. The first ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. I. P. Cohen W.M. of 205 acting as candidate. The second candidate of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Walker, and the third by Bro. Constable, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Turner was elected Master for the next meeting, when, according to the bye-laws, the second ceremony and lecture will be given. Bro. Abbot will deliver the fourth of his series of Lectures at this Lodge of Instruction on Wednesday the 28th inst.

Lodge Commercial, No. 360.—Held its regular meeting on Friday, the 2nd inst. The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. M. Oliver D.M., with Bro. McPherson P.M. as S.W., Mitchell J.W., J. Pattison S.D., A. Barnett I.G., J. Minnock Tyler. The acting Master, Bro. Oliver, said he was sorry to have to read a letter from the R.W.M., who was prevented by illness from being present on this occasion. There being three Fellow Crafts to be passed, he would ask Bro. D. Lamb to perform that ceremony. Two brethren were then raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony being most carefully and elaborately worked by Bro. Lamb. There being no other work, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Consecration of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 592, Polmadie.—This interesting ceremony was performed on Wednesday, the 31st ult., by Col. Campbell, of Blythswood, P.G.M. of Renfrewshire East, and D.G.M. for Scotland, in a most satisfactory style. The following officers were installed:—Bros. R. Nesbit R.W.M., T. White D.M., W. Clark S.M., A. C. Kellir S.W., J. Grey Sec., J. C. Shand Treas., Walter Gunn S.D., G. Cater J.D., W. Milton S.S., W. Goorlay B.B., G. Stark I.G., G. Read Tyler. The newly-installed Master, Bro. Nesbit, had invited the P.G. officers, as well as the officers of his own Lodge, the Masters and Wardens of the Thornliebank and Paisley Lodges, and some of the visiting brethren from Glasgow, to a beautiful repast at his residence, Eastfield House, where ample justice was done to his bounty, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly responded to. The P.G.M., in the course of his remarks, paid some well-merited compliments to the officers of the new Lodge, saying he thought it promised to become one of the best working Lodges in his province, if they only continued as they had that day began.

Scarsdale Lodge, No. 681.—This Lodge held its installation meeting on Wednesday, 31st January, at the Assembly Room, Market Hall, Chesterfield, by special dispensation. Present—Bros. T. F. Hale W.M., R. H. Robinson S.W., W. W. Jendwine J.W., C. J. White Sec., W. M. Hewitt Treas., Arthur Milner S.D., J. G. Knighton J.D., Geo. Lee D.C., C. G. Busby I.G., H. W. Smith Tyler. Past Masters Bros. S. Foulds, Geo. Haslehurst, W. M. Hewitt, George Haslehurst, G. A. Rooth, and H. Osborne. Visitors—Bros. Cox 253, Horsley, and H. J. Foulds 253, R. Strafford 731, Stamford, Cupar and Schofield 1028, Moore 1235, Hawksley, Hayes, Jervis, and Garnett 139, Pawson and Drury 296, and Whitham 850. Business—Installation of Bro. W. W. Jendwine as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by the retiring Master, Bro. T. F. Hale. The W.M. appointed his officers as follow:—R. H. Robinson S.W., C. J. White J.W., Smithson Sec., W. M. Hewitt Treas., C. G. Busby S.D., J. Gould J.D., Lee D.C., A. Milner Steward, Mills I.G., H. W. Smith Tyler. A banquet was held at the Angel Hotel, at which there were about sixty present, including the above visitors.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The weekly meeting of the above took place at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, on Tuesday, 6th February. Bro. W. J. Smith W.M., Dr. Defriez S.W., Barker J.W., Lay S.D., Cambridge J.D., Johnson I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. A. C. Macklin, Brown, Lovelock, Fieldwick, Coombes, Hewlett, Wordell, &c. The Lodge was opened with due formality, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Brown acting as candidate. The 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture were worked by the W.M., and the 3rd and 4th by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Defriez was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge closed in due form, and adjourned till Tuesday, the 13th inst., at 7.30.

Welch Pool Lodge, No. 998.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, 2nd February, at the Railway Station, Welch Pool. The W.M., Bro. T. R. Morris, opened his Lodge in the 1st and 2nd degrees, and entrusted Bro. the Rev. Alfred Whitlow, who retired, and the Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree. Bro. D. P. Owen P.M. then ascended the pedestal, and Bro. Whitlow was re-admitted and raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. Lodge was resumed in the 1st degree, and Mr. William T. Parker J.P. (previously balloted for) was initiated. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Owen retained possession of the pedestal, and informed the brethren that he had a sad and painful task to perform, but one that he should have been extremely jealous of any one else—under present circumstances—doing, and that was, to announce to them the death of the first Master of the Lodge No. 998. On Monday last, it pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to erase the name of Thomas William John Goldsbro' off the list of those various earthly Lodges which had been honoured by his connection with them, but he expressed a firm conviction that it was now enrolled on the tablets of the Grand Lodge above. Bro. Owen reminded the Lodge that by the loss they had sustained he now was in the position of Senior P.M., and sorry was he that so soon, and by such an event, he had attained so high a position in his mother Lodge. He was the only one present that evening who was also

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present on 4th March 1864, when, working under dispensation previous to consecration, our late Bro. Goldsbro' opened the first Masonic Lodge in his native town; for, although resident in London, the Doctor was designated as first Master, and that during the two years he had held the office he presided at 23 meetings, and had initiated 44 candidates. The death of Bro. Goldsbro' came extremely sudden to him (Bro. Owen), as it was only on the Sunday he had received a letter from Dr. Goldsbro' in reply to one of his, in which he had asked him to write and invite (in his name) the D.P.G.M., Bro. Bulkeley Hughes, to be present at the anniversary, on the 29th of March, and in 36 hours afterwards the silver thread was broken. When he recollected the time when he was initiated by Bro. Goldsbro', and his (after the banquet) asking him (Bro. Owen) to be sure to stick fast to 998, a promise how glad he was now that he had kept, he could hardly realise that no more within their walls would be heard that voice, so impressive in its manner, teaching us all the beauties of his beloved Masonry; the kind look no more to shed light and lustre amongst us, and the want of that kindly council given as soon as asked, that had enabled him (Bro. Owen) to help to steer 998 in difficulties and in dangers into a sea of rest. But not only would the loss be felt in 998, it would extend all over the Province, for when this Lodge was consecrated there had not been a new one opened for six years, and during the last thirteen years Bro. Goldsbro' had (at the request of the Pro G.M.) consecrated fourteen new Lodges. The Marlborough Lodge, Woodstock, the Prince of Wales Chapter, Tredegar, and their own Chapter received the same great service at his hands. He was also the first P.Z. of 998, and arrangements were made for him to consecrate the Towyn and Rhyl Lodges in the summer. In addition, our late brother was a P.M. of Jordan 201, and a P.Z. of Jerusalem 185, and had served the office of Steward to the three Charities, and was also a Past Prov. G. Senior Warden of North Wales and Shropshire. Before concluding, Bro. Owen expressed a sure hope that many a long year would elapse before the name of Goldsbro' would cease to be a revered and "household word" in 998, and it was with a sad heart that he had to move that a vote of condolence be passed to the widow and family of the one to whom he owed his entrance into—and the whole of his knowledge of—Freemasonry. This proposition was seconded by Bro. Withy P.M., who spoke in the most feeling terms of the loss sustained, not only in the Lodge, but also as a precious and sincere friend. He would wish to add, further, to mark their sense and feeling, that the Lodge clothe itself in mourning until after the June meeting. The above propositions were carried in solemn silence. In addition to the above, Bro. Collender P.M. 998 and W.M. of the Llanidloes Lodge, which was consecrated by Bro. Goldsbro', intimated his intention to insert on their next Lodge summons a request that the brethren of 1582 would appear in mourning, and Bro. F. Britton P.M. 850 and 998 and W.M. of the Cedewain Lodge, which also was consecrated by Bro. Goldsbro', expressed his intention to act in the same manner. Bro. Owen then informed the brethren that the time had now arrived when it was necessary to elect a W.M. for the ensuing twelvemonth. The lot fell unanimously on the S.W., Bro. Grahame Brown, who returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him. Bro. Withy P.M. returned thanks for being re-elected Treasurer. The worthy old Tyler, Bro. Sergeant Barnard, was also re-elected. Bro. D. P. Owen then proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Master, Bro. Thos. R. Morris, for the many services that he had done for the Lodge, not only during his year of office but also during the two years that he had held the office of Secretary. This was seconded by the S.W. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned until the anniversary, 29th March.

Southam Lodge, No. 1054.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on 5th February, at the Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire. Present—Bros. Richard Nichols W.M., James Crooke S.W., John Jamieson J.W., Henry William Smith Secretary, Robert Kenyon Treasurer, John Brummond I.G., Joseph Yarwood Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. J. Fred. Keeley, P. M. Watson and Schofield. Visitor—Bro. C. Morehouse P.M. Lodge No. 274. After preliminaries, Mr. William Mitchell was initiated.

Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178.—This Lodge met on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Bro. W. T. Lover W.M. in an able manner passed Bros. Bailey, Gibbs, Judge, Gebringer, and Parratt, and initiated Messrs. H. Tarryer, T. Turk, and J. Long. Ten guineas was given to a distressed brother, once a member of the Lodge, and five guineas to a deceased member's widow. The Lodge closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet. Present: Bros. W. Batchelor S.W., F. Garbett J.W., F. H. Elisworth P.M. Treasurer, F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex P.M. Secretary, J. Stock S.D., J. Porter J.D., T. Simpson I.G., J. A. Smith P.M., G. J. Grace, P.M., &c. The Visitors were Bros. E. John P.M. 879, W. Richardson 72, R. Reyndle 169, G. Dyke 141, Wren P.M. 1056, Nicolson P.M. 101, H. Hyman 141, H. Haywood 106, A. Thomson J.W. 1446, W. Thompson 72, W. D. Loewenstark S.W. 1360, &c.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The ordinary meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday the 6th inst., at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, E.C. Present—Comps. E. Gottheil Z., John Cox H., J. Constable J., T. W. White S.E., M. Loewenstark S.N., J. Highe P.S., E. Legg, R. P. Tebb, G. J. Row, C. Nash, H. McPherson, J. B. Sorrell, G. L. Walker, G. Lemann, G. B. Finney, W. M. Goss, P. A. Nairne, A. Barfield, P. Wagner, S. W. P. Moore, Catterson, &c. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Walker acting as candidate. One clause of the Lecture was worked by Comp. Gottheil, assisted by the Companions. The convocation was then adjourned. Comps. Goss, Tebb, Loewenstark and Walker were elected members. Comp. E. Gottheil P.Z. will again occupy the first Principal's chair at next meeting.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—The weekly meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, 2nd February, at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate. Present—Bros. Oldroyd W.M., Lane S.W., Andrews J.W., A. W. Fenner S.D., Cleverley J.D., Townsend I.G. Bros. Simpson, Bolton, Lupinsky, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer. The minutes were then read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cleverley acting as candidate. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Fenner, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lane was unanimously chosen W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was cordially voted to the W.M. for the excellent manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair. All business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 1261.—Met on Tuesday the 6th instant, at the Regent Masonic hall. Bro. Gorton Adkins was passed. The ceremony of installing our popular Bro. J. Perry Godfrey into the chair, was then most impressively performed by Bro. Allworth, the retiring W.M., after which the new Master signalled the day of his installation by initiating Messrs. J. E. Beckett and James G. Wilkin, with equal efficiency and solemnity. Bros. W. H. Muggeridge W.M. 1328, and J. A. Bargan 1623, were elected joining members. After a well served banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured; after which the W.M. proposed the health of the initiates, whom he had known for many years. Bro. Wilkin, always a good fellow, could not but become a better henceforward. Bro. Beckett was his old brother officer in the Irish Rifles; he had been best man at that brother's wedding, and felt that in initiating him that evening he had again done the proper thing. Bros. Beckett and Wilkin expressed their thanks. The latter stated that some years back, his friend the W.M. on learning his desire to become a Mason, had begged him to wait until he should give the word. He had waited until Bro. Godfrey was in the chair to initiate him; had it been ten or fifteen years he would have done the same; and he fully intended to reflect credit upon the friend who had initiated him at last. W. Bro. Allworth proposed the health of the W.M., whose Masonic career he had watched with interest from the day, whilst yet a raw recruit, that he declared his intention not to slacken his endeavours until he had attained the chair. He had attained it, and the faultless working they had seen that day, had amply justified the ambition. W. Bro. Perry Godfrey returned thanks, and said that when he first found himself in office, he had felt it a duty to his father in Masonry thoroughly to qualify himself for the career before him. To that end, although the duties of the world weighed heavily upon him, he determined not to accept the chair until he had proved himself thoroughly qualified in a Lodge of Instruction to fulfil its duties. This he had done. As in his past career, so in the future, that which he professed to undertake he expected to carry out. Some good speeches were made by Bros. Bigg, Rose, Dr. Cross and others. The proceedings were diversified by loyal and humorous songs, exquisitely rendered by Bro. Vernon, and an effective duet by Bros. Bigg and Williams. Quite a number of visitors were present; amongst whom we noticed Bros. E. J. Harty W.M. of 1201, J. Norton W.M., 969, Rose P.M. and Preceptor of 73, and W.M. of 1622: Mander W.M. of 1201, Canton W.M. of 1475, Hall, Vyse, A. S. Godfrey, Barker, Spencer, Garner, Captain Hewitt, and Dr. Payne.

Beaminster Lodge, No. 1367.—Held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 1st of February, at the Lodge Room, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster, Dorset. Present—Bros. Edward Gapper Legg W.M., John Hine P.M. acting S.W., Edward Holland J.W., Samuel Cox Sec., James Andrews P.M. Treas., Edward Toleman S.D., J. S. Webb P.M. D.C., Toby P.M. Steward, William Murrant I.G., F. Long Tyler, P.M.'s Bros. Purkis and James Broad. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. A letter was read from Bro. Montague Guest, as to the claim of Bro. Lovelace, Provincial Grand Tyler, and a sum was voted to purchase a life governorship (for this Lodge) for the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons. Bro. Lovelace's claims were heartily responded to by the brothers subscribing to purchase votes on his behalf. Bro. James Broad was passed to the second degree, and Mr. John Williams, of Beaminster, having been ballotted for, and unanimously elected, was properly prepared and initiated in ancient form in the mysteries and privileges of the first degree. On the proposition of Bro. Hine, it was carried unanimously that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter of condolence to the family of our late lamented Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master Joseph Gundry, sympathising in their bereavement, and expressing the high esteem in which Bro. Gundry was held in this Lodge and the Province generally. The Lodge was closed in peace, order, and harmony, at 9.15, after which the brethren retired to refreshment.

New Cross Lodge, No. 1559.—On Saturday last, at New Cross Hall, the regular meeting was held. Bro. F. Walters P.P.J.D. Middlesex P.M., Treasurer, opened the Lodge. He raised Bro. A. Macgilvary. He initiated Messrs. Swain, Knibbs, Willson and Thornton, the W.M. Bro. W. B. Woodman completing the ceremony. He installed Bro. H. Keeble W.M., who appointed as his officers Bros. E. H. Thiellay P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M. 145, W.M. elect 1423, S.W., W. A. Simmons J.W., F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex, P.M. Treasurer, Grammant Secretary, L. Beck S.D., H. J. Green P.M. 1538, W.M. 1275, J.W., S. Jewell I.G., E. Smith D.C., W. B. Woodman I.P.M., W. S. Church Tyler. E. M. Hubbuck gave the working tools explanation in the three degrees, and address to the W.M.; W. Smeed the address to the Wardens, and F. Walters the address to the brethren. The W.M., Bro. H. Keeble, on behalf of the members, presented Bro. W. B. Woodman with a massive ten guinea P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him from the Lodge funds. It bears a suitable inscription, which was duly acknowledged by Bro. W. B.

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Woodman. All the work was well done, and the Lodge was closed and adjourned. A banquet followed, when the usual toasts were given. The long list of visitors included Bros. J. W. Baldwin P.A.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. 1423, W. Smeed P.P.G.J.W. Middlesex P.M., J. B. Shackleton W.M. 1524, G. Macdonald W.M. 1158, and others.

Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613.—At the meeting on the 2nd of February, Bro. Ingram was raised, and Bros. Gibbs and Holliday were passed. Bro. Coate I.P.M. proposed, Bro. C. J. Benson seconded, and it was unanimously agreed, that a letter of condolence should be forwarded to Mrs. W. R. Baker, on the death of her husband, Bro. W. R. Baker, of Cripplegate Ward. The funeral was conducted from his residence, 16 South Villas, Camden-square, the hearse being followed by a long string of carriages containing his friends and members of the Cripplegate Lodge. The interment took place in Kensal Green Cemetery, where his friends had assembled to the number of near on 300 to testify the great esteem and respect in which Bro. W. R. Baker was held by the Ward of Cripplegate, and by his friends elsewhere.

Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627.—This Lodge held its usual monthly meeting on Friday, 2nd February, at Freemasons' Hall. Present—Bros. W. F. Raymond W.M., Chas. E. Soppet S.W., W. E. Gordon Leith J.W., Donald M. Dewar Secretary, Hyde Pullen Treasurer, H. R. Gill S.D., Samuel Browne D.C. and Steward, H. M. Sydney I.G., also Bros. Gass, Percy Leith P.G.D., J. Dunning, G. R. Matthews, Geo. T. Robinson and others. Visitors: Bros. Richard W. Smith (St. Paul's Lodge, Boston, U.S.), Chas. E. Parden (Prudence Lodge, No. 388). Business—The Lodge being opened and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. S. H. D'Avignor, of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34, was elected a joining member. Mr. Geo. W. Tustin having been approved on ballot, was duly initiated. Bros. Dunning and Gass were passed to the second degree; and Bro. G. R. Matthews was raised to the sublime degree, all the ceremonies being performed by V.W. Bro. Hyde Pullen, in his usual masterly style. Bro. Pullen officiated at the request of the W.M., who was suffering from indisposition. A gentleman was then proposed for initiation at next meeting; after which the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow.—Held its installation meeting on 1st February, the V.W.P.G.M. Bro. Col. Walter Montgomery Nelson presiding, supported on the dais by Bros. F. A. Barrow D.P.G.M., John Baird S.P.G.M., J. Gilles P.G.T., W. H. Beckerton P.G.S., J. Ritchie P.G.A., R. Robb P.G.M., T. Halket P.G.D. of M. In the absence of the P.G.W. the chair of P.G.S.W. was filled by Bro. Dr. McInnis R.W.M. 27, and that of J.W. by Jas. Thompson R.W.M. 102. At the request of the P.G.M. Bro. Barrow, his deputy, proceeded to instal the officers, a list of whom was given in our last week's account of the election. The P.G.M. himself investing each of them with their jewel of office. Bro. Barrow then passed a high eulogium on the S.D. Bro. John Morgan, their interim Secretary, stating that in the 16 years he had acted as D.P.M. he had never found a brother who had so zealously performed the duties, and as he had declined to take the proportion of salary due for the time he had filled that post he now moved that the sum of £10 be voted to present him with a suitable testimonial of their appreciation of his conduct. This was carried by acclamation. The subject of Grand Lodge business for the ensuing Monday was then discussed, and some rather sharp remarks were passed on certain of the officials by Bros. Barrow, McCannicush and others. Bro. D. M. Nelson G.S.D. requested the brethren to suspend their judgment till they saw what the Officers elected in November would do; he could assure them that they must effect some sweeping reforms. The P.G.M. concurred in these remarks, still he thought it would be well for the Glasgow brethren to be in their places on Monday to assist in this object. He was sorry to find that his own efforts to improve the status of Masonry had not been responded to as he could have wished. He thought the possession of a Provincial Grand Lodge Hall a very necessary thing; he was sorry to find that after the sum paid, £180 now, and about £60 being promised, that his efforts were not appreciated, and that he could have put his money to a better use. Bro. J. Kennaird R.W.M. 73, Dr. McInnis 27, and J. Murray 103 were appointed auditors. The report of the Provincial Benevolent Fund showed that £47 had been given in charity during the past quarter.

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THE FESTIVAL OF MONDAY LAST.

WE heartily congratulate Bro. Terry on the brilliant success of Monday. Had no more been done this year than last, that "Zealous Officer" would still have been as fully entitled to our thanks. It is impossible for any one to exhibit more than the maximum amount of zeal. Bro. Terry has always laboured to the utmost of his power, and always merits therefore the gratulations of the Craft. When, however, his labours are productive of such magnificent results as they were on Monday, the duty of expressing our obligations has in it a large admixture of pleasure. Just as he rejoices over the success of his efforts—though these latter would have been as great had their success been more limited—so must we feel additional gratification in the performance of our duty, though the same duty must have been fulfilled under any circumstances. But to pass at once to the Festival itself. As briefly and unexpectedly announced in these columns last week, H.R.H. Prince Leopold, the new Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, was at the last moment prevented, by the delicate state of his health, from presiding in person. We sincerely regret the indisposition from which his Royal Highness is suffering. Still we cannot refrain from expressing the pleasure we feel at finding how firm is the position he has already established among the Craft. It must be obvious to every one of our readers that the mere announcement of his presidency exercised a most salutary influence on the subscription list. Had he been able to attend, it would have been his first public appearance among the Craft in London since his elevation to the Grand Mastership of Oxfordshire. That is, on the first opportunity that presented itself, Prince Leopold gave proof of the sterling character of his Masonry. No one ever, of course, doubted that he was as truly loyal to the principles of our Fraternity as the plainest and most unassuming of its members, or as the oldest and most respected of our veterans. Still, it is in the highest degree creditable to the Prince that, in his first public act as a Mason, he should have shown himself worthy of his exalted rank and the distinguished position to which his brother, the Grand Master, so recently appointed him. And it is still more creditable to him that in this first Masonic act of his he should have associated himself so conspicuously with what all true Freemasons regard as their first and most important duty—the duty of advancing the cause of Charity. There are many among us who are reckoned as being good men and true, who contribute of their means to the support of these or those charitable institutions. But it requires some courage to undertake the duty of presiding at one of our Festivals. There is a considerable amount of responsibility attached to the fulfilment of such a duty, and, as we said in a recent article, many an older and more experienced man has before now excused himself from undertaking it. We do not for one moment imagine any proof was needed that the Prince was a zealous as well as a loyal Craftsman; but it is pleasing to find our expectations realised, nor doubt we the splendid subscription list of Monday is all the more splendid, because the Craft were resolved on showing their sense of the Prince's courage and kindness. His first act was to show himself the zealous partisan of one of our Charities, and the Craft were determined his partisanship should be a brilliant success. Hence, no doubt, in great measure, the magnificent collection of £12,656 13s, with fourteen lists still outstanding.

But just as this was only one of the reasons we urged, why the subscriptions should present a higher total than at any previous Festival, so, doubtless, was it only one of several motives which stirred the brethren to this grand display of munificence. We pointed out in the article already referred to, that a larger amount of subscriptions than usual was absolutely necessary. The Male Fund at the end of the year showed only a small balance in hand, indeed, not more than sufficient to provide for four additional annuitants, on the assumption, of course, that the Festival of this year would be as productive as that of last year was. But, worse still, the Female Fund showed a deficit, representing in fact, the aggregate of nine annuities. Taking the several sets of annuitants together, that is, the men, the widows, and the widows receiving half their late husbands' annuities, the Benevolent Institution stands committed at this present time to an annual outlay in excess of £9000, irrespective of office and other heads of expenditure. Therefore, every year the Craft is bound to make the most determined efforts to realise as large a list as possible; for it is only by means of such efforts that it will be able to keep faith with the annuitants it has placed on its pension list. But this was only the second of our reasons. There was yet a third, and even more important one still. At the present time there are only nine vacancies on the Male Fund, and three on the Female, to be filled at the election in May next, but the number of approved candidates already on the list to compete for these vacancies is in the case of the Males thirty-four, and Females thirty-six. Other vacancies may arise between now and the election, and the number of candidates will also, perhaps, be increased. Be this as it may, there are at this moment, taking the two funds together, seventy candidates to compete for twelve vacancies, which differs in no appreciable degree from what we said a fortnight since, "a ratio of six and a half of the one to one of the other." We do not for one moment hesitate to place among the motives which have operated so successon this occasion, the absolute need there is to provide for a large annual outlay, and the immoderate excess of candidates for admission to the benefits of the Institution over vacancies. There was yet a fourth reason we urged in behalf of the good cause. A high authority had publicly stated in Grand Lodge that no one of our Charities would ever appeal in vain to the Craft for the needful support. We said this statement must be regarded as "evidence of a wise prescience in the eminent brother who made it," and that his confidence in the readiness of the Craft at all times to fulfil its duty, must be taken as "ominous of good in the year we have just entered upon." We are aware there are many brethren who have questioned his wisdom in making such an announcement. Here, at all events, we have the clearest evidence of its justice. The very first occasion, since this announcement, on which an appeal has been made to the Craft for its support is more fruitful of good than any previous occasion, that is, as regards this particular Charity. The sum collected last year, when Lord Skelmersdale presided, was £9,174 10s 6d. This year, with Prince Leopold announced as chairman, the amount realised is £12,656 13s, with sundry returns yet to be made. Thus the excess of the latter collection over the former is £3,482 2s 6d. The increase, therefore, is about 38 per cent. on the year 1876. In fact, if we bear in mind that the Festival of 1876 was in round figures £2,000 in excess of 1875, and that 1875 surpassed 1874 to the extent of close upon £1,500, we have every reason to be proud of the success achieved in the cause of this particular Charity. In 1874, with Lord Waveney as president, the Festival realised £5,220; in 1875, £6,630 13s 6d, with eleven lists

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outstanding; in 1876, as we have said above, £9,174 10s 6d, and now, on Monday last, the still greater sum of £12,656 13s. That is to say, the support accorded to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has considerably more than doubled itself in the short space of four years. We shall add nothing more in the way of colouring to this splendid picture.

As regards the occasion itself, we need say little here. Lord Shrewsbury and Talbot, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, occupied the chair in the unavoidable absence of Prince Leopold. In 1875, his Lordship gave us a taste of his quality—as the saying is—as a chairman, and his second Presidency at this Festival was as great a success as, if not a greater success than, his first. He was geniality itself, and it would be an act of injustice to his Lordship if we allowed this opportunity to pass without offering him our tribute of thanks, not only for the readiness with which he came forward at the very last moment to undertake a serious responsibility, but likewise for the kindness and ability with which he fulfilled his trust. Nor must we pass unnoticed the signal services of the Board of Stewards. On them devolved the oftentimes unpleasant duty of canvassing for funds. But they undertook the office spontaneously, and discharged it diligently and with unexampled energy. In the success of their labours lies their chief reward, but none the less are they entitled to our thanks, and these we tender to them with the utmost cordiality. May succeeding Boards of Stewards be as successful as have been the Stewards at the Festival in 1877 of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution!

Since the above remarks were written, the gratifying intelligence has reached us that, at their monthly meeting on Wednesday, the General Committee were so satisfied with the amount obtained at this Festival, that they then and there resolved upon increasing the number of annuitants by thirty, namely, fifteen men and fifteen women. Thus, the number of vacancies to be filled at the election in May will be forty-two, instead of twelve, as stated; namely, twenty-four on the male, and eighteen on the female fund. It must be mentioned, however, that this addition is only provisional. If the amount of subscriptions in future years falls short of the sum just realised, the Committee will be necessarily unable to provide for the increased number of annuitants.

Seven of the fourteen lists have since been received. These yield a total of £167, so that the Festival has, already, produced £12,823 13s.

ANALYSIS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

IN accordance with our usual practice, we set before our readers the following analysis of the subscription list. As the total amount subscribed is great beyond all precedent in the history of the Benevolent Institution, so will it be found, on a careful examination of the several items of which the list is composed, that the Festival of 1877 presents certain features which, heretofore, have been wanting in similar lists. The most important of these is the unmistakable evidence it affords that the sacred duty of being charitable is not only becoming every year more and more generally appreciated, but likewise more and more generally practised. We all know full well the difference between appreciation and practice. It is undoubtedly a feather in a man's cap when he is able to appreciate a virtue, but his cap is full of feathers when he is advanced enough to practise it. Year after year have the Chairmen at our different Festivals pointed out to those whom they were immediately addressing, and through them to the Craft universal, that Charity, to be really effective, must be distributed over the widest possible area, that more real good is done by a number of small subscriptions than by a few of considerable amount. The meaning of this will be obvious to all our readers. The kindlier feelings of our nature are more thoroughly and more generally aroused when there is a multitude of participants in an act of charity than when it is the act of a single person. This, of course, is to a certain extent, merely a sentimental view of the case we have in view. No one would ever be so silly as to affirm that a thousand pounds, given by one man, would have less effect in relieving distress than the same sum if contributed by twenty or a hundred men. All we mean to say is, that its distribution among many donors proves incontestably that sympathy with distress is spread over a wider surface. There is, however, this undoubted advantage to be gained when a subscription list proceeds from many instead of from a few. Sympathy, like most other affections of the human mind, is contagious. When men of moderate means find their modest donations are not only sought after but appreciated, immediately other men who are similarly circumstanced follow suit, and in the end the aggregate of these numerous small donations mounts up to and exceeds the aggregate of a few large ones. It is, then, with these feelings influencing us, that we express our unfeigned delight at finding that the number of participants in the work of charity on this occasion is greatly in excess of what it has been in former years. The total amount contributed by the Metropolitan District is within a few shillings of £6,680, and in this contribution no less than 112 Lodges, or but little short of one-half the number in the whole district, participate. In addition, two Royal Arch Chapters, a Rose Croix Chapter, a Mark Lodge, and two individual donors contribute. As our readers are aware, there are forty-one Provincial Grand Lodges under the Grand Lodge of England, together with Beds, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man; that is, in all, forty-four groups of Lodges outside the Metropolitan District. No less than twenty-nine of these are represented in the present list, and the aggregate of their subscriptions is a few shillings under £5,978. In addition, must be mentioned a contribution of £50 from the district of Hong Kong. The following are the Provinces included in the list. Berks and Berks, with its sixteen Lodges is represented by four Stewards, from four different Lodges, and is entered for £173 19s 6d. Bristol, with its eight Lodges, has its Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Limerick, as its representative, and contributes through him the sum of £161 8s. Under Cheshire there appear eight Stewards, on behalf of five out of its thirty-nine Lodges, the result being a subscription of £139 3s. The Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland has a single representative, namely, from the Union Lodge, Kendal, and he has been the means of importing into the coffers of the Institution the very comfortable sum of £63. Derbyshire has one representative for its seventeen Lodges, with a donation of £10. Devonshire, with five Stewards for three of its forty-six Lodges, contributes the handsome sum of £596 0s 6d. Dorsetshire and its thirteen Lodges has Bro. Montague J. Guest for its Charity Commissioner. He must have worked hard, for the sum appearing against his name is £305. Four of the sixteen Essex Lodges sent Stewards, and their united efforts resulted in a donation of £113 13s. Gloucestershire, with fourteen Lodges, contributes £28 7s, by the hands of a single Steward, acting for the Royal Forest of Dean Lodge, No. 1067, Newnham. Hants and the Isle of Wight, with twenty-nine Lodges, has four Stewards, from four distinct Lodges, £171 5s being the amount of their joint contributions. Hertfordshire is but a small province, with only ten Lodges. Six of these are represented, and together subscribe £155 8s 6d. It may be remarked that Kent is invariably an important contributor. This is not surprising, perhaps, for it has forty Lodges. Ten of these sent Stewards to this Festival, and the extent of their exertions produced £478 3s. A Bolton Lodge is the only one of the eighty-four East Lancashire Lodges which is represented; but Brother Hine, who occupies a foremost position in connection with the Provincial Charity Fund, must be taken as doing duty for the whole Province. His contribution, and those of the four Bolton Stewards, amount together to £330 5s. The Western Division of Lancashire has seventy-four Lodges. Seven of these are represented, by eight Stewards, and subscribe among them £149 17s 6d. It must be remembered, however, that at the Festival of this Institution, in 1876, the Grand Master of this Province, Lord Skelmersdale, presided as Chairman, and then the Province supported him magnificently, contributing over £1,500, or only a little short of one-sixth part of the total subscribed. Provincial Grand Master Earl Ferrers represents the ten Lodges of his Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, the amount of his list being £15 8s. Lincolnshire is an important Province, having within its limits just twenty Lodges. Bro. John Sutcliffe, as Steward of No. 1294, is down for £35. But the contributions of Lincolnshire are both frequent and considerable, and a breathing space is allowable even in the work of Charity. There are twenty-four Lodges in Middlesex,

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which is presided over by a worthy chief, whose name is intimately associated with all kinds of charitable deeds. Nine Lodges send among them ten Stewards, and there is also on the list a Middlesex R.A. Chapter, the aggregate of their contributions being £339 5s. Monmouthshire has but eight Lodges, and these are represented by the Deputy Provincial G.M., S. G. Homfray, whose list bore fruit to the extent of £210. Norfolk, with fourteen Lodges, sent three Stewards, one each for as many Lodges, £82 17s being the product of their united efforts. Oxfordshire is certainly a most influential province, and as its Provincial Grand Master, but for the delicate state of his health, would have occupied the chair, naturally great things were expected of it, and the result has not belied these expectations. Ten Stewards, with Prince Leopold at their head, did duty for six out of its seven Lodges, the total of their joint subscriptions amounting to £279 13s. Somersetshire, with its nineteen Lodges, contributed £253 14s, two Lodges being represented, each by a single Steward. A subscription of £145 emanated from Staffordshire, the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, its Provincial Grand Master, who presided at the Festival, being one of the two Stewards who did duty for the twenty-one Lodges of the Province, the other Steward representing a Wolverhampton Lodge. Suffolk, with eighteen Lodges, has one representative only, in the person of a Steward from one of our Ipswich Lodges. His list amounted to £111 14s. Three of the seventeen Surrey Lodges sent each one a Steward, and among them they raised the sum of £111 0s 6d. Two of the nineteen Sussex Lodges contributed between them £150 13s, one being a Brighton, the other a Lewes Lodge. Warwickshire, with Lord Leigh, its Provincial Grand Master, at the head of the six Stewards who represented it, figures for the handsome sum of £467 5s 6d, the two Lodges who appear in the list, out of twenty-nine, being both located at Birmingham. If we bear in mind that when Lord Leigh presided at the Boys' Festival last year, the Province contributed exactly Two Thousand Pounds, it will be universally acknowledged that this Province has fulfilled its duty in a manner that may be equalled, but cannot be surpassed. The Province of Wilts, with its ten Lodges, has as its representative, Lord Methuen, its Grand Master, and through him contributes the sum of £273 1s. A Hull Lodge and the new York Lodge represent the Province of North and East Yorkshire, £39 5s being the sum of their joint subscription lists. £550 is the amount contributed by the West Yorkshire Lodges, or rather by twenty-six Stewards acting on their behalf, at the head of whom, as usual, is to be found the respected Provincial Grand Master, Sir Henry Edwards. Sixteen out of its sixty-three Lodges are directly represented, and four of these are entered directly as contributors. The absentees among the Provinces are as follow: Beds (5 Lodges), Cambridgeshire (4 Lodges), Cornwall (27 Lodges), Durham (24 Lodges), Herefordshire (4 Lodges), Northamptonshire and Hunts (8 Lodges), Northumberland (15 Lodges), Notts (8 Lodges), North Wales and Shropshire (24 Lodges), South Wales E. (10 Lodges), South Wales W. (9 Lodges), Worcester (10 Lodges), Channel Islands (4 Lodges), Jersey (7 Lodges), Isle of Man (3 Lodges). Of these, however, Herefordshire, Northumberland, and the two Divisions of South Wales figure in last years' list, while several of the others have contributed at the Festivals of our other Charities. It must be remarked further, as a hint to the energetic Secretaries of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, that Beds, Cambridgeshire, Worcestershire, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man do not figure, at least directly, so far as we have any means of knowing, in any of the Festival lists, either in 1876 or 1875, though, of course, it is quite possible that some of them may have contributed at other periods of the year. Moreover, there are still certain lists to be added, and these may, to some extent, alter the complexion of the list, as we have described it from the materials till now at our disposal.

Turn we now to the London Lodges, of which, according to Grand Lodge Calendar for the current year, there are 253, though we also know that this number has been slightly increased since the 1st of January. Nearly one-half of these, or, to be literal, 112 of these contribute, among them a sum just a trifle short of £6,510. In the Calendar for 1876 will be found 224 Lodges in this District, and of these 71, together with two others subsequently warranted, figured at the Festival for that year. From this we gather that the proportion of contributing Lodges was a little over one-third of the total number. This year over 44 per cent. of the total has subscribed. It is, however, in the aggregate amount contributed by them that the progress made is the most noticeable. Last year London gave £4,067 out of the £9,174 raised, or *less* than one-half by between £500 and £600. This year it gives, as we have said, £6,680 out of a total of £12,656, that is, between £300 and £400 *more* than one-half. Therefore, not only are the London contributors spread over a wider area but the proportion of its subscription to the general total is even higher still. Of the 112 on this year's list no less than 36 are contributing Lodges in 1875, 1876, and 1877; twenty-five of the remaining 76 contributed either last year or the year before, while of the yet remaining 51 there are 15 which have only been in existence a year, and have had no previous opportunity of subscribing to this Charity. This is an admirable proportion of the 26 or 27 Lodges which have been constituted during the past twelvemouths.

Our task is now done. We are sensible of the many imperfections to which these analyses are necessarily subject, but they serve, in a measure, to point out where there is new ground for the energy of future Boards of Stewards. We do our utmost to promote the cause of our three Charities, and, in doing so, we use our best endeavours to avoid giving offence even to the most sensitive. We cannot hope to please everybody, and we are not silly enough to make the experiment; but we have a clear conscience, void of all intentional offence in this and all other matters which come under our cognisance.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE, No. 1614.

THE Consecration and Installation Ceremony was held on Tuesday, 13th inst., at Ashley's Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, and was honoured by the presence of several Grand and Provincial officers, and many brethren distinguished in the Order. The brethren assembled in the ante-room, and walked in procession to the Lodge-room. Bro. W. W. Watson P.G.S., the presiding officer, took the chair, and appointed Bros. J. Smith P.G.P. S.W., and W. Hilton P.M. 780 J.W. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the anthems were sung by Bro. Matthew Cooke P.G.S. The brethren of the new Lodge were then arranged in order, and the acting Secretary read the petition and warrant from the Ebury Lodge. An oration on the nature and principles of the institution was given by Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden, with great power; at the conclusion he recited some appropriate verses. The presiding officer then constituted the Lodge, and installed Bro. John Coutts P.G.P. as the first Worshipful Master. The newly installed W.M. having been saluted in antient form, invested his officers. Bro. W. Watson P.G.S. I.P.M., E. Jacobs 1348 S.W., A. J. Ireton 1348 J.W., Potter Tyler. The W.M. informed the brethren that although it had been arranged who were to be officers, yet as they were not at present members of the Lodge, their investure would not take place until the next meeting. The furniture was very elegant, and the room artistically arrayed with floral decorations by Mr. W. Stone. Bro. W. Bourne P.M. 749, Secretary and P.M. 1348, efficiently acted as director of ceremonies. Several propositions were given to the Secretary for initiation, and the names of seven brethren as joining members. Hearty good wishes were given from the visitors to the W.M., and success for the future of the Lodge. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren, 49 in number, sat down to a banquet and dessert, *a la Russe*. The wines and viands were of first-rate description, and gave great satisfaction. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft. After the National Anthem, the health of the M.W.G.M. was given, and enthusiastically received; this was followed by God Bless the Prince of Wales. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, spoke of their Masonic qualifications. He felt honoured by the presence of three Grand Officers, and he would couple the toast with the name of a brother who is esteemed throughout the Craft. He referred to Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary. (Loud cheers). The glee, "Blow Gentle Gales," was admirably rendered by Bros. G. T. Carter, Montem Smith, J. Hodges, and R. Wilkinson. Bro. John Henry then rose to return thanks. While we had such noblemen as the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale as Grand Officers, we never can be tired in speaking of their qualities. The Pro Grand Master is a thorough good Mason, and a Minister of the Crown, yet he can always find a few minutes to spare for the interests of the Craft. The same may be applied to the R.W. Lord Skelmersdale, who is one who eventually will hold a higher position; he is Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard, and holds a responsible position in the House of Lords. He had two Grand Officers on his right hand—Bros. Jabez Hogg and J. Smith—whose excellent suggestions and advice are always for the benefit of the Craft; in their name he thanked the W.M. and the brethren for their kind expressions and hospitality, and hoped to be present on a future occasion. Before resuming his seat, he had a toast to propose that he was sure would be pleasing to them. We have seen the Good Ship in Covent Garden fairly launched, and properly manned. Bro. Watson has discharged his duty ably; every one has been gratified; all has gone well; we have been well catered for; at the head of that fraternal feeling is one who is a true Mason, and one

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who is highly respected. I give you the health of your Worshipful Master, Brother John Coutts—(loud cheers)—and with it success to the Covent Garden Lodge, not only wishing him long life, but many years of happiness on his leaving the chair. The W.M. thanked the Grand Secretary for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which his name had been received. The Covent Garden Lodge was now fairly launched. By the assistance of a few brethren, the matter was speedily settled, but the Lodge would have been in existence before this evening, but for the fact that the brethren wished to pay him the compliment of making him the first W.M., and this could not be done until he had passed the chair in another Lodge. He informed the brethren that there had been a Covent Garden Lodge some 80 years since. This held its meetings on Sundays; that would not do in the present age. The warrant, however, went into abeyance; but he augued well for the success of the Covent Garden Lodge of 1877. He had several brethren proposed as officers, most of them from Covent Garden, and they would be invested on the next occasion. He hoped the Lodge would be a model one, and eventually occupy a larger room than the one they now met in. Bro. R. Wilkinson here sang "The Brave Old Temeriane," and was loudly applauded. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, they had been honoured by the presence of many distinguished Masons. The Lodge would always be pleased to see visitors, he would call on Bros. H. G. Buss, W. Smeed, W. Hilton and Hunt to respond. The duet, "Excelsior," was splendidly sung by Bros. Carter and Montem Smith. The brethren enumerated above then severally returned thanks. The W.M. said he had another pleasing duty to perform, and that was to propose the health of the veteran Consecrating Officer, Bro. W. Watson. They had seen how perfectly he had performed the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation; his working in Lodges and Chapters was well known; he (Bro. Watson) had installed him twice into the chair, and he hoped he would be spared for many years to perform a similar duty for others. It was to him he owed his position in the Craft, and, on the next occasion, he would propose him as an honorary member. Bro. Watson replied. He felt proud in installing the W.M.; he had been an active member of the Craft for 38 years; he was in his 78th year now, and while he lived his services were always at command. The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Senior and Junior Wardens." They were well worthy of their respect, not only on account of their social position, but also for their excellent working in another Lodge; they were as capable of filling the chair as he was, and he hoped, in due course, to see them in the chair he now occupied. Bro. E. Jacobs S.W. thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions; if he acted with zeal, it was under the able guidance of the W.M., by whom he was initiated five years since. The impression that ceremony made on him would never be effaced. His motto was—"Deeds, not words." Bro. Ireton J.W. followed, with a very able speech. The W.M. next had much pleasure in proposing the toast of "The Director of Ceremonies, Bro. S. Jacobs," who had so ably discharged his duties. Whatever office he holds is filled to their satisfaction. Bro. S. Jacobs returned thanks. The W.M. said before he left the chair he had to propose a health, that of one who had well and satisfactorily catered for them; the worthy host, Mr. Mitchell, whom at the next meeting they would be pleased to hail as a Bro. Mr. Mitchell returned thanks; if he had given them satisfaction he was gratified, nothing should be wanting on his part to merit their approbation. The Tyler's toast was given, and a delightful and harmonious evening's enjoyment terminated. The visitors were Bros. John Hervey G.S., J. Smith P.G.P., J. Boyd P.G.P., John Hogg P.G.D., J. Nicolls P.P.G.S.W. Kent, G. Stacey P.P.G.R. Berks and Bucks, Rev. P. M. Holden, B. Solomon, W. Smeed, B. Swallow, A. D. Loewenstark, M. D. Loewenstark, H. Gloster, T. Skinner, W. Barringer, E. Jacobs, W. Gulliford, J. Somers, J. Wright, H. G. Buss, Treadwell, Edmonds, Ponsford, White, Elliot, Benjamin, J. Jacobs, W. Murlis, F. Binckes P.G.S., Capt. J. Wordsworth, J. Mason, E. G. Holbrook, P. Parsons, Brand, Hunt, H. M. Levy, &c.

NEW CONCORD BALL, No. 813.

A BALL was held on Thursday, the 8th, at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, in connection with the above Lodge, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. J. Gallant, T. Bartlett P.M. V.P., H. Gabb V.P., T. J. Cusworth S.W., R. R. Harper J.W., C. Sinclair, H. Gabb P.M., J. Taylor, S. George J.D., J. Taylor, J. Stilwell, W. Pierpoint, F. W. Smales, and W. H. Main P.M. Hon. Secretary. The proceeds being devoted to Masonic Charity, a dispensation had been given to enable the brethren to wear Masonic Craft clothing. This was fully appreciated, and many brethren wore some elegant and valuable decorations. There were about 150 present, and dancing was kept up with great spirit, until an early hour, under the management of Bro. Johnson M.C. A sumptuous supper was provided by Mr. Allardyce, of Southgate-road. The wines, by Messrs. Leek and Son, and the floral decorations, by Mr. Smith, of Kingsland. During the interval a very elegant diamond ring was presented to Mrs. Jas. Terry by Bro. T. Bartlett P.M., as a mark of respect, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by Bro. Terry to the North London Masonic Association.

The anniversary meeting of the Langthorne Masonic Charitable Association will be held on Wednesday, 28th February, at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 6 o'clock, to be followed by a dinner, at 7 o'clock. Application for tickets, the number of which is limited, should be made to Bro. T. S. Taylor, Hon. Secretary, Westbury Villas, Upton, E.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

THE Committee of Petitions for Devon met for the half-yearly business of the Province, at St. John's Lodge-rooms, Exeter, on the 5th inst.

Present—the R. Wor. Rev. John Huyshe P.G.M. P.G.C. England, V. Wor. Bro. Walter G. Rogers P.G. Sec. P.P.G.S.W., Chairman of the Committee *pro tem* for the V.W. Bro. L. P. Metham D.P.G.M., who was absent through illness, to the regret of all present, Wor. Bro. J. B. Gover P.P.G.A.D.C., Secretary to the Committee, Wor. Bro. Charles Godtschalk P.G.D., Representative of the Committee of Petitions in London, John Way P.G.T. Lodge 106, L. D. Westcott P.P.G.S.W. 70, J. Page W.M. 39, R. B. Twose P.M. 105, W. Browning P.P.G.D.C. 223, H. S. Gill W.M. 1125, W. E. Stone P.G.W. 372, J. Y. Avery W.M. 156, S. J. Loram P.M. 1443, A. Lethbridge P.M. 159, F. J. Pratt W.M. 1396, Bro. Tomes P.M. 282, J. P. Rogers W.M. 1550, W. E. Warren P.M. 1358, G. Evans P.M. 1181, J. Baxter Sec. 954, G. Huxham W.M. 1254, &c.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Metham was re-elected Chairman, Bro. Gover was re-elected Secretary, Bro. Godtschalk re-elected representative in London.

A sum of £15 was granted to the widow of a deceased brother, and the committee was pledged to support the candidature of the son of Mrs. Furze, in April 1878.

Votes of thanks were presented to Bro. Metham for past services as Chairman; to Bro. Gover for services as Secretary; to Bro. Godtschalk for past services, and kindness in again undertaking office; to Bro. W. G. Rogers for conduct in the chair during Bro. Metham's absence.

These propositions being carried unanimously, were responded to severally. It was then proposed that a suitable testimonial be presented to Bro. J. B. Gover for his past very able and energetic services as Secretary to the Committee of Petitions. To carry this out, a committee was appointed as follows:—Bros. John Way P.G. Treasurer, L. D. Westcott P.G.S. Works, R. Twose.

Upon the conclusion of the business, Bro. John Way P.P.G. Treasurer, by previous invitation, entertained the following brethren at a private banquet:—Bros. the Rev. John Huyshe P.G.M., P.G.C. England, Walter G. Rogers P.G. Secretary, J. B. Gover, Charles Godtschalk, L. D. Westcott, R. B. Twose, J. Y. Avery, Somes, Maynard, &c. The elegance of this entertainment, combined with the choice character of the wines, did honour to the generosity and good taste of the worthy brother. This social gathering was graced by the presence of Mrs. Way.

LINES ON A BASKET OF FERNS.

A kind hand sought out rarest ferns,
From nook and bank their beauty graced;
And, with the choice true taste discerns,
Were deftly in a basket placed.

The basket, too, a work of skill,
The same kind hands prepared with care;
It fitly holds and nurtures still
Sweet Nature's children planted there.

This off'ring was, of friendship, made
To one who treasures gifts long past;
And though on earth such things must fade,
In Heaven their mem'ry still will last.

By M. A. BAINES; from *Colburn's New Monthly*.

The *Keystone* of the 3rd instant announces the appointment, on the 19th ultimo, of the following, as the principal Grand officers of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, namely:—Bro. Edward B. Rowe Grand Master, Bro. Dwight Phelps Deputy Grand Master, Bros. Israel M. Bullock and John H. Barlow Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively, Bro. Geo. Lee Grand Treasurer, and Bro. Joseph K. Wheeler Grand Secretary. It further records a rule of this jurisdiction to the effect that no brother of twenty-one years' good and regular standing shall be subject to any punishment for the non-payment of his dues. We gather from the same source, that at the stated meeting of St. John's Commandery, held recently in the Gothic Hall of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, visits were paid by the Mary and St. Alban Commanderies, Nos. 36 and 37, there being a very full attendance of officers and members. On this occasion, also, the Detroit Commandery, Michigan, presented No. 4 Commandery with an elaborate banner, bearing a suitable inscription in token of its appreciation of the courtesy and hospitality shown it when visiting Philadelphia in June of last year. Our contemporary describes the scene as a very brilliant one, and as offering the best evidence of the fraternal feeling existing among the different Commanderies of the city of Brotherly Love.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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LORD CARNARVON AND OUR CHARITIES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was pleased to read an article in a recent issue of the CHRONICLE on the subject of Lord Carnarvon's proposal. True, you inserted it only as a communication, and this freed you from any responsibility for the opinions expressed therein, but it dealt fairly and clearly with the important question of the Memorial.

As illustrating the justice of the conclusions at which the writer of the article arrived, I may state that, in my canvass, as a Steward for the APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL, I have been met with such responses as these:—

"*You have all you want for your Masonic Charities. Look at the enormous sums obtained for the three Institutions during the past year. More than sufficient for all purposes. Lord Carnarvon declared the Charities did not want money.*"

Thus my duty as a Steward, owing to the (in my humble opinion) ill-advised declaration of the Pro Grand Master, is in many instances of no service.

My friends in the City will not support me when they hear on such high authority that support is not necessary. I ask you, Sir, how can I efficiently discharge my trust if the declaration of one of my chiefs forms the main obstacle to my success?

Will Lord Carnarvon make good the amount of which I am thus deprived through his indiscreet announcement?

I am,

yours fraternally,

JOHN CONSTABLE P.M. 185.

13 Size-lane, E.C., 14th February 1877.

"THINGS NEW AND OLD."

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am one of those who derive no little pleasure from the study of the past, and especially with reference to the curious and the rare. Had our forefathers dreamed of the interest that would be manifested by succeeding generations in their actions, their sayings, and their written thoughts, it may be they would have left more food for the curious soul to devour, but it might have been wanting in that freshness which is the delight of the modern student. My scrapbook is the result of many years of research, and in it may be found many curious bits, both "New and Old." To-day I have added the following, cut from a local paper:—

PROV. G. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF CORNWALL.—The Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M., will be installed as Grand Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Cornwall, at the Masonic Hall, Public Rooms, Truro, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at 3 p.m. M.E. Comp. L. P. Metham, Prov. Grand H. of Devonshire, has kindly undertaken to perform the ceremony, as the Representative of the Grand First Principal.

This is an event to be recorded, and perchance it may, at some remote period, prove of interest to some curious old quiz like myself. But taking a proud peep at my treasures, I make a discovery of a faded scrap, "which tells of years gone by," and I am led further to the perusal of several letters, addressed to the Most E.G.P. and Grand Superintendent for the County of Cornwall, and as they appear to contradict the notion that Cornwall has never had a Prov. Grand Superintendent, I will bring them to the light at once.

The first R.A. Chapter formed in Cornwall, was the Druids Chapter of Love and Liberality, Redruth, 15th July 1791. A copy of the dispensation has already appeared in THE CHRONICLE, Vol. 4, page 218, and the following letter shows that the G.S. of R.A.M., Comp Thos. Dunckerley, appointed himself to the office of Prov. Grand Superintendent of Cornwall immediately after the formation of this Chapter, and his appointment was duly registered.

Hampton Court Palace,
24th November 1791.

Most Excellent Comp.,—It is with great pleasure that I can now send your Patent for the Royal Arch Chapter, with a Book of the Statutes, and also those of the Order of Knights Templars, with an impression of the Great Seal. I shall (in the next printed list) insert the County of Cornwall under my *Superintendance*, and shall, at all times, take pleasure in doing every service in my power for the Druids Chapter.

Please to acknowledge the receipt of your Patent by a letter in return (post paid). Present my affectionate regards to all the Companions, and believe me your faithful Companion, &c.

Thos. Dunckerley.

About a month after the formation of this R.A. Chapter, the brethren at Redruth, applied for a patent for a K.T. Encampment, and this was also granted, dated 16th August 1791, and thus was formed the *First Encampment* in Cornwall, The Conclave of St. John of Jerusalem, No. 8, Redruth.

The great interest manifested at Redruth, as those old records testify, has continued almost unabated, and it can claim the prestige of a Masonic history such as no other town in Cornwall can do. It is true that Falmouth can boast of being the Mother Lodge (Craft) of the Province, but Redruth was the Father, for there they taught their sons actually to square and to polish the rough ashlar. It is at Redruth, too, that they have the oldest Mark Lodge.

Let these few revelations from my old scrap book suffice for the present, but I may, perhaps, re-open it at no distant date.

I am,

Dear Sir and Companion,

"QUIZ."

DEMOLITION OF THE FIRST MASONIC LODGE IN PARIS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to offer a few remarks on the article bearing the above title, extracted by you from the columns of the *Builder*. The writer of the article is indebted for the Masonic portion of his sketch to the historian Rebold. Indeed, this sketch of early French Masonry is translated from that author's *Histoire des Trois Grands Loges*. Of course, it is none the less interesting on this account, but the question I am anxious to bring prominently under the notice of your readers concerns the trustworthiness of the account. Thory, another French historian of Freemasonry, in speaking of this first Lodge in Paris, says, "It has left no historic monument of its existence, a fact which tends to throw a certain degree of obscurity on the early rise and progress of Freemasonry in Paris." Our German brother Findel is doubtful as to the date when Freemasonry found its way into France. Our Grand Lodge Archives, I believe, contain no record of the 1725 Lodge, while Pine's list for 1734, published under the sanction of Grand Lodge, includes only the Lodge held "An Louis D'Argent, Dans la Rue de Boucherie à Paris," which met every Wednesday, and was constituted 3rd April 1732. For my own part, I am inclined to believe that Freemasonry found its way to the French capital at an early date after its constitution in London in 1717 as a corporate body. My reasons for this belief are as follow:—

In the first place, I do not attach a very grave importance to the silence of our own records. Others more conversant with the subject than I can ever pretend to be, will, I think, bear me out in the assertion that these records were very indifferently kept in the early days of our modern or speculative system of Freemasonry. Therefore I am very disinclined to doubt the existence of the 1725 Lodge, on the ground that no mention is made of it in our own Grand Lodge records.

In the next place, I deduce from the circumstances of the period the extreme probability, amounting, I may almost venture to say, to a certainty, that a new—new that is in its latest form—mysterious, and, as we know it was from the very outset, an attractive institution would not have been established for any great length of time in London without finding many admirers in the capital city of our Gallic neighbours. The Parisians then, as now, very closely resembled the Athenians of old, in this particular at least, that they were and are eager in their rage for novelties. Moreover, there were special circumstances at the time which make me think that Freemasonry may easily have found its way to Paris as early as 1725, if not indeed earlier. The second titled personage who presided over our Craft as Grand Master was the eccentric Duke of Wharton, in 1722-3. He had visited Paris during his travels in 1716, had seen the Pretender privately at Avignon, and the widow of James II. at St. Germain in the same year. When of age he took his seat in the House of Lords, having some time before been created a Duke for his zealous support of the ministry in Ireland, and having taken his seat while yet a minor in the Irish House of Peers. But in England he soon fell into disgrace with the Court. Through his extravagance he became involved financially, and some time after went abroad to the Imperial Court and the Court of Spain, and openly espoused the cause of the Pretender. In May 1728, he set out to Paris, and thence to Rouen, where for some time he resided. The Lord Derwentwater, who is said to have been one of the founders of the 1725 Lodge, was also a supporter of the Stuarts,—and perished for his attachment to their cause. He was a brother of the Lord Derwentwater executed in 1716, and the Mr. Radcliffe who was tried and executed for his participation in the rebellion of 1745-6. Is it not most probable, I ask, that Wharton, being a supporter of the same political cause as this Lord Derwentwater, may have been in some way connected with, if not responsible for the introduction of Freemasonry into Paris? Again, the two countries were at peace, and had a short time previously been members of the Quadruple Alliance against the ambitious designs of the then Prime Minister of Spain, Cardinal Alberoni. Moreover, intercommunications between the two capitals was, taking all circumstances into account, quite as frequent then as now. And then with so many English nobles enrolled in Freemasonry, would not the French nobles follow suit? Lastly, if Freemasonry found its way so far southward as Madrid, where—see Pine's and other lists—a Lodge was erected in November 1728, is it not fair to suppose it would have reached the French capital at a still earlier date? It is allowable, I think, in a case of this kind, to argue from extreme probabilities, in the absence of positive and direct testimony, especially when we know how carelessly the early records of the Craft in England were kept.

Mind, I do not say there was a Lodge in Paris in 1725, but only that the probability there was one is very great. Perhaps, however, some of your readers—Bro. Hughan for instance, or Bro. Caubet, the enlightened secretary of the Supreme Council of the French Grand Orient, and Editor of *le Monde Maçonnique*, may be able to throw some light on this obscure portion of French Masonic history. I should like to hear their opinion on the subject I have ventilated.

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

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FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE first Grand Masonic event of the year 1877 took place on Monday evening last, and may be chronicled as an unqualified success. The attendance was large, notwithstanding it had become pretty generally known that H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Provincial Grand Master for Oxfordshire, through illness, had been compelled to abandon his intention of taking the chair. The Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, however, was an able substitute, and he was supported by Lord Leigh, the Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire; Lord Methuen, Provincial Grand Master of Wilts; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk; Colonel Creaton; Bro. Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain; Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary; Bro. Nicholas Bradford, Captain Homfray, Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex; Bro. F. Binckes, Bro. James Terry, Bro. Robert Griggs, &c. So soon as the distinguished company had taken their seats the banquet was served, and, considering the immense number who had to be catered for, reflected the greatest credit upon the new manager, Bro. Dawkins. On the removal of the cloth, the Rt. Worshipful Chairman prefaced his remarks by saying that it was with great regret he was in the chair on the present occasion, owing to the absence of His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, who only that morning was enforced to abandon the intention of being present. However, I think I may say, amongst brother Masons, that you know I will endeavour to do my best. (Cheers.) From the acclamations which greeted the first petticoat that appeared in the gallery, I am sure few remarks only will be necessary from me to ask you to drink the health of the first lady in the land. Amongst Englishmen, and especially amongst Freemasons, it is only necessary to mention the name of Her Majesty the Queen to ensure that toast the hearty reception which it deserves. I should be wasting your time, therefore, if I were to dilate on the merits of Her Majesty. Long may she reign in the affections of her people. The "National Anthem" was then sung. The Chairman next proposed "the health of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," he had now a Masonic secret to impart; when they had done their business there, their fair sisters were anxiously awaiting their presence in the Temple. He would therefore recommend the brethren at once to put their hands into their pockets and "stump up." With no other object than that of saving time, he would, without wishing to weary them, propose this toast. The merits of the Prince of Wales were too well known to require observation. All thoroughly appreciated him, and he left it in their hands to do honour to the toast. With it he coupled the name of Prince Leopold. The Chairman next gave "the health of the Pro Grand Master, the Dep. Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and called upon the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain, to reply. The Rev. R. J. Simpson thanked the brethren most unfeignedly for the compliment which had been paid to the past and present officers of Grand Lodge. With regard to Lord Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale, it would be presumption in him to mention even names which have become household words among Masons, not only for their public excellence, but for their private worth. The words past and present suggest a very happy idea with regard to our present gathering. The present are assembled together to support the past, and to give aid to our brethren in the decline of years; and to assist the widows of our brethren is a very fitting occasion on which Grand Officers may assemble together; on no fitter occasion could Grand Officers appear than for the purpose of strengthening the feeble knees of age, and making "the widow's heart sing for joy." On this occasion we are not the less strengthened by the fact that the sisters of charity attend, not merely as an accident, but openly, essentially claiming their place in a grand and noble charity. On behalf of the Officers Past and Present of Grand Lodge, he hoped that they might have the privilege of assembling on many similar occasions. In giving the toast of the evening, "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," the noble earl said that the Institution had a very small income, and if it were not for the brethren's generosity it could not go on. At the next election there were 72 applicants, and only ten could be elected. He had, however, heard rumours that the subscriptions on this occasion would be large. Next year he hoped they would be still larger. Every one of the brethren present would be glad to assist the old and infirm, and he was proud to say that this was the second time he had advocated their cause. Masons had great faith in charity above all things, and they were particularly proud of their three especial charities—The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Masons had great power in assisting those who were in distress, and in looking at the cases of distress which came before them they wished that they had larger means at their disposal for helping them. Prince Leopold had subscribed liberally, and the brethren of the Apollo Lodge of Oxford, the mother Lodge of His Royal Highness, and likewise of myself, had also sent up a large subscription. He then proposed the toast, and called upon Bro. Tomkins, Grand Treasurer, to respond. After a few words from Bro. Tomkins, Bro. Terry announced the amounts of the several lists received from the Stewards, at the conclusion receiving the loudest expressions of approval from all present. The health of the Chairman was proposed by Lord Leigh, and was briefly responded to. Amongst the other toasts were "Prosperity to the two Schools, the Boys' and the Girls'," to which Bro. Little replied. "The Ladies," by Lord Methuen; "The health of our Board of Stewards," by Col. Creaton, and replied to by Bro. J. M. Case. An adjournment then took place to the Temple, where an excellent concert was given, the musical artistes being Bros. Henry Parker, Baxter, Thornton, and Caravoglia; Miss Rose Sherrington, Miss Helen Heath, Miss Agnes Larkcom; and Messrs. Lewis Thomas and T. Harper; the whole under the superintendence of Bro. T. Lawler.

The following are the several Stewards' Lists, together with the numbers of the Lodges and Chapters contributing, and the amount contributed by each, to the above Institution:—

LONDON.

	The Marquis of Londonderry	25	0	0
Lodge				
1	Bro. J. March Case	43	0	0
...	„ Alderman Ellis	10	0	0
2	„ Samuel Tomkins	10	0	0
...	„ Stephen Pearce	86	1	0
4	„ U. Mackintosh	15	15	0
5	„ Horace Scriven	71	3	0
7	„ John Hervey	126	15	0
8	„ J. P. Probert	9	0	0
9	„ W. T. Scott	38	10	0
10	„ Rev. R. J. Simpson	56	14	0
11	„ W. F. Collard Moutrie	29	5	0
12	„ W. B. Kidder	12	0	0
14	„ W. F. Nettleship	10	0	0
...	„ Charles H. Turner	12	12	0
18	„ H. G. Huggins	31	0	0
21	„ Robert Berridge	65	0	0
22	„ Charles W. Gray	45	0	0
23	„ Charles Martin	33	10	0
25	„ J. Hutchinson	32	5	0
27	„ Samuel R. Lamble	100	0	0
28	„ George H. Wright	46	0	0
29	„ A. J. R. Trendell	26	0	0
33	„ Francis Pendered	34	0	0
49	„ W. A. Tharp	134	13	0
...	„ John S. Mercer	17	0	0
55	„ J. T. Robertson	40	5	0
58	„ James Ford	38	17	0
59	„ Captain Dence	47	19	0
65	„ Charles Daniel	53	10	0
69	„ Dr. George Roper	56	18	0
72	„ W. G. Brighten	20	0	0
73	„ W. Klingenstein	25	0	0
Lodge				
79	„ John Dennis	22	0	0
87	Bro. C. Creecy	54	0	0
92	„ R. F. Gould	33	3	6
95	„ Edwin Bonner	25	9	0
99	„ W. R. Winch	125	0	0
140	„ Edward Johnson	25	10	0
144	„ I. G. Unite	49	16	0
147	„ Wm. Andrews	52	15	0
167	„ George Davis	52	0	0
171	„ Joseph Clever	28	18	0
172	„ John Hancock	61	15	0
174	„ S. H. Rawley	89	0	0
Chap.				
174	Comp. John Newton	116	0	0
Lodge				
177	Bro. W. J. Ferguson	56	15	0
179	„ Z. D. Berry	36	12	0
180	„ H. A. Stacey	70	5	0
188	„ H. M. Levy	15	0	0
192	„ Geo. Newman	58	0	0
193	„ Henry Leah	36	5	0
197	„ Thomas G. Bullen	31	1	0
198	„ J. M. Lockwood	28	0	0
228	„ Robert Griggs	107	10	0
256	„ Rev. J. Amos	52	5	6
259	„ John Scott	17	5	0
435	„ Robert Secker	42	0	0
511	„ Asher Barfield	24	10	0
554	„ J. G. Stevens	211	5	0
569	„ H. J. Adams	45	0	0
657	„ G. P. Gillard	106	5	0
704	„ W. W. Gray	30	10	0
715	„ John Jonas	75	5	0
720	„ Maurice Spiegel	14	0	0
Chapter				
720	Comp. Levandar	70	0	0
Lodge.				
742	Bro. W. W. Baxter	16	10	0
...	„ Thomas Foxall	122	0	0
749	„ Peter Parsons	45	0	0
754	„ C. F. Barham	94	0	0
765	„ R. Pawson Hooton	7	11	0
780	„ J. Chambers Boe	22	10	0
822	„ Lewis Phillips jun.	33	12	0
860	„ Wm. H. Wallington	40	0	0
871	„ Henry J. Tuson	45	0	0
896	„ Benjamin Carter	100	0	0
902	„ G. Brooks	42	5	0
907	„ R. E. Stevenson	50	10	0
957	„ Craven P. Cobham	27	4	0
1076	„ H. B. Holliday	59	11	0
1178	„ Isaac Quincey	25	3	0
1185	„ Alfred Durrant	19	0	0
...	„ Geo. J. Row	17	10	6
1201	„ Jno. H. Watts	60	0	0
1228	„ Geo. M. E. Snow	50	0	0
1259	„ J. W. Buchan	110	0	0
1260	„ E. Spooner	32	0	0
1278	„ Wm. Toye	86	5	0
1287	„ Edwin Lancaster	110	0	0
1288	„ Robt. V. Davies	25	4	0
1305	„ Edward White	75	0	0
1348	„ John Elliott	40	0	0
1351	„ C. J. Livett	63	0	0
1365	„ G. R. Soper	69	18	6
1366	„ Charles G. Hill	107	0	0
1381	„ Henry Higgins	50	1	6
1383	„ Colonel Randolph	107	10	0
1471	„ E. W. Braine	38	0	0

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Lodge					
1506	Bro.	James Robertson	16	10	0
1507	„	J. J. Michael	39	0	0
1538	„	Captain R. W. Williams	29	15	0
1540	„	T. J. Sabine	62	10	0
1541	„	J. R. Stacey	137	0	0
1558	„	Wm. Snowden	20	0	0
1559	„	Louis Beck	20	0	0
1572	„	Nelson Reed	75	0	0
1585	„	Joseph Wright	93	0	0
1589	„	Walter Wellsman	33	10	0
1601	„	Rev. W. Taylor Jones	72	0	0
1602	„	Elias Somers	31	5	0
1607	„	Charles H. Webb	160	0	0
1608	„	George Kiallmark	115	0	0
1610	„	R. D. M. Littler, Q.C.	50	0	0
1613	„	John Corke	67	2	0
1615	„	Lieut.-Col. Burney	118	10	0
1624	„	Henry A. Hunt	26	15	0
1625	„	George Ward Verry	97	15	0
1629	„	Rev. C. J. Martyn	84	2	0
1641	„	J. H. Vockins	24	0	0
1642	„	William J. Murlis	200	0	0
1657	„	Rev. P. H. E. Brette	100	0	0
Invicta Ch. Rose Croix, G. Powell			30	0	0
Mark Lodge, 176, Wm. Prattent			10	0	0
		J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.	10	0	0

BERKS AND BUCKS.

574	Bro.	William Knight	37	5	0
945	„	J. Heber Clarke	30	0	0
1101	„	Edward Margrett	38	9	0
1501	„	W. S. Cantrell	68	5	6

BRISTOL.

	Rt. Hon.	Earl of Limerick	161	8	0

CHESHIRE.

321	Bro.	Francis Smith	33	13	0
537	„	W. S. Sutton	10	0	0
...	„	Thomas Marwood	20	0	0
...	„	Walter Milner	10	0	0
...	„	William Marquis	10	0	0
606	„	Richard C. Mellor	10	0	0
1045	„	William Goodacre	30	10	0
1576	„	Thomas Chesworth	15	0	0

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

129	Bro.	George J. McKay	63	0	0

PROVINCE OF DERBYSHIRE.

850	Bro.	A. Stubbs	10	0	0

DEVONSHIRE.

580	Bro.	J. E. Curteis	365	0	0
	„	Charles Godtschalk	200	0	0
112	„	Edgar Tozer	26	0	6
666	„	W. J. Rowe	5	0	0

DORSETSHIRE.

	Bro.	Montague J. Guest	305	0	0

ESSEX.

Lodge					
160	Bro.	Rev. H. J. Hatch	25	0	0
453	„	Geo. Corble	31	13	0
1000	„	J. H. Wardell	38	0	0
1457	„	Joseph Tanner	19	0	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

1067	„	Russell J. Kerr	28	7	0

HANTS and ISLE OF WIGHT.

257	Bro.	J. Lillywhite	12	10	0
804	„	John Harrison	83	15	0
903	„	G. F. Lancaster	25	0	0
1428	„	J. R. Willson	50	0	0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

Lodge					
403	Bro.	W. P. Willson	32	2	0
449	„	James Shilcock	25	0	0
501	„	Geo. Lambert	10	0	0
1327	„	James Knight	47	11	0
1385	„	John Livingston, M.D.	50	0	0
1479	„	John Purrott	11	15	6

KENT.

77	Bro.	W. Hicks	65	10	0
784	„	A. F. S. Bird	26	10	0
829	„	Thomas Smith }	84	10	0
913	„	T. W. Hastings }			
1206	„	R. J. Emmerson	10	0	0
1208	„	H. M. Baker	83	0	0
1209	„	T. H. Grove Snowden	87	10	0
1314	„	Edward Coste	77	10	0
1464	„	J. A. Farnfield	26	3	0
1531	„	William Kippe	37	10	0

LANCASHIRE (Eastern Division).

	Bro.	Joseph L. Hine	300	0	0
37	„	G. P. Brockbank	10	0	0
221	„	Charles Stanley	10	0	0
221	„	James Richardson	5	0	0
221	„	Job H. Greenhalgh	5	5	0
221	„	Henry Stead	10	0	0

LANCASHIRE (Western Division).

281	Bro.	J. Daniel Moore M.D.	24	2	6
613	„	T. S. Cory	10	10	0
724	„	William Shortis	10	0	0
1086	„	J. C. Lunt	6	5	0
1313	„	John Barratt	10	10	0
1313	„	Thomas Whitehead	10	10	0
1375	„	G. Davenport Pochin	20	0	0
1473	„	J. P. M'Arthur	40	0	0

LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND.

	Rt. Hon.	The Earl Ferrers	15	8	0

LINCOLNSHIRE.

1294	Bro.	John Sutcliffe	35	0	0

MIDDLESEX.

Lodge					
778	Bro.	E. B. Bright	28	3	0
1237	„	Charles S. Brown	105	0	0
1326	„	D. Steinhauer	5	0	0
1423	„	T. W. Baldwin	12	1	0
1423	„	John Faulkner	15	16	0
Chap.					
1423	Comp.	J. B Langley LL.D.	25	0	0
Lodge					
1460	Bro.	J. Ll. Jones	35	0	0
1494	„	E. B. Grabham	54	0	0
1567	„	John Mason	10	10	0
1579	„	E. Letchworth	25	15	0
1637	„	E. C. Woodward	13	0	0

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

	Bro.	Capt. S. G. Homfray	210	0	0

NORFOLK.

807	Bro.	G. Baxter	20	0	0
943	„	Henry Burgess	35	0	0
1500	„	T. Lord	27	17	0

OXFORDSHIRE.

	H.R.H.	Prince Leopold P.G.M.	20	0	0
840	Bro.	Jules Bué, M.A.	27	1	0
357	„	Rev. Hy. Doane	10	0	0
...	„	Reginald Bird	65	10	0
...	„	H. R. Cooper-Smith	10	0	0
478	„	Henry O. Wakeman	30	0	0
599	„	John Potts	16	12	0
874	„	H. H. Risch	30	10	0

Lodge					
1036	Bro.	Julius Sladden	34	0	0
...		University Chapter of Rose Croix, Bro. Fentham Hedges	36	0	0

SOMERSETSHIRE.

446	Bro.	Capt. A. T. Perkins	58	2	0
906	„	Genl. H. E. Doherty	195	12	0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

	Rt. Hon.	Earl of Shrewsbury	25	0	0
1419	Bro.	James Walker	120	0	0

SUFFOLK.

114	Bro.	Wm. Boby	111	14	0

SURREY.

463	Bro.	Wm. Sharp	52	10	0
889	„	Thomas Long	42	10	6
1046	„	Charles Anderson	16	0	0

SUSSEX.

782	Bro.	John M. Kidd	120	0	0
1303	„	W. Webb Turner	30	13	0
1619	„	Wm. Hale	8	0	0

WARWICKSHIRE.

		Right Hon. Lord Leigh }	467	5	6
468	Bro.	J. T. Collins }			
...	„	John Archer }			
...	„	Spurrier }			
938	„	Thomas Hawkins }			
...	„	H. G. Quilter }			

WILTSHIRE.

	Right Hon.	Lord Methuen	273	1	0

YORKSHIRE (N. and E. Division.)

Lodge					
57	Bro.	John Thompson	20	0	0
1611	„	George Simpson	19	5	0

YORKSHIRE (West Division.)

Lieut.-Col. Sir H. Edwards, Bart.

Lodge			
189	Bro.	W. H. Brittain	
...	„	G. E. Webster	
...	„	Dr. F. Griffiths	
154	„	J. H. Cadman	
208	„	R. J. Critchley, J.P.	
290	„	Wm. Harrop	
296	„	John Ridal	
302	„	Henry Smith	
...	„	Benjamin Broughton	
304	„	Robert Craig	
...	„	James Bedford	
...	„	Charles Lowrey	
...	„	J. L. Oates	
...	„	C. L. Mason	
337	„	John Hirst jun., J.P.	
603	The	Lodge	
...	Bro.	W. D. Hall	
380	„	Captain J. Wordsworth	
495	„	John Craven	
...	The	Lodge	
910	Bro.	T. W. Tew, J.P.	
...	„	John Simpson	
...	603	Lodge	
974	Bro.	T. W. Holmes	
1001	„	John Richardson jun.	
...	The	Lodge	
1019	Bro.	W. H. Gill	
1102	„	Jo. Ibberson	
1542	„	T. J. Kassell	
		Total	550 0 0
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE debates in both Houses of Parliament on the first night of the Session excited a strong feeling of interest, the public being naturally anxious to learn what indications Ministers would give of the policy they had pursued, and would pursue, in reference to the Eastern Question. There was a further degree of interest attending the meeting of the House of Lords, as the Earl of Beaconsfield would certainly take the oath and his seat. Accordingly, when the new Earl was ushered, with some form, into the august assembly, the cheering which greeted him from both sides of the House was both spontaneous and hearty. This episode over, the debate on the Address was opened by Viscount Grey de Wilton, followed by the Earl of Haddington. Among the other Peers who took part in it were Earl Granville and the Earl of Derby, the Duke of Argyll, who introduced a little warmth into the discussion, and the Earl of Beaconsfield, who spoke very briefly, but in admirable taste. The proceedings since then call for no remark. In the House of Commons, the debate was opened by Lord Galway, who moved, and Mr. Torr, who seconded, the Address; the other principal speakers being the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Gladstone, Lord Hartington, and Mr. Hardy. On Friday the usual array of questions was submitted. On Monday, in the course of the sitting, Mr. Sclater-Booth obtained leave to introduce a Property Valuation Bill, the Attorney-General a Patents of Inventions Bill, the Lord Advocate a Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Bill, and the Solicitor-General for Ireland a Supreme Court of Judicature Bill, and County Officers and Courts Bill for Ireland. These were subsequently read a first time. On Tuesday, Mr. Fawcett moved a resolution on Indian Finance, but the Government opposed him, and he was defeated by 173 to 123. On Wednesday afternoon, the question whether an Irish Church Acts Amendment Bill should be read a second time or not, was decided in the negative, by 150 votes to 110. Some opposition was then raised to the introduction of a Bill, having for its object the regulation of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday. It was introduced, however, and read a first time.

The Queen left Buckingham Palace on her return to Osborne on Friday morning, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice. The Prince and Princess Christian have also left London for Cumberland Lodge, Windsor. The Prince and Princess of Wales are still at Marlborough. As regards Prince Leopold, we announced, last week, that his Royal Highness would be prevented, by considerations of health, from presiding at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival on Monday. As to other members of the Royal Family, we may state that the Duke of Connaught has recovered from the slight accident he met with when starting to hunt with the Duhallow Hounds, that the Duchess of Edinburgh has left Athens, to return to Malta, whither her husband has also sailed, in H.M.S. Sultan, to join her.

The medical profession has lost one of its brightest ornaments. Sir William Fergusson died at his residence in George Street, Hanover Square, on Saturday morning, at the comparatively early age of 68. Sir William was born at Preston Pans in 1808, and having studied at the High School and University of Edinburgh, resolved on the study and practice of surgery, for which purpose he became a pupil of Dr. Thomas, the famous teacher of anatomy. It is almost needless to say that there has been no more skilful operator in our time, and as years passed on Sir W. Fergusson obtained the highest honours in his profession. In 1840 he became professor of Surgery in King's College, London, and shortly afterwards a Fellow of the Royal Society. In 1849 he was appointed surgeon in ordinary to the late Prince Consort, and surgeon extraordinary to the Queen in 1855; was raised to a baronetcy in 1866, and became sergeant surgeon to Her Majesty the year following. He was a Fellow of the College of Surgeons, and its President in the year 1870-1. Death resulted from exhaustion supervening on dropsy and Bright's disease. On Wednesday his remains were removed from London to Spittlehaugh, near West Lindon, Peeblesshire, and were there interred in the family vault yesterday.

The annual meeting of the Barristers' Benevolent Association was held on Tuesday, in Middle Temple Hall, under the presidency of Sir John Karslake, in support of whom there were present Lord Coleridge, Lord Justice Amphlett, Mr. Baron Pollock, Mr. Justice Manisty, the Solicitor-General, and other distinguished members of the profession. From the report it appears that the invested funds now accumulated from donations amount to £3,232, that ninety-four members joined the Association during the past year, and that the annual subscriptions now amount to £852, being £160 in excess of last year's total. In the same period grants have been made to the extent of £586, and £151 since the beginning of this year. The chairman, on moving the adoption of the report, made strong appeals to all present to assist in the work of the society. Baron Pollock seconded the motion, which was agreed to *nem con.* A vote of thanks to Sir John Karslake for presiding brought the proceedings to a close.

A shocking case of cruelty is reported from the Slough Petty Sessions. A farmer and his wife were brought up for dreadfully ill-treating a nurse girl in their employment, one Caroline Carter, aged seventeen years. Evidence was given that the pair had habitually beaten the girl, and that when she escaped from the house she was in a dreadfully exhausted condition, that one of her arms was broken, and her body covered with bruises. The prisoners were remanded, bail being refused. A large number of people were present to hear the case, and hissed and groaned at Mr. and Mrs. Morris both on their arrival and in court.

There are at the present moment no less than sixteen fishing smacks missing from Yarmouth, and seven from Lowestoft, and this is said to be the greatest casualty that has befallen the district since the gale in December 1867, when 319 lives were lost, and 326 vessels lost or damaged on the coast of England. The number of men on board the now missing smacks is about one hundred and fifty; but as the safety of four of them has been established, one of which had been driven no less than two hundred miles from the fishery, hopes are entertained that a large majority of the remainder may yet be found. We cordially echo these wishes.

Matters do not look quite so promising in the East as they did a short time since. It is said that Russia has determined on her course of action, that six more *corps d'armée* will be mobilised forthwith, and that war will certainly break out at an early date. Meanwhile, the negociations for peace between Turkey on the one part, and Servia and Montenegro on the other, are reported to be progressing, though not, perhaps, as rapidly and satisfactorily as could be wished. Turkey, however, seems in earnest, and is extremely modest in the terms she proposes for acceptance. From other capitals of Europe rumours reach this country nearly every day, which are, to say the least, conflicting. Austria and Russia are going hand in hand, and Germany, it is said, will soon adopt their policy. On the other side, all this is as strenuously denied. The one thing certain is, that the political horizon in the East is very far from being clear. What will be the outcome of it all, no one can foresee. We can only hope that peace will be preserved.

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The regular meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bro. Col. Creaton V.P. and P.G.D. in the chair. The Secretary, Bro. James Terry, read the minutes of the former meeting, which were confirmed. He also reported the result of the Anniversary Festival. The amount announced was £12,656 13s, with fourteen lists to come in. Seven lists had since been received, with sums amounting to £140. The next meeting of the Board of Stewards will be held on the 26th inst. It had been decided that twelve candidates be placed on the list for the next election, but owing to the success of the Festival, Bro. Col. Creaton proposed that an addition of twenty-four male and eighteen female candidates be made; he stated, however, that if in future years the subscriptions and donations should fall off, we might not be able to maintain this increased number, but he sincerely hoped this would never be the case. It was proposed by Bro. H. M. Levy, and seconded by Bro. Captain Wordsworth, that a special and cordial vote of thanks be accorded to the R.W. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, P.G.M. for Staffordshire, who under the unfortunate circumstance of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, P.G.M. for Oxfordshire, being unable to be present, had at so short a notice come forward to preside at the Anniversary Festival. Votes of thanks were also accorded to the President, Vice-President, and the Board of Stewards; to Bro. Cutbush, for his gift of plants and bulbs. The Secretary informed the brethren of the sudden death of the late collector, Bro. Lane, an announcement which was received with great regret, and a letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to the widow. Bro. Terry said that the late Bro. Lane, up to the time of his death, had paid the utmost attention to every detail in connection with his duties, and the Institution had lost a most efficient officer. It was then proposed that a committee, consisting of Colonel Creaton, Benjamin Head, J. Smith, J. A. Farnfield, and Griffiths Smith, be formed, for the purpose of appointing a Collector; meanwhile, it was resolved that Bro. Knill be empowered to collect the amounts due. Bro. J. Nunn, P.G.S.B., gave notice of motion, that a sum of £100 be granted to the widow of the late Bro. Lane, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him during his term of office. After a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the meeting was adjourned. There were present—Bros. S. Rawson, J. Nunn, Captain J. Wordsworth, Hyde Pullen, R. W. Little, G. Bolton, F. Adlard, H. J. Warren, T. Cubitt, R. W. Little, W. Hale, J. Brett, B. Head, A. H. Tattershall, J. Stevens, W. Stephens, J. Constable, L. Stean, W. Hilton, H. Massey, J. W. White, Dr. Erasmus Wilson, C. Hogard, H. M. Levy, C. J. Perceval, &c.

We are indebted to the kindness of Bro. Haigh, of the firm of Haigh and Hemery, of 213 Regent-street, for a view of Bro. Captain Charles Mercier's grand historical picture, "Her Majesty's Ministers in Council," now on view in their gallery, and the engraving of which, by Mr. Henry Lemon, they are shortly about to publish. More than one previous attempt has been made at producing a picture of this character, but in each case the work has been of a cabinet size, while the likenesses have been obtained from photographic portraits. Bro. Captain Mercier has enjoyed, however, many exceptional advantages, and it is almost needless for us to point out that he has turned them to excellent account. In the first place, he had free access at all convenient seasons to the Council Chamber, Whitehall, in which Ministers are wont to assemble in order to rule and direct the destinies of the mighty empire for the time being entrusted to their charge. Then Ministers themselves have not only manifested the greatest interest in the work; they have likewise given special sittings at their several private or official residences, or at the artists' own studio. The result is that Captain Mercier, whose name is already known in the world of art, has succeeded in producing a picture which, in our humble judgment, will obtain for him the highest praise, not only from the general public, who are prone to judge of these matters casually, and somewhat fancifully, but likewise in artistic circles, where people are competent to form a judgment. The work is on a large scale —ten feet by seven. All the members of the Cabinet—as it was constituted before the retirement of Earl of Malmesbury —are represented. The grouping is admirable, the posing of the several figures natural. The Premier, now the Earl of Beaconsfield, is standing up, and occupies, of course, the central position. To his right, as we face the picture, are the Lord Chancellor and the portly form of the First Lord of the Admiralty, both seated. Behind them stands Lord John Manners, and still further to the right is the Marquis of Salisbury. To the left are placed the Earl of Malmesbury, seated on the other side of the table, and next to him, standing, are the Earl of Carnarvon, Mr. Cross, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, and Mr. Gathorne Hardy. Seated in front, and in what we may call a left central position, is the Earl of Derby, note-book in hand, in the act of making sundry memoranda of the conference, and still further to the left is the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the new leader of the House of Commons, busy returning certain papers to his despatch-box. The great merit of the work is the unmistakable air of reality there is in the scene portrayed. There is an earnest deliberation noticeable in the different faces which fits well with the occasion. There is an entire absence of anything at all approaching the theatrical in the attitude assigned to each minister. In fact, the artist has achieved a great success, not only in the more difficult portion of his work—namely, the grouping and arrangement of his figures—but also in all its minor details. That the artist has succeeded in producing better and more life-like portraits in the case of some of the ministers than in others, is not to be doubted; for all faces and figures are not reproducible in an equal degree of perfection. But he has done what he set himself to do well, and we hope and believe that his picture will be as generally appreciated and admired as it deserves to be. The engraving, in pure line, is the work of Mr. Henry Lemon, who, it is needless to say, occupies a foremost place among the engravers of the day. The prices are as follow:—Artists' Proofs, on India paper, signed, fifteen guineas; proofs before letters ditto, ten guineas; lettered proofs, ditto, five guineas; and prints on plain paper, three guineas. It remains for us to add that the picture has already been seen at Marlborough House, where all who saw it, saw it but to admire. That the picture will find its way into one of our many National Collections is not improbable. That the publishers will find the task they have undertaken successful, we do not doubt.

Bro. R. Wentworth Little, P.P.S.G. Warden, and Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex, has been appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, in succession to Sir G. Elliot, Bart., M.P., appointed R.W. Prov. G.M. East Division South Wales.

Early in the spring will appear a new volume of poems, from the well known Ionian Poet, Bro. J. Dionysius Loverdo. This collection, we are informed, will largely consist of translations in the Romaic, or Modern Greek, from some of our best authors—viz., Shakespeare, Burns, Cowper, Dryden, Moore, &c.

On Wednesday, an amateur concert was given at Hayworth Hall, Norfolk, by Mrs. Windham Walker, in aid of the Cromer Cottage Hospital. Under the able direction of Bro. F. T. Dawson, a capital programme was prepared, and some excellent songs were rendered. Refreshments were liberally supplied, and about thirty guests sat down to supper, the hostess bore all the expenses, and there was over £20 handed to the Charity. Several brethren were present from Aylsham.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Monday evening next, at the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, which meets at the White Swan Tavern, High Street, Deptford. Bro. J. T. Barnes will preside, and the Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

G. B. V.—It has frequently been so stated, but there appear to be considerable doubts about the matter. He may possibly have been enrolled member of one of those secret societies having a similar organisation to ours, but resembling ours in no other respect. You can hardly take up a Masonic periodical which does not every now and then contain some statement about this point.

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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 FEBRUARY.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
1646—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick. (Consecration at 3.30.)

MONDAY, 19th FEBRUARY.

45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem, St. John's-sq., Clerkenwell, at 8. (Instruction.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
185—Tranquillity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., at 8.
1159—Marquess of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. meet 2nd and 4th Monday in every Month, at 6 o'clock.

236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
869—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
406—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
623—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
725—Stoneleigh; King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
965—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1403—Israel, 23 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1139—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1286—Gooch, Prince Alfred Hotel, Southall.
R. A. 1061—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.

TUESDAY, 20th FEBRUARY.

Board of General Purposes; Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
75—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
194—St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1473—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1907—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
348—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.
1008—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1115—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.

WEDNESDAY, 21st FEBRUARY.

General Committee Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Ball, Holborn, 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.)
1368—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1434—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (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.)

131—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
231—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
502—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
663—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
756—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno.
809—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1096—Walton, St. Lawrence Boys' School, Kirkdale.
1139—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1327—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1343—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1463—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.
M.M. 30—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno.

THURSDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY.

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. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

78—Imperial George, Assheaton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
906—St. Edward's, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

FRIDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY.

869—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
814—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (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.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1329—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh.
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet.

SATURDAY, 24th FEBRUARY.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

R. A. 130—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

WEDNESDAY.

256—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
390—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Pontefract.
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.

THURSDAY.

208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
337—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.

FRIDAY.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
663—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.
K. T. 7—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Masonic Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Station House, Botiorns, Eastwood.
1463—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—44—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.
" 406—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—160—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 83 Nicolson-street.
THURSDAY—302—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.
FRIDAY—223—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-street, Leith.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—323—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 561—Plantation, 207 Craighall-street, Plantation.
TUESDAY—3 bis.—St. John's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 73—Thistle and Rose, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 87—Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, Cathedral-street, Glasgow.
" 427—Govandale, Partland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow.
" 556—Clydesdale, 106 Rose-street, Glasgow.
" 579—St. Brydoe, Freemasons Hall, Udderstone, at 7.
WEDNESDAY— 4—Kilwinning, 241 Dumbarton-road, Glasgow.
" 117—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Douglas-street, Partick.
" 354—Caledonian Railway, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" R. A.—Provincial Festival, 213 Buchanan-street. 7.
THURSDAY—570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, Glasgow.
" R. A. 117—Govan, Partland Hall, Govan.
" R. A.—Provincial Grand Chapter, 213 Buchanan-street.
SATURDAY—St. John Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.

MEETINGS HELD, &c.

The Studholme Chapter Rose Croix, 18°, met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Wednesday, 7th February, at 4·30. Lieut-General J. Studholme Brownrigg C.B. 32° M.W.S. Present—Captain Philips 33°, Major Shadwell Clarke 33°, Hugh D. Sandeman 33°, Raphael Costa 33°, Samuel Rawson 33°, W. Hyde Pullen 33°, Captain Portlock Dadson 32°, Lieut-Colonel King 31°, Lieut-Colonel the Hon. W. Sackville-West 31°, the Earl of Donoughmore 31°, H. H. Riach 31°, C. Grillion 31°, Colonel Somerville Burney 31°, H. R. Cooper Smith 30°, Rev. Ambrose Hall 30°, Colonel Randolph 30°, Captain Leopold Swaine 30°, &c., &c. Bro. Sir Thomas Douglas Forsyth C.B. K.C.S.I., Bengal Civil Service, was perfected in the 18°. The Grand Secretary General, Major Shadwell H. Clerke 33° then installed Colonel C. W. Randolph 30° as the M.W. Sov. for the year, who appointed as his officers H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught K.G. as 1st General, the Earl of Donoughmore as 2nd General, the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg as Prelate, Captain M. Studholme Brownrigg as Raphael, Bro. C. Grillion as Recorder, Bro. Dobree as Treasurer, Captain Swaine as Almoner, &c. A past jewel was presented to General Brownrigg by the Chapter.

The Canterbury Chapter Rose Croix, 18°, met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Tuesday, 6th February, at 5 p.m. Bro. the Rev. Dr. J. Robbins D.D. 18° as M.W.S. Present—Captain Philips 33°, R. Costa 33°, W. Hyde Pullen 33°, Captain Portlock Dadson 32°, Colonel Somerville Burney 31°, James Keene 30° 1st General, J. Chynoweth 18° 2nd General, the Rev. and Hon. Francis E. C. Byng 18° as Prelate, Howie McEvan Treasurer, T. Holme Davis Recorder, &c. Bros. Octavius H. Pearson, Henry Evill, and Reginald J. Mare were perfected in 18°.

The Canterbury Lodge met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, on Tuesday, 13th February, under W. Bro. the Rev. Dr. John Robbins W.M. Present—Captain Philips P.M., Colonel Somerville Burney P.M., Lieut-General Doherty C.B. P.M., Raphael Costa P.M., W. Hyde Pullen P.M., Rev. F. K. Harford S.W., James Keene J.W., Captain Portlock Dadson, &c., &c. Several candidates were initiated, passed and raised.

The Grand Metropolitan Chapter Rose Croix met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, on Wednesday, 14th February. Ill. Bro. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall 30° M.W.S. Present—Ill. Bros. R. Costa 33°, W. Hyde Pullen 33°, Raymond H. Thrupp 31°, Charles Grillion 31°, &c. Seven brethren were perfected in the 18°.

The Friends in Council Royal Arch Chapter met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, on Thursday, 15th February, under Comp. Dr. Robert Hamilton Z., P. Superintendent of Jamaica. There was a large attendance, and several brethren were duly exalted as Royal Arch Masons.

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York Mark Lodge (Time Immemorial).—This Lodge, which has lately given in its adhesion to the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and is now working under a warrant from Grand Lodge, held its regular meeting on Tuesday, at York. The W.M., Bro. Geo. Balmford, presided, and was supported by Bros. Thos. Cooper P.M., T. B. Whytehead S.W., the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett J.W., the Rev. W. Valentine Chaplain, M. Cooper M.O., T. W. Wilson S.O., Tissiman J.O., J. Hollins S.D., Garbett Sec., M. Millington I.G., &c. Bros. C. G. Padel and J. Morgan, of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, were duly advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Masters, and a letter from the Secretary of the Britannia Mark Lodge, Sheffield, was read, congratulating the brethren of the York Mark Lodge upon the step they had taken in acknowledging the supremacy of the Grand Mark Lodge of England. About twenty of the brethren subsequently met at supper, when the W.M. presided, and the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 15th February, at Bro. Hallows, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. Groome W.M., W. G. Hallows S.W., Oldroyd J.W., Saunders Sec., Pinder Preceptor, Franklin S.D., Mumford I.G.; also Bros. Grist, Upward, Brown, Evennett, Field, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer. The minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Pinder acting as candidate. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Pinder worked the second section of the lecture. Bro. W. Grist, of Marquis of Ripon Lodge, was unanimously elected a member of the Lodge of Instruction. Bro. W. G. Hallows was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday evening last, 15th February, at 7.30. Present—Bros. Horsley W.M., Hogarth S.W., Maidwell J.W., Grammer Secretary, Richards S.D., Hewlett J.D., Hollands I.G., &c. The third ceremony was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Andrews of No. 1227 acting as candidate. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Hewlett. The Lodge was closed in the 3rd and 2nd degrees, and Bro. Hewlett worked the 6th section. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in ancient form.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At Bro. Gay's, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Monday the 12th inst. Present—Bros. Powell W.M., Stock S.W., Millward J.W., Gardner S.D., Piercy J.D., Robinson I.G., Tolmie acting as Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Sec., Christopher Tyler. Read, Fairbank, Alford, Moseley, Leber, Garbett, Curry, Cook, &c. Lodge opened in due form, with solemn prayer. Minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Gardner, having answered the usual questions leading to 2nd degree, was entrusted; Lodge was opened in 2nd degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M. in his usual excellent manner, Bro. Gardner acting as candidate. Bro. Stock worked the 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture. Bro. Piercy worked the 3rd, and Bro. Tolmie worked the 4th and 5th, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the 2nd degree. Bro. Stock S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All business being ended, Lodge closed in due form and adjourned.

St. John's Lodge, No. 90.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, 12th February, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Present—Bros. Stormer W.M., Henderson S.W. Margetson J.W., J. Griffin Secretary, Eglese Treasurer, Pearce S.D., Colpoys J.D., Stephens P.M. D.C., Brown I.G., Goddard Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. T. P. Griffin, Venn, McDougall. Visitors—Bros. Fawcett, Tickell, Ramsdill. Business—The minutes were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. Knight, of Stour Valley Lodge, as a joining member, which was unanimous in his favour. The Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

United Strength Lodge, No. 228.—Held their meeting at the Guildhall Tavern on Tuesday, 13th inst., it being for the first time at its new quarters, they having outgrown their old Lodge-room at the St. John's Gate. The Lodge was opened at half-past three, under the presidency of Bro. Robt. Griggs; the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. raised Bro. J. R. Green to the sublime degree, and passed Bro. H. Langley. Bro. Griggs, who during his year of office has performed the duties of the chair in a thoroughly efficient manner, completed them by installing his successor. Bro. James Hill invested his officers as follow:—Bros. Suare S.W., Halford J.W., Crump P.M. Secretary, Davies P.M. Assistant Secretary, Winsland P.M. Treasurer, Piercy S.D., Todd J.D., Flaws I.G., Harty Organist. The W.M. then initiated Messrs. Quartly and Yarnold into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The Lodge was closed in due form, when the brethren repaired to the banqueting room, where a most sumptuous repast was awaiting them. After the usual loyal toasts, Bro. Jas. Terry responded on behalf of the Charities. The W.M.'s health was proposed by P.M. Griggs, and was received in an enthusiastic manner. The W.M. having replied, an interesting incident took place—the presentation to Bro. Griggs of a Past Master's jewel, for the able manner in which he had performed his duties during the past year. Amongst the numerous visiting brethren were John Townsend P.G.P., Alford 475, Rev. Darby Reid Chaplain 1196, Rev. Casely, Maidwell 27, Mallett 141, Baxter 174, J. D. Loverdo J.D. 1196, L. L. Constantinides. There were also present Past Masters Terry, Colston, Bottrill 1069, Robards, Wickens, Hillhouse, and about sixty others. The brethren, when they separated, all agreed that they had spent a very enjoyable evening.

Doric Lodge, No. 933.—On Tuesday last, the 13th inst., the members of this important and well worked Lodge assembled in great strength, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, for the installation of our respected brother, John G. Stevens ("An Eastern Star"). Bro. Stevens has for many years acted as Secretary in this Lodge, and in that capacity has won the respect and goodwill of all with whom he has been brought into business relations, and this was fully borne out by the number of distinguished brethren who assembled on this occasion to see him installed. A very wholesome rule in this Lodge, and one which we should like to see more fully carried out elsewhere, is, that each W.M., before being elected to the chair, is required to show his proficiency and capability to perform satisfactorily the duties that may be required of him, and, in addition, that when he shall have completed his year of office, that he should instal his successor. By this wise rule, all the Junior officers are careful to perfect themselves in their respective duties, and a thorough state of efficiency throughout the Lodge is thus secured. Bro. J. G. Stevens has already filled the chair in the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, and is well known as a skilful Mason. On the formal opening of the Lodge, Bro. William Yetton, P.M., who acted as Director of the Ceremonies, presented Bro. Stevens to Bro. J. Taylor to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The Board of Installed Masters was a large one, and the ceremony was performed in an impressive and highly dignified manner. On the brethren being re-admitted, the new W.M. was saluted, and he then appointed the following as his officers:—Bros. J. Taylor I.P.M., A. J. Tucker S.W., C. Digby J.W., T. J. Barnes Treasurer, W. Yetton P.M. Secretary, Geo. Hollington S.D., W. J. Edney J.D., Thomas Yetton I.G., Berton D.C., Pain W.S., Seddon Organist, W. Grant (15th time) Tyler. The addresses were capitally given, and on their conclusion a highly spirited Installation March, which had been specially composed by Bro. Seddon, was played by him, and afforded the greatest gratification to all present. We understand it is Bro. Seddon's intention to publish this, so doubtless we shall have the pleasure of hearing this able composition on a future occasion. The W.M. then presented Bro. Taylor with a P.M.'s jewel, and, in the name of all present, thanked him for the way in which he had conducted the proceedings of the day. After hearty good wishes had been tendered, the Lodge was closed. A banquet, to which ample justice was done, followed, Bro. W. Smith catering with his usual skill. On the removal of the cloth, the toasts were given: "The Queen and the Craft," followed by the National Anthem; "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales K.G., M.W. Grand Master," followed by God Bless the Prince of Wales, which was sung by Bro. Steadman; "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master." The W.M. said that Lord Carnarvon had proved himself to be a thorough Mason; he had many an onerous duty to perform; but yet, in spite of the multifarious calls on his time, he managed to attend his Masonic duties. After the health of Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, Bro. Davy gave a capital performance on the cornet, in which he was ably accompanied by Bro. Seddon; all assembled expressed their unqualified approval. Bro. I.P.M. Taylor gave the health of the W.M. It was his honour and his privilege that evening to propose the health of Bro. Stevens. He succeeded him some eleven years back as Secretary in the Lodge, and he did not then anticipate that he should follow him in the Masonic Chair. Bro. Taylor paid a just compliment to Bro. Stevens for the manner in which he had always attended to the duties of any office he had to fulfil in the Lodge. He referred to the distinguished Masons who were around him, both on his right and on his left. He spoke of the way in which Bro. Stevens had served the office of Master in the Yarborough Lodge, to the satisfaction of every one, and he felt assured that this might be taken as an estimate of what he would do in his present position. After a humorous song from Bro. Digby, Bro. Stevens, in reply, thanked the brethren for the way in which they had received the toast. Some reference had been made to his services nine years ago; since then he had served as W.M. in the Yarborough Lodge. He assured them that on finding himself at the head of the Doric Lodge, he fully realised his responsibilities. He referred to the high position held by the Doric Lodge in the Craft. He was, though not an old man, certainly not a young one. He was sure that, in placing him there, they felt confident he would carry out the duties of the Lodge satisfactorily. He spoke of the distinguished men who had gone before, and assured them he would endeavour to follow in their footsteps, and that his aim would be to study the interests of every member of the Lodge. In proposing "The Past Masters," Bro. Stevens said he was the 15th W.M. of the Doric Lodge; they had lost two Past Masters by death, and three had resigned. They had had present that evening nine Past Masters—viz., Bros. Barnes, who served in 1868, Bowring in 1869, Wainwright in 1870, Yetton in 1871, Griffin in 1872, Austin in 1873, Marsh in 1874, Ayton in 1875, and J. Taylor in 1876. What could be better than the work of the I.P.M., who had completed his task that night, than the way in which he had performed the installation ceremony? Bro. Steadman here sang most sweetly "The Anchor's Weighed." The P.M.'s replied in well chosen sentences, and the W.M. gave the remaining toasts, which comprised the Masonic Institutions, the Visitors, the Officers of the Lodge, to each of these suitable replies were made. The call for the Tyler brought the evening's proceedings to a close.

Commercial Chapter, No. 69.—The regular meeting was held at 30 Hope-street, Glasgow, on Friday, 10th inst. A Mark Lodge was opened by J. Duthie as Master, G. W. Wheeler as S.W., and J. M. Oliver J.W. Letters excusing their absence were read from Comps. D. Lamb Z., and J. Munro D.W. After the transaction of some private business, the Lodge was closed in harmony.

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Era Mark Lodge, No. 176.—The regular meeting of this long-established Lodge was held on Friday, the 9th February, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Bro. John Baxter Langley P.G.J.W. Middlesex and Surrey presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots taken separately were unanimous in favour of the admission of Bros. Louis Beck S.D. 1559, and E Dietrich. The work was done in an able manner by the Worshipful Master for the advancement of Bros. Louis Beck, Ernest Dietrich 1524, and Thomas Williams Adams S.W. 1623, who seemed fully impressed by the beautiful ancient ceremony. Bro. F. Walters P.G.P. P.M. Secretary read the bye-laws. The ballot was unanimous in favour of Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden S.W. being W.M. H. A. Dubois was re-elected Treasurer. W. Y. Laing, on a show of hands being taken, was re-elected Tyler. On motion made by Bro. Holden P.M., seconded by Bro. T. Horton J.W., and unanimously confirmed, it was resolved the usual five guinea Past Master's Jewel be given to Bro. J. Baxter Langley W.M. for services rendered to the Lodge as the third W.M., and one of the founders. Bros. J. B. Shackleton, B. Meyer, H. Meyer, and C. Beck were recommended by the Lodge for Provincial Grand Lodge honours. Some candidates were proposed for advancement. The Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Friday, 8th June, to meet at six p.m. Banquet followed. There were not any visitors present.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, on Saturday, 10th February. Bros. H. P. Isaac W.M., A. Rowley S.W., Bidwell J.W., Read S.D., Fenner J.D., Groner I.G., Pearcy Preceptor, Halford Treasurer, Killick Hon. Sec. There was a large muster of members, including P.M.'s Moss, J. Constable, Purday, Mackey, Vanderlyn, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Ross acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the 1st section, Bro. Pearcy the 2nd, and Bro. Hewlett the 3rd and 5th. Bros. Ives 781 and Roberts 192 were elected members. Bro. A. Rowley was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. It was unanimously agreed that the sum of £5 from the Lodge funds be placed on the list of the W.M. of the United Strength Lodge, No. 228, for the R.M.B.I. for Aged Freemasons. The annual supper of the Lodge will take place at the above address on Saturday, the 24th inst., Bro. G. Cooper, W.M. Percy Lodge, will preside.

Panmure Chapter, No. 720.—This Chapter held its regular quarterly meeting on Monday, the 12th of February, at the Horns' Tavern, Kennington, S.E. Present—Ex-Comps. the Rev. W. B. Church M.E.Z., Newington Bridges H., George Waterall J., James Stevens P.Z. and Scribe E., M. S. Larlham Scribe N., Thomas Poore P.S., R. N. Field 1st A.S., A. C. Burrell 2nd A.S., Gilbert Janitor. Also Past First Principals Charles Hammerton, Henry Smith and R. H. Harvey, and Comps. Thomas Meggy, F. W. Levander, S. Poynter, &c. Visitor Ex-Comp. S. H. Wagstaff H. of the Macdonald Chapter, No. 1216. The Chapter having been duly opened by the principals and the companions assembled, a ballot was taken for Bro. M. Keith Frith, barrister, of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, and that proving unanimous, Bro. Frith was duly introduced and exalted into the order. The officers for the ensuing year were then elected, with the following results—viz., Ex-Comps. Bridges M.E.Z., Waterall H., Larlham J., James Stevens P.Z. (ninth re-election) Scribe E., Thomas Poore Scribe N., H. C. Levander P.Z. (eighth re-election) Treasurer, R. N. Field P.S., Thomas Meggy Steward, and John Gilbert Janitor. The jewel of the Chapter was unanimously voted to the retiring M.E.Z., the Rev. W. B. Church. Propositions for exaltation at ensuing convocation were received, and the Chapter was duly closed. Refreshment followed labour, and a most enjoyable evening was, as is usual, whenever the Panmure Companions meet, spent before separating.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—his Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, the 9th of February, at Bro. Kennard's, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. Geo. Tribble W.M., Godden S.W., Hayes J.W., Braun Sec., Rudderforth Preceptor, Reddie S.D., Nichols J.D., West I.G. Also present Bros. Murch, Kennard, Cleghorn, Coates, Davison, Parsons, Ridley, Webster. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer. The minutes were read and confirmed. The Preceptor worked the first section of the lecture. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Murch being the candidate. Bro. Coates next answered the questions for passing, and was entrusted. Bro. Rudderforth then worked the second section of the lecture. Bro. Reddie was elected a member of the Lodge of Instruction. Bro. S. W. Godden was appointed W.M. for the ensuing Friday. Bro. West proposed, and Bro. Reddie seconded, that the subject of establishing a Benevolent Fund in connection with this Lodge of Instruction should be taken into consideration at the next meeting. The Secretary announced the Masonic Charity Ball to be held at the Agricultural Hall, on the 28th inst., and invited the brethren to attend. Before closing, the W.M. complimented the Lodge upon the solemn attention paid by the brethren to the working of the beautiful ceremonies and lectures. The Lodge was then closed.

Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771.—The annual Festival of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, the 13th of February, in the Masonic Hall, St. Albans-street, Windsor, when Bro. Thomas Edward Scott, the S.W. of the Lodge, was installed as W.M. Bro. Scott has long been identified with Freemasonry, and, from his connection with the members of the Royal Family, both at Frogmore House and Cumberland Lodge, it was most gratifying to his friends here to know that his Masonic exertions had finally brought him to occupy the highest honour that his Lodge could bestow upon him. The retiring Master, Bro. W. H. Cutler, of Salt-hill, Bucks, was invested with the collar of I.P.M., and was presented with a most beautiful P.M.'s jewel. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed in rotation, Bro. the Rev. Arthur Robins being the only officer that was re-elected, as Chaplain of the Lodge. The ceremonial of installation was earnestly rendered by Bro. John S. Tolly, Sec. and P.M. The banquet was served at the Castle Hotel, by Bro. Fleck. The meeting throughout was characterised by the greatest unanimity of feeling, not only by the members of the Lodge, but by the numerous and distinguished brethren from the neighbouring provinces who honoured the Festival by their presence.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The weekly meeting of the above Lodge took place at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, on Tuesday, 13th February. Bro. Defriez W.M., Barker S.W., Johnson J.W., Lovelock S.D., Smith J.D., Perrin I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Wardell, Bonner, Howlett, Crossby, Saunders, Wright, Williams, &c. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Crossby having answered the necessary questions, the Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Hewlett worked the 1st section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren, and the 3rd with the W.M. The Lodge was closed in the 2nd degree. Bro. Hewlett worked the 3rd and 4th sections of the lecture. Bro. Barker was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation; he will work the 3rd ceremony, for the first time. We hope he will have a good attendance; he has been but eight months a Mason, and has gone through the other two ceremonies with credit, and there is no doubt that his presidency next week will bring a good muster. Bro. Saunders gave notice of motion respecting the 4th bye-law, which will come on for discussion. The Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till Tuesday, the 20th inst. The W.M. stated that Bro. Hewlett would work the 15 sections on the 25th inst., at Bro. Yetton's, Rising Sun, Globe-road, Bethnal Green, at 7 precisely. The well-known preceptor, Bros. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 as S.W., and Bro. T. Austin P.M. 933 and 1445 as I.P.M.

Tyne Lodge, No. 991.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 8th of February, at the Masonic Hall, Willington Quay. Present—Bros. C. Jarvis W.M., Jas. Montgomery S.W., Wm. Gladstone J.W., Wm. Morton Secretary, Michael Guthrie Treasurer, M. W. Grundy S.D., Jas. Brown J.D., Geo. Turnbull and J. Turner Stewards, Aaron Sagar I.G., Geo. Heslop Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Allan, Guthrie and Robertson. The business consisted of the installation of W.M., and appointment of officers for the ensuing year.

Grey Friars, Lodge No. 1101.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 14th of February, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Edward Margrett W.M., Arthur Welch S.W., Wm. George Flanagan J.W., Wm. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, John Stransom Treasurer, Jno. Early Danks S.D., Wm. Ferguson J.D., Thomas Newman Steward, Edwd. J. Blackwell I.G., Wm. Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters Bros. G. Chancellor, Prov. G. Treas. Berks and Bucks, J. T. Brown P.P.G.S. of W. Berks and Bucks. Members—Bros. Hunt, Hilder, Creed, Bailey, Rose, Pulley, Rhind, Tabor, Hawkes, Brigham. Visitors from the Alfred Lodge, 340, Oxford, Bros. J. Pratt W.M., Juggins P.M., C. Park P.M., F. W. Ansell S.D., F. F. B. Evans Secretary, J. M. Dormor, W. Park; ditto from Union 414, Bro. S. A. Pocock W.M., S. Bradley S.D., M. J. Withers; other visitors, Bros. C. C. Gold 723, Benham S.W. 723, E. Nichols 1046, J. C. Jessett 1512, A. Mitchell 65, Grand Lodge Scotland. On the W.M. taking the chair, and opening the Lodge, the hall had more the appearance of an installation meeting than that of a regular monthly. The brethren from Oxford, Aldershot, and the Mother Lodge, with the other visitors, in their provincial grand regalia, gave the assembly a brilliant appearance. After the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Edwin Hunt replied to the questions leading to the third degree in a most satisfactory manner, and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree. Bro. Hunt was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. It is almost superfluous to say that the W.M. performed this ceremony in the most perfect manner, and he was well supported by his officers. The lecture was given in a masterly manner, and called forth the acclamations of the assembly; indeed, from the first time Bro. Margrett commenced his duties, it was evident that first-class working would mark his year of office. The Lodge was closed down to the second and the first degrees, when the W.M. announced the unprecedented success of the Festival of the R.M.B.I., at which he attended as Steward to represent the Lodge. By the contributions of the members and other brethren, he was enabled to obtain a V.P. in the name of the Master of 1101 for the "old men," and leaving 15 guineas as a nest egg towards making the W.M. a V.P. of the "widows." This announcement was received with cheers. Bro. Juggins P.M. 340 expressed the great pleasure experienced by his brothers and himself at this visit; he felt that Sir Daniel Gooch, the P.G.M. of Berks and Bucks, may well be proud of such a Lodge as the Grey Friars. After receiving nominations for joining and initiations, the Lodge was closed.

Israel Lodge of Instruction.—The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Rising Sun, Globe-road, Bethnal-green, on Sunday evening, 25th February, at seven o'clock precisely. Bros. Hewlett W.M., 111; T. J. Barnes S.W., P.M. 544 and 933; Appleby J.W., S.W. 174; T. Austin I.P.M., P.M. 933 and 1445. First lecture by Bros. Lovelock, Calver, Appleby, Ashburner, Rudderforth, Webb, Williams. Second lecture by Bros. Taylor, Burr, Defriez, Myers, Baxter. Third lecture by Bros. Lazarus, Job, Cohen. Bro. W. Musto Hon. Sec.

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Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Met at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 9th inst. Present—Bros. Andrews W.M., Oldroyd S.W., Cooper J.W., Cleverley S.D., A. W. Fenner J.D., Simpson I.G., Townsend Sec.; Kent, Bolton, Scales, Barnett, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Kent, having answered the necessary questions leading to the 2nd degree, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, when Bro. Kent was passed by the W.M., in a very excellent manner. The 1st and 2nd sections were worked by Bro. Oldroyd, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree, when Bros. Kent, No. 1297, and Cooper, No. 212, were elected members of this rapidly rising Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Oldroyd S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. It was unanimously carried that a cordial vote of thanks be entered on the minutes to the W.M., for the very able and effective manner he had filled the honourable position for the first time. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

Hervey Lodge of Instruction, No. 1260.—A meeting was held at Bro. Becton's, Punch's Tavern, Fleet-street, on Friday, 9th February, for the purpose of examining the S.W. of the Mother Lodge previous to the election of W.M. Bros. Southwood S.W. 1260 W.M., Radcliffe S.W., Postway J.W., Burley S.D., Withers J.D., Rosenthall I.G., King jun. P.M. Secretary, King, Spender, Butler, Becton, Wells, Atkins, J. Sandilands Ward, Green, Saunders, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes read, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bros. W. Arnold No. 902, Rosenthall No. 1260, and A. Arnold No. 1541 were elected members; Bro. Radcliffe was appointed W.M. for next Friday evening. It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the Secretary be requested to inform the W.M. of the Mother Lodge of the very perfect manner in which Bro. Southwood had worked the three ceremonies, and that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for his having done so. Bro. Southwood responded in a very feeling speech. He was pleased he had given satisfaction in his examination, and if they did him the honour to elect him W.M. of their Lodge, they might depend upon his endeavouring to promote the best interests of the Craft. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

Langthorne Lodge, No. 1421.—The annual meeting of this Lodge, for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, was held at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, E., on Thursday, the 25th ult., upon which occasion a large number of brethren, members of various local and other Lodges, assembled for the purpose of witnessing the induction of Bro. Benjamin Cundick S.W. and W.M. elect (a well-known and highly esteemed brother amongst the Craft in the east end of London) into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. Punctually at 4 p.m. the Lodge was opened by Bro. Charles Lacey P.M., assisted by the following officers—viz., Bros. B. Cundick S.W., H. Carter J.W., George Levick Treasurer, C. W. Ashdown Secretary, T. S. Taylor S.D., H. N. Taylor J.D., G. F. Dix I.G., S. Morris W.S., M. W. Sherwin Organist, W. Steedman Tyler, and a number of brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and duly confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Baxter being a candidate for the third degree was, after the usual examination, duly raised, the ceremony being admirably performed by Bro. Lacey, the acting W.M. The Lodge was then resumed in the first degree, and the report of the Audit Committee, together with the balance sheet, having been received and approved, the Lodge was resumed in the second degree, and the chair vacated by Bro. Lacey in favour of Bro. Barnes P.M. 554, an old and esteemed friend of the W.M. elect, to whom Bro. Cundick was presented by Bro. J. G. Stevens for the benefit of installation. The usual formalities having been observed, Bro. Cundick was duly installed in the chair of K.S. in the presence of a board of Installed Masters, amongst whom were the following—viz., Bros. E. West P.M. 1327 and P.P.G.D. Herts, T. J. Barnes P.M. 554, P. A. Bianchi W.M. 1598, J. Ives W.M. 1472, W. Mundy P.M. 1228, W. A. Thorp P.M. 49, W. H. Myers P.M. 820, T. Austin P.M. 933, A. Ramsey P.M. 206, J. Dorton W.M. 1076, P. Edinger P.M. 95, G. J. Hilliard W.M. 174, S. Watkins P.M. 212, J. Taylor W.M. 933. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the brethren were re-admitted, and the new Master duly proclaimed, and saluted, Bro. J. G. Stevens acting as Dir. Cer. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year—viz., Bros. G. Hollington S.W., T. S. Taylor J.W., G. Levick P.M. (re-elected) Treasurer, C. W. Ashdown P.M. (re-invested) Secretary, H. N. Taylor S.D., G. F. Dix J.D., J. F. Proctor I.G., S. Morris W.S., M. Sherwin Organist, and W. Steedman Tyler. The ceremony throughout was most impressively rendered by Bro. Barnes, and the brethren present enjoyed a thorough Masonic treat. The Lodge being closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to another room where an excellent banquet awaited them, served in Bro. Morley's best style, and to which, it is needless to add, ample justice was done. Under the presidency of the newly-installed and genial W.M., a most enjoyable evening was spent, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being given from the chair and responded to with the greatest enthusiasm. The harmony of the evening was also enhanced by the presence of Bro. J. G. Stevens, who contributed an excellent recitation, and Bro. M. Sherwin Organist, who, in addition to his usual duties as accompanyist, sang several excellent songs. The brethren separated at 11 p.m. after spending a most enjoyable evening. The visitors present in addition to the P.M.'s previously recorded were—Bros. W. Steele S.W. and W.M. elect 1472, J. White S.W. 1076, W. Cobb 1237, G. Taylor 1598.

Era Lodge, No. 1423.—Installation Meeting.—The fifth anniversary of this well established Lodge was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court. Bro. John Baxter Langley W.M. opened the Lodge. He, in an able manner, initiated Messrs. W. G. Barlstone and E. Woelcke into Freemasonry. Bro. J. W. Baldwin A.G.P. Middlesex P.M. installed Bro. E. H. Thiellay P.G.S.B. Middlesex P.M. 145 as W.M. The officers appointed are Bros. T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex P.M. 73 S.W., E. W. Devereux J.W., C. A. Dubois P.G.S.D. Middlesex P.M. Treasurer (re-invested), F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex P.M. Secretary (re-invested for fifth time), S. Wolff S.D., A. F. Loos J.D., J. Mason P.G. Steward Middlesex P.M. 1567 Organist (re-invested), J. Johnson I.G., M. Underwood D.C., J. Faulkner W.S., J. H. Pearson C.S., J. Gilbert P.G. Tyler Middlesex Tyler (re-invested for fifth time). At the conclusion of the ceremony of installation, a vote of thanks (and the same to be recorded on the minutes) was given to Bro J. W. Baldwin, for the admirable manner he had done the all important ceremony of installation. It being a pleasure and treat to all present to hear him do the work. The W.M., Bro. E. H. Thiellay, on behalf of the Lodge and those friends who had subscribed the amounts (in addition to the Twelve Guineas voted from the Lodge funds for that purpose), presented Bro. J. Baxter Langley I.P.M. with a splendid Past Master's jewel, enriched with diamonds and other precious stones, set in the 18 carat hall-marked gold of which the jewel was made of. Then Bro. F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex P.M. Secretary, on behalf of a few friends, members of the Lodge, presented Bro. J. Baxter Langley I.P.M. with a Past Master's collar and a silver jewel, to prove how well and faithfully the Master's duties had been done, and the great satisfaction and pleasure every one had felt during his year of office. Bro. J. Baxter Langley I.P.M., in a telling speech, acknowledged the gifts. The Past Master's jewel was universally admired by all who witnessed its presentation. The next business was the nomination of the members whom the Lodge would like to see selected for Provincial Grand Lodge honours at the next Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex, in an exhaustive and feeling speech, in which he alluded to the very many virtues and excellencies of the Provincial Grand Secretary, proposed that as the D.P.G.M. Middlesex was elevated to the position of R.W.G.M. S. Wales, that Bro. R. W. Little P.P.G.S.W. Middlesex, past and present Provincial Grand Secretary Middlesex, be recommended to the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Col. F. Burdett, as the member of the Province who ought to be selected to fill the vacant office of D.P.G.M. Middlesex, which was seconded by Bro. J. T. Moss P.P.G.R. Middlesex P.M., and carried unanimously. The vote was spontaneous and enthusiastic in favour of Bro. R. W. Little, who is so deservedly popular in the Province. On motions duly made and seconded, Bros. T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex S.W., and J. W. Baldwin P.M. A.G.P. Middlesex, were recommended for promotion, Bros. F. Mason P.G. Steward Middlesex for P.G.S.W., and J. Baxter Langley I.P.M. for Provincial Grand Steward at the next Provincial Grand Lodge. All those members have been and are liberal subscribers to the Masonic Charities. All are present and past Stewards of the Charities. On motions, duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that Bro. J. Mason P.M. P.G. Steward Middlesex, Organist, to represent this Lodge as its Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School. Notice of motion by the Treasurer to vote from Lodge funds ten guineas to Boys' and Girls' Schools so as to keep up the subscription of thirty guineas a year to the Masonic Charities which this Lodge has subscribed every year to those Institutions during its existence. Some candidates were proposed for initiation. The Lodge was closed and adjourned till Saturday, 4th April, to meet at three o'clock p.m. Banquet and dessert followed. The usual toasts were given and responded to. Bros. Perrin and Elmore entertained the brethren with some exquisite singing. There were present as visitors Bros. J. Boyd P.G.P. P.M. 145, F. Elmore 12, F. Ponna 211, J. Hammond P.M. 201, J. H. Becker 238, Wray 1604, T. Fenn 1288, C. Graham 1540, G. Dore 376, C. Nicholes 192, T. Ockenden 1512, C. G. Bushworth W.M. 1309, H. Massey P.M. 619, &c.

Great City Lodge, No. 1426.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday, 10th February, at the Cannon-street Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C. Present—Bros. John Seex W.M., Richard Stanway S.W., James Freeman J.W., Edward Moody P.M. and Secretary, N. B. Headon P.M. and Treasurer, G. W. Binckle S.D., W. H. Catchpole J.D., Charles Taylor D.C., W. F. Kibble and W. H. Hook Stewards, T. Hamer I.G., W. Steadman Tyler. Past Masters Bros. J. H. Townend and James Stevens, and about sixty or seventy other members and visitors. The Lodge having been opened, and the previous minutes confirmed, Bro. Moody, acting for the W.M. in his absence, raised Bros. Cumner and Brooks to the sublime degree. The W.M., Bro. Seex, subsequently passed Bros. Walker, Denbigh, Maynard, Greening, and Groom to the degree of F.C., and initiated Messrs. C. A. Blechley, T. G. Whitehouse, and W. Lucas into the Order. The sum of fifty guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and placed on the list of the W.M., who serves as Steward, and who had several other individual and very liberal donations added to his list before the Lodge was closed. Propositions for initiation were taken, and the W.M. then closed his Lodge. The brethren adjourned for light refreshment, and separated at an early hour in the evening.

Royal Commemoration Lodge, No. 1585.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 7th February, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Putney. Present—Bros. J. Wright P.M. 1158 W.M., J. W. Robinson S.W., C. Jackson jun. J.W., F. H. Smith Assist. Sec., G. Watkins Treasurer, W. Morphew S.D., J. Holland J.D., J. Collins D.C., A. Bochr I.G., J. Steed Tyler. Past Master Bro. G. Stacey Organist. Visitors—Bros. P.M. C. Wise, W.M. C.

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F. Barham, Hammond, Potter, Fowler and Rose. Business—Minutes of December meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Matthews, Eykyn, Rowe, Breach and Barrett were raised. Bros. Thomson Bury and Read were passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. Stokes was ballotted for and initiated. The sum to qualify the Lodge for a Life Governorship was voted to the W.M.'s list; he is Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Islington Lodge, No. 1471.—The installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at Bro. Baker's, the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Bro. Louis A. Leins W.M. in the chair, T. Davy S.W., E. W. Braine J.W., Cook P.M. Treasurer, W. Bansor Secretary, F. S. Holness S.D., Knell J.D., Saunders I.G., and Past Masters Bros. E. Bowyer I.P.M., J. L. Mather, Jas. Terry P.P.G.S.B. Herts. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Mr. J. D. Spiers was balloted for and initiated into the order; Bros. Napper and Buckworth were passed to the 2nd degree; Bro. Murray was raised to the 3rd degree by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Davy, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the Lodge, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. L. A. Leins, the retiring W.M., in a very perfect and impressive manner, Bro. J. L. Mather P.M. efficiently acting as D.C. The W.M. then invested his officers:—L. A. Leins I.P.M., E. W. Braine S.W., W. Bansor J.W., G. F. Cook P.M. 65 Treasurer, F. S. Holness Secretary, Knell S.D., Saunders J.D., Blinkhorn I.G., D. P. Holness D.C., Cox P.M. W.S., Steedman Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was read; it showed a balance of £19 17s in favour of the Benevolent Fund. The Lodge funds were equally satisfactory, and Bro. Cook, Past Treasurer, proposed, and Bro. J. L. Mather seconded, that the sum of £5 be taken from the Benevolent Fund, making the sum of £10, to be placed on the list of Bro. Braine S.W., who is a Steward for the Anniversary Festival for the R.M.B.I. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, *a la Russe*, provided by Mr. Baker. The W.M., after grace had been said, proposed the Health of the Queen and the Craft, H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, the Prd G.M., the Right Worshipful Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present. In reply to the Masonic Charities, Bro. Braine S.W. returned thanks. He felt proud to represent the Lodge as Steward on Monday next. Bro. James Terry also thanked the W.M. for having proposed this toast at so early a period of the evening. He gave a very interesting account of the numbers of the boys and girls at the Institutions, and also of the aged, and the amounts given during the past year. We, as Masons, are a comparatively small body, and the brethren had liberally subscribed. He hoped at the next Festival to have to record a larger amount than had ever been received. He hoped they would continue their support to the Aged, and also the Boys' and Girls' Schools, who urgently need their kind support. Bro. L. A. Leins I.P.M. then rose and said he had a very pleasing duty to perform; to propose, for the first time in this Lodge, the health of the W.M. He is thoroughly conversant with his work, and will discharge his duties zealously and faithfully. The W.M. thanked the proposer for his kind expressions; if he proved as good a W.M. as his predecessor he would be perfectly satisfied. He hoped to carry out every duty required of him to their satisfaction. The W.M. next gave the health of the newly initiated Bro., he was worthy of their regard, and he hoped to see him among them for many years. The toast was responded to by Bro. Spiers, in a manner that justified the remarks of the W.M. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the visitors. They were always pleased to see them, and he would call on Bro. S. M. Lazarus P.P.G.W. Wilts and H. M. Levy P.M. 188 to respond. Both these brethren thanked the W.M. for the pleasure they had received by the able manner the ceremony of installation had been performed, and the cordial reception they had met with. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the I.P.M., Bro. A. L. Leins; he had performed his duties admirably, and they had witnessed how excellently he had performed the ceremony of installation. He was the fourth Master of the Lodge, and to whatever duty he was delegated, he discharged it faithfully. In token of the appreciation he is held in, he had much pleasure in presenting him, in the name of the Lodge, with a very elegant Past Master's jewel. In placing it on his breast he hoped he might live long to wear it. In their name, also, he begged his acceptance of a pair of diamond and pearl earrings for his amiable wife, which he hoped she would be spared for many years to wear. Bro. L. A. Leins, in feeling and eloquent terms responded for the valuable gifts. He, as well as his wife, fully appreciated them, and these kind expressions could never be effaced from their memory. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Past Masters, said they were but three in number, but they were a host in themselves, and a pattern to the Craft. This having been responded to, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Wardens. Bro. Braine, the S.W., was well qualified to perform any duty required of him. Bro. Bansor had always discharged his duties as Secretary to their satisfaction. He was now the J.W., and he was sure no better selection could have been made. He hoped in due course to see him occupy the chair. The toast of the Junior Officers was given, and the Tyler's toast concluded a very agreeable and harmonious evening. The visitors were—Bros. T. Whiffin 548, H. Davis 865, J. T. Briggs P.M. 157, A. Grinwade 1381, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Halford 228, Daniel J.W. 65, E. Edwards 788, L. Hester 1075, H. H. Whale 172, E. Preston 65.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.—The usual weekly meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion Road, Dalston, on Wednesday, 14th, at 8 p.m. Present—Bros. Braated W.M., R. Coombe S.W., Anshell J.W., Hewlett S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Dignam I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, and Bros. Hill, George, G. Ferrar, Appleby, C. Lorkin, O. Dietrich, J. Lowe, Polack, Shackleton, B. Meyer, G. Streeton, Bonner, &c. Lodge opened in due form with prayer, minutes read and confirmed. Bro. O. Dietrich was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge opened in 2nd degree. Bro. Dietrich was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The 1st section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Shackleton, assisted by the brethren; the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren. Lodge closed in the 2nd degree. The 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Appleby S.W. 174 was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Coombs was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing else offering, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Wednesday, 21st, at 8 p.m.

The Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell-hill, where, by the kindness of Bros. Bertram and Roberts, the Lodge-room had been comfortably prepared. The brethren assembled punctually at three o'clock, which enabled the W.M. to perform the work with that regularity and precision which is his wonted custom. It consisted in raising Bro. Hodges, and initiating Mr. Thomas Jones into the mysteries of our Order. This done, letters were read from the family of Bro. E. Beedell, stating that he was seriously ill; also from Bro. Samuda, stating that in consequence of the death of his first-born, he was unable to be present; these were ordered to be entered on the minutes, and a resolution passed that replies be sent, expressing the sympathy of the Lodge with these brethren in their affliction. The Lodge was then closed and the brethren returned to town, where, at 59 Old Broad-street, the W.M. had thoughtfully arranged an elegant banquet, served by the proprietor, Bro. Hyde in his well known admirable style. The cloth being cleared, the customary toasts followed,—to that of the charities our worthy Bro. Terry responded, and in the course of his remarks, complimented the Lodge upon the fact that, not having yet completed its first year's existence, it had already sent up two stewards, with lists amounting in the aggregate to £200. The Tyler's toast brought a very agreeable evening to a close. The brethren separating shortly after nine o'clock. Sorry to part, but happy to meet again.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Glad Tidings.—Some constitutions have a tendency to rheumatism, and are throughout the year borne down by its protracted tortures. Let all sufferers bathe the affected parts with warm brine, and afterwards rub in this soothing Ointment. They will find it the best means of lessening their agony, and, assisted by Holloway's Pills, the surest way of overcoming their disease. More need not be said than to request a few days' trial of this safe and soothing treatment, by which the disease will ultimately be completely swept away. Pains that would make a giant shudder are assuaged without difficulty by Holloway's easy and inexpensive remedies, which comfort by moderating the throbbing vessels and calming the excited nerves.

THE DRAMA.

Mr. Irving as "Richard the III"—"The Bohemian Gyurl."

THE latest Shakspearian revival at the Lyceum is *Richard the Third*, with Mr. Irving, of course, in the part of the crook-backed usurper. The play has been shorn of Colley Cibber's interpolations, and also, we regret to say, of a great deal of the original text. The version employed in this revival forms a somewhat less effective stage play than the ordinary acting version; but it has the merit of introducing the fine character of Queen Margaret, which is usually omitted in representation. Concerning the merits of Mr. Irving's impersonation of Richard, there will probably be some conflict of opinion amongst the best judges; but it may be pronounced decidedly inferior to his Hamlet, though an improvement upon his Macbeth and Othello. Mr. Irving's mannerisms unfortunately grow upon him, and his affectations of voice and peculiarities of pronunciation make it a difficult matter to follow him in his more rapid utterances. Sometimes his voice is made to change capriciously from a low to a high key, or *vice versâ*. In many instances, he gives an unnatural shortness to his vowel sounds, biting the words off as if they stung him. In the last act, he fails to rise to the height of the occasion, and his voice is manifestly unequal to the task imposed upon it. The performance is unquestionably an intellectual one, and its shortcomings arise chiefly out of the physical idiosyncracies of the actor. Miss Bateman, who appears in the character of Queen Margaret, acts with great force, and renders her declamatory speeches with fine effect. Miss Isabel Bateman is also a sufficiently good exponent of Lady Anne. A Mr. Walter Bentley represents Clarence with great power and intelligence, and the other parts are all adequately cast.

The OPERA COMIQUE has registered a success in the *Bohemian Gyurl*, a capital burlesque on Balfe's well known opera. The piece is briskly written, some excellent fun is made out of the peculiarities of the original work, and it is acted with spirit throughout. Miss Nelly Farren, who appears as Thaddeus of Warsaw, is, of course, the life and soul of the performance, and she is ably seconded by the efforts of Messrs. Royce and Terry, and Miss Kate Vaughan.

At the annual banquet of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in Freemason's Hall, on Monday, there were present, including ladies and brethren, no less than 732 guests, of whom 470 were members of the Craft, and the remainder members of the fair sex. Bro. Dawkins, manager, exerted himself to the utmost to cater successfully for this unusually large number, and succeeded admirably, the *menu* being extremely well chosen, and the wines of the choicest vintages.

"O, LET ME DREAM THAT DREAM AGAIN."—We understand that these stanzas, which we noticed on the 10th inst. (by Mrs. M. A. Baines), have already been set to music for a tenor voice, by William Metcalfe (composer of the "Songs of Cumberland"), and can be obtained from Messrs. Cramer, 201 Regent-street, W. In the second line of the stanza quoted in our columns, last week, there was a slight error; instead of "By fancy's art," read, "By fancy's aid."

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LODGE RULERS.

IN a recent issue we discussed at some length the important subject of "Lodge Rulers." We were induced to this step by the immense influence which the election of our highest officers must exercise on the general well-being of the Craft. We return to the question to-day, because, in two among the many reports of Lodge meetings which appeared last week, there are evidences that in sundry notable cases the utmost care is taken to elect those only who are qualified to fulfil the high duties entrusted to them. The government of a Masonic Lodge is no child's play. As we pointed out a fortnight since, it involves a far greater degree of responsibility than the mere chairmanship of a social gathering. But even in this latter, success or non-success depends almost entirely on the qualities, good, bad, or indifferent, which distinguish the chairman. Harmony, the utmost geniality, a proper sense of order and decorum, prevail invariably where the chairman is himself a genial, dignified, and discreet man. In the absence of these requisite qualifications, the social gathering degenerates, as we have said, into a confabulation of bears. We take it, then, that above and beyond his other needful recommendations, the Master of a Lodge should be a genial, dignified, and discreet man. Genial he should be, or the Lodge will have in it little or no life. Its labours will be formal, its refreshment tasteless and unenjoyable. Dignified he must be, or the Craft will lose caste during his tenure of office. His duties are important, and he must show, not only that he himself has a sense of their importance; he must likewise endue others with the same particular sense. As to his discretion, the Master who has it not, how, we ask, is it possible for such a one to allay the jealousies, both great and small, which are as easily aroused in the minds of Masons as of other men? How will he reconcile the oftentimes widely-diverging tastes of his fellow members, who for the time being are, so to speak, his subjects? We fancy there are very few who will have the courage to deny that a Master who lacks these three essential qualities of geniality, dignity, and discretion, stands a fair chance of proving a conspicuous failure as the President of a Lodge. But these are only additional to certain other qualities which it is desirable that a Lodge Ruler should exhibit. We say "desirable," instead of requisite, advisedly. Were we to enumerate the characteristics which should distinguish him, our ideal of a Worshipful Master would present the picture of a perfect man, such as is not to be found within the pale of Freemasonry any more than it is outside it. Therefore in this, as in our former article, we shall confine ourselves to a notice of those characteristics, which, in our opinion, it is possible for every brother who aspires to be a Lodge Ruler, to exhibit. Thus, the least we have a right to expect of such a brother that he shall be a good "maistir of wark." We are not calling upon him to make any unusual sacrifice when we ask him to acquire just so much knowledge of his duties as will enable him to pass the chair creditably. By duties we do not mean that he should occupy his chair more or less gracefully, and array himself more or less becomingly in his Masonic clothing. Nor do we limit our sense of duties simply to the occasional utterance of a few monosyllables, and the giving a few strokes of the gavel. We are not greatly overrating the average ability of Masons if we say we think that most of them are capable of doing thus much fairly well. Our notion of a good "maistir of wark," is of one who can open and close his Lodge successfully without the friendly assistance of a P.M.; who can rehearse the several ceremonies impressively, and with a fair degree of accuracy; who can vacate his seat at the end of his term of office gracefully, by duly installing his successor; who is able to rectify any errors which his officers may commit; who, in a difficulty, has presence of mind enough to offer some kind of solution of it. This is the sum of the knowledge we think a brother on the point of being installed in the chair of his Lodge should possess, or the efficiency of the Lodge will be damaged. We might go further, without seriously trespassing upon the patience of our readers. There is nothing irregular in our suggesting that an intending candidate for the chair of an English Lodge should possess some knowledge of the English language. We do not expect him to be a scholar, a perfect master of diction, a man of letters; but we do expect him to know the meaning of what he utters, and to possess the power of stringing together a few sentences, so that the sense of what he says may be obvious to others, if not to himself. Our proverbial loyalty should forbid us so murdering the Queen's English that even a Queen's speech would be Demosthenic in comparison. In a mixed society like ours, we must look to find a very irregularly graduated scale both of knowledge and ability. We have no right to be disappointed when we find our expectations fulfilled, and that the equality before the Masonic law, which we not only inculcate, but practise, does not manifest itself in this important requisite of Masonic knowledge; but we are justified in exclaiming against Ignorance—downright stolid Ignorance—flaunting itself in our high places. To revert, however, to the main point we have in view. We think a Master should know enough to enable him to fulfil his duties respectably, and we see no obstacle whatever to his acquiring this knowledge. Let us take the case of the Doric Lodge, whose installation meeting was chronicled last week in these pages. "A very wholesome rule in this Lodge," writes our reporter, "is, that each W.M., before being elected to the chair, is required to show his proficiency and capability to perform satisfactorily the duties that may be required of him, and, in addition, that when he shall have completed his year of office, he should instal his successor." And, he adds, "By this wise rule, all the junior officers are careful to perfect themselves in their respective duties, and a thorough state of efficiency throughout the Lodge is thus secured." This—leaving the geniality and the other qualities for a moment out of the question—is, as we have said, the sum and substance of what should be required of every aspirant to magisterial honours. Again, let us take the occurrences at the meeting, also chronicled last week, of the Hervey Lodge of Instruction. On this occasion, the meeting was held "for the purpose of examining the S.W. of the Mother Lodge, previous to the election of W.M." Accordingly Bro. Southwood, the S.W. in question, presided for the evening as W.M. The Lodge was opened, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed. The Lodge was again opened, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The Lodge for the third time was opened, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. It was then duly agreed that the Secretary should write to the W.M. of the Hervey Lodge, informing him of the efficient manner in which Bro. Southwood had worked the various ceremonies, and that a vote of thanks should also be recorded on the minutes, to the worthy brother himself, for having so worked them. Here we have an illustration of the advantages our Lodges of Instruction offer to intending candidates for any and every office in a Lodge. What was done in this instance can be done in the instance of every other aspirant to the Mastership, at

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least, in the case of our Metropolitan Lodges; and even in the Provinces, where the facilities for acquiring the requisite knowledge are certainly fewer, it only requires the exercise of a little pains, the devotion of a leisure hour or two now and then, and the intending candidate for the chair of K.S. will readily learn enough to acquit himself fairly well in his office. Let those Lodges which have not already prescribed for themselves such a rule as the Doric insists on having observed, lose no time in doing so. Let W.M.'s elect and designate have grace enough to learn their duties, and prove themselves capable, as did Bro. Southwood in the case we have quoted, of undertaking the office of Master, and we shall very quickly have the labours of our Lodges efficiently conducted. A poet has said—

"Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise."

This is all very well in certain cases, and, no doubt, if our W.M.'s are permitted to rule in blissful ignorance of their duties, it would be an act of folly in them to acquire the requisite wisdom. There is, however, one objection to the application of this *dictum* in the case under discussion. Masonry is a science, science implies knowledge, knowledge is not to be acquired without study, and so on through the whole category of steps, just as in the nursery tale of the House that Jack Built.

When we look this question of Lodge rulers fairly in the face, is it not, in very truth, an absurdity, that we should be called upon to regard a man who knows nothing as the representative of King Solomon? Is the science of Masonry enriched, when a Lodge is presided over by one who knows not how to open it, how to close it, or what to do in the interim? We readily admit there are cases where a brother may properly be elected to the chair, whose knowledge of our ritual is imperfect. He may, in spite of this, possess many excellent qualities, both of heart and mind, and prove a very efficient ruler. The prompt assistance of his P.M.'s will always be available, and help him through the more laborious functions of his office. The members of the Lodge will certainly exhibit towards him the utmost forbearance, casting out of sight his imperfections, and having regard only to the sterling qualities he possesses. There is a true pleasure in helping so worthy a Craftsman through his duties, nor should we even for a moment pretend to assert that the occasional reception of such a one into the ranks of our experts would exercise any influence upon the Craft that is detrimental. But these are only exceptional cases. The rule is, as we have said, that a brother who offers himself for any responsible position in a Lodge, and especially for its Mastership, must have a knowledge of its duties. The facilities for acquiring this knowledge are many, and the task of no great difficulty. There is an old saying to the effect that, what is worth doing at all is worth doing well. Our remarks are intended to go even beyond this. In the class of cases we cited a fortnight since, the question is not between doing and doing well, but between doing and not doing, what is required to be done. We are content when we enter a Lodge to find that the Master knows his duty. We are pleased when we find he knows it well. We cannot honestly say we experience any sense of contentment when we find he knows and can do nothing. A line must be drawn somewhere, as the *nouvelle riche* said when she excluded from her receptions all below the rank of baronet. In drawing the line somewhere between eligible and ineligible candidates for the Mastership, we cannot be accused of too great exclusiveness if we fix it so as to shut out Ignorance.

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLARS, VIRGINIA, U.S.

WE have received copy of Proceedings of the Annual Assembly of the above Grand Commandery, held in the city of Alexandria, on the 15th and 16th November last. R.E. Robert E. Withers, Grand Commander, presided, and was strongly supported by his Grand Officers, by representatives of ten out of the fourteen subordinate Commanderies, and likewise by a numerous array of visitors. The Grand Commandery having been opened in solemn form, the Grand Commander delivered his usual address, in which he noted the principal incidents of the past year, referred to the courteous invitation received to attend the grand Templar re-union held in Philadelphia in the month of June, to his presence, by the invitation of the R.E. Grand Commander of Maryland, at the ceremonies incident to the installation of the officers of subordinate Commanderies of that jurisdiction; and also mentioned the decisions he had arrived at on certain questions of jurisprudence which had been submitted to him. This address was, as usual, referred to a committee, and the other business, including the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, having been dispatched, the Grand Commandery was dismissed till the following morning. On re-assembling on the 16th, the first business was the election of Grand Officers, but only a few of these were new elections, the majority of the officers being re-appointed for a further year's service. After their installation, a committee was appointed to prepare suitable resolutions in connection with the services of the late Grand Recorder Sir Knight John Dove, the announcement of whose death had been received only a short time previous to the election. The Committee on the Address then presented its report, thanking the Grand Commander for his eminent services, re-echoing his sentiments as to the duties which Sir Knights should fulfil in private as well as in public, and endorsing all his decisions. To this Report is appended a series of resolutions, by the first of which it was agreed to have a gold pen made, and studded with diamonds, bearing on it the name of "John Dove, Grand Recorder," to be always placed on the Grand Recorder's desk as a memorial of his services. The Report also authorised the Grand Commander to write a letter of condolence to the Grand Recorder; but this, of course, was rendered nugatory by his death. The Grand Treasurer's account was then presented, showing receipts, including a balance of 375.38 dollars, amounting to 787.38 dollars, and expenditure 353,50 dollars, thus leaving a balance in hand of 433.88 dollars. The Reports of other Committees having been presented, the Grand Commandery was dismissed, a resolution having previously been passed, fixing upon Lynchburg as the place, and the second Tuesday in the month of October as the date, of meeting in the current year. Appended are lists of the different Commanderies in the jurisdiction. They are as follow:—Fredericksburg Commandery, No. 1, twenty-six members; Richmond, No. 2, one hundred and ninety-six; Charlotteville, No. 3, thirty-nine; De Molay, No. 4, eighty-six; Portsmouth, No. 5, fifty-six; Appomattox, No. 6, eighty-one; Dove, No. 7, twenty-four; Stevenson, No. 8, forty; Christiansburg, No. 9, twenty-six; Meherrin, No. 10, no return for four years; Old Dominion, No. 11, fifty-five; Winchester, No. 12, twenty-three; Johnson, No. 14, twenty-seven; Grice, No. 16, seventy-five. No Nos. 13 and 15. The proceedings conclude with other statistical matter, a list of deaths, and the Report of the Committee appointed to prepare resolutions in consequence of the lamented death of Sir Knight Dove. We offer our fraternal thanks for the receipt of these interesting particulars.

MASONRY IN INDIA.

THE *Standard* of Bombay for last week, contains an article congratulating the Craft on the near prospect there is of the erection, in the capital of the Great Western Presidency, of a suitable Masonic Temple, where our Bombay brethren may celebrate their rites comfortably and appropriately. It also refers at some length to the installation of Bro. Rustomjee Merwanjee as W.M. of the Lodge Rising Star of Western India, No. 842 under the Scottish Constitutions. The ceremony is reported to have been both ably and impressively performed by Bro. Henry Morland, Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry in all India. Parsee, Hindoo, Mahomedan, and European brethren were present in considerable numbers, and the speeches of both the newly installed W. Master and Bro. Morland were admirable specimens of neat and appropriate oratory, with the further advantages of being brief, clear, and to the point. The same periodical contains, among other interesting matter, chapters I. and II. of a most valuable work, by Dr. Adolf Rapp, on "The Religion and the Customs of the Persian and other Iranians," the translation being by Bro. K. R. Cama.

The *Masonic Record of Western India*, published at Jubbulpore, opens with a useful and very pertinent article on the subject of "Lodges of Improvement." The remarks of our contemporary are seasonable as well as appropriate. We notice also accounts of the meetings held on the 30th October and 2nd December respectively, of the District

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Grand Lodges of the Punjab and Bombay. At the former, Bro. Major W. Mackesey, Dep. D.G.M., presided, and, in the course of his address, congratulated the brethren on the progress which the Craft had made lately in India, as well as elsewhere. The Report of the Fund of Benevolence having been read, and sundry resolutions in accordance therewith having been proposed and carried, the acting D.G.M., before closing the Lodge, expressed his regret at the paucity of attendance on the part of the members, and also that so few, on finding themselves unable to attend, had thought it worth while to send any apology for their absence. Bro. Hon. J. Gibbs presided at the half yearly communication of the Bombay D.G.L. In the course of his address, Bro. Gibbs touched on the rights and privileges of honorary membership. The sum of Rs. 1,000 having been transferred from the Hall Fund to the Grand Lodge Fund, in order to meet certain expenditure incurred in connection with Masonic ceremonials on the Prince of Wales's visit to Bombay, and the other business having been disposed of, the D. Grand Lodge was closed with the customary formalities.

PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF CORNWALL.

INSTALLATION OF LORD MOUNT EDGCUMBE.

THE Royal Arch Freemasons of Cornwall achieved a notable work last Tuesday, for they secured to themselves the advantage of provincial organisation, and witnessed the installation of the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe at its head. The event marks the complete resuscitation of this superior degree of the order in the county. In the latter part of the last century there was a Provincial Grand Chapter of Cornwall, but, with the exception of the Falmouth Chapter, which, however, remains dormant, all the Chapters then meeting have died out. The oldest working Chapter is that at Penzance, which dates from 1863, since which Chapters have been established at Truro, Hayle, St. Austell, Liskeard, St. Day, Tywardreath, and St. Germans. There were therefore good grounds for the formation of a Provincial Grand Chapter. The novelty of the occasion, and the ceremony of installing the Earl as Grand Superintendent, drew a large number of Arch Masons from all parts of the county, as well as from across the Tamar, who met in the handsome room of the Masonic Hall, at Truro, Ex. Comp. L. P. Metham Provincial Grand H. of Devonshire kindly undertook to perform the installation ceremony, as the representative of the Grand First Principal (the Earl of Carnarvon).

The Chapter was opened in due form, with Ex. Comp. Metham presiding as Z., and supported by Comp. Colonel Peard, and Comp. N. J. West occupying the H. and J. chairs respectively; Comp. W. Tweedy acting as P. Soj., and Comp. R. John as Master of Ceremonies. Comp. Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., who, on entering the Chapter, was greeted with hearty applause, occupied a seat near the E.Z. When all were assembled, Ex. Comp. Metham introduced the business by observing on its gratifying characteristics—the constitution of a Provincial Grand Chapter, and the installation at its head of one in whom all felt a pride in the immediate prospect of his filling the office—of one who, always desirous of benefitting the Craft and humanity in general, was sure to receive from the Chapter that cordial welcome which his kindness deserved. (Applause). The patent for the constitution of the Provincial Grand Chapter and the installation of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe having been read by Comp. John, Comps. F. W. Dabb, W. J. Johns, G. Kerswell, and T. C. Stephens, as the deputation, ushered in the Earl as Grand Superintendent-Designate.

Ex. Comp. Metham, addressing his lordship, said:—"Excellent Companion Lord Mount Edgcumbe: In acting to-day as Installing Officer, it is my pleasing privilege to congratulate you on the distinguished position you have attained, and the Province on their good fortune in receiving as their ruler one, who, both by precept and example, illustrates and adorns the principles of Freemasonry. I am also charged to convey to you the warmest congratulations and good wishes of my Illustrious Chief, the Grand Superintendent, and the Companions of Devonshire. You have already shown, as Provincial Grand Master, that you possess a just and generous mind, which would be more gratified in guiding the judgment and winning the affections of your brethren, than in exercising a despotic power over their lives and fortunes. To all of us our Great Master has committed talents, to some more and to others less, for which we shall have to account at His coming. To you, more than to most, He has committed great and precious talents which I am confident you will not bury in a napkin, but employ to His glory and the welfare of your fellow creatures, more especially the great talent to be committed to your keeping this day. You receive this honourable distinction at a time when the prelates of a Church, hostile to our Order, are every day, with increased virulence, fulminating anathemas against Freemasons as materialists and atheists. It will be your duty by your public conduct, your private life, and your teaching, to contradict so unfounded a calumny. Before administering to you the solemn obligation pertaining to your office, it is my duty to call your attention to the supreme and unsurpassable character of the Royal Arch Degree. It must of necessity be the climax of Freemasonry, for it is intimately blended with all that is near and dear to us in another and a higher state of existence. It is founded on a name which is above every name—the name of the Great I AM, who was from all eternity, is now, and shall be one and the same for ever; who is the Eternal Ruler of the Universe, the elemental life, the primordial source of all its principles, the very spring and fountain of all its virtues and of all its blessings. Like the ladder of Jacob's dream the base of our system rests on the earth, the intermediate steps are clear and defined, but the summit reaches to the Heavens and is buried in the clouds. When the just and upright brother who has modelled his life according to the principles of truth and virtue; who has made Charity his guide, in thought, word and deed, towards all men; who has cultivated and exercised his intellectual powers to the glory of God and the welfare of his fellow creatures, stands at last on the brink of the grave which is about to receive him into its cold bosom, he quails not, but raises his eyes in faith to that bright morning star whose rising shall bring peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race. And then, when death has thrown his sable mantle around him—when the last arrow of our mortal enemy has been despatched—when the bow of the mighty conqueror has been broken by the iron arm of time—when the angel of the Lord has declared that time itself shall be no more, and when, by that victory, God has subdued all things unto himself, then will our faithful brother behold the clouds rolled back from the summit of the ladder, and he will find himself in the presence of the Great I AM, his beneficent Creator and merciful Judge, and he shall behold (not as now, through a glass darkly, but face to face) Him whom he has obeyed in life and trusted in death. The Royal Arch Degree, is, therefore, to us a pillar of daily admiration and instruction and a beacon of eternal light guiding us through the intricate windings of our mortal existence, and only leaving us when having passed through the gloomy portals which divide life from death we enter those eternal mansions where the true secrets of Masonry shall be disclosed, never again to be concealed or lost. Were there a thousand degrees, each more beautiful than the other, useful as they may be as illustrations, exponents or incentives, they are, unless connected with or dependent on the Royal Arch degree, weakened as moral teachers and deprived of their most solemn, vital, and instructive character. They would be like the fruit described in Eastern fable, beautiful and tempting to the eye, but stony and cold to the touch and bitter as ashes to the taste. Had the soul no aspirations breathed into its inmost consciousness by which it was convinced it should never perish, the cry of the heathen sensualist, "Let us eat, drink, and be merry, for to-morrow we die," would be the best philosophy and the easiest rule of life. Still superlative as I claim this degree to be, I emphatically call on you to remember that it is but a link, although the most precious link, in the golden chain which binds together in mutual dependence the various parts of our whole system. And if you have carefully followed the teaching of the three degrees of which the Royal Arch is the copestone, you will have learned that there is no more acceptable service or sacrifice you can offer to your beneficent Creator than to look beyond the narrow limits of particular institutions, whether civil or religious, and to behold in every child of Adam a brother of the dust. You obey His will and you do the truest Masonic work when you tend the sick, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the outcast, visit the widow and orphan in their desolation, cheer the mourners in their sorrow, and extend comfort and consolation to every one of your fellow creatures in their need, irrespective of nation, language, creed, or colour.

He prayeth best who loveth best,
All things both great and small,
For the dear God who loveth us,
Hath made and loves them all.

We are, therefore, bound as Royal Arch Masons, in gratitude for favours so abundantly showered upon us, and in expectation of the fulfilment of His gracious promises for the future, to do our utmost to hasten the completion of that glorious Temple, that Spiritual building which is to supersede the typical Temple erected on Mount Moriah. Let us diligently employ the working tools of this degree, let us perform our allotted task while it is yet day. With the sword by our side let us fight for the true against the false, the good against the evil, and the weak against the strong; with the crowbar let us demolish the strongholds of pride, prejudice, ignorance, and superstition; with the pickaxe let us bury the rubbish of the body of the old Adam; with the shovel let us clear away the ruins of a fallen nature, and prepare the ground for a new structure, fitted for the reception of truth, virtue, and wisdom; with the trowel let us every day add a white and perfect ashlar to the walls of the new Temple, which, though, alas, only too slowly, is gradually and certainly growing up, by-and-by to cover the whole earth, to embrace and fold, within its ample courts, all people, nations and languages, and to be filled with the name, the honour and glory of the Great I AM—(loud and continued applause.)

The installing ceremony was then most impressively conducted, Comps. the Rev. G. L. Church, the Rev. G. Ross and R. John assisting Ex. Comp. Metham. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe having been invested with the robes of office and conducted to his chair, was cordially greeted and saluted in ancient form. Addressing the Chapter, he first of all thanked Ex. Comp. Metham for his most impressive conduct of the day's ceremony—(applause.) The Chapter, he was sure, would warmly reciprocate Comp. Metham's sentiments with regard to the cordial feeling and congratulations he brought with him from the sister Province—(applause)—and it was a matter of deep regret to him that the G.S. of Devon, the Rev. J. Huyshe, was unable to take upon himself the duties so admirably performed by the second principal of the Devonshire Province. As years rolled on it was his hope that the Royal Arch Masons of Cornwall would look back to this day as an era of no little importance in the Masonic history of the Province—(applause)—not because so humble and inexperienced a person as himself had been placed in the principal chair, but because it was the commencement of anything like provincial organisation in the county in connection with this high degree—(hear, hear)—a degree which was the climax of pure Masonry. (Applause.) He did not mean to say that they

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could with great certainty maintain the extreme antiquity some claimed for the degree, as it was at present worked. A great deal was to be said for the opinion that it did not date back further than the early part of the last century. Many supposed it to have arisen in the time of the great schism between Freemasons. In these days they could happily treat that schism entirely as a matter of ancient history, because of the thorough unanimity that now reigned among Masons of the United Kingdom. (Applause.) In 1738, however, there was a schism, and it was supposed that the Royal Arch degree, as now worked, was then originated by one of the two factions, and no record was said to exist of its having been worked before that. But consideration should be had to the extreme difficulty of obtaining distinctive records of an institution which was almost entirely maintained by oral tradition, especially at a time when there was very little Masonry going on. Another thing to be remembered was that if the Royal Arch Degree, as it now stood, was not of very great antiquity, it was almost positively certain that the mysterious sacred name upon which all its special character hung, must have been preserved in a separate degree in the Master Masons of that time, and in proof of that a tracing board of a Master Mason's Lodge was published on the continent a long time previous to the schism in which that name was placed in a prominent position. Whatever its origin, in the present position of the Master Mason's degree, with its substituted secrets, it was quite clear that it (the Master Mason's degree) would have been very imperfect, but for the addition of the Royal Arch Degree. (Hear, hear). If they took the mysterious name, which was the test and centre of their work in this degree, and investigated it, they would see the impossibility of its being a modern invention. His lordship proceeded to analyse the mysterious name etymologically, with a view to establish its antiquity, and to suggest, as they were making a fresh start, that there was much to interest in the degree. Masonry was not only a most important machinery for carrying out the principles of brotherly love and equality, but it was of great interest as enabling them, if its history was at all true, to trace back the plan or system of laws by which God had from the earliest days, as it were, gradually developed the moral and religious elements of his intellectual creatures, just as geology and other natural sciences enabled man to trace the development of God's plan in the material creation. Royal Arch Masonry enabled them to trace back the development of the conception of God as a Trinity. The principal symbol in the degree was used to indicate a Trinity a thousand years before Christ. The Arch Degree, if studied in accordance with views he had expressed, would teach them a higher view of the Deity than as the mere Architect of the World, and would also give them a truer idea of their inter-dependence on each other. He trusted they would be led to study the origin of the Royal Arch degree, and to see that if Masonry in general was deserving of being kept pure and bright by the non-admission of anything bringing dishonour on it, still more was this necessary in the case of this the highest of its degrees. (Applause).

The G.S. then proceeded to invest his officers as follow:—Comps. Sir Fred. Williams H., Rev. George Ross 151 J., W. Tweedy 331 Treasurer, E. Truebody Carlyon 331 Scribe N., Richard John 331 Scribe E., W. H. Jenkins 331 P. Soj., G. Kerswill 1164 1st Asst. Soj., J. Paull 1006 2nd Asst. Soj., W. J. Johns 331 Registrar, W. Guy 1151 Standard Bearer, N. J. West 450 Sword Bearer, C. R. Courtney 510 M.C., J. Nineas 1006 Organist, I. Levin 121 Steward, C. Truscott jun. 496 Steward, J. B. Kerswill 1164 Steward, T. C. Stephens 1151 Steward.

Comp. Tweedy was elected Treasurer on the motion of Comp. T. Webber, seconded by Comp. W. H. Jenkins. The G.S., investing Comp. Jenkins, remarked of him that it was chiefly owing to his exertions Royal Arch Masonry was resuscitated in the county.

A letter of apology for absence was read from E. Comp. Hughan P.Z., Representative Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and his offer to assist in the compilation of the new bye-laws was most gratefully accepted.

The first, second, and third Past Principals, Scribes E. and N., and the Treasurer of each Chapter, with the present Z., were appointed a committee to frame bye-laws for the Provincial Chapter; and before the Chapter was closed, E. Comp. Metham was cordially thanked for services so kindly and efficiently rendered.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

FREEMASONS' BANQUET AND BALL AT BRIGHTON.

ON Tuesday, 16th February, the York and St. Cecilia Lodges of Masons had, at the Brighton Pavilion, a magnificent entertainment—comprising banquet and ball—at which enjoyment was fairly divided between members of the Craft and the members of the softer sex. The banquet was served in the banqueting room, by Messrs. Sayers and Marks, of Western-road. The party was presided over by Bro. Nell W.M. of the York Lodge, and the general arrangements were efficiently carried out by the following committee:—Bros. Start, Peel, Weston Hon. Sec., H. Payne, Pearson, Foat, Sandeman, Eberal, H. E. Cox, R. T. Nye, G. Emery, W. H. Harley, Carden, R. T. Pope, and A. J. Hawkes. The company at the banquet numbered about 120. About nine o'clock the ball was opened in the Music-room, which was hung with white lace curtains. Bro. Devin's orchestral band was engaged, and went through a long and excellent programme. Light refreshments were served in the North Drawing-room, the South Drawing-room being an agreeable promenade. The rooms and corridor were elegantly decorated with flowering plants and evergreens. The success of the ball was greatly due to the exertions of the M.C.'s, Bros. A. T. Hawkes, R. T. Pope, and S. P. Weston, the latter of whom was most indefatigable in his exertions to keep every thing going smoothly.

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LORD CARNARVON AND OUR CHARITIES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Let me shortly reply to Bro. Constable, whose charitable views entirely coincide with my own, as follows:—

Lord Carnarvon did not say *that the Charities did not want money*; his Lordship stated that *they did not need a special grant*; and this I am glad to think is quite correct. The Craft, by its grand exertions, annually supplies the funds required, and the money thus collected is, in the aggregate, almost, if not quite, unprecedented in the history of Charities.

Fraternally yours,

20th February 1877. A V.P. OF BOTH SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On the principle that the troubles of others are a slight alleviation of our own misfortunes, I must confess I read Bro. John Constable's letter in your last issue with a certain amount of melancholy satisfaction that I was not the only Steward for the Boys' School who had met with rebuffs on account of Lord Carnarvon's speech.

I have the honour to be a Steward for the coming Festival of the Boys' Schools, and, representing as I do a province which is certainly not the least influential and wealthy, I had made up my mind to a large and hearty response from those to whom I appealed. But my discomfiture has been great where the reason given for not subscribing has been, "*We are told, on the highest possible authority, that no Masonic Charity will ever appeal in vain, and that they do not want money, and that of course Lord Carnarvon knows of some hidden and secret mine of wealth to supply the exhausted coffers.*"

I sincerely hope his Lordship can make good his words, and that the appeal of the Institutions will not be made in vain. For my own part, I fear my individual list will be "beautifully less."

I am, yours fraternally,

Manchester, 19th Feb. 1877. ROYAL ORDER.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It really appears to me, from the letter of Bro. Constable, in your last issue, in which he refers to certain remarks of our Pro Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon, that he, Bro. Constable, has somewhat misjudged those remarks, and that instead of injuring his canvass as Steward for the Boys' Institution, they should and will serve the cause of our Charities.

What the Pro Grand Master did in effect say was, that our Charities would never lack the goodwill and noble feeling of the Order, that the Charities would obtain sufficient for all purposes from the voluntary efforts of the Craft.

The truth of these words is evident in the ever increasing amounts brought to the Charities annually by the good work of its Stewards. In this work Bro. Constable is known to play an earnest and diligent part.

The words of the Pro Grand Master stated, the Craft would give, as occasion required, all that the "Charities "needed"—not that the Charities had already got all they required.

Therefore, let our Brother be of good cheer in his canvass. He can bear rebukes, must bear insinuations—coming as they do from those who do not know, and who do not even trouble to find out the good work done by these noble Institutions. Such remarks emanate from those who cannot understand the feelings experienced by those who work for our aged and needy, for our parents in Masonry, for our dear orphan girls and boys; work self-imposed, at the expense of time, labour, and cost, and as a labour of love.

Will Bro. Constable, when making an appeal, bring forth authentic and well digested figures, culled from the vouched for records of the particular Institution whose interests he is advocating, and show what our Charities are doing in return for what they secure from the Craft. I have begged for our Charities, have met with rebuffs, heard base and unfounded insinuations, have been told when the money gets to London it goes into a "vortex" of waste, and worse. Very recently, when asking for aid for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and in the capacity of Steward for the Province and the Charity, the worthy Treasurer of the Lodge threatened aloud, that if the motion were carried, he would "give up his collar and leave the Lodge." While the W.M., before putting the proposition, which I had succeeded in getting proposed and seconded by two members of the Lodge, stated he should vote against it. This came naturally, perhaps, from a Lodge that had never given a penny to the Institutions; but then, this Lodge would find it exceedingly difficult to either open or close without the timely aid of visitors. As for work, well, they are wise enough not to attempt it without the aid of neighbouring brethren.

Gladly do I change the scene to very different receptions when on begging expeditions for the Charity, where the right hand of goodfellowship has been freely given, with a warm response, to the

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cause advocated. This may be seen at a glance by the various contributions of Lodges and Chapters on my list as Steward for Devon for the late Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

This proves the words of our Pro Grand Master Lord Carnarvon, "That our Charities are the great jewel in the Masonic Crown."

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES GODTSCHALK,

Late Steward for Devon, R.M.B. Institution,
P.M. 70 and 1255.

"THINGS NEW AND OLD."

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The case noticed by your Correspondent, "QUIZ," in his letter of last week, if it really occurred, would be very singular, namely, that Comp. Thos. Dunckerley should have appointed himself to the office of Prov. Grand Superintendent of Cornwall. But will "QUIZ" pardon me for suggesting that this point or deduction of his seems hardly to be justified by the circumstances. In the Warrant of Dispensation, a copy of which I read at the time of its appearance, Dunckerley is described as "Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons." The County of Cornwall, therefore, with its one Royal Arch Chapter, would, in my humble judgment, very properly come under the "*Superintendance*" of the G.S., but it does not, therefore, follow that Comp. Dunckerley appointed himself P.G.S. of Cornwall. I have by me, at the moment of writing, Vol I. of the *Freemasons' Magazine*, which is, I believe, the first in order of priority among Masonic periodicals. The number for October 1793, contains a biographical sketch of the said Thos. Dunckerley. At the very outset are enumerated his several Masonic titles. These are as follow: "Past Senior Grand Warden of England, Provincial Grand Master for the City and County of Bristol, the Counties of Dorset, Essex, Gloucester, Hereford, Somerset, Southampton, and the Isle of Wight, *under the authority of His Royal Highness the* Prince *of* Wales; Grand Superintendent and Past Grand Master of Royal Arch Masons for the City and County of Bristol, the Counties of Dorset, Essex, Gloucester, Hereford, Kent, Nottingham, Somerset, Southampton, Surrey, Suffolk, Sussex, and Warwick, *under the patronage of His Royal Highness the* Duke *of* Clarence; Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of Knights of Rosa Crucis, Templars, Kadosh, &c., of England, *under His Royal Highness* Prince Edward, *Patron of the Order*."

The sketch from which this extract has been made, was written in the lifetime of Dunckerley, and less than two years after the letter quoted by "QUIZ" was written. Yet there is no mention of Cornwall among the counties of which he was Superintendent. I do not expect *perfect accuracy* in a Masonic or any other journal; but, as Dunckerley was one of the foremost Masons of his day, I think it very likely the writer of the sketch would be as careful as possible to describe him rightly. I do not say "QUIZ" is wrong in his deduction, but I should like to see it resting on more substantial evidence than he has yet given us.

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

AN OLD MASONIC MAGAZINE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Turning over a bundle of old papers the other day, I came upon an odd number of the *Scientific Magazine and Freemason's Repository* for 1797, a monthly publication, which appears to have been then in its eighth year of existence. The larger portion of the number, which is for the month of March, is occupied by detailed accounts, with plans, of the victorious action off Cape St. Vincent by the British Fleet under Admiral Sir John Jervis, which had taken place the previous month, and the part devoted to Masonic subjects is very limited. The "Repository" opens with the first portion of "A sermon preached before the Royal Arch Lodge, Dublin, 27th December 1794, by the Rev. Jonathan Ashe, Chaplain to the said Lodge," on the words "A Friend loveth at all times, and a Brother is born for adversity," Prov. xvii. 17, and it is very plain, from the tone of the discourse, that Bro. Ashe regarded Christianity as inextricably bound up with the study and successful practice of the Royal Art; and whilst acknowledging the universality of Masonry in principle, he instances the great friendship of God, as displayed towards mankind by the gift of his Son, as the greatest Masonic lesson, and adds, "as He was a real Friend to us, He expects us to be such to one another."

Amongst the Masonic intelligence, is an account of the laying of the foundation stone of the Mole, at Montego Bay, Jamaica, with Masonic honours. The St. James's and Union Lodges, then bearing the respective numbers of 271 and 272, taking the leading part in the ceremonial. It is worthy of remark that in the public procession the "high grades" took part with the Craft Masons, showing that, in those days, there was no desire on the part of any of those bodies or Craft Masons, to separate or stand aloof from one another. The Masonic part of the procession was as follows:—

Two Tylers with Swords.
Stewards of the St. James's and Union Lodges,
Two and two, in their Regalia with White Staves.
The Holy Bible, carried by an Entered Apprentice.
And the Symbolic Flag of Craft Masonry borne by another.
Clergy.
Entered Apprentices.
Fellow Crafts.
Book of Constitutions, carried by a Fellow Craft, and the Royal Arch Banner, borne by a Brother of that Order.
Master Masons.
Brethren of the Higher Degrees.
Knights Templars' Banner, borne by a Knight,
And the Book of Sacred Truths with Seven Seals,
carried by a M.E. of N.
Knights Templars.
Past Masters.
Secretaries of the three Lodges.
Treasurers of ditto.
Junior Wardens of ditto.
Senior Wardens of ditto.
Masters of ditto.

The description of the ceremony is very full, and we are told that the Masonic part of the placing of the stone was performed by the "Right Worshipful" Master of the St. James's Lodge, the honours of Masonry being given under a Royal salute from the fort. The procession then reformed and went to church, where prayers were read by the Rev. Bro. Little, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Bro. Ricard. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Court House. "The King and the Craft were announced by a Royal salute from the ship Princess Royal; a collection was made for the relief of the poor; and the remainder of the day spent with that order and decorum which has ever characterised the meetings of the Fraternity."

Amongst the pages devoted to poetry, I find the following, which I do not remember to have met with before:—

AN HYMN ON MASONRY.

BY BRO. LINNECAR.

Let there be light! the Almighty spoke,
Refulgent streams from chaos broke,
T' illume the rising earth!
Well pleased, the Great Jehovah stood,
The Power Supreme pronounc'd it good,
And gave the Planets birth!
In choral numbers Masons join
To bless and praise this Light Divine.

Parent of light! accept our praise,
Who shed'st on us thy brightest rays—
The light that fills the mind!
By choice selected, lo! we stand,
By Friendship join'd, a mystic band,
That love, that aid mankind!
In choral numbers Masons join
To bless and praise this Light Divine.

The Widow's tears we often dry,
The Orphan's wants our hands supply,
As far as power is given;
The naked clothe—the pris'ner free—
These are thy works, sweet Charity!
Reveal'd to us from Heav'n!
In choral numbers Masons join
To bless and praise this Light Divine!

SONG.

Said to have been written by the late King of Prussia, for an Order in Germany, called Philippian Masonry.

From Macedonia's confines haste,
To Philippi repair;
Your trials then will all be past,
No doubt they were severe;
But at our *Philippi* you'll find
A sweet reception, good and kind.

If any mean ignoble knight
Our fortress should assail,
We'll straight deprive him of his *sight*,
His *hearing*, too, shall fail;
For sure in this we all agree
That *cowans* should not hear or see.

The great St. Paul shall be our guide,
Under our Master Grand;
In Timothy we will confide,
With Paphroditus stand;
The *ne plus ultra* of all good
We've gained at last, with loss of blood.

In friendship, then, let us unite,
Our hearts and hands around,
Each man's a most *exalted knight*
Who stands on *holy ground*;
May no misfortune e'er depress
Our friendship, or our happiness.

I am,

Yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD, 18°.

York, 12th February 1877.

[We thank Bro. Whytehead for his communication, and insert it with a great deal of pleasure. The mingling of the "High Grades" with Craft Mason was no uncommon occurrence at the time to which the letter refers. We shall be able to adduce other instances of it at an early date.—ED. FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.]

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MEETINGS HELD, &c.

The Cornwall Chapter Rose Croix will meet at the Masonic Hall, Truro, on Tuesday, the 27th instant, at 2 p.m., Ill. Bro. John W. Peard J.P. 30° M.W. Sov., for the election of M.W.S. and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Royal Naval Chapter Rose Croix met at Portsmouth on Monday, 19th February. Bro. G. S. Lancaster 18° M.W. Sov. Two brethren were perfected in the 18°.

The Albion Chapter Rose Croix will meet at Eastbourne on Friday, 2nd March, at 5 p.m. for the perfection of candidates. Ill. Bro. Thomas Lane 30° M.W.S.

The Apollo University Lodge will meet at Oxford on Tuesday, 27th February. The Rt. Worshipful Bro. R.H.R. Prince Leopold K.G. W.M., Bro. the Rev. R. W. M. Pope M.A., Prov. G. Chap. Oxon, Worshipful Dep. Master, to instal Bro. Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. W. E. Sackville-West M.A. P. Prov. G.S.W. Oxon, as Worshipful Master.

The Palestine Chapter Rose Croix will meet at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square W., on Tuesday, 27th February, at half-past 5, for the perfection of candidates. Ill. Bro. C. Hammerton 30° M.W.S.

The Huyshe Chapter Rose Croix met at the Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Friday, 23rd instant, at 3 p.m., for the perfection of candidates and installation of the M.W. Sov. Elect, Bro. Leonard Westcott. Ill. Bro. J. Edward Curtois 30° M.W.S.

The Bayard Lodge, No. 1615, will meet on Monday, 26th instant, at 4 p.m., at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square W. W. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel H. Somerville Burney P.M. W.M.

The Royal Kent Chapter of Rose Croix met on Friday, the 23rd instant, at 4 p.m., at the Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle, for the perfection of candidates, and the installation of the M.W.S. Elect, Bro. Jens Jensen 18°.

The Oxford and Cambridge University Preceptory Knights Templar met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square W., on Thursday, 22nd instant, for the installation of the E. Preceptor Elect, and appointment of the officers.

The White Horse of Kent Lodge, No. 1506, met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square W., on Monday, 12th February, for the installation of the W.M.

Canterbury Lodge, No. 1635.—At the regular Lodge meeting, held at 33 Golden-square, W., on Tuesday, 13th February, Bro. the Rev. Dr. John Robbins W.M., a donation of £10 was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The Invicta Chapter Rose Croix met on Friday, 16th February, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square. Ill. Bro. Thomas J. Hughes, M.D., 30° M.W.S. Present—Ill. Bros. J. W. Figg 30°, Peter Laird, George Powell, &c., &c. Five brethren were perfected in the 18°.

The Grand Metropolitan Chapter Rose Croix met on Wednesday, 14th February, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W. Ill. Bros. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall 30° M.W.S. There was a large attendance of the members, and seven brethren were perfected in the 18°.

The Bard of Avon Chapter Rose Croix met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Wednesday, 21st February. Ill. Bro. C. Hutton Gregory C.M.G. 32° M.W.S. Ill. Bro. J. Lambert Sim 31° was installed as M.W. Sov. for the ensuing year. The officers were appointed, and several brethren perfected in the 18°.

The Vigne Chapter Rose Croix met at Bournemouth, on Monday, 19th inst., when Bro. S. G. Kirchhoffer 18° was duly installed as M.W. Sovereign by Ill. Bro. Colonel A. W. Adair Sov. G.I.G. 33° and Ill. Bro. Major George Barlow D.I.G. 33°. Bro. J. N. Frye was appointed Recorder, and several brethren were perfected in 18°.

The Oxford and Cambridge Universities Preceptory met on Thursday, 22nd February, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, for the installation of the E. Preceptor and appointment of officers for the ensuing year.

Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday evening, at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford. The Lodge was opened by Bro. H. G. Tuson W.M., who raised Bros. J. Davis and G. C. Whibley. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Frederick Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex, P.M. and Secretary, who placed Bro. J. J. Pakes in the chair as W.M. for the current year. Bro. G. Andrews P.M. gave the addresses. The brethren appointed to office were—Bros. Dr. J. Baxter Langley S.W., G. T. Lion J.W., W. Andrews P.M. Treasurer, F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex P.M. Secretary (15th time), R. Harman S.D., J. G. Volmann J.D., G. Harvey I.G., H. J. Fisher Organist, G. Andrews P.M. D.C., H. J. Tuson I.P.M. W.S., and J. Bavin Secretary. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. F. Walters for installing, and Bros. G. and W. Andrews for assisting. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a very choice banquet, which was provided by Bro. Porter, proprietor of the White Swan Hotel. The usual toasts were afterwards proposed and honoured, and the speeches which were delivered, exhibited great ability. The W.M. acquitted himself admirably, and displayed a fluency which is not often experienced in Lodges. Bro. Baxter Langley being called upon to respond to the toast of "The Masonic Institutions," said, that he no sooner joined Freemasonry than he found its prominent characteristic was charity. Delighted as he was with the ceremony of initiation, he felt it his duty at once to become a Life Governor of all the Masonic Charities. He had every reason to hope that he might continue in that course, and he trusted that before he had passed the chair of this Lodge, if ever he should be honoured with that distinction, he should be a Vice-President of all the Masonic Charities, and have represented the Lodge at the Festivals of each of them. Shakespeare had said that happiness was born a twin, and the heart that threw itself around the sphere in which it found itself must be of necessity a happy, happy thing. In that spirit he always thought that those who sought happiness should seek it through blessing those around them, and create a life of happiness and blessedness in them. If there was any duty prominent among Masons, it was the making others happy. There was a story very prettily told in one of Sir Walter Scott's novels, in which a poor girl who had sacrificed everything thought precious to women to a worthless person, had a sister who travelled all the way to London through difficulties, trials, temptations, starvations and distress to seek the ear of the Queen, and to obtain pardon for her lost sister; and when she had obtained of the Royal Lady, she was asked how it was that she had travelled so far and suffered so much for a person so worthless as her sister? and she replied, in words that should be written in every Mason's heart at least:—"Oh, my leddie, when the hour o' trouble comes, that comes to mony a body, and when the hour o' death comes, that comes to high and low, it is na' what we hae done for oursels, but what we hae done for ithers that we think o' most pressing." This he considered was the principle of Freemasonry. The Visitors to the Lodge were very numerous, and the brethren had the pleasure of hearing some admirable singing and music in the intervals between the toasts.

Friends in Council Chapter, No. 1883, held at 33 Golden-square, W., on Thursday, 15th February. Present—Ex. Comps. Dr. Robert Hamilton Z. G.S. Jamaica, Samuel Rawson H. P.G.S. China, Hugh D. Sandeman J. P.G.S. Bengal, Colonel Somerville Burney P.Z. Treasurer, W. Hyde Pullen Scribe E., Col. A. W. Adair Scribe N., Colonel Randolph, Major-General Clerk P.Z. 13, Raphael Costa P.Z., Captain N. G. Philips P.Z., Major Pearson P.Z., Sir Thomas Dyer, Captain Portlock Dadson, C. Edwin Willing, R. Fyers, Captain Compton, Rev. F. K. Harford, K. R. Murchison, Major Wemyss, S. Graham Bake, C. E. Hollingsworth, The Chevalier Habicht, T. B. Purchas M.D., James Keene, H. H. Risch, James Glaisher F.R.S. Visitors—Comps. H. J. Chapman and W. Rogers, of the Regularity Chapter. Bros. Sir Thomas Douglas Forsyth, the Rev. and Hon. Francis E. C. Byng, and Captain W. S. Gilbert were duly exalted as Royal Arch Masons. Donations of ten guineas were voted to the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys and Girls.

Gladsmuir Chapter, No. 1385.—The installation meeting of this Chapter was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, on Thursday, 15th inst. Present—Ex. Comps. Lowthin P.G. 2nd A.S. M.E.Z., Verry H., Hayward Edwards J., Terry P.G.D.C. and Carter P.G.S.N. P.Z.'s, Cocks P.G.J. S.E. Comps. Livingston S.N., Cussans 1st A.S., Crutch 2nd A.S., Fisher Young D.C., I. N. Edwards Steward, Purrott, Cutbush. Visitors—Ex. Comp. Neale P.Z. 429, Comp. Willson 403. Bro. F. Venables, Gladsmuir Lodge, was ballotted for and exalted. Ex. Comps. Verry were installed M.E.Z., Hayward Edwards H., and Livingston J. for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed:—Ex. Comp. Carter S.E., Comps. Cussans S.N., Crutch P.S., I. N. Edwards 1st A.S., Young 2nd A.S., Lowthin Treasurer, Yolland Steward, Parrott D.C., and Goddard Janitor. Ex. Comp. Lowthin was presented with a P.Z.'s jewel. Votes of thanks were accorded to Ex. Comp. Terry, who had acted as installing officer, and to Ex. Comp. Cocks, who had served the office of S.E. for two years. Ex. Comp. Neale P.Z. 429 was proposed as a joining member.

City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd Feb., at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden P.G.C. Middlesex in the chair; E. White S.W., B. Phillips J.W., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. Treasurer, E. J. Scott P.M. Secretary, H. Turner S.D., J. E. Shand I.G., J. Hutchins D.C., Willis W.S., Potter Tyler, B. Swallow I.P.M. The brethren were honoured by the presence of Bro. Col. F. Burdett Prov. G.M. Middlesex, and Bros. W. Bonham, E. Emanuel, Waugh, Willis, Irving, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes being confirmed, Messrs. A. C. Köhler, F. Schlette, G. Misselbrook, and M. M. Taylor were ballotted for and duly initiated into the Order, and Bros. Inge and Solomon were raised. Bro. Stacey presided at the organ. Bro. Swallow I.P.M. proposed that a sum of ten guineas be placed on the list of the W.M., who is a Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; this was carried. The W.M. proposed that in future all Past Masters, in addition to the usual P.M. jewel, should be presented with a collar and silver jewel attached, and that their I.P.M. Bro. Swallow should be presented with one. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, 58 in number, sat down to a very sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Nicols, and superintended by Bro. Raef, that gave great satisfaction, the wines and viands being of first rate quality. Grace having been said, the W.M., who very genially presided, proposed the toast of Her Majesty the Queen, coupled with the Craft. The toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. was received with great and enthusiastic plaudits. In proposing the toast of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, the W.M. said they were all capable of working, not only the ceremonies, but the sections; with that toast he coupled the name of a brother worthy of the respect of every one. He referred to the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex. All who knew what Freemasonry was, knew him; by his genial and kindly manner he had endeared himself to every one, and his popularity in Lodges is always manifest, not only in the Province, but throughout the country. Bro. Col. F. Burdett said, in the eloquent terms the W.M. had proposed his health, he had spoken in such flattering terms of him that nothing was left for him to say. Grand Offices were given to the highest men of the day, and they were well worthy of them.

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He thanked them for their kind mention of his name. (Loud cheers). Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. and Treasurer also responded to the toast, and said, After the pertinent remarks of Bro. Burdett, he had nothing more to say than to thank them. Bro. Swallow I.P.M. then proposed the toast of the W.M. He said, You must have heard how beautifully and impressively the W.M. performed the two ceremonies. We have the right man in the right place, and we are pleased to see him as W.M., and hope to have him among us for many years as a Past Master. The W.M. responded to the toast,—The manner they expressed their satisfaction was sufficient to show him that the ceremonies ought to be perfectly, correctly and impressively worked. He was proud of the position he held as W.M., and the hearty manner they had received the toast. The W.M. then said, before he resumed his seat, he would give an appropriate toast, that was the initiates. Their recommendation was sufficient to show that they were welcome among them; as they progress they will see what grand principles they have entered into. He hoped they would not be drones, but working members, and eventually reach higher positions. Bro. Köhler fully justified the expressions of the W.M. by the very able way in which he responded. He thanked the W.M. for the manner the ceremony had been given; that evening's work would never be effaced from his memory. Bros. Taylor, Misselbrook and Schlette followed. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s. Bro. Swallow responded; although he was not the Past Master of the Lodge, whatever was required of him he would do, he hoped to their satisfaction. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, mentioning their names seriatim; he said the fact of his visiting Lodges, really by the introduction of Bro. Swallow, enabled him to occupy the chair of the Lodge. Bros. H. M. Levy, Treadwell and C. Barmeister severally returned thanks, and all complimented the W.M. on his admirable working. The next toast was that of the worthy Treasurer, Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., he was one that looked after our funds, we could not find a better. With respect to Bro. Scott, their Secretary, his services were invaluable, and he hoped they would have them for many years. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Officers; the S.W. was one thoroughly conversant with his duties; and the J.W. one that gathered honey from every flower. All the officers do their duty, but a just compliment is due to Bro. Shand the I.G., whom they all knew and respected; in fact, every officer had performed his duty satisfactorily. This toast was responded to, and the Tyler's was given. The harmony of the evening was well sustained.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday last, at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill. The ceremony of exaltation was completely rehearsed, Comp. Catterson acting as candidate. Comp. G. K. Lemann worked the first clause of the first section, assisted by the brethren. In accordance with previous notice of motion, Comp. E. Gottheil proposed that the Chapter do meet in future at seven p.m. This was carried unanimously, but subject to the convenience of the host, Comp. Darcy. The officers presiding were:—Comps. E. Gottheil Z., J. K. Stead H., J. Constable J., J. Boyd Treasurer, J. W. White S.E., Major Finney S.N., J. W. Berrie P.S. Besides these there were present Comps. Row, Drew, High, Tebb, Chandler, Moore, Walker. Comp. E. Moody H. 145 was elected a member.

A MASONIC MEMORIAL.

The *Bury Times* (East Lancashire) says:—

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'In Remembrance of
JOHN SMITH REDFERN,
Of Bury.
Born October 6th, 1807.
Died May 26th, 1875.
Bowed to his maternal dust,
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May the truth his praise declare,
Tried by compass, rule, and square.'

On the west side are inscribed the words—

'HOC MONUMENTUM
SOCII EJUS EX ORDINE
LATOMORUM POSUERUNT.
This monument was erected by his brother Freemasons.'

The shaft of the obelisk bears on its east front five, and on its west front four Masonic symbols or emblems, some of which are of a highly recondite character, inseparable from the mysteries in which the late brother had been initiated, and significant only to those deeply versed in ancient Masonic lore. The inception and execution of the work are alike honourable to the promoters, and must be peculiarly gratifying to the surviving members of the deceased's family.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

NO time has been lost by the Opposition in questioning the policy of Ministers in reference to the Eastern question. On Friday last, in the House of Commons, certain questions propounded by Mr. Gladstone led to a long and interesting, and towards the latter part of the evening, a somewhat stormy debate. The excitement began when Mr. Henry Chaplin discharged a whole volley of inquiries at the devoted head of Mr. Gladstone, and urged that the latter gentleman was bound to give them full and categorical replies. The ex-Premier took a wholly different view of his duty, and called Mr. Chaplin severely to task for the manner in which he had urged his inquiries. Lord G. Hamilton likewise received some sharp castigation at the hands of the right honourable gentleman. All this, however, could only be done in accordance with the rules of the House on a motion for the adjournment of the debate, and this, of course, enabled the Chancellor of the Exchequer to rise in his place and challenge Mr. Gladstone to raise a definite issue as to the conduct of the Ministers on their foreign policy. The Marquis of Hartington also rose, and suggested the continuation of the debate. In the end it was adjourned till yesterday afternoon. On Tuesday, the House of Lords was the scene of the grandest field-day we have latterly had in the Upper House, the subject being, as a matter of course, the interminable Eastern difficulty. The Duke of Argyll, ex-Secretary of State for India, asked several questions, and these, of course, induced a discussion of the whole Ministerial policy. The Earl of Derby replied at great length, and Earl Granville, Mr. Gladstone's Foreign Secretary, as in duty bound, had his say; other Peers took part in the debate. The Marquis of Salisbury's speech was a very effective one, and so, too, was that of the Premier, the Earl of Beaconsfield; and, indeed, the speech of the latter, as it was his first appearance in any important debate, would alone suffice to make this evening a memorable one in the annals of the Hereditary House of Parliament. The House was, of course, well filled, and it is very possible that the "counting out" of the Commons at the early hour of half-past seven, on one of their usually long evenings, may be accounted for by the eagerness of its members to hear what Ministers and Opposition had respectively to say for themselves. In the Commons, the remainder of the week has been devoted chiefly to the consideration of various Government Bills, which have been advanced a further stage in their progress towards becoming law.

The first Levee of the season was held at St. James's Palace on Thursday of last week by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on behalf of Her Majesty, presentations to his Royal Highness on this occasion being, as usual, considered equivalent to presentations to the Queen. The Prince and Princess Christian have been again in London—this time at Marlborough House, on a visit to the Prince and Princess of Wales. It may be added that the members of the Royal Family now in London have been frequent visitors at our theatres.

In the early part of the week a strong north-westerly gale burst over the metropolis, causing a considerable amount of damage to house and other property, and it is feared also that some lives have been lost on the river. Several collisions occurred in the Pool, in two cases vessels having broken from their moorings. In other parts of the country, also, the weather has been very stormy, and the services of more than one life-boat have been put in requisition, in order to rescue both lives and property from imminent peril. In the North Sea, however, one casualty, resulting in the loss of four lives, unfortunately occurred. A brig was run into by the s.s. Gilston, of London. The master and mate of the former succeeded in getting on board the steamer, but the remainder of the crew, to the number of four, do not appear to have had time to save themselves, and went down with their vessel. A wreck also occurred off Cape Grisnez, two out of a crew of twenty-six having been drowned. The vessel, however, is well sheltered, and may possibly be saved, unless a South-west wind should blow, when it would break up in a short time.

A singular meeting was held on Tuesday, in the Mission Chapel in Little Wild-street, Drury-lane. About 150 thieves assembled in response to one "Fiddler Joss," who, some years ago, spent six months of his life in Wakefield Gaol, and since then has struggled hard, and, we rejoice to say, successfully, in converting himself into an honest man. Tea and bread and butter were provided in huge quantities, after which there were handed about plentiful scraps of plum-pudding. A hymn was then sung, and then, after an appropriate prayer by Mr. Hutton, "Fiddler Joss" stood up on the platform, and addressed the thieves assembled to hear him. He spoke earnestly, exhorting them to give up their evil ways, and strive to earn for themselves an honest livelihood. In order to encourage them to this step, he narrated the experience of his own life, and pointed out how, on leaving prison, he had resolved to turn honest, and in due time had succeeded in earning for himself a pound a week, as wages of his honest labour. He warned them especially against drunkenness, and pressed upon the notice of his hearers the value of the New Testament as a moral as well as religious book. After this, and after some of the audience had ascended the platform, and given an account of their evil ways, the strange assembly dispersed. The police had previously undertaken in no way to molest those who attended on this particular occasion, and accordingly every variety of the thief, area sneaks, kinchin prigs, counterfeiters, burglars, &c., were fully represented.

An influential deputation from Hull had an interview on Tuesday afternoon with the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, on the subject of the restrictions proposed by the Privy Council to be placed on the landing of cattle at Hull. They represented that the restrictions, if carried out, would cause a serious loss to the town, and submitted a plan, in which it was shown that all danger of contagion would be avoided. His Grace pointed out that this was by no means a new kind of proposition, but while he was prepared to consult their interests as far as possible with, of course, a due regard to the general welfare, he must first of all have the full nature of their proposal distinctly explained to him in black and white. The deputation retired, after thanking his Grace for the courtesy of their reception.

On Wednesday a special meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society was convened at their offices, 12 Hanover-square, for the purpose of considering what steps should be taken in connection with the threatened spread of the cattle plague. Lord Skelmersdale, the President of the Society, occupied the chair, and Professor Brown, chief of the Veterinary Department, was in attendance, and gave the meeting the very latest information in possession of the Government. A series of resolutions was passed, and after the veterinary officer of the Society had expressed his readiness to place his services at the disposal of the Veterinary Department, the meeting dispersed.

The news from the East is still of the same disquieting character as last week. The Russian army at Kischeneff is said to be girding up its loins for an attack on Turkey. It is said to be little, if at all, short of 300,000 men, well provided with all the needful appliances of war. Many, indeed, go so far as to say that the passage of the Pruth will be attempted at an early date. To meet this threatened attack, Turkey, as a matter of course, is also preparing herself; but

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her available forces are numerically inferior to those of her powerful antagonist—at all events, as the case stands now, and according to the latest advices. She has, however, a large and warlike population to draw upon, while in the matter of the sinews of war, we do not think there is much to choose between the two powers. The peace negotiations with Servia are reported to be going on most favourably; if terms are arranged, the Turks will have a pretty considerable force set free for other purposes. Turkey and Montenegro, however, do not, it is said, get on quite so well together. So long, however, as there is no collision between the powers, we may go on hoping for the best, though that best offers, admittedly, no very brilliant prospect.

France has lost one of her most gallant soldiers in the person of General Changarnier, who died recently, at the advanced age of eighty-four. Changarnier had earned for himself the reputation of being a very dashing officer, and had distinguished himself in several campaigns, but especially in Algeria, before the overthrow of the Government of the late King Louis Philippe. He was one of those exiled by the late Emperor Napoleon III. at the time of his *coup d'état*, but he might have returned to France had he so chosen, as soon as the Emperor's position on the throne was considered safe. This, however, he did not do. When the war of 1870 broke out, he placed his sword at the Emperor's disposal, and was one of the chiefs who became prisoners of war by the capitulation of Bazaine on October 1870. The gallant officer was buried with such military pomp as became his rank and services.

The latest advices from the United States, point to the election next month of the Republican candidate Hayes to be President, though the accounts express a strong belief that his opponent, Tilden, is really the elect—with an honest and substantial majority at his back. Perhaps however, we had better defer naming the successor to General Grant till he has been formally inaugurated at Washington, on the 5th prox.

A special meeting of the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held this afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of considering the most practical way of extending the School at Wood Green, so as to admit of the number of pupils being increased to three hundred, or about one hundred and twenty in excess of the number now on the muster-roll of the Institution.

In our report last week of the regular Committee meeting, on the 14th inst., of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, it was erroneously stated that Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton moved that an addition be made to the list of twenty-four male and eighteen female candidates. It should have been an addition of fifteen male and fifteen female candidates, thus bringing up the numbers to twenty-four of the former and eighteen of the latter. The numbers, however, were correctly given in our leading article on the Festival.

The consecration of the Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662, will take place this day (Saturday), at the Chequers Tavern, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 3.30 o'clock precisely. V.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, will perform the ceremony; he will also instal Bro. Walter T. Christian as the first Worshipful Master.

The Confidence Lodge of Instruction has been removed to Bro. Ford's, the Blue Anchor Tavern, No. 3 Coleman-street, E.C., where the Lodge will meet in future, at 7 p.m., under the able preceptorship of Bro. Gottheil.

The Truro Rose Croix Chapter will hold its banquet at the Red Lion Hotel, Truro, on Tuesday next, the 27th instant.

We understand that the M.E.Z. Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons for Herts, Ex. Comp. Halsey, M.P., intends holding the next Provincial Chapter at Hertford, on 21st March.

We have received an early number of a new weekly journal, bearing the title of *Cotton*, and intended to be an organ of the cotton trade and its allied and auxiliary industries. To judge from the contents of this particular issue, the protection and promotion of this trade and its connected industries will be in excellent hands. *Cotton* gives us the idea of a well-conducted, carefully written journal. It is also well-furnished with all the important items from foreign parts relating to cotton. The new venture has our best wishes for its success. We trust the career before it may be a long and prosperous one.

In the current number of the *Masonic Advocate*, published at Indianapolis, our esteemed contemporary expresses a hope that successive issues reach us in due course, as they are mailed regularly. They do so reach us, and are always very welcome. The news they contain is always interesting, and, as far as our means of judging extend, trustworthy. In noticing the omission on our part to mention the *Masonic Advocate* among our American exchanges, our contemporary, we presume, is referring to the sketch of the Masonic Year, 1876, at the end of our last volume, and the short account we gave in it of American Masonic literature. The omission in this particular case was purely accidental. Nevertheless, we apologise for the oversight; for oversight it was, to leave unnoticed a journal so well-conducted and written, and to which we are so frequently indebted for important items of news.

At a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, held at St. Paul's, last month, a series of three resolutions on the Coloured Question was passed by the immense majority of 327 to 7 votes. By the first of these the Grand Lodge of Minnesota declined to recognise the Prince Hall Grand Lodge on account of the irregularity of its formation. By the second, Grand Lodge declared its inability to recognise any charters as having validity in the State except such as are issued by its authority, and to issue charters except to Masons of its obedience. The last resolution declares that colour is neither a *bar* to, nor a recommendation for, the reception of the Masonic degrees in its jurisdiction, and that every subordinate Lodge may make Masons of any persons possessing the requisite qualifications, that is, who are free-born, of lawful age, good report, and well recommended.

It has long been known that the climate of Algeria is favourable to the growth of the tobacco plant, and France has not been slow to take advantage of this. Large quantities of the plant are grown, and the quality is very highly appreciated by competent judges. So excellent indeed are the cigars made from the Algerian leaf, that no less than three prize medals have been awarded to the producer, M^es^ Melia. We have had several opportunities of testing their merits—that is, we have smoked cigars of two or three different brands, and we were very highly pleased with them. Considering the prices per hundred, ranging from 13s 6d for Palatinas, to 53s for P.U. Non Plus, we were not only pleased, but surprised, as we had again and again paid at far higher rates for inferior qualities of cigars. The sole agent for the sale of these Algerian cigars is Bro. A. Oldroyd, of Leyton, London, E., and as we know that very many of our readers are amateurs of the weed, we recommend them to experiment with a box. To the more cautious we suggest the trial of a sample packet of twenty-five, at prices in proportionate rates—3s 6d Palatinas, 14s P.U. Non Plus. In either case, be the trial made with box or packet, we feel satisfied, from a personal experience of the cigars, that they will be well pleased with the experiment.

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AUGUSTUS G.M.

To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and Loving Brethren.

We, PRINCE AUGUSTUS FREDERICK, OF BRUNSWICK, LUNENBERG, Duke of SUSSEX, EARL OF INVERNESS, BARON OF ARKLOW, KNIGHT OF THE MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE GARTER, &c. &c. &c.

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Send Greeting

WHEREAS, it appears, by the Records of our Grand Lodge, that a Warrant, bearing date the 18th October 1812, was issued under the seal of Masonry, authorising certain Brethren therein named to open and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the West Regiment of London Militia, and which Lodge was then No. 292. AND WHEREAS, by the Union of the two Fraternities of Free and Accepted Masons on the 27th day of December 1813, the said Lodge became No. 370, and, at the alteration in 1832, the said Lodge No. 292 became, and is now, Registered in the Books of the United Grand Lodge, No. 257, and is held at the DUKE of SUSSEX, HAGGERSTONE, in the County of Middlesex. AND WHEREAS the Brethren composing the said Lodge have, by their Memorial, prayed that we would grant them a renewed Warrant, enabling them in future to hold their meetings as a Civil and Stationary Lodge, instead as a Military and Transient Lodge. KNOW YE that WE being willing to accede to their request, DO GRANT this our renewed Warrant unto our Right trusty and well beloved Brethren CHARLES SPEED, RICHARD MALPASS, WILLIAM PERRIN, JAMES STAINTON, JOSEPH HEMENS, THOMAS RUSH, and GRIFF GRIFFITHS, composing the said Lodge, authorising and empowering them and their Successors to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, at such times as to the Brethren thereof shall appear necessary, and be regulated by their BY-LAWS, and then and there, when duly congregated, to make, pass and raise FREE MASONS, according to the ANTIENT Custom of the Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. AND FURTHER, on the Petition of the said Brethren, we do appoint the said CHARLES SPEED to be the MASTER, the said RICHARD MALPASS to be the SENIOR WARDEN, and the said WILLIAM PERRIN to be the JUNIOR WARDEN, for continuing to hold the said Lodge until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed, strictly charging that every member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge, shall be installed in Antient form and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may be thereby fully invested with the dignities and powers of his office. The said Lodge to be upon the General Register of our Grand Lodge, No. 257. AND WE DO REQUIRE you the said Charles Speed, and your Successors, to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are, or have been, regularly made Masons. AND that you and they and all other the Members of the said Lodge, do observe, perform and keep the said Laws, Rules and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions, and all others which may from time to time be made by our GRAND LODGE, or transmitted by us or our Successors Grand Masters, or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. AND we do enjoin you to make such By-Laws for the Government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft, and a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. AND WE DO REQUIRE YOU to cause all such By-Laws and Regulations, and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in books to be kept for that purpose. AND you are in no wise to omit to send to us or our Successors Grand Masters, or to the Right Honorable JOHN GEORGE EARL OF DURHAM, our DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being, at least once in every year, a List of all the members of your Lodge, and the name and description of all Masons initiated therein and Brethren who shall have joined the same, together with the fees and monies payable thereon, it being our will and intention that this our Warrant shall be in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our said Grand Lodge. AND you the said CHARLES SPEED are further required, as soon as conveniently may be, to send us an account in writing of what may be done by virtue of these Presents.

Given under our Hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at London, this 29th day of June A.L. 5835, A.D. 1835.

By Command of the M.W. GRAND MASTER,

DURHAM D.G.M.

William H. White, Edw. Harper } G.S.

The present title, No., &c. are, "Euphrates Lodge, No. 212, Freemasons' Hall, London.

The monthly meeting of the Grand Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, the 21st, at Freemason's Hall, Great Queen-street. Bro. J. Clabon P.G.D. in the chair; J. Nunn V.P. S.W, J. Brett J.W. There were 18 petitions; grants were confirmed to the amount of £270, and new cases relieved to the amount of £503. There were present the R.W. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Earl of Donoughmore, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Rev. J. R. Simpson, Dr. Erasmus Wilson, E. P. Albert, W. J. Murlis, J. Bingeman, H. Muggeridge, J. Case, Higgins, H. Massey, J. Smith, C. A. Cottebrune, J. Constable, &c.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. A. H. Tattershall in the chair. The Secretary, Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, read the minutes of the General Committee of the 23rd January, and of the House Committee of the 15th February, which were confirmed, A notice of motion was given by Bro. Warren—"That, having regard to the increased income of the Institution. and the altered position of the Secretary and Collector, it is expedient that rules 74 and 75 shall be amended, as to provide that the Secretary shall give security for £1,000, the Chief Clerk £500, and any other clerk £250, such security to be provided through an approved guarantee society, the premiums to be paid by the Institution, so as not to be a burthen on the officials." Bro. Peacock proposed, and Bro. H. Dicketts seconded, that a vote of thanks be accorded to the Chairman, for his prompt attention to several matters connected with the Institution, which was carried unanimously. One child was placed on the list of candidates, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman for his able presiding. Among those present were Bros. H. Browse, J. Boyd, T. W. White, Major E. Finney, Griffiths Smith, J. J. Peacock, J. Stevens, H. Potter, H. Massey, H. Dicketts, H. Venn, R. W. Webster, H. M. Levy, H. G. Warren, A. H. Diaper, F. E. Baker, H. A. Dubois, S. Rosenthal, and J. R. Rucker.

A Masonic Ball in aid of the Institutions will take place at the Agricultural Hall, on Wednesday next, under the presidency of Bro. E. Somers 1602 (Chairman), Bro. Raffety 1602 (Treasurer), and several Stewards. Such meetings as these are not only of benefit to the funds of the Institutions, but serve also as pleasant re-unions. We hope that the efforts of the promoters may meet with the success they deserve, and that a goodly sum may be handed over as the result of their labours. Brethren who may wish to attend should communicate with the Hon. Secs. (Bros. J. Osborn and J. Weston) at 272 Upper-street, Islington, N. The tickets are 10s 6d for ladies, and 12s 6d for gentlemen, or 21s for double ticket.

We extract the following from *Pomeroy's Democrat*:—

"The Grand Lodge of Minnesota has decided not to recognise 'African' Lodges, or Lodges whose Masonic members are coloured men. We think this is uncharitable and un-Masonic. We are a Mason to the 32nd degree, and feel that our Masonic duty is to recognise a *brother Mason*, no matter what his religion, country, colour, creed, or original condition. If Masonry is *universal*, we must admit this. If *sectional*, then it is not Masonry. If prejudice is to stand between us and any other man who is honest and entitled to recognition, if he is custodian of the same secret as we are, then we are unfit to be a Mason. At least this is the way it seems to us, under the light that comes from the East."

Bro. Sam Adams, the manager of the Royal Music Hall announces his annual benefit for the 7th of March. In addition to the regular company, a host of talent will render valuable assistance.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. E. C.—We will refer to the matter next week.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 24th FEBRUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction.) The Annual Supper.
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers Tavern, Marsh-st., Walthamstow, at 3.30. (Con.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 13 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1159—Marquess of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street.
1206—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. meets 2nd and 4th Monday in every Month, at 6 o'clock.

102—Unanimity, Kings Arms, North Walsham.
289—Prudence, Three Tuns, Halesworth, Suffolk.
558—St. Botolph, Corn-exchange, Sleaford.
703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
1156—Benevolence, Town Hall, Sherborne.
1477—Sir Watkin, Savings Bank, Mold.
1564—St. John's, Prince of Wales Tavern, Knaphill, Surrey.
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.

TUESDAY, 27th FEBRUARY.

14—Tuscan, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
65—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
66—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
186—Industry, The Restaurant, 3 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1158—Southern Star, Montpelier Tavern, Walworth.
1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. (Emergency.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
235—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1016—Elkington, Masonic rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1356—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.
R. C.—Cornwall, Masonic Hall, Truro.

WEDNESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY.

193—Confidence, Blue Anchor Tavern, 3 Coleman-st., E.C. at 7.0. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Backs, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1248—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (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.)
Anniversary Dinner of the Langthorne Masonic Charitable Association, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 7.

117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury.
606—Segontium, Masonic Hall, Carnarvon Castle.
681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
R.C.—Philips, Athenæum, Lancaster.

THURSDAY, 1st MARCH.

8—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. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
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.)
1435—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

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.
249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 24 Hope-street, Liverpool.
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
295—Cumbernauld Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
393—Pomfret, Masonic Building, Abingdon-street, Northampton.
442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
630—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underly, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.
1262—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1369—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster.
1473—Bootle, Molyneux's Assembly Rooms, Bootle, Lancashire.
1505—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery.
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.

FRIDAY, 2nd MARCH.

766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (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.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1613—Cripplegate, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.
601—St. John's, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.
690—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
709—Invicta, Corn Exchange, Queen-street, Ashford.
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1428—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.

SATURDAY, 3rd MARCH.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1623—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Masonic Rooms, Meltham.
1306—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

MONDAY.

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
303—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
406—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.
R. A. 448—Regularity, Masonic Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

TUESDAY.

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

WEDNESDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds.
327—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
1283—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby-bridge.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

THURSDAY.

289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
1514—Thornhill, Deara House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
K.T. 56—Fearnley Masonic Temple, Dewsbury.

FRIDAY.

242—St. George's, Victoria Room, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
1645—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—349—St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—151—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, Cockburn-street.
" R. A. 40—Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—112—St. John, Fisher-row, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.
THURSDAY—97—St. James, St. James' Hall, Writer's-court.
FRIDAY—291—Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—102—St. Mark's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" —103—Union and Crown, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" 219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
" R. A.—122—Thetis, 35 St. James's-street.
TUESDAY—413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 419—Neptune, 35 St. James's-street, Glasgow.
" 441—Glasgow, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.
WEDNESDAY—510—Maryhill, 167 Main-street, Maryhill.
" —R. A. 73—Caledonian of Unity, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
THURSDAY—27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 465—St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garnaad-road, Glasgow.
FRIDAY—276—Shamrock and Thistle, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.
" 360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" 408—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 553—St. Vincent, Freemasons' Hall, Dumbarton-road.
SATURDAY—28—St. John's, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch.
" P.G.L.—Royal Order of Scotland 213 Buchanan-street.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Albion Lodge, No. 9.—This Lodge held its meeting on Wednesday, the 14th of February, at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. Present—Bros. W. T. Scott W.M., James Abbott P.M. Sec., Thomas Moring P.M. Treas., H. W. Harvey S.D., G. Robey J.D., S. Coste D.C., E. Coste Steward, Geo. Blackman I.G., J. Rawles Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. J. S. Cater, W. Willey, S. Friend, E. Storr, S. Vallentine, H. Albut; A. Saunders, D. King, Salisbury, Coles, Thompson, Pollard, Fredk. Cheffereil, R. Watson, D. Arman, W. Oakley, &c. Visitors—W. Prawles No. 733, D. E. Lake 1364. Business—Bro. Scott W.M. passed Bro. Coles, and performed the ceremony in a most creditable manner.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 22nd February, at Bro. Hallows. The Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. W. G. Hallows W.M., Oldroyd S.W., Brand J.W., Saunders S.D. and Sec., Franklin J.D., Appleby I.G.; also Bros. Grist, Badkin, F. Hallows, Evennett, Groome, C. Thurston, G. Thurston. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Groome acting as candidate. Bro. Pinder worked the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. C. Thurston, Lodge No. 9, and G. Thurston 1365, were elected members. Bro. Oldroyd was selected as W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at Bro. Gay's, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Monday, 19th instant, at eight p.m. Present—Bros. Stock W.M., R. Pearcy S.W., Millward J.W., Halford S.D., Read J.D., Curry I.G., Tolmie Acting Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Sec., Powell, R. W. Pearcy, Cook, Leber, Alford, Baker, Trewinnard, Rowley. Lodge opened in due form. Minutes read and confirmed. Lodge opened in 2nd degree. Bro. Powell answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in 3rd degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M. in a masterly manner, Bro. Powell being candidate. Lodge was closed in the 3rd and 2nd degrees. Bro. R. Pearcy was elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnightly meeting. Lodge closed in due form, and adjourned. This Lodge of Instruction will hold its future meetings at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road. Next Monday (the first meeting at their new quarters) the Fifteen Sections will be worked, by Bro. Tolmie, assisted by several others well known in the Craft. Time of meeting 7 o'clock. It is hoped a goodly muster of the brethren will take place.

Glasgow Chapter, 50.—The regular meeting of this Chapter was well attended, as it followed on a committee of the P.G.C. There being present, in addition to the officers, Comps. W. H. Smith P.G.H., Jas. Balfour 73 P.G.S.E., G. W. Wheeler 73 P.G.S.N., T. Halket P.G.T., T. M. Campbell P.G. 1st S., George McDonald P.G. 2nd S., J. Duthie P.G.S. of W., and the following visitors:—R. Trainer 1st S. 67, J. Kennaird H. 73, W. Gunn J. 73, J. Bannerman Treas. 73, W. Hoy 1st S. 73, and Comps. W. Harding, J. Pitt, and Smith 73, J. M. Oliver S.E. 79, J. O. Park P.Z. 122, H. J. Shiels P.Z. 143, D. Baker Z. 143, and Comp. W. McBride, of Leicester, &c. Comp. Wm. Bell then opened a Mark Lodge, with J. O. Park as S.W., C. McKenzie J.W., and G. W. Wheeler Z. 73 acting as Conductor. At the request of Comp. Wm. Bell, J. Duthie P.Z. of 67 conferred the Mark degree on Bros. J. Thompson R.W.M. St. Marks 102, and Hugh Tennant M.M. of No. 3 bis. A Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was then opened by Comp. T. Halket Z. 113, when the same two candidates, along with G. J. Galloway and J. Smith, who had previously received the Mark degree, were instructed therein, and the Chapter was opened (as business had called the Z. away) by T. Halket Z. 113, J. Louttit H., C. McKenzie J., J. Morrison S.E., D. Leedes S.N., G. W. Wheeler Z. 73 as 1st S., J. O. Park P.Z. 122 2nd S., R. Trainer 1st S. 67 as 3rd S., and R. Gardner Janitor, when the four new-made Excellent Masters were duly exalted. With such a staff of officers it is needless to say the work was well performed.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—This Lodge held its meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, 20th February. Present—Bros. Maidwell W.M., Sayer S.W., Lees J.W., Haller S.D., Wharman J.D., Parker I.G., Rudderforth Preceptor, Hollands Hon. Sec., Gieberman, Wesh, Goldsmith, Daniel, Marks, Webb 174, Harris 185, and Baxter. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Hollands being candidate; Bro. Gieberman answered the questions leading to the 2nd degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd, and Bro. Gieberman (for his Instruction) answered the questions leading to the 3rd degree and retired, he being only a F.C. Bro. Sayer was invested by the W.M., and the Lodge then opened in the 3rd degree, and the ceremony was worked, Bro. Goldsmith as candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree, and Bros. Webb 174, and Harris 185 were elected members of the Lodge. Bro. Lees was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. It was announced that the Sincerity Lodge of Instruction would hold their annual supper at Bro. Maidwell's on the 19th of March.

St. Andrews Chapter, No. 69 Glasgow.—This Chapter held its regular meeting on Tuesday, 13th February, at 7 p.m., Comp. Campbell Z presiding. Visitors—J. Duthie P.Z. 67, G. W. Wheeler Z., and Jas. Balfour S.E. 73, J. O. Park P.Z. 122. A Lodge of Mark Masters was opened by Comp. Campbell, with J. McInnis S.W., R. Bland J.W., and G. W. Wheeler as S.D., when Comp. J. Duthie, at the request of the Master, conferred that degree on Bro. R. W. Marshall, M.M. of St. Vincent Lodge 553. A Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was then opened by the same officers, and Comp. G. W. Wheeler conferred that and the Super Excellent degrees on Bros. Alex. Currie and John McNeil. The Chapter was then opened, T. M. Campbell Z., Wm. Harper H., R. Prout J., J. Fash Scribe E., and Blackwood Treasurer, Jas. Balfour P.G.S.E. acting as 1st Sojourner, J. McInnis 2nd, and R. Bland 3rd, when Bros. Currie and McNeil were exalted in a very elaborate manner by the Z., Companion Campbell, forming an excellent finish to a good night's work, all the degrees having been well wrought.

Macdonald Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 104.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masons' Hall, Mason's-avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Friday, the 16th instant. To the great regret of the members the W.M., Bro. T. White, was, in consequence of temporary indisposition, unable to attend. In his absence the I.P.M., Wor. Bro. R. Berridge, opened the Lodge, assisted by Bros. Alfred Williams P.G.S. S.W., North Ritherdon J.W., Edward Moody M.O., F. H. Cozens S.O., W. P. Collins J.O., N. J. F. Bassnett S.D., G. Yarley J.D., J. K. Pitt I.G., Past Masters the V.W. Bros. Thomas Meggy P.G.M.O. Treas., James Stevens P.G.J.O. and Past Prov. Grand Sec. Middlesex and Surrey, the W. Bros. Charles Hammerton P.G.D.C. Sec., William Worrall P.G. Org., and C. A. Heinmann; Bros. W. Johnston, J. Williams, J. Close, F. G. Raggett, H. F. Partridge, and W. Grant; and also visitors the W. Bro. H. C. Levander, Grand Registrar, and P.M. St. Mark's No. 1, J. Boyd, St. Mark's No. 1, and J. Lewis Thomas, Thistle No. 8. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, a ballot was taken for Bro. Theodore Alexandre De Leliva, of The Great City Lodge, No. 1426 as candidate for advancement, which proving unanimous, that brother was duly admitted to the privileges of the Order. There was no further business before the Lodge on this occasion, and the opportunity afforded by spare time was utilised by the distribution to the several officers of a set of new collars. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. A very pleasant evening was spent, the visitors expressing themselves highly gratified with the position and progress of the Lodge, which certainly is entitled, both in respect of working and hospitality, to the high rank it has always maintained in the Order of Mark Masters. A regular Lodge meeting was held on the 17th, at which a large majority of those present on the previous evening attended, and, in addition, Bros. Wolton P.M., Crommelin and Drewett. The business was purely formal, and of interest only in confirming a resolution—"That the regular Lodge meetings be in future held on the third Friday in the months of June, October, February and April." This was agreed to unanimously, and the Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Friday, the 20th April.

Prudent Brethren Chapter, No. 145.—This flourishing Chapter, whose working is worthy of imitation, met on Tuesday, 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. T. Bull M.E.Z., E. Moody H., J. Boyd P.Z. as J., J. Last Treasurer, G. S. States P.Z. S.E., Belfrage as S.N., J. Cox P.S., Venn 1st Assistant, Haslett 2nd Assistant. P.Z. Long, and Comps. C. W. Davis, Dowding, Masters, Rance, Leggott, Elsley, W. Platt P.Z., J. R. Stilwell, Jermyn, Boyd, Lenty, Bishop, &c. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Ballots were taken for Bros. Harrison P.M. 145, Moult, W.M. 145 and C. Wood 145, who were duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, in a manner that was fully appreciated by the Visitors and Companions present. After the ceremony of exaltation, the P.S. and two Assistants gave the clauses of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the 1st lecture, Comp. J. Boyd P.Z. rendering valuable assistance. The M.E.Z. said that in the course of his Masonic career, many pleasant duties had devolved on him; he had now to perform one that he undertook with the greatest amount of gratification, that was to present Comp. Long with a P.Z.'s jewel, not only for his excellent working, but for his general courtesy. Comp. Long, in a feeling speech, returned thanks. The Chapter was then closed, and the Comps. sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Dawkins. The M.E.Z. gave the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. Long I.P.Z. called the attention of the Companions to a toast well deserving their notice—the health of the M.E.Z. All must have seen how during his occupation of the chair, he was qualified to fill that position; rarely had been seen better working. He hoped they would drink the toast with the enthusiasm it merited. The M.E.Z. said, when he was elected he made up his mind to discharge the duties required of him, and from the expressions of Comp. Long, he was pleased to hear that he had given satisfaction. He then proposed the toast of the P.Z.'s, to which Comp. Long responded. The M.E.Z. then proposed a special toast, which he was sure would be properly honoured—namely, the health of Comps. J. Boyd P.Z., also that of the P.S. and two Assistants; they had afforded them a great amount of pleasure, by their instruction. Comp. J. Boyd had made it a study of years to perfect the working of Royal Arch Masonry, and he had worthily succeeded. He had brought to light the hidden beauties of this sublime degree, and to him especial and warm thanks were due; also to the Principal Sojourner and his Assistants. Comps. J. Boyd responded in his usual excellent manner. The toasts of the H., J., Treasurer, S.E. and Officers followed, Comp. G. S. States S.E. responding. The toast of the Visitors was eloquently replied to by Comps. Spice, Sugg, P.Z. Prince Frederick William Chapter, W. A. Maloney, Stanwitz Vane Chapter, Thomas, &c. Comps. Jermyn, Boyd and Rance contributed to the evening's amusement.

Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Bro. J. D. Barnett W.M. presided, the attendance of officers, members, and visitors being both numerous and appreciative. The Lodge having been opened with the usual ceremonies, in due course,

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Bros. Ager, Solomon, and Westerby were raised to the sublime degree. Subsequently, a ballot was taken for Messrs. Alfred H. Cohen and Edmund Toms, and as it proved clear, these gentlemen were then and there initiated. The foregoing ceremonies were duly and impressively rendered by the Master. The installation of Bro. J. Peartree was next proceeded with, the Board of Installed Masters consisting of not less than twenty-two. On Bro. Barnett the retiring W.M., devolved the duty of installing his successor in office, and the admirable manner in which he achieved that duty drew forth encomiums from all who witnessed it. Bro. Peartree then appointed and invested, as his officers for the ensuing year, the following members—namely:—Bros. D. Posener S.W., G. S. Pare J.W., W. D. Bayley S.D., F. Croaker J.D., Barber I.G., J. Constable Treasurer, P. Levy Secretary, Sadleir M.C., T. W. C. Bush W.S., and Potter Tyler. To each and every of these brethren the W.M. addressed a few kindly words of congratulation on their progress in the Craft. Bro. Bloomfield P.M. next, and by his own special request, presented to Bro. Barnett I.P.M. a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, the gift of the Lodge, in token of its high appreciation of his invaluable services in the chair. Bro. Barnett suitably replied, thanking the members for their very great kindness, and announcing his utter inability to express his feelings adequately. The reports of the Auditors and of the Committee of General Purposes were highly satisfactory, and were received with well-merited applause, after which the Lodge adjourned to banquet in the Pillar Room of the hotel. The guests were eighty-four in number, and included among the visitors Bros. E. P. Albert G.P., Binckes P.G.S. and Secretary Boys' School, and Bro. Lazarus W.M. of the Joppa Lodge. On the removal of the cloth, grace was sung, and the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Albert acknowledged that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers Present and Past, and in doing so, he remarked that so long as Lodges had officers capable of fulfilling their duties as admirably as he had seen them fulfilled that evening, there would be no fear whatever of the future prosperity of Masonry. "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bro. Binckes, who spoke with his usual geniality and warmth, and Bro. Lazarus. The Initiates briefly acknowledged the compliment paid them. Bro. Barnett I.P.M. then proposed, in felicitous language, "The Health of the W.M.," and Bro. Peartree acknowledged the kindness of Bro. Barnett, and the warmth with which the latter's proposal had been received, with more than his wonted earnestness and feeling. In return, he proposed the health of his predecessor in the chair, speaking in the highest possible terms of the ability and kindness he had invariably shown during his period of office. Bro. Barnett replied in suitable terms. The toast of "The Benevolent Fund" was then given and acknowledged by Bro. S. Solomon P.M., after which it was announced, amid appropriate cheering, that the initiates had signalized their entrance into Freemasonry by contributing, each of them, the donation of a guinea towards this fund. Bro. Sydney responded for the "P.M.'s." Bro. Binckes for the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and, in the course of his remarks, he expressed a strong hope that the brethren of Tranquillity would unanimously support Bro. Constable in the severe task he had undertaken of raising, if possible, the sum of £1,000 towards the next Festival of the Boys' School, a sum in excess of any subscription ever previously raised by any single individual. Other toasts followed, that of "The Tyler" concluding the series. Bros. Chaplin Henry, Lester, and Taylor were present, and, together with Bro. Child, contributed very materially to the pleasure which marked the whole course of the proceedings.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Wednesday the 21st of February, at the Blue Anchor Tavern, Coleman-street, E.C. Present—Bros. Sayer W.M., Fenner S.W., Lay J.W., Pitt Sec., Constable Treasurer, Walker S.D., Morson J.D., Abell I.G., Christopher Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. E. Gottheil, Turquand, Rudderforth, Bloomfield, Defries, Biddell, Cuthbertson, Andrews. Business—After the Lodge had been opened, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, in a very efficient manner. The 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Gottheil, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Barter was elected a member. Bro. J. Bradgate was elected an honorary member, for signal services rendered to the Lodge; Bro. Fenner was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting on Saturday, the 17th inst., at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Present—Bros. A. Rowley W.M., Bedwell S.W., A. W. Fenner J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Read S.D., Ross J.D., Van Raalte I.G. Business—The Lodge was opened, and minutes of last meeting confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, with the traditional history, Bro. Cohen acting as candidate. Bro. Howlett worked the 1st section of the 3rd Lecture. Bro. Killick P.M. 781 was elected a member. Bro. Bedwell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The annual supper will take place this day Saturday—Bro. Cooper W.M. Percy Lodge will preside.

Prosperity Chapter, No. 290.—This Chapter held its regular convocation on Wednesday, 14th February, at Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield. Present—Comps. William Schofield Z., W. Harrop H., J. W. Turner J., C. Wheatcroft Scribe E., B. Hutchinson P.Z. Treas., Wm. Murphy Scribe N., W. B. Wall P.S., E. Dyson and Mitchell A.S.'s, Allen Haigh and J. Hopkinson Stewards, A. Smith Janitor; Wm. Smith P.Z., Joshua Lee P.Z., W. H. Aston P.Z., L. Brierley, Wm. Dyson, Geo. Sykes, and several others. Visitors—Comps. John Hirst P.Z., Dr. Blackburn P.Z., and Smith Scribe E. Truth 521. Business—The Chapter was opened by the Principals, and the minutes of last convocation read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bros. T. Jackson P.M. Truth 521, Charles Eastwood Huddersfield Lodge 290, and Joe Booth Whiteley 290. Proving favourable in each case, they were respectively exalted into R.A. Masonry. The election of Principals and other officers was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—W. Harrop Z., Jno. W. Turner H., Allen Haigh J., C. Wheatcroft Scribe E. (re-elected), B. Hutchinson P.Z. Treasurer (re-elected), T. Fraser N., E. Dyson P.S., Mitchell 1st A.S., Lewis Brierley 2nd A.S., A. Smith Janitor (re-elected); the result giving universal satisfaction to the members of the Chapter. The convocation was closed, and the Companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, after which the customary Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given and responded to. The visitors expressed the great pleasure they had enjoyed in seeing the Chapter so efficiently worked, and congratulated Comp. William Smith P.Z. on the care and attention he must have taken in getting the officers to such perfection in working. This feeling is also reciprocated by the officers of the Chapter, and they were pleased at Comp. Smith receiving the praise to which he is so justly entitled. After spending a happy and convivial evening, the Companions separated, each well pleased with the evening's labour and refreshment.

Belgrave Lodge, No. 749.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 14th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. J. W. Hobbs W.M., Greenwood S.W., E. Booker J.W., W. Ranting P.M. Treas., H. Garrod P.M. Sec., Gardner S.D., J. Coltard J.D., W. Grover I.G., Gilchrist P.M. Tyler, and P.M.'s J. Painter, Battey, William Hester, E. Scott, Grogan and P. Parsons. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Messrs. H. G. Grey and J. Kift were balloted for and duly initiated into the Order. Bros. McCreary, Hobbs (nephew of the W.M.), and Tyrell, were raised to the 3rd degree, the working in every respect being perfect. Four propositions for initiation, and one for joining were handed in to the Secretary. The W.M. announced his intention to act as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, at the Anniversary Festival in May. He stated, when he entered Freemasonry, his great aim was to promote charity, and he would eventually serve as Steward for the other two Charities. Bro. Scott P.M. then proposed that the sum of five guineas should be placed on the W.M.'s list, which was liberally subscribed to Bro. Garrod P.M. read a circular, informing them that a testimonial was about to be presented to Bro. Smith, who had always contributed to the comfort of brethren meeting at the Hotel. Bro. Pospard said Bro. Smith had completed his twenty-third year of service, and members of various Lodges had formed themselves into a Committee, of which their W.M. and several P.M.'s, &c., were members. Bro. Hester P.M. said, he had great pleasure in bringing forward, at their last meeting, the fact that a testimonial was to be presented to Bro. H. Garrod P.M. and Secretary, who had faithfully and zealously discharged the duties of Secretary for nineteen years. £20 was subscribed towards a fund for this purpose at the last meeting; the list would close at the next meeting, and the testimonial would be presented in April; he was sure it would be worthy of the acceptance of Bro. Garrod, who, by his zeal and assiduity, had given them much satisfaction. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, sixty in number, sat down to a very capital banquet, provided by Bro. Clemow. The W.M., in brief but appropriate terms, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In speaking to that of the newly initiated, he said, We are always pleased to have additions to our numbers; to-night we have initiated two brethren, who, he was sure, would be a credit to the Lodge. His own personal knowledge of the one, and the excellent recommendations with the other, would be sufficient to induce all to say they were pleased to have them as members. He hoped they would never regret their entrance into Freemasonry. The toast having been briefly responded to, the W.M. proposed that of the Visitors. The members were always pleased to see them, and they might take away with them the recollection of the right hand of fellowship having been heartily accorded them. The visitors severally responded to the toast. All paid deserved compliments to the excellent working of the W.M., his charitable feelings, and the cordial hospitality shown them. Bro. Batty I.P.M. then said he felt a great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M., he had complimented him on previous occasions, but to-night he had excelled himself; he was worthy of praise and the members were proud of him; he did his work well, and his noble sentiments in regard to the charities, entitled him to respect; he hoped they would drink the toast heartily. The W.M. thanked them for the manner the toast had been received. He had belonged to a charitable association, which was indebted to Bro. Terry for its organisation, where, by a subscription of one shilling per week, he had now in his possession £10. This amount was at the disposal of the Masonic Charities. Through this and similar media, a large amount was subscribed; he hoped the brethren would follow this example. Again he thanked them for their kind expressions. The next toast was that of the P.M.'s. A great debt of gratitude was due to them, they had to encounter many difficulties; the brethren however could see how successfully they had surmounted them. Under such able guidance the Lodge was sure to flourish. Bro. Parsons replied to the toast. He was already Vice-President of the three Charities. He was also a Steward on Monday last, when so large an amount was contributed; all were proud of this. The P.M.'s were always ready to do their duty, and all their efforts were at the service of the Lodge. After the toast of the Wardens and Officers, the Tyler's concluded a very agreeable evening. Bros. H. Garrod and Kift sang some capital songs, and Bros. Holland Barnard gave excellent recitations. The Visitors were Bros. C. J. Aston 1269, T. J. Cusworth S.W. 813, J. Berliner 1017, H. W. Brown 179, W. Burrows 1346, C. H. Kohler 1381, Macartney 117, Liverpool, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, the 16th inst., at Bro. Kennard's, Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. S. Godden W.M., Reddie S.W., Marsh J.W.,

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Braun Sec., Rudderforth Preceptor, Coates S.D., Davison J.D. Kennard I.G.; also Bros. West, Nichols, E. J. H. Hawkins 1287, J. Jackson I.G. 1287, Parsons, and Dunham. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Tribbell being candidate. The Preceptor worked the third section, assisted by the brethren; after this Bro. Davison answered the whole of the questions in the fourth section. Bros. Hawkins and Jackson were elected members. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a fund in aid of the Masonic Charities should be inaugurated on Friday next, entitled the William Preston Lodge of Instruction Benevolent Association, and sixteen brethren gave in their names as members. Bro. S. W. Reddie was elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday evening, and, all labour being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form, with solemn prayer.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The usual weekly meeting of this Lodge took place at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, on Tuesday, 20th February. Bro. Barker W.M., Worsley S.W., Lovelock J.W., Smith S.D., Brown J.D., Saunders I.G., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, Worsley Sec., and several brethren. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree; Bro. Defries having answered the necessary questions, the Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Defries acting as candidate. Bro. Hewlett worked the 1st and 2nd section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed down to the 1st degree. Bro. Worsley was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation; he being Secretary, it happens very rarely that he can take the chair; but the S.W. in rotation not being in attendance, the W.M. took the opportunity of putting him into his place; he said he should like to see a good muster, and hoped that those brethren to whom he is well known will rally round him next Tuesday, the 27th inst., and give him a good reception.

Strawberry Hill Lodge, No. 946.—The above Lodge met on Wednesday, 14th inst., at Grotto Hotel, Cross Deep, Twickenham. Bros. Johnson W.M., Wolgemuth S.W., T. Price J.W., W. Platt P.M. Secretary, Johnson Treasurer, G. M. Cook S.D., W. B. Woodman P.M. 1559 J.D., Skinner D.C., Roath Steward, Kipling P.M. as I.G.; and P.M.'s Bros. W. Smeed P.G.J.W. Middlesex, McIllwham P.G.O. Middlesex, and Faithfull. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. A. T. Ackerman, who was duly initiated. Bros. E. D. Garwood, R. J. Garwood and Doughty were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, by the W.M. The election for W.M. and Treasurer then took place. The result being that Bro. Wolgemuth was appointed W.M., Johnson Treasurer. A five guinea jewel and a life membership for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was voted to the retiring W.M., for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office. The Lodge was then closed. A very excellent dinner was provided by Bro. Garwood. The W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. W. Smeed P.G.J.W. Middlesex, responded to the toast of the R.W. the Prov. G.M. Master, Bro. Col. Burdett, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers; he also proposed the health of the W.M., which was responded to. The other toasts comprised the Wardens, Visitors and Officers. Bros. Platt, T. Price and Garwood contributed some excellent songs. The visitors were Bros. S. Jewell, T. Darke, J. Sweasey jun., Gilbert and Morris.

Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1150.—The increasing interest taken in Freemasonry abroad is shown by the desire manifested by foreigners to enter the ranks of English Freemasonry. At the ordinary meeting of this Lodge on Monday, besides the Eastern members who belong to it, there was an initiate from Belgium, a joining member from Venezuela, and a brother passed from Smyrna. The business of the evening was opened by the W.M., Bro. P. L. Simmonds P.M. 141, 554. The officers of the Lodge present were N. Moxon S.W., T. J. Reeves J.W., D. P. Cama P.M., H. T. Wood P.M. Sec., Ch. Chesten J.D., Hyde Clarke P.M. P.D.G.M. Turkey. Visitors—Bros. T. Fenn P.G.D. Prince of Wales Lodge, R. G. Glover P.M. 181, R. E. Barnes P.M. 15 and 30, W. Kelly Minister from Venezuela. The W.M. initiated into Masonry Mr. P. C. Owen C.B., the Director of the South Kensington Museum, and Secretary to the Royal Commission for the Paris Exhibition, of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales our Grand Master is President. Mr. Gustave Guillam, of Brussels, was also initiated into Masonry, and on the request of the Dekran Lodge, No. 1014, of Smyrna, made through Bro. Hyde Clarke, the D.P.D.G.M. for Turkey, Bro. K. C. Krikoriad was passed to the second degree. Bro. Kelly, of Venezuela, was proposed as a joining member, and some propositions for initiation made. Bro. Moxon having undertaken the duty of Steward for the Festival of the Girls' School, five guineas was voted out of the Lodge funds. This being election night, on the ballot, Bro. H. Moxon S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Walter Besant P.M. re-elected Treasurer. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—This Lodge held its meeting at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday 16th inst. Present—Bro. A. W. Fenner W.M., R. W. Pearcy S.W., Lane J.W., Cleverley S.D., Crellin J.D., Kent I.G., Townsend Sec.; Bolton, Simpson, Smith, &c. Lodge opened in due form. Minutes read and confirmed; Lodge opened in 2nd and 3rd degrees. Lodge resumed to 1st degree, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed; Bro. Smith candidate. Bro. Smith was elected a member of the Lodge, Bro. Pearcy S.W., was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week; Lodge closed and adjourned. This Lodge is without a Preceptor; the members hope that if this becomes known, through the medium of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, their want will soon be supplied. It is a rapidly rising Lodge, and only requires a Brother as Preceptor to ensure it success.

Hervey Lodge, No. 1260.—The members of this Lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Ash Wednesday, and testified by their large attendance that something more than the usual business had drawn them there. It was the night for the election of the W.M., Treasurer and Tyler, and after the W.M., (Bro. G. Harrison) had raised Bro. Jackson, and passed Bro. Ellis, he resumed the Lodge to the E.A. degree. The ballot was then taken for the W.M., and, as was surmised, proved unanimously in favour of the S.W., who, though a joining member of the Lodge, has, since his connection with it, gained the esteem of the whole of the brethren, by his continuous efforts to promote the wellfare of the Lodge, in such a manner that it would have been strange if the brethren had not, when the opportunity arrived, showed the confidence they reposed in him by electing him to fill the chief office in the Lodge. W. Bro. J. Hogg P.G.D. and I.P.M., was again elected Treasurer, and Bro. Speight received the assurance of the appreciation of the brethren by once more being elected Tyler. After receiving hearty good wishes from several visiting brethren, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to the Inns of Court Hotel, where a banquet was served in the usual complete manner of that establishment. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which, it is needless to say, were received with great enthusiasm. On rising to propose the toast of the evening, the health and prosperity of the W.M. elect. Bro. Harrison said how pleased he was that the brethren had elected so worthy a Mason to fill the chair he then occupied, and what gratification it was to himself to know that the prosperity of the Hervey Lodge was to rest with so energetic a man and so good a Mason. As was natural, he felt to some degree sorry that he had so soon to vacate the chair; it was, however, more than compensated for by the knowledge that in the W.M. elect the members had obtained a brother who would, at all times, be a credit and an ornament to the Lodge. After a suitable and eloquent response from Bro. Southwood (who was heartily cheered), the other toasts of the evening were given and received with the best feeling. Several brethren enhanced the pleasures of the evening by some capital singing. The Tyler's toast brought a happy meeting to a pleasant ending.

The Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287.—Held its meeting, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. P.G. Jupe, on Thursday, the 15th inst.; Bros. Christie S.W., West J.W., Robinson S.D., Arkell J.D., Jackson I.G., Lancaster I.P.M.; P.M.'s Webb Treas., Staten Sec., Reed, Forbes. Business—Bro. Johns was raised, and Messrs. Parry, Watkins, Kempton and Hawkins were initiated. Bro. Lancaster I.P.M., at the close of the above business, rose, and returned thanks on behalf of Bro. Terry and himself, for the kindness that had been shown him on his acting as Steward for the Aged Freemasons; he had received no less a sum than £110. Three candidates were proposed, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

Friars' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Thursday, the 22nd February, at Bro. J. Wright's, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C. Present—Bros. Joseph Calverley W.M., John Shepherd S.W., John Blackball J.W., Wm. Hogg Secretary, John Wright Treasurer, Alfred Ellis S.D., Thomas Watson J.D., Wm. Simmons I.G.; Past Master Bro. Musto Preceptor; Bros. Peterken, Baxter, and several others. Lodge opened in the 1st and 2nd degrees. Bro. Peterken being examined and entrusted, Lodge opened in the 3rd degree, and W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, in a very impressive manner. The 1st section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Ellis, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed to the 1st degree, when Bros. Peterken, Shepherd and Watson, were elected to audit the accounts for the past year. Lodge closed in due form with prayer, and adjourned to Thursday, the 1st of March, at seven o'clock.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—A meeting was held at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, on 22nd February. Present—Bros. Spiegel W.M., Goodman S.W., Payne J.W., Browne S.D., Gladwell J.D., Moss I.G., Poore P.M. Preceptor, Stevens P.M., Colmer, Blackie, Thornes, Parker, Ockenden, Wylar, Shore, Wale, Cumner. The ceremonies of passing and raising were very ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Wale being the candidate. Bro. Cumner 1426 was unanimously elected a member.

Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, Hampton.—The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, the 15th instant, under the presidency of Bro. J. Hurst W.M. He was supported by Bros. E. Hopwood I.P.M. and Treasurer, John Hammond P.M. S.W., W. Kraeutler acting J.W., W. Hammond P.M. and Sec., Fox S.D., Jessett J.D., T. W. Ockenden I.G., Walls D.C., and several brethren. The W.M. initiated Mr. C. Hole into the mysteries of the Craft, and vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hopwood, who raised two brethren to the sublime degree. Bro. W. Hammond presented a handsome Bible to the Lodge, and his kindness was acknowledged by a vote of thanks. Business being concluded, the brethren sat down to the usual frugal meal, and spent a pleasant evening. The W.M., Bros. Walls, Jessett and Schmitz contributed, by vocal efforts, to the harmony of the occasion. During the evening Bro. Kraeutler announced his intention of presenting firing glasses to the Lodge.

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THE MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

AT the Quarterly Communication, to be held on Wednesday next, after the minutes of the last Quarterly and the Special Meeting on the 3rd January have been read and confirmed, the M.W. Grand Master will recommend the adoption of the motion passed on the latter occasion, when it was determined to present the sum of £4,000 to the Royal National Life-Boat Institution, for the purpose of building, furnishing, and endowing two additional Life-Boats, as a memorial, in perpetuity, of H.R.H. the Grand Master's safe return from his visit to India. Then will take place the election of the Grand Master and Grand Treasurer. The reports of the Lodge of Benevolence and Board of General Purposes will then be submitted for approval. The former recommends certain grants of money, amounting together to £600. The latter brings under notice certain irregularities committed by two provincial Lodges, in passing and raising sundry brethren at shorter intervals than are prescribed by the Constitutions, and the penalties inflicted by the said Board in consequence. To this latter report is appended a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, on the 16th ult., showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £6,997 19s 2d, together with the usual balances, in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty expenses and servants' wages. The report of the auditor for the year 1876 will then be read, and certain appeals made against a decision (*a*) of the D. Prov. Grand Master of Northamptonshire and Hunts, and (*b*) of the Board of General Purposes. Then will follow two motions. The first of these will be brought forward by Bro. the Rev. H. J. Hatch, W.M. No. 160, to the effect that a Masonic Temple, with more extended accommodation, and worthy of the rank, wealth, and increasing importance of the Craft, be erected, either on the Thames Embankment, or in some conspicuous part of London, and that to this end a committee be appointed to consider what steps should be taken to promote this object. The new Temple thus to be erected might also form a lasting memorial of the Grand Master's visit to India. The second motion is by Bro. Benjamin Mallam, P.M. 108, who proposes that a sum of money be voted to the Alexandra Orphanage, sufficient to allow the Committee to place one of the blocks of the buildings apart for the use of infant orphans of Freemasons. As to the first of these motions, we are not in the secrets of our Rev. Bro. Hatch. We cannot, therefore, even divine the nature of the arguments he will adduce in support of his proposition. It is not to be denied that on important occasions, when the attendance of members is unusually large, Grand Lodge is inconveniently crowded, and, doubtless, this will form the chief ground of his motion. But in all respects the Hall, though it may not accord with the more expensive tastes of the time, is not unworthy of the Craft. The simpler Masonry is in its tastes and habits the better. The receipts of Grand Lodge are considerable, and show annually, as the Pro Grand Master said at the Special Communication in January, a large surplus. But the demands on its Charity are increasing likewise, while our three Institutions have already a hard battle to fight in order to raise the necessary funds for their maintenance, and enable them to keep pace with the heavier claims which are now made on their resources. The sum that was raised last year towards their support was considerable, and we trust that when the present year is ended it will be found that a still greater sum has been raised on their account. But there is such a thing as "having too many irons in the fire." There is no doubt the English Craft, as a body, is wealthy. Its members stand well in society, and its importance is steadily on the increase. But we must not attempt too many things at once. The Girls' School will shortly accommodate over two hundred pupils. In May next, the number of annuitants, male and female together, on the Benevolent Fund, will be raised from 243 to 273, and there are in addition twelve other females in receipt of more modest pensions. A scheme is now under consideration for the purpose of raising the number of pupils in the Boys' School from about 180 to 300. Once all these additional claims on our Charitable Institutions have been established, it will require still more strenuous efforts to be made yearly in order to satisfy them. What suffices now for their maintenance will not suffice when the numbers have been thus greatly enlarged. Grand Lodge may need more extended accommodation, but we must not trespass too far on the benevolence of the Craft. We already have in hand a large amount of charitable work which must be done. There never was a time when the Fraternity generally were better able or more willing to satisfy the claims of charity. But the construction of a suitable Temple, "on the Thames Embankment, or in some other conspicuous part of London," will be costly. The new Masonic Temple at Philadelphia cost over a million and a half of dollars, or about £300,000 in English money. The Grand Lodge of New York is at the present time in debt to the extent of between seven and eight hundred thousand dollars on account of its new Temple, opened in June 1875. Nor do we imagine that the erection of a similar structure in some favoured spot in our metropolis, would be in any respect less costly. The site alone would probably cost a large fortune, for land in London commands a very high price, while the structure itself would require a still larger expenditure, to say nothing of the furniture and fittings which would be needed in order to make it suitable for Masonic purposes. Let us then be content with what we have already. If not as large and commodious as we could wish, it has at least the merit of satisfying the ordinary requirements of Grand Lodge. For the present let us turn our whole and undivided attention to the necessities of different Charitable Institutions.

The motion of Bro. Mallam must be described as inopportune. We have said a plan is now being considered for the extension of the Boys' School, and one of the propositions which will be brought under the notice of the House Committee of that Institution is to establish a Preparatory School for small children. This, of course, would meet the case of the small boys. Let us know, first of all, the decision of the House Committee before any further proposition is made, and likewise ascertain if a similar proposal in connection with the Girls' School may not be practicable. Nothing, at all events, will be lost by waiting the issue of a well-digested plan. And if Grand Lodge is at a loss to dispose of its surplus funds, we know no better way of appropriating them than by increasing its annual grants to our existing Charities. This seems to us, at all events, a far preferable course to that of giving money for the purpose suggested in Bro. Mallam's motion.

It remains for us to add that attached to the proceedings of Grand Lodge at its last Quarterly Communication on 6th December, the usual statements of account, showing in the first place, the receipts in detail from the different Lodges during the quarter ended the 30th September, and then the receipts and expenditure for the same period of (*a*)

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the Fund of Benevolence and (*b*) the Fund of General Purposes. The receipts in the former case amount to £2,983 11s 10d, including a balance brought forward of £1433 12s 5d, half year's interest on Consols £630 4s 11d, and contributions of Lodges £899 15s 6d. The expenditure reached £1,223, leaving a balance in hand of £1,760 11s 10d. The Fund of General Purposes opened with a balance in hand of £1,108 8s 10d, the total receipts, including contributions of Lodges, £1,919 11s 6d, being £3,753 4s 5d. The expenditure, which, with one exception, is of the usual character, reached the sum of £2,427 11s 2d, thus leaving a balance in hand of £1,325 13s 3d. The exceptional item of expenditure is one amounting to only £6 14s, which was paid to the "Tavern Company, for refreshments supplied to scrutineers on the day of Grand Lodge in June." We do not consider the duties of a Scrutineer are very arduous, or more arduous in June than at other seasons of the year, when such officers may be needed. £6 14s is a small sum in itself, but sufficiently large, if we bear in mind there were only twelve brethren who fulfilled these duties. We ask, under what circumstances it was thought necessary to incur this expenditure on this particular occasion, and who authorised it. Whatever is exceptional should be explained.

ATTACK AND DEFENCE.

A NOTABLE controversy raged in Sydney, the capital of New South Wales, in the month of October last, between the Freemasons and their inveterate opponents, the Roman Catholic priesthood. The provocation came in the first instance from the Rev. Robert Bede Vaughan, who rejoices in the style and title of Archbishop of Nazianzus, *in partibus infidelium*, and is, in plain English, a Romish Missionary Archbishop in one of the Australian Colonies of Great Britain. With that intolerance of free thought which animates the Ultramontane section of the Romish priestcraft, the Archbishop made a furious onslaught on the tenets of Freemasonry, of which he evidently knows nothing, on the three principal grounds that it is atheistical, immoral, and disloyal. But Dr. Vaughan had evidently reckoned without his host. We presume he must have anticipated either that this tremendous attack of his would pass unnoticed except by the obedient members of his own flock, or that the Freemasons of New South Wales would be so terrified at finding themselves denounced as common vagabonds, by a high dignitary of the Romish Church, as to be unable to meet his charges with anything like a reasonable prospect of success. It matters, of course, very little what his motives were, or what result he anticipated. It is sufficient for us to state that his lecture was only a fortnight old, when our Rev. Bro. Dr. Wazir Beg, Deputy Grand Chaplain of New South Wales and the able editor of the *Australian Freemason*, took up the cudgels on behalf of the Craft. Dr. Vaughan's charges were made at the opening of the Romish Guild Hall on the 9th October. Bro. Dr. Beg's lecture was delivered on the 23rd of the month in the Masonic Hall, York-street, Sydney; and so densely packed was the audience on the latter occasion, that a large portion of them had to stand in the passages, while hundreds were unable to obtain admission. It is believed that over two thousand people were present, and the lecturer was frequently interrupted by the hearty and sympathetic applause of his hearers.

Let us, however, deal with the attack first, as being the first in the order of events. We need not dwell upon it at any length. The old stock arguments were brought against our Society with more than the usual parade of words, and with at least as much of the *suggestio falsi* and *suppressio veri* as we are justified in expecting from a thoroughly disingenuous opponent. The scraps of knowledge which the Archbishop had gathered up were twisted so as to convey a meaning totally at variance with their true import. He declared Freemasonry to be the prime mover in the dissemination of materialistic doctrine, but he did not attempt to prove, or attempting, did not succeed in proving, that any connection whatever existed between the Craft and materialism. The true designs of our Fraternity were kept out of sight altogether. He did not tell his audience that Freemasonry is one huge benevolent and beneficent society spread over the whole surface of the earth; that its members meet together in their several sections or Lodges on the one common ground of humanity; and that when they thus meet together, they lay aside, for the time being, those differences, both political and religious, which, in the nature of things, are likely to create dissension. He carefully concealed from his audience the wide difference there is between a man of no religion at all and the man who is tolerant of all religions; between him who has no sense of loyalty towards any form of government and is always plotting and contriving against the powers that be, and him who considers loyalty is obedience to constituted authority, but is careless as to the particular form such authority may assume; or, in other words, between the man of anarchical tendencies, to whom all forms of government are alike distasteful, and him of archical tendencies, by whom all such forms are alike respected. And as in making these charges, it would not unnaturally occur to the majority of his audience that a society could hardly be disloyal and atheistic which included in its ranks men of princely and noble estate on the one hand, and on the other many learned priests and deacons of different religious faiths, the Archbishop was careful to repeat the grotesque old statement that only a limited and perfectly harmless knowledge of our mysteries was vouchsafed to these worthies. There were "hidden springs" of knowledge which were reserved to a select few, in whose hands the good and wise and noble men who join our ranks are mere puppets. The third charge brought against us was that of immorality, but as the falsity of this is self-evident, we need not give it even a moment's attention. Freemasonry is defined to be a peculiar system of morality. The men who profess it are known in their respective circles, and the tenour of their lives will prove more conclusively than any words of ours the untruth of this accusation.

We have said the Archbishop's attack on Freemasonry was made before his audience with more than the usual parade of words. In fact, the lecture occupies several pages of the *Freeman's Journal* of Sydney. But its sum and substance we have already stated. As regards the very powerful defence of Bro. Dr. Beg, that worthy brother was not content with merely repelling, as he did most effectually, the attack of his opponent. He, to use a common phrase, carried the war into the heart of the enemy's country. He not only demonstrated, to the satisfaction of his audience, that Freemasons were religious, loyal, and moral men. He argued most forcibly that Roman Catholic priests, if loyal to their church, must be disloyal to the temporal government under which they lived. His quotations from Romish writers of acknowledged merit were very much to the point. His rendering of the oath which Dr. Vaughan had taken at the time of his elevation to episcopal rank, was a skilful and most effective blow at his adversary. In the correspondence that ensued in one of the local journals, Dr. Vaughan made an attempt to lessen the force of this blow, but Dr. Beg was not to be denied. Our able brother challenged his adversary to publish the oath he had actually taken, and even promised to accept the Archbishop's own rendering of the original Latin. To this, however, the astute Churchman—it may be very wisely—made no response whatever. And as in personal conflict, where one of two combatants declines to continue the *duello*, the other is saluted as victor, so in this contest of words, the honours of victory must be taken to rest with Bro. Beg.

Here we should have been disposed to leave the question. The attack of Dr. Vaughan is merely a repetition of those attacks by dignitaries of the Romish Church to which Freemasonry is periodically subjected, while the defence that was offered was, in the first instance, the same which has again and again been adduced by other brethren. Nor do we think it expedient to follow Dr. Beg far into the religious or political phases of Roman Catholicism. These are matters which it is our duty to avoid. But without entering into any religious disquisition, we feel bound to offer certain remarks on the extra-religious influence which the Roman Church is always striving to exercise; and the injurious effect this has, not on Christendom only, but on the whole world. Masons in common with all members of every religious persuasion lament the spread of materialism and those so-called atheistic tendencies which unhappily prevail in some countries. Many justify these latter on the ground that every man has a right to hold what opinions he chooses, not only as to the nature and attributes of God, but as to His existence or non-existence. Dr. Vaughan holds "the Sect," as he is pleased to call us, responsible for the spread of these pernicious opinions. On our part, we say that no power on earth has inflicted greater injury on the cause of true religion than the

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Romish Church itself. We respect the members of that church who conscientiously accept, not only its doctrines, but even its dogmas. They, as we, have the right to worship the G.A.O.T.U. in their own fashion. But the rulers of that Church, or we ought rather perhaps to say, a section of its rulers, denies, and has ever denied this right to other people. In its earliest days the Christian Church was terribly persecuted by the monarchs of Imperial Rome. But it succeeded in establishing itself firmly notwithstanding. In time the Bishops of Rome came to exercise temporal sovereignty, and the Church of which they assumed themselves to be the head became a political as well as a religious body. It followed, as a matter of course, that this body brought all its political influence to bear in maintaining its ecclesiastical authority, and all its ecclesiastical influence to bear in upholding its political authority. Not unfrequently it suffered grievously for this confusion of the temporal with the spiritual, but more frequently still it inflicted grievous suffering on others. The crusade against the Albigenses, the cruel destruction of the Order of Knights Templar, the persecutions of the Hussites and of the followers of Wickliffe, the Marian persecution, the iniquities of the Inquisition in Spain and wherever else it exercised its fearful influence, the Massacré of St. Bartholomew's—these are merely some of the most conspicuous instances in which the Christian Church of former days set at defiance the vital principles of Christianity. The essence of this religion is love, love of God and our fellow man. But how can we describe these crusades and persecutions and massacres, the wholesale murder and torture, not of men only, but likewise of women and children, as in accordance with this essential principle? Either Christianity must have been nothing worth, that it required all these terrible crimes to be committed in its name, in order to vindicate its power, or they who perpetrated these crimes in its behalf were monsters in human form, whom the world, as it has grown more and more enlightened, has at length deprived of the power, if not of the will, to re-enact such fearful scenes. *Semper eadem* is still the motto of the Romish Church. The power to persecute unbelievers in its dogmas is lost to it we trust for ever, but the will remains, or we should not witness these occasional denunciations of Freemasonry. Let Dr. Vaughan confine himself to his proper sphere of duty. It is wide enough and serious enough to tax all his energies and power. To train up his flock in the love of God and man is the duty he, as priest, has undertaken, while, as an Archbishop *in partibus Infidelium*, the business of converting heathenism to a sense of religion, if properly fulfilled, will leave him no spare moments for denouncing the members of other religious faiths. We all of us have our appointed task to do, and the appointed task of Dr. Vaughan is apparently the conversion of the heathen to a belief in Christianity as it is understood by the Pope, Bishop Dupanloup, and others. Let him, however, not lose sight of that Charity without which, as a grander Christian teacher than he has told the world, man is but "as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." If he is so engaged in expounding the dogmas of the Romish Church that he can find no place in his programme for Charity, let him not envy and disturb us poor Freemasons, who strive humbly, yet honestly, both to inculcate and practice this chiefest of all virtues.

At the meeting of the House Committee of the Boys' School, held at Freemasons' Hall, last Saturday, the important question of extending the School so as to admit of there being three hundred instead of the present number of pupils was discussed. It is hardly necessary for us to add that in a matter of such vast importance, the Committee resolved to act with the utmost deliberation, and in consequence our readers will not be surprised to hear that the meeting was adjourned till to-day, when the subject will be again discussed judically.

MASONIC BALL AT THE AGRICULTURAL HALL.

THE ball at the Agricultural Hall, in aid of our Masonic Charities, was, as regards the support it received, a great success. Intended in the first instance to be merely a friendly re-union among the members of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge and their lady friends, it gradually assumed far more formidable proportions, until the question where to find space enough to accommodate the numerous applicants became somewhat serious. Bro. Rafferty at length solved this difficulty by placing at the disposal of the committee as much of the gallery space in the Agricultural Hall as they were likely to need. Accordingly, the eastern portion was at once fitted up as a ball-room, Brother Unite contributing all the decorations for the evening, which was most tastefully fitted, under the gratuitous superintendence of Bros. Ellen and Bevis. The flowers and shrubs were supplied by Bro. John Rainbow, jun. Bro. Cattermole did all the cartage of decorations to and from the hall free of all charge, while Bro. Weaver's admirable skill as a conductor was also placed at the service of the committee with equal readiness, and disinterestedly. Thus, at the outset, the committee found themselves most favourably circumstanced, all the above-mentioned brethren having undertaken to supply free, certain goods, or fulfil, voluntarily certain duties which are usually found among the heaviest items of expense in organising a ball. As the day approached, it became evident there would be a very large gathering. Many, were, of course, prevented attending by prior engagements, but the committee, in arranging for the supper, were able to guarantee 350 guests, which number would, of course, be catered for, whether all of them came or not. As a matter of fact, those present were close on 400 in number, and when all were assembled, and the brethren and their partners were busy paying their devotions to Terpsichore, the scene was a very busy one indeed. Great taste had been shown in the decoration of the ball room. Shields and banners with various devices on them were placed along the walls at very frequent intervals. Festoons of flowers hung suspended from the light network of iron which ordinarily forms the only ornament in these galleries. Gaseliers were placed at close intervals. Indeed, nothing could have been better, or in better taste, than the arrangements for the reception and accommodation of the guests. The office of member of the committee, especially in the case of the Chairman, Bro. Somers, and the Hon. Secretaries, Bros. Osborne and Weston, was no sinecure. All of them, but especially those we have mentioned, laboured hard in promoting the success of the ball; and if, in addition to the excellence of the arrangements we have already mentioned, the large number of guests, and the evidence they gave that they were thoroughly enjoying themselves, must be taken as a measure of their success, it was certainly a very full measure. That the weather as regards warmth was not quite as propitious as it might have been for a ball in a long gallery, from which, in spite of every effort, it was impossible to exclude the keen wind, was no fault of the Committee. They had done all that was possible to make the rooms as snug and cosy as possible, but the drafts were not to be denied. And if the supper was not all that could have been wished, the price agreed to be paid was not illiberal. If any Brother, or the friend of a Brother, quitted the Hall without having had his dues in the way of refreshment, we set that down as the fault of the contractors, whose provision for the occasion was neither choice nor sufficient. Craft clothing only was to be worn, but this sufficed in the way of colour with the gay dresses of the ladies. With the pecuniary results the Committee have every reason to be satisfied, and no doubt the Charities will largely benefit as a result. Indeed, we believe this is merely the first step, *Primus Gradus*, towards having a similar gathering every year for the same purpose. If so, and the plan should be carried out, we are confident our three Institutions will largely benefit. Success generally follows where duty and pleasure are combined. Among those present were Bro. Binckes and the Misses Binckes, Bro. J. and Mrs. Constable, Bro. Groner and Mrs. Groner, Bros. Somers, Rafferty, Cattermole, T. Hadley Prestage, and R. G. Thomas—these three last kindly undertook the duties of M.C.—Weston, Osborne, Rowley, Richardson, &c., &c.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 1st inst., at Bro. J. Hallows, the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. Oldroyd W.M., W. G. Hallows S.W., Saunders J.W. and Sec., T. Franklin S.D., F. Hallows J.G., Evennett I.G. Past Master Pinder; also Bros. Brand, Christian, Mumford, and Brown. Business—The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brown acting as candidate. Bro. Christian worked the 3rd and 4th sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. G. Hallows was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Oldroyd for his admirable working, this being his first time of occupying the chair. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at Masons' Hall Tavern, Mason's-avenue, Basinghall-street, on Thursday evening, 1st March, at 6.30 p.m. Present—Bros. Goodman W.M., Payne S.W., Gladwell J.W., Bisset S.D., Moss J.D., Saul I.G., Moody P.M., Blackie, Lambe, Levy, Thornes, Ockendon, Cadiot. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Lambe having offered himself as candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th sections of the Lecture were then worked. Bro. Payne was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Colmer was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Blackie was elected Hon. Sec. for the ensuing year. Bros. Goodman, Cadiot, and Saul were appointed to audit the accounts for the past year. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on the fourth Thursday, 22nd March. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 7th March 1877 :—

1. The Regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge during the time of Public Business will be read.

2. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th December 1876 will be read and put for confirmation.

3. The Minutes of the Especial Grand Lodge of the 3rd January 1877 will be read and put for confirmation.

4. The M.W. Grand Master will move that the following recommendations of the Especial Grand Lodge, holden at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of January 1877, be received and adopted, viz. :—

(1.) That the sum of £4,000 be voted to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, for the purpose of founding and furnishing two Lifeboat Stations, in perpetuity, in such localities on the English Coast as the Sub-Committee, hereafter mentioned, shall decide.

(2.) That a Sub-Committee, consisting of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, and the R.W. the Senior Grand Warden, be appointed to confer with the Secretary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, with full powers to arrange all matters as to locality, detail, &c.

(3.) That a Memorial Tablet be erected in Grand Lodge in commemoration of the event.

5. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.

6. Election of a Grand Treasurer.

7. 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 Nine Muses, No. 235, London ...	£100
A Brother of the Union Lodge, No. 129, Kendal	£200
A Brother of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester	£50
A Brother of the New Forest Lodge, No. 819, Lymington ...	£50
A Brother of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford...	£150
A Brother of the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, No. 60, London	£50

8. THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Board of General Purposes beg to report, that it having come to their knowledge that the Tyndall Lodge, No. 1363, Chipping Sodbury, had been guilty of Masonic irregularity by passing and raising brethren at shorter intervals than the period prescribed by the Book of Constitutions, the Board investigated the circumstances, and, in result, ordered that the brethren in question be duly re-obligated and their Certificates withheld until that be done; and, further, that the Lodge be fined one guinea for the offence.

The Board further report the investigation by them of a similar Masonic irregularity on the part of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 1028, Alfreton, a brother having been raised in such Lodge at a shorter interval than that prescribed by the Book of Constitutions, and that, in result, they have ordered the brother in question to be re-obligated, and his Certificate to be withheld until that be done; and, further, that the Lodge be fined one guinea for the offence.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C., 20th February 1877. *President.*

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of February 1877, shewing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £6,997 19s 2d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

9. Report of Brother R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1876.

10. Appeals.

(1.) Appeal of Brother Edmund Waller M.D., the then W. Master of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442, Peterborough, against the judgment of Brother Butler Wilkins, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, relative to dissensions which have arisen in the Lodge, arising chiefly on the subject of the powers and privileges of the W. Master.

(2.) Appeal of Brother the Rev. William T. Hobson, of the Tynwald Lodge, No. 1242, Douglas, Isle of Man, against a resolution of the Board of General Purposes declining to interfere between himself and Brother John A. Brown in a complaint submitted to them in a matter not relating to the Craft.

N.B.—The papers relating to these Appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's Office till the Meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during office hours.

11. Notices of Motions.

(1.) By Bro. the Rev. Henry John Hatch W.M., No. 160 :—

"That a Committee, consisting of the Present and Past Grand Officers, the Provincial Grand Masters, and such other members of the Craft as the said Committee shall, in their discretion, deem fit, from time to time to add to their numbers, be appointed to consider what steps should be taken to promote the building, either on the Thames Embankment, or in some other conspicuous part of London, of a Masonic Temple, which, while offering more extended accommodation for the present requirements of Grand Lodge, shall be at once worthy of the rank, wealth, and increasing importance of Freemasonry; an ornament to the chief city of the world, and a lasting memorial of gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U., not only for the safe return from India of our M.W. Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, but for the success of his visit in eliciting and confirming throughout that vast territory a feeling of universal loyalty and attachment to the Imperial rule of England."

"That such Committee shall be invested with full powers to procure plans and estimates for such a building; shall consider the best means of raising the necessary funds; and shall continue to act and report to every succeeding Grand Lodge, until the Grand Lodge shall think proper to discontinue the said Committee.

(2.) By Bro. Benjamin Mallam P.M., 108 :—

"That a sum of money be given out of the funds towards the funds of the Alexandra Orphanage, sufficiently large in amount to allow of the Committee to place one of the blocks of the buildings apart for the use of Infant Orphans of Freemasons.

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge :—

1652.—Inverell Lodge, Inverell, N.S.W.
1653.—Prince of Wales Lodge, Sydney, N.S.W.
1654.—St. Leonards' Samaritan Lodge, St. Leonards, near Sydney, N.S.W.
1655.—Corinthian Lodge, Thames, Auckland, New Zealand.
1656.—Wolsey Lodge, Hampton Wick, Middlesex.
1657.—Aldersgate Lodge, Aldersgate-street.
1658.—Skelmersdale Lodge, Camberwell.
1659.—Fidelity Lodge, Green Bank, Newfoundland.
1660.—Arlecdon Lodge, Frizington, Cumberland.
1661.—Newton Lodge, Newark-upon-Trent, Nottinghamshire.
1662.—Beaconsfield Lodge, Walthamstow.
1663.—Hartismere Lodge, Eye, Suffolk.
1664.—Gosforth Lodge, Gosforth, Northumberland.
1665.—Natalia Lodge, Pietermaritzburg, Natal.
1666.—Akaroa Lodge, Akaroa, Canterbury, New Zealand.
1667.—Hutt Lodge, Lower Hutt, Wellington, New Zealand.

THE ROYAL ORIENTAL ORDER OF SIKHA AND THE SAL B'HAI.

AN Ashayana of this Order was held at Kensington, on the 20th February 1877, under the presidency of one of the Censors. The Order Roll of the Arch Secretary was presented for inspection, and the signs duly verified. A report of the Mahanhathas and of the Indian Council, or Mahanatha-i-Hind was received and approved. A draft of the Anglo-Aryan Constitution was submitted and referred to the sponsors. The Ritual Committee made a report, which was approved. A report was also received from the Regalia Committee, and a general report was made as to the progress of the Order in Great Britain and Ireland for the year 1876. The keys for the current cycle were then passed, and, after some other business, the Ashayana dispersed.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH BURMAH.

A QUARTERLY Communication was held at the Masonic Temple, Rangoon, on Wednesday, the 27th December 1876. Present—W. Bros. H. Krauss D.D.G.M. as D.G.M., Jos. Dawson P.D.G.S.W. as D.D.G.M., Edward Hopper P.D.G.S.W. as D.G.S.W., A. M. Buchanan P.D.G.S.W. as D.G.J.W., Rev. J. E. Marks P.D.G.C. as D.G. Chap., E. G. Man D.G.Reg., W. H. Porter D.G.Sec., B. Samuel P.D.G.Sec., A. Hotson D.G.S.D., G. D. Hodding D.G.S.B., W. H. Wootton D.G.S. as D.G.O., J. F. Briddon as D.G.P., D. M. Paul P.D.G.P., Bro. H. B. Davidson D.G.S., and J. H. Clarkson as D.G. Tyler. Representatives of the following Lodges :—Star of Burmah, No. 614; Victoria in Burmah, No. 832; Rangoon, No. 1268; and Bro. A. L. Valliant P.S.W. No. 832, visitor.

The Grand Lodge having been opened in form, at 6.15 p.m., and the summons convening the Communication read, the proceedings of the last regular Communication, held on the 12th September 1876, were, on the motion of the District Grand Master, taken as read, and were duly confirmed. The District Grand Secretary reported receipt of apologies for their absence from several brethren, and read the report of the proceedings of a meeting of the District Grand Lodge Committee, with the District Grand Treasurer's accounts since the date of last audit, &c., which was adopted.

The District Grand Master addressed the brethren as follows :—The Masonic year which closes to-day has been an important one to this province, and we have to record many changes; chief among them the resignation of our D.G.M. Bro. Colonel Hervey Tucket Duncan, C.S.I. We have already recorded our sense of the loss which Freemasonry has sustained by his resignation of the office of ruler in this province and our appreciation of the services he has rendered to the Fraternity during his Masonic career in Burmah. I have now to tell you that his resignation has been accepted by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and I lately received a letter from our R.W.D.G.M., conveying the command of the V.W. the Pro Grand Master, that the wishes of the Lodges in the province regarding a successor to him should be ascertained and made known to the Pro Grand Master through R.W. Bro. Duncan. This information I have procured, and am sending to Bro. Duncan, and we shall no doubt in due time be informed what is the pleasure of H.R.H the Most Worshipful the Grand Master regarding a successor to Bro. Duncan as D.G.M. of British Burmah. The hand of death has been busy amongst us during the past year, and we have to deplore a serious loss in the untimely demise of W. Bro. J. V. Douglas De Wet, our D.G. Treas. and a P.G.W. of this Lodge. I need not enlarge

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on his excellent Masonic qualities, which are well known to all present. His place will be hard to fill, and his familiar face will long be missed by those who have had the pleasure of meeting him within these walls, and those of the other Lodges in Rangoon. Lodge Star of Burmah has also to mourn the loss of an old and worthy member in the person of Bro. Andrews. But it is not merely by the hand of death that brethren are taken from our midst. Changes of other kinds in a station like this are frequent, and we have to regret the removal of Bro. W. D. Cruickshank, who has just left us to fill a higher post in his profession in Calcutta. I know that I am expressing the feelings of every brother in this Grand Lodge in recording our sense of the untiring zeal and energy which this Worshipful Brother has displayed in promoting every good work in the Craft during his stay in the province. That useful Institution, the Greenlaw Masonic Orphan Fund, is largely indebted to him, not only in the matter of liberal personal contribution, but for the excellent organisation under which the funds are invested and managed, and for the untiring attention its affairs have received in his district during his tenure of office as its Secretary and Treasurer. The Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed, and the Lodge was closed.

GRAND SECRETARYSHIP OF SCOTLAND.

BRO. J. LAURIE having announced his intention of resigning the office of Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, there will, doubtless, be some anxiety as to the appointment of his successor. At present there are two brethren in the field; Bro. D. Murray Lyon, favourably known as a Masonic historian, having written the history of the Mother Kilwinning Lodge, No. 0, as well as that of St. Mary's Chapel, No. 1, Edinburgh. The other is Bro. Robert Wylie, formerly Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire, who for the last dozen years has filled the office of Provincial Grand Secretary of the largest province in Scotland in a manner which has gained him golden opinions from all with whom he has come in official contact. For many years he has performed the duties of Deputy P.G.M., as well as been the Acting Master of the Mother Kilwinning Lodge. The varied experience he has thus gained would doubtless stand him in good stead in the Grand Secretary's office, while his wide-spread correspondence as Secretary of the reputed oldest existing Lodge in the world, or, at any rate, in Scotland, has made him favourably known on both sides of the Atlantic. Nearly every American or colonial Mason of note, who has been on this side, has made a pilgrimage to Kilwinning, as the reputed cradle of Masonry, where Bro. Wylie has always cordially received them, and cheerfully shown them the old records. Many of these visitors have continued to correspond with him, and as there are many colonial Lodges under the Scotch Constitution, this would doubtless facilitate business in that department, which is at all times a rather difficult one.

No doubt either of the brethren named is competent for the office, but it rests with the members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to say which of them has the preponderance of claims upon their suffrages. In this Journal another pen has been dwelling on the qualification of our "Lodge Rulers," an important theme. But it is surely as important we should duly weigh those of an officer who, to a certain extent, has to rule our Lodge Rulers. We, therefore, trust that all our Scotch brethren will carefully weigh the matter and consider it in all its bearings before recording their votes.

CITY MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

THE first annual meeting of this Association was held on the 26th February, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, Bro. Rawley P.M. 174 and Z. 174, President, in the chair. The total amount received from the members during the year ending 26th Feb. was £236 2s 6d, including £1 15s 6d for sale of Book of Rules, &c. The whole of this amount has been voted to the Masonic Institutions, in the names of those members who have obtained the draw by ballot. Considering that the above-named sum was the result of one shilling per week subscriptions, the Association may be considered as a success. A very cordial vote of thanks to the Secretary (Bro. Newton), and to the Treasurer (Bro. G. Ward Verry), for their exertions was unanimously passed, and the business of a new financial year commenced.

LONDON MASONIC CLUB.

IT has become the custom with the members of this Club, so successfully inaugurated by the R.W. Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M., to have a monthly meeting, when they might dine together. One of the most successful of these gatherings was held on the 21st ult., when the R.W. Bro. Col. F. Burdett Prov G.M. Middlesex, not only honoured the members with his presence, but worthily and ably filled the chair. There were about 44 members and visitors present, all of whom seemed to enjoy the banquet, which was provided in a way which reflected great credit on the manager, Bro. States P.G.S. The worthy Chairman, whose genial presidency is always thoroughly appreciated, proposed the toast of Her Majesty the Queen. She had reigned over us satisfactorily for forty years; long may she continue to do so. She would always live in the hearts of her subjects, and he was sure she would find a worthy successor. (Cheers.) The National Anthem was then sung, Miss Florence Levander singing the solo, assisted by Bros. B. Perry, Arthur Thomas, Musgrave, and Moss. The toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was given and received enthusiastically. The Chairman said that the fact of H.R.H. being Grand Master had exalted Freemasonry in every respect. In the course of time he would ascend the throne of England, when we should be sorry to lose him as Grand Master, but feel proud to hail him as our Sovereign. Bro. Langton (the Chairman of the Club) then said he had a toast to propose that he was very sorry to take out of the hands of the Chairman; it was the toast of the R.W. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers. He would couple with the toast the name of their present Chairman, Bro. Col. F. Burdett, whom all were pleased to see among them, and hoped he would be present on many future occasions. The glee "Summer Eve" was then sung. The Chairman, on rising to respond, was received most enthusiastically. He spoke of the interest the R.W. the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale took in the Craft, referred to the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to India, and also to the commemoration of that event by the vote of Grand Lodge. He had attended committees on the subject, and he was pleased at the result. On behalf of the Grand Officers, he tendered his sincere thanks. Bro. Theodore Distin sang "Jack's Yarn." The Chairman, in referring to clubs, said that the first one was instituted in 1815, since that period they had flourished, and he was sure that none could be more successful than the London Masonic Club; he asked them to drink to its success, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Smith. (Cheers). Bro. Walter Pelham gave a recitation of the "Penny Readings," the facial delineations of the various characters being received with roars of laughter. Bro. Smith thanked Bro. Col. Burdett for his kind expressions, not only on his own behalf, but also on the part of the Club; he was pleased to see so many present on the occasion, but he hoped to see more on the next, and by the attendance this evening he was sure the Club would in every respect be a success. Bro. Arthur Thomas then sang "Come into the Garden, Maud," by particular desire, after which Miss Florence Levander sang "Sweet spirit, hear my prayer," which received long and deserved plaudits. Bro. Langton said, that as many of the members expressed a wish to found a musical association in connection with the Club, arrangements had been made to provide a room to meet the requirement; the subscription had been settled at 10s 6d per annum. As it was the first of its kind that had been organised, he hoped it would meet with the support it deserved. In proposing the health of the Chairman, he hoped the present would not be the only occasion on which they would be favoured with the presence of Col. Burdett; he considered it a great honour to the Club. The toast having been cordially received, Bro. Burdett thanked them for their kind expressions, and said his great aim was to render service to the Craft; he also felt a great pleasure in occupying the chair. He saw what a Masonic club was, and, as a member, he was proud to be among them. The glee, "Soldier's Love," was given, and Bro. Theodore Distin sang "The heart bowed down," after which the brethren separated, with the hope of passing another agreeable evening. Among those present were Bros. Joseph Langton (Chairman of the Club Committee), T. J. Smith, Fredk. Flint, T. A. A. Rumpff, L. Lumley, A. J. Ireton, Dr. Spurrell, B. F. Fountain, F. W. Potter, Thomas Bishop, John E. Shand, James Edell, D. F. Cook, A. C. Hunter, Burgess Perry, G. Musgrave, E. Moss, L. Herf, Klein, Southwood, A. G. Gosnell Sec., and H. M. Levy.

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"THINGS NEW AND OLD."

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The evidence adduced by "Q." in support of his opinion, that Comp. Dunckerley did not hold the office of G.S. of Cornwall, is not new to me, and I do not regard it as by any means conclusive, or I should not have formed and committed myself, to a contrary opinion. It is true that "Q." does not say that my deduction (from the correspondence already given), is wrong, but he asks for "more substantial evidence." I think he will find corroborative evidence in the following letter:—

"Portsmouth Common, 13th August 1795.

"DEAR BRO. AND KNT. COMP.—By a letter from Capt. Hannam, I am informed that about five weeks ago he received, among other things from Mr. Knight, at Redruth, a petition to the G. and R. Chapter for a Warrant to constitute a Chapter at Truro, but on his application, was informed that the names were not registered. If you had applied to me or, if Capt. Hannam had applied to me, *as Superintendant of Cornwall*, I should have granted a Dispensation for Truro, and the Patent of Confirmation would have been sent to you. This is not the only omission that has been found in the Grand Register, owing to hurry and inattention. Whenever supper was reported to be on the table, the Chapter was immediately closed, and the loose papers hurried into the drawer of the desk.

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"Believe me your faithful and affect. Bro.,

"THOS. DUNCKERLEY."

The evidence as afforded by Dunckerley himself in his own letters so quoted, will surely be regarded as superior to that of Bro. White, who wrote the sketch referred to by "Q." and whose account does not contradict what I have put forward, although it does not support it; and as "Q." says, "I do not expect perfect accuracy in a Masonic or any other journal."

Yours fraternally,

QUIZ.

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Old Warrants.

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No. 57.

No. 96, "Ancients;" No. 120 at the "Union of A.D. 1813," No. 96 from A.D. 1832, and No. 81 from A.D. 1863 to the present time.

ATHOLL GRAND MASTER,

THOS. HARPER D.G.M.

WILLIAM OAKS S.G.W. ARCHIBALD HERRON J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six, in ample Form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Strathsay and Strathardale, Viscount Balquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny & Gask, Constable of the Castle of Kinclaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley in the County of Gloucester &c. &c. &c. Grand Master of Masons, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper Esqr. Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful William Oaks Esqr. Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Archibald Herron Esqr. Junior Grand Warden (with the Approbation and Consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster) Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well beloved Brethren, viz. The Wor-
No. 96 shipful Cornelius Leggatt, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Robert Melles, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Joseph Revitt, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the New Commercial Inn, Aldborough, in the County of Suffolk or elsewhere upon the First Friday in every Month, and on all seasonable Times and lawful Occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honorable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And we do hereby further authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well beloved Brethren Cornelius Leggatt, Robert Melles and Joseph Revitt (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like Manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c. &c. &c. Such Installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this thirteenth day of January in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twelve, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand eight hundred and twelve.

ROBT. LESLIE, Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 8, Letter C & E. March 1762.

By permission of the Right Worshipful Sir William Fowle Middleton, Bart. P.G.M. for the County, this Warrant may be removed from Aldbro' to the Bull Inn, Woodbridge, Janr. 1st. 1824 by Brothers Benjn. Gall, W.M. ..... Jas. Hibblett, J.W. Wm. Baxter P.M. Thos. Sharning, Jas. Smyth, Richd. Fisher, Mark Luke ..... Geo. Gross, Henry Carter, under the Title of the Doric Lodge.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Doric Lodge, No. 81, Woodbridge.

MEETINGS HELD, &c.

The Eureka Chapter Rose Croix will meet on Saturday, 10th March, at 3.30, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, Bro. the Rev. Edward Walker, Provincial Grand Chaplain of Essex, M.W. Sov. The M.W. Sov. Elect, Bro. C. J. Smith, will be installed and the officers for the ensuing year appointed. A Past M.W. Sov.'s jewel will be presented to Bro. the Rev. E. Walker and several candidates perfected.

The Bayard Chapter Rose Croix will meet on Tuesday, 13th March, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., at 5 p.m. Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel H. Somerville Burney 31° M.W. Sov., for the perfection of candidates.

The Kemeys Tynte Preceptory of Knights Templar will meet on Friday, 16th March, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., at 5 p.m. V.E. Sir Knt. Lieut.-Colonel H. Somerville Burney E.P., for the reception of candidates, and the election of E. Preceptor and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383 will meet on Tuesday, 6th March, at 8.30, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W. W. Bro. Major Shadwell H. Clerke P.P.S.G.W. of Devon W.M.

The Albion Chapter Rose Croix will meet on Friday, 2nd March, at 5 p.m., at the Southdown Hotel, Howard-square, Eastbourne. Ill. Bro. Thomas Lane 30° M.W.S. for the perfection of candidates.

The Bard of Avon Preceptory K.T., met on Thursday, 1st March, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.

The Oxford and Cambridge Universities Chapter Rose Croix will meet on Friday, 19th March, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., for the installation of the M.W. Sov. elect, and appointment of officers for the ensuing year.

The Palestine Chapter Rose Croix met on Tuesday, 27th February, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square. Ill. Bros. Charles Hammerton 31° as M.W.S. Lieut. James T. Ritchie R.A., J. M. Kleuck and W. G. Brighton were perfected in the 18°.

The Philips Chapter Rose Croix met on Wednesday, 28th February, at the Athenæum, Lancaster. Bro. Edward Airey M.W.S. Ill. Bro. J.D. Moore, 31°, installed Bro. Wm. John Sly as M.W. Sov. for the ensuing year, the officers were appointed and several brethren duly perfected in the 18°.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E.C.

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Early History and Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, 1781-1815. Part VIII. Published by authority of the Grand Lodge. Granted to Kane Lodge, No. 454, June 1874. New York: Masonic and Miscellaneous Publishers, No. 2 Bleecker-street; D. Sickels and Co., Managers. 1876.

THE eighth part of this valuable record deals with the events which occurred between the close of the year 1807 and that of 1810. Most of the circumstances minuted are of the usual character, and relate to the issue of Warrants for the constitution of new Lodges, the compositions of sundry Lodges for the payment of their dues, differences among members of Lodge A B C or X Y Z, &c. Occasionally we find interspersed throughout these pages records of matters of greater moment. But to give our analysis of the part in question. We find at the very outset—that is to say, at the meeting of Grand Lodge on the 2nd December 1807, a minute to the effect that a communication had been received from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania relative to a convention proposed to be held for the purpose of organising a supreme Grand Lodge for the whole Union of States. The matter was referred to a Committee, consisting of the Senior Grand Warden, the Grand Secretary, and Bro. Vanderbilt W.M. of Trinity Lodge, No. 10. We likewise find on this occasion that three members of a Committee, appointed to consider an application some time previously made for permission to hold a Lodge in the City of New York, to be called Le Temple de l'Amitié, and other circumstances submitted by the petitioners, reported that there was no likelihood whatever of the Committee coming to any agreement. Thereupon it was resolved that the said Committee be discharged, and a new one, with similar powers, was appointed in its stead. A communication from the Grand Lodge of England having been read, and ordered to be filed, the Grand Lodge was closed. On 3rd March 1808, the new Committee just referred to delivered their report, which was accepted. It is evident the petition was refused. Though the fact is not so stated, we find later that a communication from the petitioners was not allowed to be read. We note likewise that two other petitiitions to erect new Lodges in the City of New York having been submitted, a motion was carried to the effect that for the present no more Warrants for new Lodges in the City should be issued. A letter from the Tammany Society, inviting Grand Lodge to take part in a certain demonstration about to be made at the Wallabout, is referred to a Committee, and at the next meeting of Grand Lodge, on the 1st June, the Committee report, that having carefully inquired into all the circumstances, they could find no evidence that any Masonic brethren had died on board of British prison ships, and therefore they were of opinion that it would be improper for the general Society of Freemasons to join in the procession. The report was unanimously confirmed. A Worshipful Brother having been censured for using some memorandum in writing, which he had made for his own private use, to assist him in fulfilling his Masonic duties, but which was utterly unintelligible to any but himself, expresses a wish that the writing should be submitted to the Grand Officers for their opinion and decision, and hands it to the Deputy Grand Master for that purpose. The request is granted, and a resolution passed that the Grand Officers make the required examination, and report their opinion. The report delivered later fully bears out the statement of the writer, and exonerates him from all blame. At the meeting of the Grand Stewards' Lodge on the 25th May, it is noted that a sum not exceeding 20 dollars is ordered to be given as relief to a brother who is "in confinement in the jail in this city." It is further noted that an application for assistance to the extent of 14 dollars was made on behalf of a certain Mrs. Hogbin, who had received Mrs. Vanché, widow of a Freemason, into her house, on the latter's assurance that her board would be paid for by Masonic contributions. Mrs. Vanché, however, had *Vanished* in debt to the extent above stated. We presume that Mrs. Hogbin's faith in the beneficence of Freemasonry, how rudely soever it may have been shaken by the consummate assurance and mysterious disappearance of Widow Vanché, was confirmed; for orders were given to the Committee of Charity to make

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the usual inquiries, and, these duly satisfied, to pay over the same as requested. On the 1st June, Bro. de Witt Clinton, and the majority of the other Grand Officers, were unanimously re-elected. Four petitions for Warrants for the erection of as many new Lodges, namely, Charity Lodge, Spencer Town, Co. Columbia; Eagle Lodge, to be held alternately at Spencer Town, Co. Tioga, and Town of Ulysses, Co. Seneca; Angelica Lodge, Angelica, Co. Alleghany; and Clinton Lodge, Clinton, Co. Dutchess, having been read and granted, a proposal for a Masonic procession on St. John the Baptist's Day, was made, but withdrawn, when a counter-motion seemed likely to be passed over it. On 7th September, after three more petitions for new Warrants, namely, for Zion Lodge, Bloomfield, Co. Ontario; Rochford Lodge, Rochford, Co. Otsego; and Charity Lodge, Village of Cookhouse, Tompkin's, Co. Delaware, had been read and granted, and certain other business submitted, the Committee appointed to examine the Reports of Grand Visitors, G. N. Edmonds and G. V. Woods, delivered their report, and also an opinion to the effect that the Grand Visitors in question were entitled to the thanks of Grand Lodge for the industry and ability with which they had discharged their several duties. A motion, giving effect to this report, was then unanimously accepted, and the Lodge closed. The chief matter recorded in the minutes of the 7th December, is the appointment of seven brethren for the purpose of devising and reporting to Grand Lodge a plan for the education of children of poor Masons. Warrants for the erection of Sangor Lodge, Sangerfield, Co. Oneida, and Temple Lodge, Guilderland, Co. Albany having been granted, a communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, announcing that the Grand Lodge of 'Ancient York Masons" and of Free and Accepted Masons had been re-united in one body under the name of "The Grand Lodge of South Carolina," was read, and ordered to be filed. A communication from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, enclosing account of their proceedings at their annual meeting on 24th June, and also a copy of their contributions was read. Then a letter was read from Grand Visitor Phylatus Swift, to the effect that he had experienced great difficulty in collecting past dues, and requesting that power be granted him to compound with the Lodges in his district. The prayer of the Grand Visitor was granted in respect of all dues outstanding up to the previous St. John the Baptist's Day; but Bro. Swift was notified that the payment of all subsequent dues would be rigorously enforced. The one other minute deserving to be noticed records that a communication had been received from an association styling itself Sovereign Grand Council in the sublime Masonic degree of P.R.S., announcing to this Grand Lodge in very respectful terms its establishment in this city on the 28th day of October last, under patent regularly served from lawful authority, and disclaiming any power or authority inconsistent with the local supremacy of the Grand Lodge over Master Masons. This document was ordered to be filed. On the 1st March 1809, we gather from the report of the committee appointed to examine the Grand Treasurer's accounts, that the receipts from 20th March 1806 to 20th February 1809, amounted to dollars 8·727·79, while the disbursements reached dollars 8·330·30, leaving a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of dollars 397·30, and, in addition, were due from the Jersey Bank three quarter dividends, amounting together to 210 dollars, so that the whole balance to the credit of the Lodge was dollars 607·39. We learn, also, that the funds of Grand Lodge consist of dollars 4·134·14 per cent. deferred stock nominal of 40 full, and 60 half shares of the Jersey Bank stock, on which dollars 3,600 had been paid at par, and that the present stock is worth from 110 to 112 per cent. On the 60 half shares there require dollars 1,600 more to be paid on the 1st May next; and the committee recommend the appropriation of the present balance towards that payment. They likewise express their belief that a time will come when the interest of Grand Lodge funds will suffice for every proper and charitable purpose. At the same time they draw attention to the laxity with which the Charitable Fund had hitherto been administered. We quote their statement:—"There are certain persons that have been for many years as regularly relieved as any of our Government pensioners, and look and ask for it as a matter of right, when, in truth, were their characters a little sifted, they would be found, in many instances, not entitled to our beneficence; and in several cases it will be found that certain individuals have received 20, 30, 40, and from that to 50 or 100 dollars in the space of a very short time." For this purpose they recommend that the city should be marked out in districts, that Visitors should be appointed to each, and that no sum be granted by the Committee of Charity till two or more of their Visitors had inquired and reported. This report is accepted, and also a resolution for the appointment of a committee of five to give effect to the proposal for dividing the city. On the same occasion was delivered the report of the committee appointed to devise a plan for the education of children of poor Masons. In this report a plan is proposed, by which it is believed that fifty children may be educated at comparatively small cost, and for raising the necessary funds to meet such expenditure. This plan, however, was ordered to stand over for further consideration till the next meeting of Grand Lodge, when it was unanimously agreed to refer it to the Worshipful Masters of the different City Lodges, with full power to alter or amend it, or to propose any other in lieu of it; and when they were ready to report, then a special meeting of Grand Lodge should be summoned. At this session a nice point was raised, and referred to a special committee—namely, whether a Past Master belonging to another jurisdiction, being only member of a Lodge in the jurisdiction of New York, is entitled to a seat and vote in the latter Grand Lodge, It was also resolved that a committee be appointed to arrange with the Grand Secretary the numbers of the different Lodges in the New York jurisdiction. On the 7th June Bro. De Witt Clinton, and other of the Grand Officers were unanimously re-elected, but the election of a Grand Chaplain was unanimously dispensed with. The Committee for dividing New York City into districts, for the better administration of the Charitable Fund, recommended a division, corresponding with the different City Wards, except that Wards 7 and 10 were to form one district. They also suggested the appointment of certain brethren as visitors for the several districts; but the further consideration of this report was postponed till the next meeting. The Committee to whom the point as to a P.M. of a Lodge belonging to another jurisdiction sitting and voting, decided that no P.M. is entitled to a seat and vote in the New York Grand Lodge, "unless he has passed the chair of some Lodge under its jurisdiction." This report was unanimously accepted. There was also read at this meeting a protest from St. John's Lodge, No. 31, Ancient York Masons, of Charleston, South Carolina, against the union of the Grand Lodge A.Y.M. and Grand Lodge, as has been already announced. On the 6th September, the discussion of the report, recommending the division of the City into districts, was postponed *sine die*, after which the Masters of the City Lodges reported unfavourably of the plan proposed for the education of a certain number of children of poor Masons, explaining at some length and in minute detail their reasons, and then submitting an alternative plan of their own, as well as suggesting the appointment of a Grand Lodge School Committee for the conduct of this particular business. This report is accepted and ordered to be printed and distributed, while the appointment of the Committee is vested in the presiding officers of Grand Lodge. After this business had been disposed of, various communications from other Masonic bodies are taken into consideration. The first emanated from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, inviting the New York Grand Lodge to take tickets in a certain lottery about to be arranged, with a view to building a Masonic Hall in Baltimore. The amount to be raised in this manner is set down as 12.500 dollars, and a motion is agreed to, authorising the Grand Master, if he deem it expedient, to purchase not less than five, or more than twenty tickets in such lottery. We next find a letter from Georgia, protesting against the union of the two South Carolina Grand Lodges, and also a communication from the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons, announcing its resuscitation by those Lodges of A.Y.M. who had refused to join in the union with the Moderns. Lastly comes a letter from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, announcing its organisation on the 4th of January 1808, and requesting recognition and an interchange of courtesies and correspondence. To this, we need hardly add, that a favourable answer was directed to be made. On the 29th of November a letter was read from the Grand Master, to the effect that on the special recommendation of several brethren in Washington, he had paid a debt of one hundred dollars incurred by a Miss Jones, the blind daughter of a deceased brother, in coming to New York to have her eyes examined and operated upon by a medical man, that he had done so because he thought it "due to the honour of the Fraternity and the cause of humanity," and praying Grand Lodge to make such order as they might deem expedient. Thereupon it was resolved that the Grand Treasurer be directed to refund the hundred dollars so expended to the Grand Master. We also observe that the Grand Secretary is directed to furnish the Committee of Charity with a list of all persons relieved during the past two years, and the sums that were given to each. The transactions recorded for the meeting of the 4th of December relate chiefly to Warrants, complaints, and relief, but among them we have noticed that in a communication dated the 7th March 1809, the School Committee of Grand Lodge report that the fifty children proposed to be educated by Grand Lodge have been placed in charge of the Trustees of the New York Free School, and that they are already making great progress in their education, and recommending that a sum of ten dollars in clothing be furnished to each child. The report was read and approved. It was then resolved that a dispensation in a funeral procession should not be granted, except on a written and signed application of the three first officers of the Lodge of which the deceased brother was a member, or a majority of them. It was also arranged that a Committee of brethren should be appointed to visit the different Lodges in the City of New York, with a view to securing uniformity of work among them. We remark that communications were received and read from the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland respectively. On the 7th of June 1810, Bro. de Witt Clinton was re-elected Grand Master, and so too were Bros. Van Ranseleer, Robert Cocks, Joseph Jacobs, and James Varian, as Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Tyler, Bro. Colden being elected Senior Grand Warden. In the course of the meeting a case is reported for advice by Albion Lodge No. 31, respecting a candidate proposed for initiation who had received a wound in his knee, and in consequence walked stiffly, the Lodge being anxious to know if such a blemish was a bar to his admission into the Fraternity. A reference of this kind must appear to brethren of the present day as very ridiculous, and still more ridiculous is it to find Grand Lodge gravely appointing a Committee of five learned brethren to determine "the degree of blemish or defect which should be considered a disqualification for admission." Had the candidate been about to enter a pedestrian club, there would have been some reason in questioning his fitness, for people with a stiff knee-joint are not good walkers, while a damaged limb is no block to the study of morality. At the meeting on the 5th of September, the Committee report on the Treasurer's Account, which commenced with a balance in hand on the 20th of February 1809, amounting to 397.39 dollars, sums received since bringing the total of the capital to 4071.40 dollars, while the expenditure having reached only 2587.42 dollars, there remained a balance in hand at date of report of 1487.98 dollars. A difference between the Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's account was ordered to be adjusted, and it was further directed that of the above balance a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars should be invested in some productive stock on behalf of Grand Lodge. Mention of an unusual petition follows, namely, from Holland Lodge No. 8, stating that the W.M. had been robbed of, among other things, the Warrant of the Lodge, and requesting that a new Warrant, securing to them their proper rank, should be issued. The prayer was granted, the Lodge to retain its seniority from 5th September 1787, and the customary fees being remitted. Part of the minutes of the meeting on 28th November of the Grand Stewards' Lodge complete this portion of the history.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

AFTER the usual trouble and excitement attending the opening of the Session, Parliament seems to have settled down steadily to its work of legislation. Lord Stratheden and Campbell brought forward a motion relative to the Eastern Question on Monday. This led to a long and interesting debate, extending over nearly four hours, in which the Earl of Derby, Earl Grey, and the Duke of Argyll took a principal part. The motion was negatived without any division being taken. On Monday the House of Commons devoted several hours in Committee of Supply to discussing and voting a portion of the Civil Service Estimates. On Wednesday afternoon a Colonial Marriages Bill passed its second reading by 192 to 141, the Attorneys-General for England and Ireland being among the Opposition. This Bill is intended to regulate marriage with a deceased wife's sister according to certain conditions, such marriages being already legal in our Australian Colonies. An Open Spaces (Metropolitan) Bill also passed this stage. We have already said that several important Government Bills have been steadily pushed forward on the way to become law, and this week the further progress has been considerable.

On Monday, by command of the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales held a Levee at St. James's Palace. His Royal Highness arrived about two o'clock, attended as usual by his Gentlemen-in-Waiting, and escorted by a detachment of the Royal Horse Guards. Prince Christian, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, and the Duke of Teck were present. The Queen's Body Guard of Gentlemen-at-Arms was on duty under the command of their Captain, the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, and so were the Yeomen of the Guard under Captain Lord Skelmersdale. The Great Officers of State and the Royal Household were in attendance, and the Diplomatic and General Circles were numerously attended. A considerable number of presentations to His Royal Highness was made, these, by desire, being deemed equivalent to presentations to Her Majesty. The Queen herself, it is announced, will hold a Levee at Buckingham Palace on the 12th instant.

We are not prepared to say whether the Zodiac has latterly got of gear, or the Gulf Stream been playing some pranks, but the seasons appear to vary very considerably from what they were in the good old time, when our readers and we were boys together. We were just beginning to think about the near approach of Spring, the Vernal Equinox not being very distant, when, all of a sudden, Winter, which ought to have paid us a visit in December last, but has been so uncomplimentary as to absent itself during the whole of the season, turns up, and drives people into great coats and clothing suitable to the Arctic regions. We are very pleased to meet our old friend, with his bracing air and his genial smile, for Old Winter is a seasonable and jolly fellow in his way; but we cannot help complaining of his very irregular and dilatory habits, especially during the last forty or fifty years. Sometimes he drops in a little too soon, before we have had time to lay in our stock of seasonable clothing. Sometimes, when we have made all the needful preparations for his reception, and have got in our woollens and our muffs, and our wraps, shawls, and the like, all in decent time, he either disappoints us altogether, or comes late, when people are preparing for the Boat Race and Amateur Athletic Club meetings, Volunteer reviews, and Eastertide excursions. Sometimes he does not condescend to pay us any visit at all, and then the whole round of the seasons behaves irregularly. We have certainly had some keen, wintry days this week; it may be owing, in some indirect way, to the eclipse of the moon on Tuesday, and if the blood circulates less freely in our veins, the circulation in our streets is more rapid. Who knows but the earth may have stopped in its revolution, so that the seasons are just one later than they used to be, winter coming in spring time, spring in summer, and so on? However, these are questions we cheerfully leave to the consideration of others. For ourselves, we take things as they come, and make the best of them, as Speculative Masons should do.

The Agricultural Hall is a very proper place for the exhibition of fat cattle, horses, and dogs, agricultural implements, &c., &c., and we all know the Mohawk Minstrels have made a portion of it their home, and a very comfortable and very lively home it is, as most of our readers are aware. But except for its spacious accommodation, it is almost the last place in the world in which we should expect to hear of a Masonic Ball being held. Yet one was held on Wednesday, and for an excellent purpose—the support of our Charities. Some 400 people, brethren and their lady friends and relatives together, disported themselves till the small hours of the morning, as will be seen in fuller detail elsewhere in these columns. The Craftsmen present showed themselves very skilful in piloting their fair partners through the intricacies of the dance, and the ball, so far, proved a great success; but there was no keeping out the cold. The most energetic committee in the world must find it difficult to deal with so terribly inconstant a personage as the Clerk of the weather.

On Wednesday took place the funeral of Mr. Oxenford who for the last thirty years has held the important post of dramatic critic of the *Times*. Kensal Green Cemetery had been selected as the last resting-place of the respected deceased, and accordingly, for two hours before the time appointed for the ceremony, there were assembled playwrights, dramatic critics, and actors in very considerable numbers, among them being Messrs. Andrew Halliday, Leopold Lewis, Kelly, Cresswell, Cave, Horace Wigan, and the two Emerys. In the funeral procession were Messrs. E. and A. Oxenford, Edmund Yates, Frank Marshall, and other of the more immediate friends and relatives of the deceased. A heap of flowers were thrown into the grave, until the coffin lid was quite hidden from view.

On Monday next the Cambridge crew will arrive in London for its usual course of practice on the Thames water, and in three weeks' time exactly, the University race of 1877 will be rowed, at, we believe, the somewhat early hour of ten. Our readers, of course, are tolerably well posted in the doings of the rival crews on the Isis and Cam respectively, for the daily papers are careful to set forth in detail their respective merits and demerits. We need not, therefore, discuss these knotty points whether this or that crew slides best, jerks least, or feathers most

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indifferently. The crews are both heavy, averaging somewhat over twelve stone per man. All we need say in connection with the annual event is that, bar accidents, the best crew will assuredly win, but which that best may be it is not possible at this present time to say. There is, perhaps, one noticeable feature in the race of this year. There are more old blues rowing than, as far as we can remember, on any previous occasion. Meantime, light and dark blue favours are beginning to show themselves more frequently as the day for the race approaches, these being, of course, among the earliest public symptoms of that "Blue fever," to which London is annually liable.

The latest news from the East is so far satisfactory, that we believe peace has been actually concluded between Turkey and Servia on terms certainly more favourable than the latter, as a hopelessly defeated power, could have had any right to expect, had she not had the influence of the Russian Empire at her back. Considering that the provocation to war came in the first instance from her, the terms are very handsome indeed. However, Servia, we fancy, has suffered too grievously to repeat her error. By this time she fully recognises the value of the old familiar story about the dwarf and the giant who went out together to do battle against their enemies. The dwarf was so foolishly valorous, that he thrust himself into the forefront of the battle, receiving all the hard knocks, while the giant merely advanced opportunely and secured the victory. Servia has gone forth to battle with her enemy and has just escaped the contest with life, thanks to the influence of that powerful empire of Russia, which has been looking on the while, and, for aught that is known to the contrary, may even now be waiting an opportunity to dash at her enemy the Turk. Peace with Montenegro is not yet arranged, but doubtless this will follow at an early date. The one momentous question that remains is whether Russia and Turkey will come to blows or not. With every day that passes, the prospects of a continued maintenance of peace appear to be brighter. There have even been rumours that Russia has given orders for the demobilisation of her army. This, of course, must be a work of time, and will require very delicate management, or dissatisfaction will break out, not only among the troops assembled at Kischeneff, but elsewhere throughout the Empire. Let us hope, however, the news is true, and and that for the present, at all events, we may be no more harassed about the Eastern difficulty.

There is talk of the marriage of the young King of Spain with a daughter of the Duke de Montpensier. King Alphonso is yet a young man, and seems to get on well in the difficult task of governing a country so unsettled as is Spain. The marriage is announced to take place at the end of next month. We trust the event may be for the happiness both of the King and the Princess, and that it will exercise a kindly influence over the country which Alphonso has been called to rule over.

We have received a short note, penned with difficulty by our worthy and zealous brother John Young, W.M. of Lodge 704, Ahlagbill, Ireland. We learn with great regret that he is under treatment by the principal oculist of Belfast for blindness; the sight of one eye only being partially preserved, though fears are entertained for even that. He was first registered on the books of Grand Lodge in 1823, having now been a Mason for 54 years, with yet undiminished fervour, though in the seventy-third year of his age. The brethren employed upon this Journal send him their fraternal greeting. If the expression of our high esteem and deep sympathy can convey a gleam of gratification to one so afflicted, we would remind our brother that, under God's blessing, alleviation and resignation may best mitigate his calamity with the balm of a satisfied conscience, and the memories of a well-spent life.

As announced in another column, the Provincial Grand Secretary designate for Essex is Bro. T. J. Ralling, of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester, where he was initiated in October 1869, since which he has been an active and hard-working member. He has been its Secretary since 1871, and the appreciation in which his services are held by his brethren is evidenced by the fact that in May 1875 a valuable gold watch, suitably inscribed, and a handsomely engrossed vellum, were presented to him, in the presence of the D.P.G.M. and several distinguished brethren (reported in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE at the time, May 1875). We believe that the nomination of Bro. Ralling to this distinguished post in the province has caused great satisfaction among the members of his Lodge, and we doubt not will be popular throughout the province. It is a little singular the late Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. John Wright Carr, was an initiate of the Angel; and it is a further remarkable circumstance that the present P.G. Treasurer for Essex, the W. Bro. Burton, and Bro. Carr first saw the light on the same evening and in the same Lodge.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, has consented to preside at a dinner in aid of the funds for the Oral Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, on the 13th of March, at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's. Numerous noblemen and gentlemen, distinguished in the Order, are Stewards. Tickets, 21s, can be obtained of Bro. W. Van Praagh, 12 Fitzroy-square.

We are pleased to announce that Bro. E. Moss, Director of the Masonic Quartette, has been appointed tenor to the Foundling Chapel.

The Consecration of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658, will take place on Friday, the 9th March, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at four o'clock precisely. V.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, will perform the ceremony, and instal Bro. Samuel James Harvey, the W.M. designate.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE final meeting of the Board of Stewards was held on Monday, the 26th ult., Bro. J. Marsh Case J.G.D., the President, in the chair. The Hon. Sec., Bro. Jas. Terry, announced that the total amount subscribed was £12,836 14s, with five lists to come in. He hoped to have to communicate the pleasing fact that it had reached £13,000. The accounts were audited, and found very satisfactory, leaving a balance (out of the money paid as Stewards' fees) of £47. The following propositions were duly carried:—

1. Proposed by Bro. J. Stevens, and seconded by Bro. H. M. Levy:—That the cordial thanks of this Board are due, and are hereby given, to the Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury, Prov. G.M. for Staffordshire, for his great exertions in promoting the interests of this Institution by his powerful advocacy of its claims whilst acting as Chairman of the Annual Festival, held on the 12th February, in which he was nobly supported by brethren from all parts of the country, resulting in the munificent sum of £12,656 13s being announced on the occasion. That a copy hereof be forwarded to his Lordship.

2. Proposed by Bro. W. A. Tharp, and seconded by Bro. G. W. Verry:—That the best thanks of the Board of Stewards be given to the V.W. Bro. J. Marsh Case J.G.D., the President to the Beard, for the very admirable manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office, and for the kind courtesy he had evinced towards the brethren when presiding at their various meetings.

3. Proposed by Bro. Hicks, and seconded by Bro. W. J. Murlis:—That the thanks of the Board of Stewards be given to the V.W. Bro. Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer, Treasurer to the Board, for the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of the office, and for the courtesy he had shown towards the brethren.

4. Proposed by Bro. J. G. Stevens, and seconded by Bro. W. Murlis:—That £10 be given from the balance on the account to Bro. G. Knill, and that a £10 Life Governorship be presented to V.W. Bro. J. M. Case, the balance to be handed over to Bro. James Terry, the Hon. Secretary.

A cordial and unanimous vote of thanks was given to Bro. James Terry, the Hon. Secretary, for his unremitting exertions in promoting the interests of the Institution, and the great success that attended the Festival. Bro. Terry thanked the brethren for their kind expressions; he hoped they would never have a worse Chairman or a worse Festival. The brethren severally congratulated him, and expressed a hope that next year the amount might be increased. There were present Bros. W. A. Tharp, Godtschalk, J. Stevens, Hicks, E. Spooner, Lancaster, W. Kirk, G. W. Verry, C. G. Hill, T. Ross, W. J. Murlis, H. Higgins, J. W. Watts, and H. M. Levy.

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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, 3rd MARCH.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
143—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1573—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1623—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

1913—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1466—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

MONDAY, 5th MARCH.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 13 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1636—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

27—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.
190—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
336—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
431—St. George's Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
476—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
483—St. James's, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
623—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.
850—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.
1061—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1064—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
1077—Witton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 23 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.

TUESDAY, 6th MARCH.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1361—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
1366—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, Islington.
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
1473—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1607—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
R. A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 7.0.

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.
186—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
383—St. David's, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
556—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
703—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
938—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
946—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.
1003—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1344—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1332—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1489—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea.

WEDNESDAY, 7th MARCH.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7 p.m.
Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
193—Confidence, Blue Anchor Tavern, 3 Coleman-st., E.C. at 7.0. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, 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.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1685—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney.
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.)

298—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
611—The Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1085—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.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

THURSDAY, 8th MARCH.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

25—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
113—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter.
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
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.
723—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1069—St. George's, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1304—Royd's Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1569—Bala, Penagoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Bald Faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill.

FRIDAY, 9th MARCH.

766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
953—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (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.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1269—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
1556—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
1631—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.

SATURDAY, 10th MARCH.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction.)
1436—The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

1381—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1456—Addiscombe, Alma Tavern, Addiscombe.
1613—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
1108—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1302—De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1543—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
R. A. 390—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.

TUESDAY.

265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

WEDNESDAY.

R. A. 254—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 367—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.

THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

FRIDAY.

458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
K. T. Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—429—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.
TUESDAY—5—Canongate and Leith (L. and C.), 86 Constitution-street.
THURSDAY—8—Journeymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.
FRIDAY—56—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—333—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 581—Plantation, 207 Craighall-street.
" R. A. 119—Rosslyn, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
" 129—St. Mirren's, 5 Moss-street, Paisley.

TUESDAY—3 bis.—St. John's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 73—Thistle and Rose, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 87—Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, Cathedral-street, Glasgow.
" 437—Govandale, Partland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow.
" 556—Clydesdale, 106 Rose-street, Glasgow.

WEDNESDAY— 4—Kilwinning, 241 Dumbarton-road, Glasgow.
" 117—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Douglas-street, Partick.
" 128—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.
" 354—Caledonian Railway, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" 571—Dramatic, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, at 3 p.m.
" R. A. 87—Shamrock and Thistle, 12 Trongate.

THURSDAY—570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, Glasgow.
" R. A. 50—Glasgow, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

FRIDAY—170—Leven St. John, Black Bull Inn, Renton.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19.—The members of the Past Masters' Club attached to this Lodge held their annual meeting at the Green Dragon Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, on Tuesday, 27th February, in celebration of the anniversary of the Centenary of the Lodge, which was founded in 1769. Bro. Charles Tyler, P.M. 19, 66, presided. Bro. Edward B. Grabham, P.M. P.S.G.W. Middlesex, having completed his year of office as Master of the Lodge, was formally admitted a member of the Club, and invited by the President to partake with the brethren of a loving cup, presented that evening by Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.M. and Secretary of the Lodge, to whom was accorded a sincere vote of thanks for his very handsome and acceptable gift. Some customary toasts followed, after which Bro. D. Nicholson P.M. was unanimously elected President for the ensuing year.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held its weekly meeting at its new quarters, the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street (Goswell-road end), on Monday last, in a very large and convenient room. A fair muster of some of the old members took place. Present—Bros. Tolmie W.M., Saul S.W., R. Pearcy J.W., Walker S.D., Stock J.D., Beckett Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, Christopher I.G., H. Moss, Rudderforth, Isaac, E. Legg, Defries, W. Meanwell, Baker, Gibbs, Read, Chinn, Frost, Jones, Powell, Curry, Sadler, G. Gardiner, Kidder, Cook, and Cook Visitor. Lodge opened in due form. Minutes read and confirmed. The W.M. then worked the Fifteen Sections, the questions being answered as follows:—

1.	Bro. Walker	429	8.	Bro. Jones	907
2.	„ R. Pearcy ...	228	9.	„ Saul	1201
3.	„ A. W. Fenner ...	1227	10.	„ Defries	45
4.	„ Isaac	.	11.	„ Sadler	1471
5.	„ Rudderforth ...	12	12.	„ Rudderforth ...	13
6.	„ Frost		13.	„ Kidder	228
7.	„ E. Legg	861	14.	„ R. Pearcy	228
			15.	„ Stock	228

Lodge being resumed to 1st degree, Bros. S. Chinn 858, and Rudderforth 12, were elected members. A cordial vote of thanks was awarded to the W.M. for the excellent manner he had worked the sections. Thanks were also voted to Bro. Curry for renovating the jewels of the Lodge. Officers were formally re-elected for the ensuing week, and the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Angel Lodge, No. 51.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 27th ult., when, doubtless on account of the extremely cold weather, the attendance was somewhat limited. In the absence of the W.M. (Bro. G. Gard Pye) upon his wedding-tour, the chair of K.S. was ably filled by the W. Bro. Alfred Welch I.P.M., W. Bro. Alfred Cobb P.M. and Treas. acting as S.W. There were also present—Bros. T. J. Ralling J.W., S. Chaplin P.M., Fred. A. Cole P.M., W. P. Lewes P.M., W. Richey P.M., J. J. C. Turner Organist, I. Harris S.D., G. Mercer as I.G., U. B. Mattacks, A. R. Staines, H. Sandford, T. M. Bear, W. Bray, E. Hennemeyer, Jas. Collins, D. Hill jun., A. O. Stopes, and C. Gunne Tyler. The business of the evening comprised two passings and a raising, which were carried out in the able manner in which Bro. Welch always conducts the ceremonies. The Secretary read a circular letter from the Worshipful the D.P.G.M., announcing that Bro. T. J. Ralling J.W., and Secretary of the Lodge, had been appointed by the R.W.P.G.M. acting Provincial Grand Secretary, vice Bro. John Wright Carr deceased. The W.M. congratulated Bro. Ralling upon his appointment to so distinguished an office in the Province, and expressed his conviction that the nomination would be received with pleasure, not only by the members of the Angel Lodge and its sister in the town—the United Lodge—but also by the brethren of the whole Province. A candidate for initiation and a joining member having been proposed, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, the "social hour" being greatly enlivened by some capital vocal music by some of the brethren, under the direction of Bro. Turner.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Loadenhall-street, on 27th February. Present—Bros. Daniel W.M., Lees S.W., Brown J.W., Rich S.D., Horsley J.D., Hallar I.G., West Cand., Rudderforth Preceptor, Hollands Secretary, Holtham Treasurer, and Bros. Geibernan, Edgington, Baxter, Hulett, Hogarth, Dudley P.M. 1178, Williams. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. West as candidate. Bro. Edgington answered the questions leading to the 2nd degree. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and Bro. Edgington passed. Bro. Hulett answered the questions leading to the 3rd degree. Bro. Daniel vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Horsley. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and Bro. Horsley worked the ceremony in a very able manner, Bro. Hulett as candidate. Bro. Daniel resumed the chair. The Lodge was closed down to the 1st degree. Bros. Edgington, Horsley, Dudley, Williams were elected members. Bro. Lees was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Daniel for the able manner in which he filled the chair.

Commercial Chapter, No. 79.—Held an emergency meeting in their Chapter-rooms, 30 Hope-street. In the absence from the city of the First Principal, the Chapter was opened in the Mark degree by Comps. J. Munro, J. M. Oliver, and R. Brodie, when Bro. J. McInnis of 360 was advanced to that degree by J. Duthie. A Lodge of Excellent Masters was then opened, and the same was duly indoctrinated. The Chapter was then opened by Comps. J. Duthie, J. Munro, and R. Brodie, when the same gentleman was duly exalted to that degree.

Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145.—The first regular meeting of this ancient Lodge, since the installation, was held on Tuesday the 27th ult., at Freemason's Hall, Gt. Queen-street. Bro. W. Moult W.M., Haslett S.W., Hughes J.W., G. S. States P.G.S. P.M. Secretary, Manly Assist. Sec., Leggett S.D., Lister J.D., W. Wilkinson I.G. Past Master's Bros. E. H. Thiellay, T. Bull, G. Parkess. Bros. A. Hugon, W. Wayre, H. Hall, Dowson, T. Cherer, Parns, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. The report of the audit was read, and showed a satisfactory account, with a balance of £64 15s 9d. Messrs. Read, Head and Parnacott were initiated into the Order. Bros. F. Lee, J. B. Lambe, W. A. Lefevre, and H. F. Davis were passed; and Bros. Graves, Dawson and Groom were raised. Great credit is due to the W.M. for his careful working on this the first occasion of his occupying the chair to work the ceremonies. It was then proposed, seconded and carried, pursuant to notice of motion, "That the initiation fee of this Lodge, on and after the regular meeting in March, be £15 15s, and from the same date the joining fee be £12 12s for each member." The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated. There was no banquet. Bros. T. Benson 521 and H. M. Levy P.M. 188 were present as Visitors.

Caveac Chapter, No. 176.—The regular Convocation of this well-established Chapter was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on Saturday, 24th February. The Chapter was opened by Comps. G. K. Lemann Z., J. B. Sarrell H., Dr. W. S. Wyman P.Z. as J., F. Walters P.Z. P.P. 1st A.S. Middlesex Treasurer. The Companions were then admitted. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and unanimously confirmed. Bro. Rudolph Liebmann 1423, Era Lodge, was duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The meetings of the Sphinx and Caveac Chapters clashing on this occasion, caused the absence of the J., Comps. W. M. Goss and P. A. Nairne P.Z.; and, as many of the Comps. belong to both Chapters, a notice of motion was given by the Treasurer, that the meeting in October be abolished or altered to September. It was stated that the Sphinx had changed all their other meetings, which fell on the same days as this Chapter; but it was found that they were unable to alter their October one, consequently, to meet that difficulty, the Caveac meeting might be changed or abolished. Great regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of Comps. A. Williams C.E. 1st A.S., Dr. C. Browne 2nd A.S., whose professional duties prevented their attendance. It was unanimously resolved that Comp. R. Liebmann be the Steward to represent the Chapter at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Girls. At the earnest solicitations of the Treasurer, Comp. F. Walters agreed to accept the Stewardship, and to become a Life Governor of the Institution. It was understood some one or two brethren would be introduced at the next meeting, who were ready and anxious to be exalted in this Chapter. The business of the meeting being ended, the Chapter was closed, and adjourned to Saturday, 24th May.

St. James's Union Chapter, No. 180.—A Convocation of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Comps. J. R. Stacey M.E.Z., W. Smithett H., W. C. Parsons J., H. Reid P.Z. S.E., Knyvett P.S., N. A. Annett 1st Assist., A. Cameron, P.Z. Treas.; P.Z.'s L. Herf I.P.Z., H. Stacey, R. F. Hill; and Comps. Marner, E. Farwig, Pink, A. Godfrey, Thatcher, &c. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. A. H. Smith, which was unanimously in his favour. He was duly exalted in R. A. Masonry. The working of the M.E.Z., Principals, and Officers was perfectly rendered. Comp. A. Cameron P.Z. gave the mystical portion very impressively. The election of Principals and officers took place, and were unanimously in favour of Comps. W. Smithett Z., W. C. Parsons H., Knyvett J., A. Cameron P.Z. Treas., H. Reed P.Z. S.E., Pillin S.N., A. Annett P.S., and Gilbert Janitor. Comp. Smithett proposed, and Comp. Cameron seconded, that a P.Z. jewel be presented to Comp. J.R. Stacey M.E.Z., on his retiring from the chair, for the able and efficient manner he had conducted the duties of the Chapter in every respect during his year of office, which was carried unanimously. Comps. Morgan, E. Farwig, and C. Smith were elected auditors. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions, 30 in number, sat down to a very sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Dawkins, and superintended by Bro. Knill. Grace having been said, the M.E.Z. gave the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts. The Chapter was always pleased at the accession of members. On this occasion he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the newly exalted Companion. His recommendation and introduction was sufficient to show they were pleased to hail him as a member. Comp. Smith, in a very excellent speech, responded. Although, on his introduction into Freemasonry, he was fully impressed with it, the solemnity of the ceremony, so impressively delivered that evening, would never be effaced from his memory. The M.E.Z. proposed the toast of the Visitors, to which Comps. Barfield, Pearson, and H. M. Levy severally responded. Comps. L. Herf I.P.Z. then proposed the toast of the M.E.Z., and spoke of the admirable manner he had conducted the duties of the Chapter. He hoped he might be spared for many years among them, for he was one worthy of their regard. The M.E.Z., in reply, thanked Comp. Herf for his kind remarks, and the Companions for the manner they received the toast. In presiding over them it was a labour of love. He hoped to meet them for many years to cement that bond of friendship that existed among them, and be in the proud position of a Past Principal. He then asked the Companions to drink a toast the he was sure would be received with feelings of great pleasure, an

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that was the H. and J. The H. had been elected as the future Z., a post he is qualified to fill. The J. Comp. Parsons has been elected to a higher position, and they had seen how he had worked the ceremony that evening. He had passed the chair of the Chapter with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren, and this was but a stepping-stone to the chair of Z., which he was sure he was qualified to fill. Comp. Parsons briefly and appropriately returned thanks for the toast. The M.E.Z. then proposed the P.Z.'s Comps. L. Herf, Cameron, Stacey, and Hill; he mentioned their names with feelings of respect. He personally knew that their services were always at the command of the Comps. Comp. H. A. Stacey P.Z. responded. The M.E.Z. proposed the Treasurer Comp. Cameron, and H. Reed the S.E. The former Companion is one that can rarely be equalled in Lodge or Chapter, he is *sa cui fait* in his duties, and always looks after their interests. The same remarks apply to Comp. Reed, but in a different, and perhaps, a more ordinary capacity. Whatever he undertakes is successfully carried out. Comp. Cameron and Reed both returned thanks for the toast in excellent speeches. The M.E.Z. then proposed the Acting P.S. and the rest of the officers. He might be congratulated on his officers, for they would enable him to carry out the duties of the chair. Comps. Knyvett and Annett severally returned thanks, and the Janitor's toast concluded a very agreeable and harmonious evening, Companions Warner, Smith, and Hobson singing some very excellent songs.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—The annual meeting was held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N., on 24th February. Bro. Geo. Cooper, W.M. of the Percy Lodge, presided, assisted by Bros. Pearcy S.W., P. Stock J.W., and J. A. Powell I.G. The Lodge having been regularly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. Bro. Pearcy, with the assistance of Bro. James Terry and brethren, worked several sections of the first Lecture. The Secretary then read the report of the past year, by which it appears that the Lodge, having been in abeyance several years, was resuscitated in February 1876, when Bro. James Terry P.G.D.C. Hertfordshire presided, and rehearsed the ceremonies of consecration and installation. During the past year 180 members have been elected, who have attended in the aggregate over 1000 times. In addition to defraying the expenses of new furniture and clothing, the Lodge has become a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Robert Halford was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. C. K. Killick Secretary. A vote of thanks was given by the Percy Lodge to the officers of the Instruction Lodge for the efficient manner in which they had fulfilled their duties. Bros. James Self 204 and P.G.S.W. Essex, Gibbs 1178, and W. Regan 192, were elected members. Bro. Bedwell will preside this day. The Lodge adjourned at eight o'clock to the annual supper, at which about fifty members were present. A very pleasant evening was spent, being enlivened by some excellent singing by Bros. J. Constable, Mallord, Beasted, &c., and an excellent reading by Bro. H. P. Isaac, from the "Lady of Lyons." The Lodge meets every Saturday at eight o'clock, and closes at ten. Tram cars from the City pass the door.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205.—Held at Bro. Yetton's, The Rising Sun, Globe-road, Bethnal-green. At the usual meeting on the 25th ult., the Fifteen Sections were worked, nearly 50 brethren being present. Bros. Hewlett W.M., T. J. Barnes S.W., Appleby J.W., T. Austin I.P.M., W. Musto Hon. Secretary. The sections of the first lecture were worked by Bros. Lovelock, Calver, Appleby, Ashburner, Rudderforth, Webb and Barnes; the second by Bros. Taylor, Musto, Defries, Myers and Baxter; the third by Bros. Lazarus, Job and Cohen. After the Master had risen for the third time, Bro. Austin P.M. expressed his gratification at the manner in which the W.M. had performed his duties in the chair, and at the same time proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for his efficient services, and that he be elected an honorary member of the Lodge; this was seconded by Bro. Appleby J.W. Bro. Barnes P.M. on rising to put the motion, said that he had never experienced so much pleasure in hearing the Fifteen Sections worked as he had on this occasion. He saw around him a large number of brethren, nearly all of whom he looked upon as his children in Freemasonry; they had devoted a great deal of time to learn the ritual from him as a Preceptor, and the excellent manner in which the W.M. put the questions was such as to merit the warmest thanks of the brethren. The motion was carried unanimously. The W.M. proposed, and Bro. Yetton seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the brethren who had assisted him in the working of the sections, which was carried unanimously. The Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to the 4th inst.

Virtue and Silence Lodge, No. 332.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at the White Lion Hotel, Hadleigh, Bro. A. J. Grimwade W.M. in the chair. There was a good attendance of the brethren, including the following Past Masters of the Lodge:—W. Hart P.P.G.J.D., H. Golding P.G.S., E. B. Powell P.G.P. Sup. Works, J. A. Pettit sen. P.P.G.J.W., J. A. Pettit jun., P.P.G.D.C., F. Spalding P.P.G.S.D., and W. Gardiner P.P.G. Pursuivant. The Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, Bro. Grimwade, in his usual impressive and able manner, installed the S.W., Bro. W. C. Eltham, as W.M., who then invested his officers as follow:—Bro. A. J. Grimwade I.P.M., T. Chisnal S.W., F. Grimwade J.W., W. Hart Treasurer, H. W. Hitchcock Organist, W. Mackney Secretary, S. Cooper S.D., A. A. Seaborne J.D., J. King I.G., and W. Kersey Tyler. The W.M., in investing his officers, addressed a few appropriate and encouraging remarks to each, whilst the brethren frequently gave expression to their appreciation of the selection made. Bro. Hart, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, presented Bro. A. J. Grimwade with a valuable Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the brethren, to mark their recognition of his efficient services during the past year, which had been the most successful and prosperous one the Lodge ever had. Bro. Grimwade, in feeling terms, expressed his thanks for the gift, which would be highly prized by him, and his regret at leaving the chair, although he felt sure that, in his successor, the Lodge had one who would ably perform the duties of W.M. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a most excellent dinner was provided by Bro. Aldous. After the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured, and a very happy evening was spent. The Lodge recently sent Bro. Boby, who is this year one of the Stewards to the Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, the sum of £5; and during the evening it was decided to forward another £5, which would entitle the Lodge to a Life Governorship. The broken column was consequently sent round, and the necessary sum handed in to the W.M. A memorial to the R.W.P.G.M. for Suffolk, Lord Waveney, was signed by all the brethren present, praying that the Provincial Grand Lodge, which this year is to be held at Hadleigh, may be fixed for a Friday, that being the most convenient day in the week for the brethren in the province.

Union Lodge, No. 332.—Held its regular meeting on Monday, 19th February, Bro. D. McGrady presiding, assisted by nearly all his office bearers. There was a heavy night's work.

St. George's Lodge, No. 333.—Met at 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Wednesday, 14th February, Bro. Jas. Findlay R.W.M. in the chair. Present—A. Thompson I.P.M., Thos. Hill S.W., Robt. Fairbairn J.W., A. Dunn T., A. McIntyre Secretary, J. K. Adam S.B., A. Taylor S.D., J. Findlay J.D. Visitors—Bros. D. M. Nelson P.M. 3 bis, G.S.D., G. Muir 103, and Bro. Gilmore 129 P.G.S.W. Renfrewshire East, and W. Edwards I.P.M. 129. There was one gentleman for initiation, and one brother to be raised to the sublime degree, both ceremonies were admirably wrought by the R.W.M., Bro. Findlay. Bro. Thompson I.P.M. presented the Lodge with a handsome hour glass and scythe, for which he received the thanks of the Lodge.

Athol Lodge, No. 413.—Held its regular meeting on Friday, 27th February. Bro. Nelson in the chair. J. Lenttit I.P.M., G. Holmes D.M., J. Leeds S.M., J. Bramlie S.W., J. Wilson J.W., P. Agnes Treasurer, pro. tem. Bro. W. Bell P.M. 3 bis., G. W. Wheeler 73, J. Booth R.W.M. 87, J. Gray, St. John's, Kirkwall. The business consisted of the raising of two brethren, which was ably performed by P.M. Lenttit.

Neptune Lodge, Glasgow, No. 419. — Held their festival in the South Side Assembly Rooms, under the presidency of Bro. Malcom Stark R.W.M., who was ably supported by the rest of his office-bearers. There was also a large attendance of visiting brethren and ladies, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

Thorntree Lodge, No. 512.—Held their annual festival on Friday, 23rd February. Bro. Lochlar Kellar R.W.M. in the chair. Bro. A. Nicholson Croupier. On the dais were the Rev. G. Campbell Chaplain, J. Scobie I.P.M., Capt. Hays R.W.M., Busby, St. John's, the Master of the Royal Arch, Pollockshaw, R. Nisbett, R.W.M. of the Albert Edward 592, and a number of influential brethren from the Province of Renfrewshire East. Bro. L. Keller supplied an abundant repast, and the intellectual food was equally good; the speeches, if short, were all to the point, and the singing was of a class rarely heard from amateurs. The Thorntree Lodge will, we doubt not, flourish under its new rulers.

Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.—The members of this Lodge met at the Artillery Grounds, Finsbury, on Friday, the 23rd ult., for the first time, under the presidency of Bro. Ensign W. I. Spicer W.M. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. Charles Rolfe, which being unanimous in his favour, he was introduced and admitted into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bros. H. P. Matthews, Fulcher, and Pash were then passed to the 2nd degree. A ballot was then taken for Bros. J. E. Fullager, of the Tuscan Lodge No. 14, and George Smithers, of the William Preston Lodge No. 766, which proved unanimous in their favour. The brethren then adjourned to a banquet, and after the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, the Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. Strickland No. 180, J. Garrett P.M. 183, J. O. Carter P.M. 209, P.G.D.C. (Berks and Bucks), W. Nicholes No. 209, and G. W. Dixon P.M. 861 P.P.G.D.C.

Cherwell Lodge, No. 599.—The members of this Lodge held their twenty-fifth anniversary at the Red Lion Hotel, Banbury, on Monday, 26th Feb., when Bro. Rev. J. Spittal was installed Wor. Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. R. Havers, P.G.D. of England, with his accustomed ability. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Potts I.P.M., Rev. A. Ayton S.W., G. A. Hardacre J.W., R. Havers P.G.D. Treas., E. J. Hartley P.M. Sec., T. W. Holland S.D., C. H. Pemberton P.M. J.D., W. Chamberlin and T. Fowler Stewards, R. C. Humfrey I.G., T. Moss Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together, under the presidency of the W.M., who was supported by Bros. R. Bird, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Rev. H. Adair Pickard, P.M. of the Apollo University Lodge, Oxford, H. C. Risley P.M., R. Havers P.G.D., the newly invested officers, &c.

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Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 27th of February, at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. E. T. Worsley W.M., Lovelock S.W., W. J. Smith J.W., E. T. Worsley Sec., Allen Treas., Saunders S.D., Defries J.D., P. M. Wallington, Preceptor, Johnson I.G.; P.M. Bro. Wright, and Bros. Dallas, Ould, Watkins, Perry, Perrin, Brown, Glover, Bonner, Wardell, Pavitt, Barker, Davis, &c. Business—The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The Lodge opened in the 2nd and 3rd degrees, when the Preceptor perfor med the installation ceremony; after which that of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Perry acting as candidate. The Lodge was closed to the first degree when Bro. Smith worked the 3rd section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Ould 781 was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Lovelock was elected as W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The Preceptor stated that, according to the rules, the annual supper takes place in the month of March. He would therefore propose, which was seconded by Bro. Lovelock, that it be fixed for the fourth Tuesday—viz., the 27th. Those brethren wishing to be present will kindly communicate with the Secretary, at the above address. The Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till Tuesday next.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—This Lodge was held at Bro. Bolton's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 23rd February. Present—Bros. R. W. Pearcy W.M., Lane S.W., Powell J.W., Crouch S.D., Kent J.D., Webb I.G., Townsend Sec., Bolton, Simpson, Smith, Crellin, and A. W. Fenner. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Smith being candidate. Questions leading to 2nd were answered. Bro. A. W. Fenner worked the 2nd section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Powell 186, and Bro. Crouch 1297 were duly elected members of the Lodge. Bro. Lane was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. It was agreed to by the brethren that the first annual supper of this Lodge of Instruction take place at Bro. Bolton's, as above, on the third Friday in March. Full particulars, with names of Stewards and price of tickets, will be duly announced in next week's number of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. All business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Asaph Chapter, No. 1319.—A convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday, the 19th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Comps. E. Stanton Jones M.E.Z., C. Coote P.Z., H. Dodd J., Harry Cox, Arthur Swanborough, E. J. Henson, &c. The minutes of the former convocation were read and confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. Tisley D.C. Star Lodge, No. 1275, W. Welsman P.M. South Middlesex, and S.W. 1589, which were unanimously in their favour. Bro. John Caulford had been previously accepted. These were duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. There being no other business before the Chapter, it was closed, and the brethren separated.

Sphinx Chapter, No. 1329.—A Convocation of this Chapter took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on 25th February. The Chapter was opened in due form by the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. Nairne, and the minutes of last meeting confirmed. A Board of installed Principals was formed, and the M.E.Z. elect, Dr. Bedolfe was installed by Comp. Nairne. The new M.E.Z. then installed Comp. Vockins as H. and Comp. Goss as J., and appointed Comps. Reynolds Treasurer, Temple Scribe E., Cobham Scribe N., and Middlemas as Principal Sojourner, who in turn appointed as his assistants Comps. Bryant and Bickerton. Comp. Harrison was re-appointed Janitor. The M.E.Z. then presented the P.Z. Comp. Nairne with the usual jewel, as a slight memorial of his very efficient and able services to the Chapter during the past year. Bros. Permewan, Webb, and Ranacres, were then exalted to the Royal Arch degree. The business of the Chapter ended, the Comps. retired to the banqueting-room, where the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts having been disposed of, the M.E.Z., in proposing the toast of the retiring First Principal, desired to express the high esteem in which he was held by the Chapter, and its sense of the services he had rendered. Comp. Nairne might be truly looked upon as a conscript father of the Lodge; for, under his fostering care, it had sprung to life, and assumed the vigour of manhood whilst as yet a child. He knew and felt that the toast would be worthily responded to. The M.E.Z., in proposing the health of the Second and Third Principals, Comps. Vockins and Goss, alluded to the services Comp. Vockins had rendered to the Chapter, of which he might be called the Sponsor. He had laboured honestly for it, and all must esteem him for his work. The M.E.Z. had long known the W.M. of the Lodge in which Comp. Vockins was initiated, and from the character of its members it was an honour to have had such a Masonic origin. On proposing the health of the Visitors, to which Comp. Bickerstaff replied, he expressed regret that Comp. Constable had been compelled to leave, but hoped the Comps. would not forget his benevolent aim of obtaining £1,000 for the Boys, by the sale of 1s tickets, each giving a chance of a Life Governorship to its holder. Comp. Constable was one of the most energetic Masons in London, and he hoped the members of this Chapter would appreciate and aid his noble undertaking. He also read a letter from Comp. Hughan, regretting the meeting was beyond the length of "his cable tow." He referred to Comp. Hughan as performing a most useful part in collecting traditions of modern Masonry; he had not undertaken his task a day too soon, for in these days of change passing events are soon forgotten. For his own part, he thought Masonry too timid of investigation, but if it were undertaken with an earnest desire after truth, a strict observance of the rules of criticism, and a careful definition of what is to be taken as fact, and what as allegory, united to an honest confession of the difficulties surrounding our position, it had all to gain, and nothing to fear. Men like Brother Hughan are not always to be found. Could not Grand Lodge be induced to found an annual lecture or oration, to illustrate Masonry, its history, traditions and objects, and thus clear away the rubbish with which our ears are too often assailed? An honour of this kind would be highly esteemed, for men will not work to be snubbed and slighted. The M.E.Z. here passed round an autograph letter of the historian Guizot on Masonry, and reminded the Comps. of a favourite toast both in Lodge and Chapter—viz., that of their excellent Treasurer, Comp. Reynolds, than whom no man more kindhearted, or more worthy of esteem for his high character, existed. Whilst he continued to perform the duties he had undertaken the Chapter would prosper. The next toast was that of "The Principal Sojourner, Middlemas," a Comp. and friend whom each had learned to appreciate, whether in Chapter, Lodge, or the civil affairs of the outside world, judging by the effect produced upon the audience of the two most effective speeches he had ever heard; one was delivered by Daniel O'Connell, and the other by Comp. Middlemas, who was an exact and excellent worker, and an honour to the Chapter. All the officers had well done their duty, and each Companion had striven with them to bring the Chapter to that condition of efficiency and respect which it had undoubtedly won. The repast was excellent, and a very pleasant evening was spent by the Companions, when, at length the Janitor appeared, and with his *finale* closed the scene.

Llanidloes Lodge, No. 1582.—This Lodge held its regular meeting at the Trewythen Arms Hotel, Llanidloes, on 14th February. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. W. Collender J.G.D.C. of North Wales and Shropshire, supported by Bros. W. A. Davies S.W., John Kitto J.W. and Hon. Secretary, W. H. Williams S.D., J. H. Webb acting J.D., W. Russell I.G., J. Trewin Tyler. There were also present Bros. E. Davies, Hugh Jones, Owen Williams, F. Britton W.M. 1594, E. J. Williams 1072, &c. The minutes of the last regular Lodge having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Davies, who was duly elected and initiated. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Owen Williams, having proved himself qualified, was entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, when Bro. Owen Williams was re-admitted and raised. The Lodge was afterwards resumed to the first degree, when the W.M., on rising, said, since they last met it had pleased the Great Disposer of all Events to remove from amongst them one to whom the Llanidloes Lodge must always feel deeply indebted, for when they first met on the 8th of June last, they passed a vote of thanks to their late Bro. Goldsboro for his great services towards them in consecrating their Lodge; also investing him as their immediate Past Master, in addition to which they asked him to accept a further compliment, and elected him an honorary member. But death had commenced with their roll early, and he trusted that the G.A.O.T.U. would spare them for a very long time before they had to make a similar announcement. It was now his melancholy duty to propose a vote of condolence to the widow and family of their late Bro. Goldsboro; also that the Lodge assume mourning emblems until the May meeting. To most of the brethren of the Lodge Bro. Goldsboro was known only by name, until the day that he came amongst them to consecrate the Lodge, but to himself he had been known long before his entrance into Freemasonry; he had not only to join in their sympathy, but to mourn the loss of a dear and valued friend. When he told them that in the province of North Wales and Shropshire, their late brother had consecrated upwards of a dozen Lodges during the past twelve years, he was sure theirs was not the only Lodge in which he would be missed, and the want of his kindly counsel and advice would be felt. His feelings would not permit him to say anything more, and he had only to ask them to pass a vote of condolence to the widow and family of their late brother, who had gone to that "bourne from whence no traveller returns," and who was now, he trusted, in that Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever and ever. He felt sure that the Province of North Wales and Shropshire would not soon forget the works of their departed brother. The motion was seconded most feelingly by Bro. W. A. Davies S.W., and carried in solemn silence. It was then proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. J. Kitto J.W., that the best thanks of the Lodge were due to Bro. D. P. Owen I.P.M. 998, for the present he had made to the Lodge of twenty copies of the "Masonic Calendar for North Wales and Shropshire." Mr. William Sutcliffe, of Llandiloes, was proposed for initiation, after which the Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Wednesday, 14th of March.

The Bayard Lodge, No. 1615, met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, on Monday, 26th February. W. Bro. Lieut-Colonel H. Somerville Burney, P.M. P.P.J.W. for Essex, W.M. Present—Captain Loeson S.W., Alfred E. T. Watson J.W., the Rev. Charles J. Ridgeway P.M. P.P.G.C. Worcester, Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.M. Treasurer, Captain Portlock Dadson Secretary, Robert Fyers J.D., James Keene P.M. D.C., Francis C. Compton Organist, Major Wemyss I.G., Captain N. G. Philips P.M., Major Shadwell H. Clerke P.M., the Chevalier Habicht P.M., Hugh H. Rinch P.M., Lieut. A. G. Walker R.A., C. N. Longcroft, Lieut. G. Le C. Egerton R.N., W. Bexley Thorne, E. B. Bernard, Herr Edward Sauerbrey, the Chevalier Lloyd K.S.G., Arthur Spicer, F. Calrow, C. Malcolm Wood, Captain S. C. Pratt R.A., W. B. Lethbridge, Captain H. S. Andrews, F. C. Maitland, Rev. G. Sutton Flack, Nicholas Herbert, C. P. Kempe, Captain S. J. Dyer and Major A. Wood. Visitors—Colonel Randolph, 1383, Major F. J. Ricarde-Seaver, and Pelham Bullock, 214. Bros. Spicer, Bernard, and the Chevalier Lloyd K.S.G. were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons; Bros. the Rev. G. Sutton Flack, F. Cave Maitland, and Nicholas Herbert were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft; and Lieut. G. Le C. Egerton R.N. and Mr. C. N. Longcroft were initiated. The W.M. presented a handsome banner to the Lodge, and the sum of one hundred guineas was voted as a donation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

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Glasgow Provincial Royal Arch Festival.—St. John's Hall, kindly lent for the occasion, was well filled on Wednesday the 21st ult., by the members of the various Chapters in the province of Lanark. A most excellent repast was provided, by Comp. Galloway, to which full justice was done. After the cloth was cleared came the intellectual feast. Comp. F. A. Barrow, Provincial Grand Superintendent, took the chair, supported by Comps. W. H. Smith P.G.H., J. F. Mitchell P.G.J. On the dais were also seated Comps. H. Inglis, of Torsonce D.G. 1st Principal of Scotland, L. Mackersey G. Scribe E., and Comp. R. S. Brown, 1st P. of Chapter 83, as a deputation from the Supreme G.C. The other provincial officers present were Comps. James Balfour P.G.S.E., G. W. Wheeler P.G.S.N., T. Halket P.G.T., T. M. Campbell P.G. 1st S., D. Lamb P.G. 2nd S., G. McDonald P.G. 3rd S., G. Thallon P.G.C., J. Duthie P.G.S. of W., J. Miller P.Z. 50, J. Louttit 50, H. Mackenzie J. of 50, J. Duthie P.Z. 67, J. Campbell Z., W. Harper, R. Prout J., and J. Fash S.E. 69, G. W. Wheeler Z. 73, G. McDonald I.P.Z. 73, J. Kinnird H. 73, W. Gunn J. 73, J. Balfour S.E., G. Muir Z. 87, D. Lamb Z. 79, R. Brodie J. 79, T. Halket Z. 113, G. Thallon Z. 119, D. Baker Z. 143, H. J. Shields P.Z. 143, G. Dyer T., and C. Meak 1st S. The P.S. expressed the pleasure he felt in presiding over such a large and influential meeting of the Arch Masons of the Province, more especially as they were favoured with a deputation from the Supreme G.C., the Deputy Grand Principal, and the G.S.E.; he then commented on the state of the Order in the province. After this due honour was paid to the toasts of the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and that of the Army and Navy and Volunteers. The latter toast was ably responded to by Comp. Baker Z. of 143, as a non-commissioned officer of twenty years' standing, and now a volunteer, who could testify to the efficiency of both arms to do all that was required of them. The Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland was then given from the chair. In replying in a high eulogistic speech, Comp. H. Inglis D.G.P. expressed the pleasure he experienced in being present that evening at the gathering of Royal Arch Masons of the West of Scotland, although he was suffering from a violent attack of neuralgia. He felt half a citizen of Glasgow, especially as he saw in the chair his old friend Barrow, than whom a better Mason whether in the Blue or Red, he did not think existed in Scotland. He was glad to corroborate his testimony as to the statement of the satisfactory state of the Order, as compared with that of the Craft, as they were in perfectly good working order, and everything in harmony; and this they would be while they continue to have such officers as those they now had, like his good friend Mackersey. Comp. Smith P.G.H. then gave "the other Grand Chapters." He was glad that those of England and Ireland were as prosperous as themselves; as for those on the other side of the Atlantic, he could not say much, but he believed that they were doing well, there were a number of them, and all prospering, even as themselves. "The Provincial Grand Chapter of Lanarkshire," was then proposed by Comp. Inglis D.G.Z. He held this to be the toast of the night, and he felt proud to have the honour of giving it, for it was the largest Province, and he believed it was one of the best, if not the very best of them all, and presided over by one of the best of working Masons, who had the esteem of them all, and was always honoured when he came to the East. He was one who knew Masonry from its foundation up to its very summit—up to the 32nd degree. Comp. Barrow acknowledged the compliment paid to him, as the head of the Province, and to the Comps. who had so loyally supported him in all his efforts to carry out the true principles of the Order. Comp. Mitchell P.G.J. then gave "The Daughter Chapters." If it was not for the Daughter Chapters, neither the Provincial nor the Supreme could exist. The Order was deserving of support, and every M.M. ought to be a R.A. Mason; it was the completion of the 3rd degree, and he trusted every one would exert himself till there were as many R.A.'s as they now had Master Mason's, for he felt that the Provincial Chapter was now composed of men of energy who would do all that was necessary to advance the best interests of the Order, and make it what it should be. Comp. Louttit H. replied on behalf of Chapter 50. They had not been quite so successful this last two years as formerly, but she was now regaining her former prestige. Comp. Baker returned thanks for 143; Comp. Duthie P.Z. replied for Chapter 67. He was of opinion something was necessary to give it a higher standing in the eyes of the Craft; for his part, he did not fully understand Masonry till he took the Royal Arch. Comp. Campbell, Z. of 69, was fully impressed with the necessity of something being done to improve them, and stated he was glad that the Order was progressing now. Comp. Wheeler remarked that 73 was in a very flourishing state, his officers were all very ably supporting him, and from his experience he was able to say that the Order was already taking a higher standing. For his own part, during the two-and-a-half years he had had the honour of filling the principal chair, he had himself exalted in his own and other Chapters, eighty-seven, and been present at, and assisted in the exaltation of eighty others; so if they were only true to themselves, to the Order, and their principles, they would get the higher status required. Comp. Muir, as Z. of 87, was pleased at being present for the first time at this re-union. Comp. Lamb, on behalf of 79, said that having reconstructed the Chapter, they meant it should be second to none. Comp. Thallon, for 119, said they were progressing. Comp. T. Halket, for 113, said, having now a new hall, they should progress still more rapidly. W. Smith P.G.H. gave "The other Orders of Masonry." Comp. Mackersey replied, saying it was a herculean task, if he went into the whole of them, so at this late hour, he would only just sketch them; but he thought that he must say a word about the next, viz.: the Royal Order, and also that of the Rose Croix, by advising them to establish a Chapter of the 18th degree. It would afford the members of Supreme Grand Council, great pleasure to come to Glasgow and establish one; all the Colonies were getting them, and he did not like to see Glasgow left out in the cold. Comp. J. Halket P.G.T. gave "Visiting Brethren," showing the good that resulted from such visits. This was the first time for several years they had a visit from the Supreme. Comp. R. S. Brown replied it was a great pleasure for them to be present, and he thought that it was a mutual benefit, both for the Visitors and the visited, and trusted that the members would return the visits, and come to the Supreme Chapter next month. Comp. Mackersey then gave "the Benevolent Institutions." Too often he found that charity began, and often ended at home, but he found that in Glasgow they really had something like charity, and it set an excellent example to all other Provinces in this respect, for without charity, what was our system but a set of mystic rites? Comp. J. Thomson replied, it was a source of pride to him, that he had conceived the idea of this Benevolent Institution, he had got it established, had watched its early growth, and now was proud to see its success; they wanted to relieve true distress, but discourage those who long had tried to live by imposture. He had lived to see it a perfect success, and now it was an honour to the Craft. Comp. Campbell P.G. 1st S., proposed the "Masonic Press," regretting that they had not a purely Scotch Masonic Press, but he hoped that that would soon be remedied by the establishment of one. Comp. Wheeler replied on behalf of the "FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE." Comp. D. Lamb P.G. 2nd S., then in a highly interesting speech, proposed "the Ladies." Comp. Wm. Ferguson, of Chapter 69, replied. Votes of thanks were then given to the Chairman, Croupiers, and the Committee, who had ably carried out the arrangements during the evening. Comps. Miller and Halket at the harmonium, and Halket, Prout, Muir and MacConichie and W. Harden, by their vocal abilities contributed, to the enjoyment of the evening.

Provincial Chapter of Lanarkshire.—Held its quarterly Convocation on Friday, 23rd February, F. A. Barrow P.G. Superintendent, presiding. In the absence of the P.G. H. and J., their places were filled by Comps. G. Muir Z 87, and Baker Z 143. There were also present—J. Balfour P.G.S.E., G. W. Wheeler Z 73 P.G.S.N., T. Halket, P.G.T., T. M. Campbell P.G. 1st S., D. Lamb P.G. 2nd S., G. McDonald P.G. 3rd S., J. Duthie P.G.S. of W., J. M. Oliver P.G.S.B., and J. B. Handie P.G. Janitor. Arrangements were made for the annual visitations of the Chapter, after which an interesting discussion, on the present status of the Mark degree, and also the mode of working it, was entered into. The principal speakers were C. McKenzie, J. Duthie, T. M. Campbell, D. Lamb, G. McDonald, T. Halket, G. W. Wheeler, and William Harding. The P.G. Superintendent was pleased that the discussion had taken place. It had tended to throw light on dark and different subjects, and with regard to the two modes of working, he held both to be constitutional, the one, though perhaps a little in excess of the recognised ritual, was not unconstitutional; and it tended to make the candidate more fully understand the real merits of the degree.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—Was held at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, on Tuesday last, under the following Comps.:—J. Constable Z., C. Nash H., J. K. Stead J., T. W. White S.E., E. Gottheil S.N., Major Finney P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was ably rehearsed by the three Principals, Comp. Lindus acting as candidate. The following Comps. were elected to preside for the ensuing fortnight:—J. K. Stead Z., C. Nash H., H. W. Lindus J., S. P. Catterson S.W. The time of meeting having been altered to seven o'clock, it is hoped that hour may better suit the convenience of those who desire to attend.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Blue Anchor Tavern, 3 Coleman-street, on the 28th ult, at the hour of seven p.m. Bro. Fenner presided as W.M., and there were present Bros. Levy S.W., Walker J.W., Mason S.D., Abell J.D., Croakes I.G., Pitt Sec., J. Constable Treasurer, and Preceptor pro tem. P.M.'s Bros. E. Gomperts, N. Glockstein, S. Hiskman, and Bloomfield. The business of the evening was in the first place the rehearsal of the ceremony in the second degree, Bro. Groner acting as the candidate, and this was very ably rendered by the W.M. Bro. Abbott then gave his fourth lecture on the history of the Craft in England, noting the principal events which occurred during the Grand Mastership of the Earl of Loudon, the Earl of Darnsley, and the Marquis of Carnarvon. Among those to which he called special attention, were the initiation at Kew of H.R.H. Frederick Prince of Wales, in 1737, and that of the Crown Prince of Prussia, afterwards Frederick the Great, at Brunswick in 1738. He also referred to the establishment of Grand Lodge in Scotland in 1736, and the Bull of Pope Clement XII. against Freemasonry in 1738. Bro. Abbott then said he should at this point digress from the strict chronological order of events in order to give them as much light as possible on those internal dissensions which had occurred fitfully in the first instance, and towards 1738, more regularly and forcibly, and which ultimately led to the secession of a considerable number of brethren, who, in the course of a few years more, established in London a Grand Lodge of their own. As this, however, was a large subject, Bro. Abbott contented himself with mentioning some few particulars as to the Grand Lodge at York, so that his audience might avoid the common error of confounding with this the Grand Lodge "Ancients," first started in London in 1753. Bro. Abbott was listened to with that kind attention he always receives at the hands of the brethren. Then followed the most interesting event of the evening, namely, the presentation to our esteemed Bro. Constable of a testimonial in recognition of his services in originating and working the Tranquillity and Confidence Masonic Benevolent Association. The testimonial consisted of a receipt for a proof engraving, by Bro. Harty, of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as G.M., together with a record on vellum and framed, of the presentation, and the circumstances under which it was made. Bro. Gomperts, in presenting this to Bro. Constable, expressed himself very fully as to the valuable services which Brother Constable had rendered to the cause of Masonic Charity. He considered it was owing entirely to his exertions that the Tranquillity and Confidence Masonic Benevolent Institution had proved so great a success. £700 had been the direct result, while a further sum of £1,800 had been collected through its influence. Bro. Gomperts thus showed the power for good of such associations was very great, and he considered that

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the immense increase in the annual subscriptions of late years was due to the energy of such brethren as Bro. Constable. If the committee of the Association had not been very attentive to their duties, it was not because they lacked the good will, but because they felt that in Bro. Constable they had a fellow-workman, who would desire nothing so much as that the principal share of the work should fall to his lot. Bro. Gompertz having concluded his excellent speech, Bro. Constable next expressed his thanks for the compliment that had been paid him. The work he had done had been to him a labour of love, and he should value the testimonial especially, because it furnished the clearest proof that his efforts on behalf of our Charitable Institutions had been so fully and so generally appreciated. He trusted that others would co-operate with him in the sacred cause of Charity, and that the testimonial he had just received would be regarded by his children as an incitement to go and do likewise. Bro. Gompertz then rose and presented a record of thanks on vellum and framed, to Bro. Bloomfield P.M., for his services as Treasurer to the Association, and in doing so paid the latter several well-merited compliments for the efficient manner in which he had discharged those duties in particular and his duty in general, both as a man and a Mason. Bro. Bloomfield acknowledged the testimonial in suitable terms and very feelingly, taking that opportunity also of paying Bro. Constable a compliment for his energy in this and similar works. Bro. Figell was elected a member. Bro. Lay was proposed and appointed W.M. for the next meeting, after which the Lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.—Held at the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday last. Present—Bros. Anshell W.M., Digman S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., Robinson S.D., B. Meyer J.D., C. Lorkin I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, and Bros. Brown, Polack, Spencer, G. Ferrar, Brasted, Bonner, H. Meyer, Shackelton, Poole, O. Dietrich, Delafous, Streeton. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer. Minutes of last Lodge meeting read and confirmed. The initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. H. Meyer as candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair, which was afterwards occupied by Bro. H. Meyer, who worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Delafous was elected a member. Bro. Digman was chosen W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Anshell for the very able manner he had discharged the duties of W.M. The Lodge was then closed.

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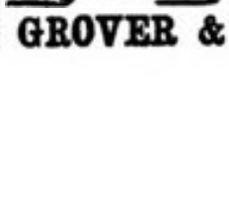
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THE POWER AND PRIVILEGES OF A MASTER.

AS will be seen in our report of the Proceedings, the meeting of Grand Lodge on Wednesday evening passed off most satisfactorily. Lord Carnarvon presided, and moved the adoption of the recommendation made at the Especial Communication held on the 3rd January. Lord Skelmersdale seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously and with acclamation. But there is one matter which was brought under notice and demands more than a passing remark. Bro. Edmund Waller, M.D. appealed against the decision of the D.P.G.M. of Northamptonshire and Hunts on a point involving the power and privileges of the Master of a Lodge. Bro. Dr. Waller at the time of the occurrence, which led to the complaint being laid before the G.L. of his province, was W.M. of St. Peters's Lodge, No. 442, Peterborough. At one of the meetings of his Lodge, it seems, our W. Brother invoked the aid of a brother in working the ceremony of the third degree. The I.P.M., however, expostulated and claimed the right to fulfil this important duty. The Master denied there was any such right attached to the I.P.M.-ship, but vacated the chair under protest, and the remonstrant P.M. took his place and performed the ceremony. Somewhat serious differences resulted. The harmony of the Lodge was disturbed, and, in the end, this and the subsequent disputes were referred to the Dep. Provincial Grand Master for adjudication. Bro. Butler Wilkins in time gave his decision, censuring Bro. Dr. Waller W.M., and it was from this judgment that Bro. Waller appealed to Grand Lodge itself, in the firm belief that he had acted in strict accordance with his powers, as defined by the Constitutions of the Craft. The result we state elsewhere. The decision was affirmed, but Bro. Waller is proved to have exercised his just power and privileges in inviting a brother, other than the I.P.M. or any other of the P.M.s of his Lodge, to perform for him one of the functions of the Master. We fully and unhesitatingly endorse this judgment. Our readers will doubtless call to mind a correspondence which took place in these columns, in the months of May and June of last year, on this very subject, and nearly every one who took part in the correspondence agreed that, as a matter of strict legal right, it was in the power of the Master of a Lodge to invite any qualified brother to assist him in, or perform for him any of, his duties. The Constitutions are very clear upon the point. In the *absence* of the Master, the I.P.M., or in his absence the S.P.M. present, shall take the chair. In the case we are considering the Master was not absent. He merely wished to have the assistance of a certain brother in working the ceremony of the third degree. It will be obvious, therefore, to our readers, that the claim of the I.P.M. to occupy the chair and fulfil the duty rested on no foundation of right. The W.M., as we understand the merits of the case, had not the slightest intention of vacating the chair even for a single moment, and so virtually absenting himself. He simply desired that, for sufficient reasons of his own, another brother should speak the words he would himself have spoken, had he felt that his ability was equal to the full discharge of his duty. A case occurs to us at the moment of writing which, if not perfect in all the points of its parallelism, will, at all events, serve to illustrate our meaning. The Queen opened Parliament in person about a month since. She presided in person at the ceremony, but her speech was delivered for her by the Lord Chancellor. The speech had exactly the same virtue as though it had issued from Her Majesty's own lips. Only in her absence would it have been necessary to provide a representative to enact this particular duty of Her Majesty. The Queen's address, calling her Parliament together to deliberate for the good of the State, was spoken *per alium*, the act was done directly *per se*. No one would pretend to affirm that, because Her Majesty did not deliver the speech, she should have vacated the throne in favour (say) of the Lord Chancellor, in order that it should have due validity. *Parvis componere magna solemus.* In the case of the St. Peter's Lodge, the act of raising the candidate would have been the act of the W.M. Bro. Waller, though the words necessary to be spoken in performing this act would have been spoken *per alium*. This we take it, so far as relates to this portion of the case, is the sum and substance of the Grand Registrar's ruling on Wednesday.

But a question arises, whom may a W.M. invite to assist him in his duties? The Grand Registrar says, as we understand him, *any* brother, which we naturally take to mean, any brother who is qualified to enact the duty. But what constitutes qualification? Many there are who argue that only Installed Masters are able to perform the ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising. We admit this is the case, or rather would be in the absence, virtual or actual, of the Master. In St. Peter's Lodge, had the Worshipful Master remained in the chair, the work of raising would have been his work, though the words had been spoken by another.

We are glad to have had a decision from so authoritative a quarter on a question which has caused not a little vexation of mind to many worthy brethren. Henceforth the power and privileges of a Master will be clearly defined, or at least in this important particular, that he may invite whom he chooses to do his work for him so long as he occupies the chair. We think however, it will be equally clear that if the Master vacate the chair, his place can only be occupied by an Installed Master. But while we think the law is sufficiently explicit, we consider it would be only an act of courtesy on the part of the Master to consult the feelings and wishes of his Immediate and other Past Masters, before inviting any one else to fulfil a portion of his duties.

THE PROVINCE OF NORFOLK.

WE note with much pleasure that at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of this Province held at Yarmouth on the 27th ult., under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, it was unanimously resolved to establish a Masonic Charities' Committee for Norfolk. This county enjoys the honour of including the Prince of Wales among its magnates. It was highly favoured in November last, when His Royal Highness installed Lord Suffield Grand Master of the Province, as successor to the late Bro. the Hon. F. Walpole, M.P. This was the first meeting of P. Grand Lodge since that auspicious event, and we congratulate Lord Suffield on the circumstance that at his first official presidency over our Norfolk Province, a resolution so important should have claimed and received the first attention of P.G.L. But this is far from being the full measure of praise and congratulation which it is our duty to mete out to this particular Province. This is not the first, nor in all probability, will it be the last occasion, on which it will fall to our lot, to notice the efforts that are being made from time to time in order to strengthen and promote the

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interests of our great Masonic Institutions. We know, and our brethren know likewise, that many of our Provinces are very liberal in the assistance they render to their Charities. They and we are also aware that some Provinces are very backward in satisfying the claims which these same charities have upon their support. We shall not specify those included in the latter class, for it is no part of our duty, nor have we the slightest wish to inflict pain. *Mens conscia rei infectæ*,—the consciousness of an unfulfilled duty is burden enough to bear without adding to its weight. But it strikes us it would be miserably churlish in us if we did not draw attention to the singular magnanimity of our Norfolk brethren in publicly acknowledging their shortcomings. The statement that Norfolk did not contribute as liberally as she was bound to do, and as the wealth of her members enabled her to do, was made deliberately in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled. It was no hasty announcement, educed by a passing fit of remorse, but an honest, open acknowledgment, that the cause of charity had not been properly supported, that more assistance might be given to our three Institutions, and that more assistance *must* be given them. This handsome recognition in public of a duty omitted in the past is an *amende honorable* it is not often our good fortune to remark, and therefore it is that we lay this great stress upon the incident. But to pass to the Norfolk Charities' Committee and its organisation. The subject was introduced at a very early period of the meeting by Bro. Colonel Duff, M.P., P.G.S.W., who said there was a wide-spread feeling throughout the Province that the support accorded to our Masonic Charities was wholly inadequate. There were present those who would, with the sanction of the Provincial Grand Master, bring the matter before the notice of the brethren. Lord Suffield at once expressed his wish that the question should be fully considered, and Bro. H. J. Martyn, of Perseverance, No. 213, forthwith laid the figures and facts of the case before Provincial Grand Lodge, showing what the contributions from Norfolk to the several Masonic Charities had been during the past three years, and what benefits the Province were receiving from them. The Province had contributed about £100 annually to the three together. On the other hand, there were in the Boys' School four Norfolk boys, in the Girls' School one Norfolk girl, and on the Benevolent Fund three male annuitants from Norfolk, receiving each £40 per annum, or, in the aggregate, £120, and the widows of two others receiving together £64 per annum. Thus, in return for the annual contribution of £100, the Province benefitted to the extent of about £400, and Bro. Martyn argued very justly that Norfolk, instead of being a pillar of support, was, in truth, a burden upon our Charities. We wish all our Provinces regarded these things as clearly and precisely as Bro. Martyn, but, unfortunately, all brethren are not blessed with equal perceptive power. Be this as it may, the truth thus deliberately enunciated is not to be explained away by any known process of argument. There it stands out clearly in the light of day. Norfolk has been unintentionally, but none the less actually, a burden upon our Institutions instead of a support, and it repenteth Norfolk of this wrongful interchange of places between itself and them. Nor is this a mere verbal or ephemeral repentance to which the Province is now in all sincerity devoting itself. The brethren have girded up their loins. They have resolved henceforth on doing battle, both manfully and Masonically, in support of the sacred cause of Charity. To this end they have organised a Committee of the whole Province. Every Lodge will be represented and there will be, in addition, a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary elected annually. It will be the business of this Committee to take charge of and promote Masonic Benevolence in the Province, to aid the Charities, and to investigate all real claims and applications for relief. No one, of course, has ever doubted that our brethren of Norfolk were as benevolent as the brethren of other Provinces. Now, however, they will shine by the beneficence of their acts as well as by their benevolence. They will figure henceforth—and no doubt conspicuously in proportion to their ability—in the category of active supporters of three of the noblest Institutions ever devised of man. Nor does this Committee, with its well regulated task already marked out for it, represent the full extent of what Norfolk intends doing. Bro. Baldwin has propounded a scheme not unlike some of those which our worthy Bro. Constable has again and again set going for establishing a Norfolk Masonic Charitable Association, whose object will be to obtain, if possible, from every brother in the Province, the small weekly subscription of one shilling, so that each contributor will, in course of time, become possessed of a Life Governorship in one or other of our three Charities. By payment of four shillings weekly he will naturally in time become Life Governor of all three. Five shillings paid weekly will entitle him to the benefits of a Vice-Presidency in one or other of them. The term of this Association will extend over four years and then, of course, it will be time to repeat the experiment in ample form.

We shall add only a few lines to the foregoing remarks. We desire our readers to think chiefly of Norfolk and its well devised schemes of beneficence. But let them endeavour to realise the product of a shilling per week spread over a wide surface. Twenty thousand contributors of this modest sum weekly will raise amongst them in one year £52,000, or about enough for the present needs of our three Institutions. Is this beyond the ability of the Craft?

JEWISH MASONIC DISABILITIES.

OUR readers will notice elsewhere in our columns a copy of a petition it is proposed, at the instance of the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, to submit to Grand Lodge, with a view to bring immediately under the cognisance of that august assembly the exclusion of members of the Jewish faith from certain German Lodges. We are always prepared—we feel, indeed, that it is our duty to meet our German brethren on all occasions with feelings of loving-kindness, to greet them well and heartily, and to act towards them in all things as we would they should act towards us; but bearance—if we may use the word—and forbearance have their limits. We may do our duty religiously towards others, but we have a right to expect that others will fulfil their duty towards ourselves. We have no right, from any misplaced sense of weakmindedness, to make ourselves *participes criminis*, because they are guilty of a dereliction of Masonic duty, more or less serious. It is beyond all doubt that in some parts of Germany, and notably in Prussia, Jews who seek admission into our ranks are refused all participation in the benefits of Freemasonry; not because they are unfit, socially or morally, but because these German Lodges are untrue to the instincts of our Craft, and will only receive into the fold of Freemasonry those who believe in Christ. These difficulties have not arisen for the first time in the history of our Craft in Germany. It is but little more than thirty years since that the same unfortunate departure from true Masonry was brought under the notice of our Grand Lodge. It was in the Grand Mastership of the late Earl of Zetland, and we believe in the year 1846, that representations were made to his Lordship to the effect that an English Brother, after having been admitted into a Berlin Lodge, had been requested to withdraw when it was discovered that in his religious belief he was a Jew. It was further represented at the same time that two other English brethren, though fortified with their Grand Lodge certificates, had been refused admission on the ground of their religious faith. This exclusiveness in the conduct of Prussian Freemasons attracted general attention at the time, and was almost universally condemned by the Grand bodies in other countries. Here, in England, the Grand Master instructed the Grand Secretary to require of the Prussian Grand Lodges to receive and acknowledge all certificates granted by the United Grand Lodge of England without regard to the religious faith of those who presented them. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Royal York of Friendship stated, in reply, that for forty years none but Christian brethren had been admitted into the Lodges under its jurisdiction, or under that of the other Berlin Grand Lodges; that no complaint had been made till the year 1838, since when the question of admitting Jewish brethren had been again and again agitated, and it had been settled to admit them by all but the Prussian Masons. But nothing was said in answer to the request of our Grand Master that all diplomas issued by the Grand Lodge over which he presided should be recognised, irrespective of the religious faith of the brother to whom it had been granted. Under these circumstances, the Grand Master protested against the refusal, and recalled Bro. Chevalier Esser from his post of representative of the United Grand Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge Royal York of Friendship. At the same

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time, our Grand Master, while regretting the circumstances "which for a time unfortunately impeded the wonted intercourse," expressed the sense of his high consideration and brotherly affection for the Grand Lodge Royal York, and its M.W. Grand Master. So much for the past. Now, it seems we are once again landed in the midst of a similar difficulty. Jews are not admissible into certain German Lodges in 1877 any more than they were in 1846; and the petition we reproduce elsewhere calls upon our M.W. Grand Master and the other officers of Grand Lodge, to take the matter into their serious consideration. We hope and trust that those who are agitating this important question will persevere in their endeavours, and that our Grand Master will himself unhesitatingly grant the prayer of our brethren. There are Parsees, Hindoos, Mohammedans, as well as Jews and Christians, under the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge. All these enjoy equal privileges and rights. Our English Freemasonry is in this, as in all other respects, pure and unadulterated. We admit all men who are found worthy, provided they have in them a due sense of religion. They must worship the Creator of all things, but there is no special form of worship presented for all to follow. Moreover, with every sense of respect towards our German brethren, we in England may justly claim to know better than they do of the intent and purpose of Freemasonry, and of its laws and constitutions. And, after all, though Prussia is justly entitled to a place among European powers of the first rank, it has not yet acquired, and we do not think it ever will acquire, the right to prescribe limits to what, as regards religious persuasion, is illimitable. Our Grand Lodge is the Mother Grand Lodge of nearly all the Masonic bodies in the world. It is *our* constitutions and *our* laws which the great majority of them have adopted. Local differences may be accepted as a just reason for modifying those laws and constitutions so as to suit the altered circumstances of each case, but not for undermining that basis of universality on which the structure of Freemasonry has rested throughout all ages. It is our duty to remonstrate when we find other Masonic powers setting the very first principles of our Society at defiance; and if our remonstrances are allowed to pass unheeded, it then becomes our duty, how painful soever that duty may be, to indicate in a manner that cannot be mistaken, and with an energy, the depth and sincerity of which it is impossible to deny, our sense of the indignity that has been cast upon us. If our German brethren insist that Freemasonry is not a universal system, it will be for our Grand Master to consider dispassionately whether such denial does not place the recusant German Grand Lodges outside the pale of Masonry, and whether it will not be his duty, not only to withdraw our representatives from the German Grand Bodies to which they are severally accredited, but also to order the withdrawal of the German Masonic Ministers accredited to our Grand Lodge. We are not called upon to champion the rights of Masonry all the world over, but it is our duty to resent injustice to the Craft universal when it is brought directly under our cognisance. Otherwise, as we said at the outset, we shall be *participes criminis*.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WE offer our thanks for copy of the Proceedings at the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, held in the Masonic Temple, Boston, on the 13th December last, Grand Master P. Lowell Everett presiding, and there being a strong muster of Grand Officers and brethren to support him. As we have already noted briefly the particulars of this meeting, there are only a few portions of this report to which we shall call the attention of our readers. These are the Grand Treasurer's account, the financial condition of Grand Lodge, and the numerical strength of the Craft in this jurisdiction. The accounts present the following features:—The receipts for the year amounted to dollars 57,987 33c., including a balance brought forward from last year of dollars 1691 34c. The expenditure reached the sum of dollars 57,180 12c., the principal items being, for "principal of the debt," dollars 12,250; for "interest," dollars 22,320 10c.; and salary of Grand Secretary and Treasurer dollars 3,000. Thus there was a balance at the end of the year on the right side of the account of dollars 807 81c. As to the financial position, the picture is as follows:—There is a "Mortgage to Provident Institution," amounting to a quarter of a million of dollars; "Notes to Masonic Bodies," dollars 37,550; and "Note to Third National Bank," five thousand dollars, making a total of dollars 292,550. Deducting cash in hand and rents outstanding, this sum is reduced to dollars 280,981 41c., and though this is unquestionably a heavy load of debt to bear, yet it is satisfactory to find that it is less by a little over nine thousand dollars than at the same period last year. As regard the numerical strength of the Craft in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the total number of affiliated members is 26,141, and this shows a decrease from last year of no less than 667. The jurisdiction is portioned out into eighteen districts, besides the China and Chili Districts, there being altogether 216 Lodges, three of which are in Chili, and one in China, leaving, therefore, 212 Lodges in the State itself. Each of these districts is governed by a District Grand Master, corresponding with our Provincial Grand Master. District No. 1 is in the City of Boston, and has twelve Lodges, and a total of 2,260 members on the roll; District No. 2, ten Lodges, and 1,520 members; District No. 3, twelve Lodges, and 1,867 members; District No. 4, eleven Lodges, and 1,282 members; District No. 5, twelve Lodges, and 1,571 members; District No. 6, thirteen Lodges, and 1,689 members; District No. 7, nine Lodges, and 1,437 members; District No. 8, eleven Lodges, and 1,046 members; District No. 9, ten Lodges, and 844 members; District No. 10, eleven Lodges, and 1,947 members; District No. 11, twelve Lodges, and 1,616 members; District No. 12, twelve Lodges, and 1,200 members; District No. 13, fifteen Lodges, and 1,621 members; District No. 14, twelve Lodges, and 1,555 members; District No. 15, eleven Lodges, and 1,053 members; District No. 16, fourteen Lodges, and 1,618 members; District No. 17, ten Lodges, and 1,154 members; and District No. 18, ten Lodges, and 809 members. In the Chili District, two Lodges muster together 162 members, and the Lodge at Shanghai has 47 members on the roll. The number of initiations during the year amounts to 1,307. There were 1,233 brethren passed, and 1,360 raised. The considerable number of 481 candidates for degrees was rejected. No less than 306 members were suspended, and one was expelled, while the number of dimissions amounted to 523, and there were 316 members discharged from membership. In addition 284 members died, so that the reduction of numbers from all causes was very considerable. Against this we must record that 1,662 members were admitted and 123 were re-instated. The number of Grand Lodge diplomas granted during the year was 1,178, and there were 88 Past Masters' diplomas granted.

We have thus far confined ourselves especially to the statistical portion of the report, in order that our readers may learn how it fares with Freemasonry in one of the most ancient Grand Lodges of the United States. It remains for us to add that this report is very ample in the information it affords. Not the least valuable and interesting portion of its contents is the list of Grand Officers who have held office during the past hundred years. The list includes the names of many eminent brethren, not the least eminent of whom are those of Bros. John T. Heard, W. T. Coolidge, W. Parkman, C. C. Damey, W. G. Gardner, Sereno, and D. Nickerson, who are still living, and are both able and willing to take an active part in the government of the Grand Lodge and in the general furtherance of its interests. It is also a matter of duty on our part that we should offer a few words of compliment and thanks to the Rev. Bro. Charles S. Titus, the Recording Grand Secretary, who fully realises our ideal of what a Secretary should be. His arrangement of the matter comprised in this record is admirable. The record itself is clear as the sun at noon-day, so that he who runs may read without the slightest impediment whatever. The Grand Feast was held on the 27th December, and a very full account is given of the speeches attending the various toasts, the first of which was that of the "Holy Saints John." After this, followed a toast, "To the memory of our illustrious Brother, George Washington," which it is almost needless to say, was drunk standing and in deep silence. The evening passed off most harmoniously, the chair being ably filled by the M.W.G.M. Everett. We congratulate our brethren of Massachusetts on the order, regularity, and harmony which mark all their proceedings, and the extremely lucid manner in which such proceedings are recorded, not only for their own benefit, but also for that of brethren who reside at a great distance.

It is also worthy of remark that on Thursday this Grand Lodge completed the first century of its existence as an in-

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dependent Grand Lodge. At the banquet held on the 27th December, mention was made of this by Past Grand Master Gardner. It had been resolved at the Stated Communication, previously held on that day, to celebrate the "Centennial of its independent and sovereign existence in such manner as the Most Worshipful Grand Master may direct." In referring to this, Bro. Gardner, in the course of his speech, said, "They met on 8th March 1777 for the purpose of granting a Charter to a new Lodge; and when they met they found they had no authority; that the Colonial Congress had declared that these States were free and independent, and that by means of the Declaration of Independence of the Fourth of July they had severed themselves from all connection with both Scotland and England, with the Grand Lodges of which they were connected. It became necessary at that time to form some Lodges . . . . and the brethren then voted that they were free and independent," just as the civil government had previously voted its freedom and independence on the 4th July 1776, and from that day till now it had maintained its independence. We trust the anniversary passed off in a manner befitting so important an occasion. We congratulate our Massachusetts brethren on the circumstance, and hope they have before them a long and prosperous career.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE results of the Cambridge Local Examination (Christmas, 1876) are now known, and we are enabled to say that our Boys' School has had a very fair measure of success.

Twenty-eight boys were sent in as candidates for the examination, and of this number 26 passed; 1 senior and 25 juniors.

Of the 25 juniors more than half (14) obtained a place in the honour list: 2 in the 1st class; 3 in the 2nd class; 9 in the 3rd class.

These results testify both to the *quantity* and *quality* of the work done in the School, whereby it is placed among the most successful of the middle class schools which send up candidates to the Cambridge Local Examinations.

The names of those who have passed are here subjoined:—

Senior.	Third Class.
1. R. Bryant.	7. Uwins.
Juniors.	8. Newman.
First Class.	9. Martin.
2. Parker.	10. Rose.
3. Green.	11. Grimes.
Second Class.	12. Heaviside.
4. Bowler.	13. Dowell.
5. Sage.	14. Widdowson.
6. Pawley.	15. Watkins.

The following satisfied the Examiners:—W. Sparkes, Pinson, Harding, Tayler, Battye, Booser, Warr, Moon, Wbyatt, A. Bryant, and W. White.

CONSECRATION OF THE BEACONSFIELD LODGE, NO. 1662.

THE Consecration of this Lodge, and installation of its W.M., took place at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Saturday, the 24th February, the consecrating Officer being V.W. Bro. John Hervey G.S. and P.G.D., who was assisted by Bro. Joshua Nunn P.G.S.D. as S.W., Bro. W. T. Howe P.G.P. Middlesex, as J.W., Bro. H. G. Buss P.J.G.W. Middlesex, as D.C., and Bro. W. Stephens P.M. as I.G. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the anthems were sung. The brethren of the new Lodge were then arranged in order, and the Secretary read the petition and warrant from Grand Lodge. An oration on the nature and duties of Freemasonry was delivered by the consecrating Officer, which was listened to with very great attention by the brethren present, and was brought to a close by reading some very appropriate verses. The Lodge was then constituted, and Bro, Walter T. Christian was installed as the first W.M. He, having been saluted in the antient form, invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. W. Groome S.W., W. B. Brand J.W., Fred. Hallows Hon. Sec., C. T. Saunders S.D., T. Franklin J.D., A. Oldroyd I.G., T. Upward Organist, G. Brown D.C., J. H. Cambridge W.S., and J. Gilchrist Tyler. The furniture and the room were well arranged, and the whole of the ceremony was performed in a manner rarely equalled Several propositions were given to the Secretary for initiation, and the names of several brethren as joining members, hearty good wishes were given to the W.M., and success for the future of the Lodge. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren, to the number of thirty, sat down to a banquet and dessert. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed "the Queen and Craft," followed by that of the M.W.G.M., which was enthusiastically received. The W.M. next proposed the Pro G.M., and the other Grand Officers, which met with a hearty cheer. Bro. Joshua Nunn replied for them in a very suitable speech. The next toast was the Consecrating Officer. Bro. Hervey replied, and thanked the brethren for the reception he had met with from the Beaconsfield Lodge; he felt sure by the working which he had seen and heard, and the brotherly love and unity which existed amongst the members, that the Lodge was bound to prosper; he wished it every success and further stated he should come down and have another look in shortly, to see how the work was going on. He concluded by proposing the health of the W.M., who replied in a very neat and pithy speech, and finished by proposing the Officers of the new Lodge. He felt quite sure that, with such assistance as he had had that day, and also knowing how they could all work, he was confident that the Lodge would be second to none in the manner in which all the duties would be carried out. The S. and J.W. and S.D., replied in a few appropriate sentences. The next toast was the Visitors, which was replied to by Bro. Buss, with a few very kind words and wishes for the success of the new Lodge, and thanking the brethren for giving them all such a hearty and cordial reception. This was followed by the toast of the host, Bro. W. G. Hallows, whose catering was pronounced by all present to have been perfect. He returned thanks; he was very pleased to hear every one of the brethren had appreciated what had been put before them, and hoped he should always be able to give them as great satisfaction as he had done that night. During the course of the evening several of the brethren contributed to the harmony by some capital songs. Altogether the new Lodge has opened under the most favourable auspices, and there is every reason to congratulate the founders and joining members upon the success that has so far attended it. The following were present as Visitors:—Bros. Barford P.M. 55, Downing P.M. 20, Lyall P.M. 73, W. Steadman P.M. 754, Ramsey P.M. 201, Mackey P.M. 861, Leech P.M. 861, Townsend P.M. 820, Rev. C. J. Stevens 813, Davis I.G. 1309, Carter 1507, St. Alphonse S.D. 108, Badkin S.W. 1365, Warman W.M. elect 15, Wilson 1228, Taylor 1588, Lake 1471, Grist 1489 and 1637, Field 1602, Trebeck 1445, Evennett 1426, E. A. Wells 15, Tollias 1185, Claridge 1598, E. Brown 1598, Laverack 917, Baxter 1421, Bare 1598, M. Christian 860, C. B. Payne P.M., G.T., 327, &c.

The first meeting was held on Saturday the 3rd inst. Present—Bros. W. T. Christian W.M., W. Groome S.W., W. B. Brand J.W., Frederick Hallows Sec., C. J. Saunders S.D., T. Franklin J.D., W. G. Hallows acting D.C., J. H. Cambridge Steward, A. Oldroyd I.G., J. Gilchrist Tyler. Past Masters, Bros. J. Pinder, &c. Visitors, Bros. Carter 1507, Varley 1421, Claridge 1598, Laverick 917, Simms 1445, Fisher 1498, &c. Business—The Lodge was opened in the first degree. The minutes of the Consecration and Installation meeting read and confirmed. The brethren balloted for several joining members, whose names had already been handed in, they were all elected. Five gentlemen were initiated, and the Lodge adjourned until the first Saturday in April.

THE LANGTHORNE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

THE first anniversary meeting of this prosperous Association was held at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, on Wednesday 28th February. The annual report and balance sheet disclose the simple fact that in the first year of the operations of this Association the large amount of £247 had been presented to the Masonic Institutions through its agency.

Bro. J. G. Stevens the President, in his opening remarks explained the objects of this and kindred Associations to be that every member subscribing 1s per week for something like four years, would become a Life Governor of one of the Charities. The appropriations in this particular Association, have averaged two per month since its formation, and such a result must be highly gratifying to the committee and equally so to all those who have obtained a Life Governorship through its instrumentality. The working expenses of this, the most expensive year of the Association's operation, have amounted to only £4 14s.

The committee and officers were unanimously re-elected; and after two Ballots were taken, the members adjourned to a dinner, presided over by the worthy President (J. G. Stevens), the vice-chair being occupied by the vice-President (W. A. Tharp). There were also present the Treasurer (T. Lacey), Bros. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B., Terry R.M.B.I., and a company of over thirty members of the Craft.

In proposing the Charities, the President paid a high tribute to the three Secretaries; he hoped Bros. Binckes and Little would not be downcast at the result of Bro. Terry's festival, but would go in and get, if possible, £20,000 each. (Applause).

Bro. Binckes being obliged to leave, Bro. Terry responded for the Three Charities, and was warm in his commendations of the Association, under whose auspices they had met. He related his experience while Hon. Sec. of three similar Associations, and trusted the brethren would rally round and bring this to a successful termination. As an encouragement to brethren in all positions in life, he would state as a fact, that a most distinguished Peer of the realm thought it not beneath his dignity to subscribe 1s per week to one of the Associations. He also said the popular opinion was that Freemasons were a selfish race of men, but the proposals then under consideration for commemorating the safe return of our M.W.G.M. from India were sufficient answer to this, and abundantly shewed the Catholicity of Freemasons.

The health of the Chairman and vice-Chairman, Hon. Sec. and others, brought this, the first annual meeting to a conclusion.

The First Annual Supper of the Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227, will take place at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton-folgate, E.C., on Friday, the 16th instant, when it is hoped a goodly muster of brethren will take place. Tickets, 4s each, can be had of Bro. Bolton, or of any of the Stewards.

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THE EXCLUSION OF JEWS IN GERMANY.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am sure the Montefiore Lodge is wrong in stating, in their request to sign a petition to the Grand Lodge of England, that the "*three*" Grand Lodges in Germany do not admit Jews in Freemasonry, as I know myself personally several Jewish brethren, now in England, who have been initiated in Berlin. There might be *one* "of the three," where no Jew is admitted, but decidedly not all of them, *ergo*: "The Montefiore is wrong."

Yours, &c.,

S. M.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I know as a fact that many Lodges had the intention of petitioning the Grand Lodge of England in regard to the "obnoxious law" of "non-admission of Jews" in one of the German Grand Lodges, but hearing that the Lodge of Joppa, No. 188, have appointed a committee, first to inquire properly into the subject, they postponed all action till the report of this committee could be known.

Might it not have been better if the Montefiore Lodge had done the same?

Yours, &c.,

A GERMAN FREEMASON.

"THINGS NEW AND OLD."

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me to thank "Quiz" for so courteously and readily furnishing substantial evidence of his deduction that Bro. Dunckerley was Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons in Cornwall. The excerpt he gave in his letter of last week, from one of Dunckerley's own letters, is strongly corroborative of his statement. Whether or not it is conclusive, I am not in a position to say.

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

THE MIGRATION OF LODGES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I noted, in a correspondence that occurred in your columns between Bro. Hughan and your Reviewer, some allusion was made by the former to the migration of a London to Lodge Chatham, this one being now in existence as R. Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20. He also suggested that, possibly, our present No. 35, Medina Lodge, at Cowes, I. of Wight, may have migrated in a similar manner from London. Some days since I was turning over the pages of an old Masonic magazine, in search of something I did not find, when I alighted on the following particulars of a Lodge now deceased, but which, at the closing up of the list in 1832, figured on the roll as "Lodge of Philanthropy," No. 28, Stockton-on-Tees. The particulars will, doubtless, interest that learned brother in particular, and your readers in general. Lodge of Philanthropy, says my authority, was constituted on 2nd February 1725, by Dr. Desaguliers, Deputy Grand Master, and was held at the Swan and Rummer, Finch-lane. The first W.M. was Bro. Martin O'Connor, the first S. and J. Wardens Bros. Richard Shergold and Samuel Berrington. The Lodge flourished for many years. Lord Kinsale was initiated in it, and it was frequently visited during the G. Masterships of the Earl of Inchiquin and Lord Kingston. Bro. Berrington was the second W.M. In 1728, Bro. O'Connor was Junior Grand Warden. On 24th February 1730-1, the Lodge was removed to the Swan, Exchange-alley, but in November of the same year returned to Finch-lane, and here, according to Rawlinson's and Pine's lists, we find it located as Lodge No. 39 in 1734. Up till this time it was greatly beholden to the services of Bro. Berrington, who in 1741 was Grand Warden. We have few particulars of the Lodge till the latter part of 1756, when, it is stated, "the Constitution and Lodge were transferred to Stockton, in the county of Durham, and the Lodge was accordingly opened in due form at the Queen's Head Tavern on the 2nd December, Thomas Burdon M., Thomas Rudd and Thomas Whorlton S. and J. Wardens." Here it flourished exceedingly, and on 23rd August 1764, by which time it had become No. 23, played the chief part in the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of a bridge intended to be built over the Tees. From then till the month of August 1794, when the account from which I have extracted the foregoing particulars was published, the Lodge continued to work on flourishingly. By the latter date it had risen to No. 19 on the roll, and this place it continued to occupy till the union of Ancients and Moderns in 1813. After this it became No. 30, and at the closing up of Lodges in 1832, it became No. 28. Since then it has become defunct.

Here then is another conspicuous case of a London Lodge removing into one of the Provinces, and, to all appearances, a well-authenticated one. It is a great pity that a Lodge, with such a record as this seems to have had, should have been allowed to pass away. I see the oldest of the present Stockton Lodges—Tees Lodge, No. 509—was founded in 1845. Perhaps some member of this latter may be able to inform the readers of your journal how it was the venerable Lodge of Philanthropy, with over a century of years to its credit, was so neglected; or, perhaps, the present Philanthropy, No. 940, the second in order of seniority of the Stockton Lodges, may be able to throw some light on the decease of its namesake, of Finch-lane, in the City of London, and subsequently of Stockton.

Fraternally yours,

"READER."

EXCLUSION OF JEWS IN GERMANY.

WE publish the following circular letter from the Montefiore Lodge and the petition it is in contemplation to present to Grand Lodge on the subject of Jewish Masonic Disabilities in Germany. Our remarks on the subject will be found elsewhere.

8 Bloomsbury-place, London, W.C., 5th March 1877.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A committee having been appointed by the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, to carry out the objects mentioned in the accompanying resolutions, I beg to enclose herewith a copy of the petition, and respectfully request you will submit it to the consideration of the members of your Lodge.

Should it meet with their approval, I shall be glad if you will sign the same, and return it to me at your earliest convenience.

Yours fraternally,

S. V. ABRAHAM P.M.

Resolved unanimously:—

1. That it appearing by the Book of Constitutions of the Three Grand Lodges of Freemasons in Germany, held at Berlin, that those only professing Christianity are eligible to become members of the Craft, or to join the subordinate Lodges in Germany, this Lodge of Freemasons assembled under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, with every feeling of fraternal regard for their brethren in Germany, hereby enters its most solemn protest against any law which prevents any properly qualified person from joining the Order on account of his religious belief, such exclusion being, in the opinion of this Lodge, contrary to the fundamental principles of Freemasonry.

2. That with a view of obtaining the repeal of what appears to be a most obnoxious law, a petition be prepared for presentation to the Grand Lodge of England, asking them to take such steps in the matter as in their judgment they may think advisable, and that such petition be first submitted to the various Lodges in Great Britain, requesting their co-operation.

3. That a committee of six be appointed for the purpose of carrying out the above resolutions, and that the sum of £5 is hereby voted for defraying the preliminary expenses.

That the committee consist of Bros. Victor Myers W.M., Gulliford S.W., Lazarus P.M. J.W., S. V. Abraham P.M., Pollitzer P.M., Lewis Jacobs Treasurer, Matthias Levy Hon. Sec.

To the Most Worshipful H.R.H. the Prince of Wales K.G., &c., Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale Deputy Grand Master, the Present and Past Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of England.

We, the undersigned, Masters, Wardens, Officers, and Members of the various Lodges make declaration as follows:—

That it has come to our knowledge that certain Lodges under the Constitution of the Grand Lodges in Germany, held at Berlin, exclude from the benefits of Freemasonry all persons except those professing Christianity:

And it appearing to your petitioners that many good and worthy men are thus necessarily debarred from entering into the Order or enjoying its advantages, and that the Craft is likewise deprived of the assistance and usefulness of many intelligent and influential persons:

Your petitioners beg to call the attention of Grand Lodge thereto, and most earnestly and respectfully solicit that Grand Lodge will take the same into their serious consideration, and will use such means as may be deemed by them most advisable to secure a permanent and satisfactory alteration of the laws of the said Grand Lodges of Germany, which laws, your petitioners humbly submit, are, in their present rendering, contrary to the first principles of Freemasonry.

Signed W.M.

on behalf of the Lodge No.

March 1877.

FREEMASONRY is being liberally erected in South Africa. Some difficulty in the matter of personal insignia was at first experienced in dealing with the more native and less attired part of the population, but these very aboriginal creatures finally consented to forego their prejudices so far as to allow the indispensable symbols of the Craft to be stencilled on their bodies.—*Figaro.*

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE regular Quarterly Communication was held on Wednesday. The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master presided, and was supported by Lord Skelmersdale Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Donoughmore G S.W., Bro. F. Pattison as G.J.W., Sir A. Woods G.D.C., Bros. McIntyre Q.C, G.Registrar, S. Tomkins G. Treasurer, and John Hervey G. Secretary, and between 700 and 800 brethren. After the minutes of the December Communication, and of the Especial Communication in January, had been read by the G. Secretary and confirmed, the Pro Grand Master rose, and in a few words moved the adoption of the resolution recommended at the Especial Communication made in January, in remembrance of the Grand Master's safe return from India. Lord Skelmersdale having seconded the motion, it was agreed to unanimously. The Earl of Limerick then proposed, and Bro. Raynham Stewart seconded, that a sub-Committee, consisting of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Senior Warden be appointed, in order to confer with the Secretary of the Royal National Life Boat Association, for the arrangement of all matters of detail. This was likewise agreed to unanimously, as also was a third resolution proposed by the Pro Grand Master, and seconded by Lieutenant-General Brownrigg, to the effect "that a memorial tablet be erected in Grand Lodge in commemoration of the event." The Pro Grand Master then rose again, and announced that a portrait of His Royal Highness the Grand Master, in full Masonic costume, painted by Bro. Louis Desanges, a member of the Lodge of Friendship, had been presented by that Lodge to, and now graced the walls of, Grand Lodge. His lordship therefore proposed that the picture be accepted, and a cordial vote of thanks be presented to the Lodge of Friendship, for its acceptable present. This was seconded by Lord De Tabley, and unanimously adopted. Bro. R. F. Gould P.M. Nos. 22, 153, 570, 743, then rose, and proposed the election of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for the ensuing year. In doing so, Bro. Gould said, "M.W.G.M. in the chair, Having had the honour to nominate the Grand Master, it now becomes my privilege to follow up that nomination, by proposing in due form, and in accordance with ancient custom, the re-election of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the high office which for two years he has filled with so much grace and dignity. As I am conscious that the brethren must be awaiting, with a very natural impatience, the moment, when they can by acclamation, give expression to the feelings which are dominant in our hearts, I shall trespass upon their attention for a few seconds only; but however inadequate I may feel myself to the duty I am attempting to perform, I believe myself to be, though but a humble member of the rank and file, yet for the time being the spokesman, both of Grand Lodge and of the Craft, and I think it would be considered unbefitting, if the occasion were allowed to pass without there being manifested the most cordial recognition and most serious appreciation of the vast and unprecedented strides which Masonry has made within the past two years, during which it has been the happiness and the pride of the Craft to be under the genial sway of His Royal Highness. I may be permitted to assure our Royal Grand Master, that by graciously consenting to remain at our head, a further incentive will be supplied to us all, to maintain and support the dignity and importance of Freemasonry, so as in all respects to merit a continuance of that illustrious patronage, which we one and all so heartily welcome and appreciate." The motion having been seconded, was carried unanimously, and after formal proclamation by Sir Albert Woods of His Royal Highness's style and titles, the customary salute was given. Bro. S. Tomkins was then proposed for re-election as Grand Treasurer, and the motion having been seconded and carried unanimously, Bro. Tomkins rose and briefly returned thanks. The grants by the Lodge of Benevolence, enumerated in our last issue, were next confirmed. The Report of the Board of General Purposes was then brought up by its President, Bro. J. B. Monckton, and having been taken as read, was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Bro. Harding's report as Auditor of Grand Lodge accounts having been adopted, the Grand Registrar, in a long and exhaustive speech, explained the nature of the appeal made by Bro. Edmund Waller, the then Master of St. Peter's Lodge No. 442, Peterborough, against the decision of Bro. Butler Wilkins D.P.G.M. of the Province of Northamptonshire and Hunts, on certain issues submitted to him, and all the circumstances which subsequently arose to disturb the harmony of the Lodge. The Grand Registrar having laid down the law defining the power and privileges of a W.M., and especially the right he possessed of inviting any brother to assist him in working the ceremonies, who might occupy any place in the Lodge the W.M. thought fit to assign to him, either at the Master's pedestal or elsewhere; and having carefully noted all the bearings of the case, the Grand Registrar expressed his belief that the decision of the D.P.G.M. should be upheld, and moved accordingly. At the same time he felt that the censure of the Deputy P.G.M. should not have been confined to Bro. Waller, but should have included others who deserved it as much. The motion of the Grand Registrar was then submitted, in a few words, by the Pro Grand Master and carried nem. con.

Bro. Monckton then explained the circumstances which led to the next appeal, which was directed against the refusal of the Board of General Purposes to entertain a complaint by the Rev. Bro. Hobson, of Lodge No. 1242, Isle of Man, against Bro. John Brown, in a matter not relating to the Craft; and having justified the action of the Board, Bro. James Mason moved, and Bro. Raynham Stewart seconded a motion to the effect that the appeal be dismissed. This having been put and carried unanimously, Bro. Rev. H. J. Hatch rose and moved the resolution of which he had given notice, but as he was unsuccessful in finding a seconder, the motion fell through. Bro. Mallam having withdrawn his proposition, Grand Lodge was closed with the customary formalities.

Among the brethren present, in addition to those we have named, were Bro. W. W. Beach M.P., S. Ransom, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Dr. J. Hogg, T. Cubitt, W. J. Hughan, Captain Homfray, and the Revs. R. J. Simpson and Sir Jno. Warren Hayes Bart. The Grand Master of Nova Scotia, Colonel Lawrie, was also present, and at the special invitation of the Pro Grand Master, was greeted with the customary salute of 9.

NEW ZEALAND.

THE news from this promising colony, by the mail which arrived this week, is of importance, as it brings us the news of the death of our Brother Sir Donald Maclean, District Grand Master for the North Island of New Zealand. It seems but the other day since we chronicled his appointment to that office, and now we hear of his unexpected demise, at the early age of fifty-seven. It was about thirty-six years ago that our lamented brother arrived in New Zealand, a poor lad scarcely able to read and write, and he commenced his career as a shingle splitter in the island of Wailieke, near Auckland, living amongst the Maoris. During his residence amongst the natives, he laid up that store of knowledge which fitted him for the important position he so lately occupied. In 1847 he obtained the appointment of Inspector of Police, owing to his knowledge of the native language and habits, and in 1849 he was appointed Land Purchase Commissioner. From that period he had constant employment in the Native Office, his extensive knowledge of Maori lore well qualifying him for positions of trust; and in 1869 he became Native Minister in the Fox Government. From that date to the 15th December last, he administered the native affairs of the colony, with what success or otherwise it is not our province to enquire: there are differences of opinion on the subject. Our brother had numerous friends amongst both races, and there was widespread grief in the colony at his loss. Many years ago he suffered from rheumatic fever, which left the seeds of heart disease, the complaint which at last carried off its victim. It was in 1872 that he was made a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, and in 1874 he was knighted for his services in the colony. He leaves an only son to inherit his accumulated fortune of some £20,000 a year. Our brother was perhaps a remarkable, though by no means exceptional, instance of what may be achieved in the colonies by a man of neither family, interest nor means. The funeral was Masonic, and was conducted by the Scinde and Victoria Lodges, under the Irish and English Constitutions respectively. Having met at the Masonic Hall, a funeral Lodge was opened, and the brethren moved in procession to the residence of the deceased, Bro. Alexander Kennedy W.M. acting as D.C. Douglas McLean, son of Sir Donald, was chief mourner, and a number of Maoris took part in the procession. Probably 3,000 persons were present at the funeral. The Masonic service was read by the Rev. Darcy Irwin, Chaplain of the Victoria Lodge, a lambskin apron and sprig of acacia were thrown into the grave, and the Masonic honours were given, after which a hymn was sung, and the brethren returned in procession to the Masonic Hall, where the Lodge was closed.

The movement in favour of the North Island being formed into two Districts is gaining strength rapidly, and the death of the District Grand Master will remove any semblance of a difficulty which might have appeared in the way of such a step. We have not heard of any Brother having been spoken of in Wellington as the probable successor to Sir Donald at the time of the mail leaving.

News also reaches us from Auckland of the decease of Bro. Thos. Jenkins P.M., who was a Prov. Grand Officer of Berks and Bucks, and who had attained the age of 70 years. Bro. Jenkins was a prominent Mason in Auckland, and took an active part in all movements for the advancement of the welfare of the Craft. He had been resident ten years in the colony, and was an architect by profession. At his interment the funeral service was read by the Rev. Dr. Bruce, Chaplain of St. Andrew's Lodge S.C. Bro. Jenkins officiated as D.C. at the consecration of the Corinthian Lodge, recorded by us a short time since, and on that occasion said to the assembled brethren that he did not expect to be able to take part in another celebration in consequence of his failing health. He was much respected by the brethren of the district.

On the 5th January, Bro. M. S. Leers P.M., who is always active in matters Masonic, and is in every sense a bright Mason, acted as installing officer at the anniversary of the Coromandel Lodge 456 I.C. The following officers were installed:—G. W. Basley W.M., T. Warner S.W., E. Wilson J.W., C. Fraser Treas., H. Picket Sec., A. King S.D., A. Kelso J.D., H. Macdonald I.G., C. Coglan Tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to a *recherché* banquet, provided by Host Boyd, of the Coromandel Hotel. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk and responded to, the splendid Glee Club of Tokatea entertained the brethren with some beautiful musical selections, and the festivities closed after a most enjoyable reunion.

On St. John's Day Captain A. C. Turner was duly installed W.M. of the Tauranga Masonic Lodge for the ensuing year.

The Freemasons of Onehunga have resolved to erect a Masonic Hall in the township. A meeting was held on the 4th January, at which it was resolved to form a company for the purpose. The proposed building is to be 70 feet long by 31 feet wide.

A movement is on foot to petition for a warrant for a new Lodge at Newmarket, near Auckland, to be called the Remuera Lodge, Bro. Wm. Lodder P.M., to be the first Master. The petition has been recommended by the Prince of Wales Lodge 1338.

Southern Star Lodge, No. 735, Nelson.—The annual installation of officers took place on 27th December last. The Lodge was opened at 3.30, when the following members were duly installed and invested:—Bros. L. Boor W.M., W. Holmes S.W., W. M. Stanton J.W., W. B. Sealey Treas., H. M. Moor Sec., J. Cann

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S.D., M. Sedgwick J.D., J. Kissel I.G., H. Hargreaves Tyler. The brethren at a later hour sat down to a really first-class repast prepared by Bro. J. Tregea. The chair was taken by the W.M., who, after justice had been done to the good things provided, proposed the following Loyal and Masonic toasts: The Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of England, The Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland, and the Most Worshipful Grand Masters. Bro. Sealey P.M. then proposed the retiring Worshipful Master of the Southern Star Lodge, Past Master Bro. J. C. Moutray, and this having been honoured according to Masonic custom, Bro. Squires P.M. proposed the newly-installed Worshipful Master, Bro. Boor, and the officers invested this day, a toast that was enthusiastically received. Bro. W. M. Stanton proposed the Installing Officer, Bro. Sealy, coupled with the Supreme Council of New Zealand, 33rd degree, of which our esteemed brother is a worthy Companion. Bro. Sealy P.M. responded, and in so doing gave a clear and interesting account of the rise and progress of the Supreme Council of New Zealand. Bro. Lightfoot proposed The Trafalgar Royal Arch Chapter of Nelson, coupled with the name of the 1st Principal, Bro. Squires, who responded to the toast, and thanked the brethren present for the hearty manner in which it had been responded to. Bro. Moutray proposed the Sister Lodges of Blenheim and Wakefield—Lodge of Unanimity and Forest Lodge. This toast was followed by the Visitors, the Ladies, the Host, and all poor and distressed Masons. These having been duly honoured, several songs were sung by the brethren present, among which "The Good Rhine Wine," by Bro. Taylor, and "Oh, Let me like a Soldier Fall," by visiting Bro. Harris, deserve special mention, and the company spent a very pleasant evening.

MEETINGS HELD, &c.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 8th inst., at Bro. Hallows, The Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. W. G. Hallows W.M., Evennett S.W., Franklin J.W., Pinder Preceptor, Brown S.D., Christian J.D., F. Hallows I.G.; also Bros. Clark, Hunt, Bell, Carter. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bros. Hunt and Clark acting as candidates. Bro. Christian worked the 1st and 2nd section of the lecture. Bros. Hunt, Carter and Clark, of Lodge 1662, and Bro. Bell, of Lodge 1178, were elected members. Bro. Evennett was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Hervey Lodge, No. 1260.—A meeting of the W.M. P.M.'s officers and audit committee of the above Lodge was held at Bro. Beeton's, Punch Tavern, Fleet-street, on the 28th February. The accounts were carefully examined, and after the auditor's report had been drawn up, congratulating the members of the Lodge upon its successful position and the good balance for the W.M. elect to commence his year of office with, the brethren sat down to a capital dinner, served in Bro. Beeton's well-known style, the viands and wine giving great satisfaction. After the removal of the cloth, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, given and received in a capital manner, the W.M., in a very fluent speech, proposed the health of Bro. Southwood S.W. and W.M. elect, and informed the brethren how correctly he had worked the ceremonies at his examination previous to being elected, and said that fact showed he would be an ornament to the Lodge. He might safely predict a very prosperous and successful year of office. He was also glad to tell the brethren that Bro. Southwood had undertaken to represent the Lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Boys' School; he hoped that his list would be a good one. The W.M. concluded by wishing Bro. Southwood prosperity during his year of office, and it is needless to say the toast was responded to enthusiastically. The W.M. elect returned thanks in a very feeling speech. After the high encomiums of the W.M. he trusted that he would not disappoint the brethren now they had placed such confidence in him. He always had Masonry at heart, and tried his best to promote its interests. He felt sure if he had the support of his officers, that the Lodge would be satisfied with his conduct of it. In concluding, Bro. Southwood said he had a very pleasing, though at the same time painful task, to perform. They all knew how seriously ill their P.M. and Secretary, Bro. G. King jun., had been since May last, and that his medical advisers had ordered him a voyage to Port Natal. It was very gratifying to him (Bro. Southwood) to find the members of the Lodge had so unanimously responded to his letter, and that the result had been the collection of a sufficient sum of money to enable our worthy Secretary to pay his passage out and home. He much regretted the more recent illness which had prevented Bro. G. King jun. from being with them that evening, but would ask Bro. King sen. P.M. to accept on behalf of his son the purse which contained the collection, and desired him to inform the Secretary that with the present he had the entire wishes of the subscribers that the voyage, with the help of the G.A.O.T.U., would prove of the best service to him in restoring him in a few months to perfect health. Bro. King sen. responded in a suitable manner, and after the various other toasts, the brethren separated.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The extraordinary range of temperature prevailing in our climate is extremely trying to the delicate-chested, the weak and nervous. All troubled by these afflictions should resolve to resort to this strengthening and regulating medicine immediately they perceive in themselves disposition, or that feeling of restlessness which betokens disordered digestion and defective secretion of bile. One of Holloway's Pills taken about noon, and followed at bed-time by a dose sufficiently large to act aperiently, will speedily restore the faculty functions, and restore order throughout the whole system. A treatment so safe in operation and so successful in result should be known and practised when, from cold and sundry other causes, disease is attempting to gain a vexatious footing.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to th Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E.C.

The Royal Masonic Cyclopædia of History, Rites, Symbolism, and Biography, Part VI. Edited by Kenneth R. M. Mackenzie, IX° ("Cryptonymus"). London: Bro. John Hogg, 15a, Paternoster-row, E.C.

THIS completes Bro. Mackenzie's work. We have already expressed our entire satisfaction with the manner in which he has accomplished his very difficult task. There is no more serious undertaking—in the way of literary labour, at least—than the compilation of a cyclopædia. Accuracy is essential, or the book is worthless, but how shall a man find time to be accurate in all things, when the knowledge of even one thing is denied to so many of us? There is room to indulge in propounding novel theories of one's own, or even in writing at length on a favourite subject, but considerations of space forbid this. Then something must be said even on matters of which one has gleaned at best but an imperfect knowledge, and that something must be said creditably, or the cyclopædist will be laughed at for undertaking a work beyond his powers. Bro. Mackenzie, however, has done well. There is evidence of painstaking throughout. No one can read the more abstruse articles without entertaining the conviction that, as regards this most trying section of the work, it would have been difficult to find a more learned exponent. In short, *The Royal Masonic Cyclopædia* has been well and conscientiously done, and deserves an honoured place in the library of every Masonic student.

The present number of *Picturesque Europe* is descriptive of Old English Homes. The principal attraction in this periodical are the admirable engravings, with which each number is so profusely embellished. Those in Part 13 are fully equal in execution and artistic merit to all that have gone before. The steel engraving from a picture by J. Mogford, and engraved by S. Bradshaw, is of "Bamborough Castle." The minor illustrations include several views of Haddon Hall—from the Terrace, from the River, the Courtyard, the Banqueting Hall, and Dorothy Vernon's Postern; of Kenilworth Castle; the Courtyard Penshurst; the Gateway, Hever Castle; Scarborough Castle; two views in Bristol, of Temple-street and St. Peter's Hospital, and the Gate at Chepstow Castle.

Albeit a somewhat eccentric, the Rev. Rowland Hill was a thoroughly good man, and the sketch which the current number of *Sunday at Home* contains of him, from the pen of the Rev. E. Paxton Hood will find a host of appreciative readers. Indeed, we have seldom read a biographical sketch which has afforded us greater pleasure. "A Passover Night on Gerizim," by the Rev. J. W. Bardsley, and No. III. of "Pictures from Jewish Life," by J. Alexander, are not only appropriate to the work in which they appear, but of themselves admirable pictures of the olden time. "Our China Teacups" is a neatly told little tale, and there is likewise mentionable No. III. of the late R. Demans's series of articles on "The English Bible," which we take this opportunity of commending to the notice of our readers. A coloured illustration, "The Convalescent," makes an excellent frontispiece, and there are in addition the regulation number of engravings which, as usual, are in every respect praiseworthy.

Mr. Gilbert Marsh contributes to the *London Magazine* a neat little poem, entitled "A very Brown Study," and the accompanying illustration is quite in keeping with it. "Mayfair," by a London writer, is an excellent representative of serial fiction. Cuthbert Bede's account of "A Chivalrous Adventure" is amusing, and there is much righteous indignation in Mr. Herbert Dolleman's unfortunately too true picture of what many "Penny Readings" are. We have read Mr. Edgar Brinsmead's *History of the Pianoforte*, so that we can fully appreciate the review of it in these pages. The sketch of "Edmund Burke," and the dramatic article "From the Stalls," are worthy contributions to a well-conducted and readable magazine.

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By order,

23rd February 1877. JAMES TERRY, *Secretary.*

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE week has been a very quiet one in the House of Lords. Two Bills, on Bankruptcy and Law Reform respectively, were introduced by the Lord Chancellor, and received a first reading, and there was a debate on the motion for the second reading of the Metropolitan Board of Works Bill, which was negatived without a division. In the House of Commons the chief business has been the introduction of the Army Estimates in Committee of Supply. Mr. Hardy, as Secretary of State for War, moved the usual resolutions, fixing the number of men for the service of the year, and the amount to be voted for their pay and allowances. These resolutions were passed, the House resumed, and shortly after adjourned. This was on Monday. A brace of abstract resolutions were disposed of on other evenings, and on Wednesday afternoon the second reading of the Ancient Monuments Bill was affirmed by the very substantial majority of 48, in a tolerably full house, the numbers being—for the motion 211, against it 163. The result was hailed with cheers by the Opposition.

On Friday last the Queen held a Court and Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace. There were present in the Royal circle the Prince of Wales, the Princesses Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) and Beatrice, Prince Christian, and the Duke of Teck. The corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms were on duty under the command of their Captain, the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, and the Yeomen of the Guard under their Captain, Lord Skelmersdale. The diplomatic and general circles were both numerously attended, and then followed a number of presentations, the names of the ladies having been previously left at the Lord Chamberlain's office, and submitted for Her Majesty's approval. The Queen left London for Windsor Castle on Saturday afternoon.

On Monday evening the Prince of Wales presided at the 119th Anniversary of the Orphan Working School and Alexandra Orphanage. There was a large attendance of noblemen and gentlemen to support His Royal Highness. Following the toast of the evening, which was proposed by the Prince in the warmest possible terms, the Treasurer, after duly acknowledging the toast, read out a long list of subscriptions and donations, amounting to little short of £6,650, the Chairman himself, whose list exceeded £3,000, contributing £100. On Wednesday His Royal Highness left town for Melton Mowbray on a visit of a few days to Colonel Williams. At Leicester a large crowd was assembled for the purpose of greeting the Prince as the train passed through. During his stay H.R.H. will hunt with the Quorn, weather permitting; for, on the day of his departure, snow, hail, and rain fell heavily, and the prospect of any improvement in the weather was extremely doubtful. Previous to leaving town, the Prince presided at a meeting of the Governors of Wellington College.

The Regular Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday. The attendance was large, and the minutes of the Special Communication were confirmed without a dissentient voice. Thus the vote of £4,000 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution is now *un fait accompli*. Full particulars, however, are given elsewhere in our columns.

On Saturday, a Chapter of the Order of St. Patrick was held in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin, and His Grace the Duke of Manchester, by command of Her Majesty, was formally installed by the Viceroy, the Duke of Marlborough, as a Knight of that most illustrious order. The scene was a very brilliant one, the wives of the Knights being present as well as the ladies of the Viceregal Court. Previous to the investiture, the Duke received the honour of knighthood. The usual ceremony was then performed, after which the Duke's banner was unfurled, and His Grace received the congratulations of those present. A banquet followed, at which the Duke of Marlborough presided. The health of the newly-invested Knight was drunk with great enthusiasm, and appropriately acknowledged. Since then the Viceroy has held the second Levee of the season, there being a numerous attendance. Thus, Dublin, under the auspices of the new Lord Lieutenant, is having a very gay time of it.

The Cambridge Crew reached their usual quarters at Putney on Monday afternoon, and have been taking their usual practice every day since. Their rivals will arrive from Oxford on Monday next, and then, of course, those who have the time will be watching almost daily the performance of the two crews. We need not trouble our readers with a disquisition on their merits or demerits. They are both above the average weight, and in this respect are well matched. Moreover, as we said last week, in both boats the number of old blues is greater than usual. It is to be regretted, for the sake of the spectators, if not of the crews themselves, that the weather should be so keenly cold; but young men in perfect training are not so much affected by weather changes as ordinary mortals. If any of our readers are anxious to "spot" the winner we shall have great pleasure in communicating to them our views on the subject, if they will call at our offices this day fortnight about the hour of noon.

Two new members have been latterly returned to Parliament—Mr. Hibbert, as member for Oldham, vice Mr. Cobbett deceased, and the Solicitor-General, for Launceston, vice Mr. Deakin, who has accepted the office of Steward of the Chiltern Hundreds. On the occasion of Sir Harding

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Giffard presenting himself to take the oath and subscribe the roll, the hon. and learned gentleman was received with loud cheers; but when, after in vain turning a mass of papers out of his pockets, it was found that his return for the borough was unproducible—for the moment, at least—the House resolved itself, not as it frequently does, into Committee of Supply, but into the heartiest laughter. At length Sir W. Dyke found the missing document on the seat under the gallery, which the hon. member had just vacated, and then the oath was taken, and the roll subscribed, amid reiterated laughter and applause, the Solicitor-General himself being altogether unmoved during the brief delay.

On Wednesday the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and the Countess of Derby entertained at dinner, at the Foreign Office, the Turkish, German, French, and Italian Ambassadors, and other guests, covers being laid for forty-two. Amongst those present were three members of the Imperial Chinese Embassy, now visiting London. The Countess of Derby had a reception afterwards, which was numerously attended. The same evening, the Chancellor of the Exchequer entertained at dinner several members of the House of Commons, and the Speaker gave his third Parliamentary banquet this session.

Two important resolutions were passed at the meeting of the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society on Wednesday, at their offices in Hanover-square. Lord Skelmersdale presided. Professor Brown of the Veterinary Department of the Paris Council having given all the needful statistical information relating to the recent outbreak of Cattle Plague in London and at Hull, the Council unanimously accepted resolutions, the first of which declared that nothing short of the total prohibition of live stock from European ports, will meet the present exigencies of the case; while the second affirmed, that uniform and compulsory measures should be enforced throughout the kingdom for the suppression of contagious diseases in cattle.

The Lord Mayor has announced his intention of opening a fund for the relief of the sufferers by the recent calamitous loss in the North Sea of thirty-six vessels and smacks belonging to Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Grimsby, Hull, and Ramsgate. By these losses no less than 216 men and boys have been drowned, the consequence being that 88 widows, 164 children, and 15 aged relations, are left entirely destitute of means. We trust the appeal of his Lordship will meet with a hearty response.

The latest political news from the continent is not of the most assuring character. It is said that in certain eventualities Russia will declare herself no longer bound by the Treaty of Paris. Elsewhere, it is rumoured that Russia will not retire from the advanced position she took up last December, unless she receives some compensation for the expenses incurred in mobilising a portion of her army. But Russia has no right to expect any compensation, for it was not more incumbent on her to arm than on any other of the Great Powers. We are naturally reminded of certain events which occurred in the reign of our Saxon King Ethelred the Unready, when the Danes threatened to ravage different parts of England, and were induced to abstain by the payment of large sums of money. When these were spent, they returned and renewed their threats, and were again bought off by the weak, irresolute monarch. In the end a massacre of the Danes took place in England, and Sweyn of Denmark landed at the head of an overwhelming force, and he, and subsequently his son Knut, drove out the Saxon Royal Family and reigned in its stead. The Russians of to-day are not a whit more civilised than our Saxon and Danish ancestors of between eight and nine centuries ago. It will require yet a few centuries of polish to eradicate from their character the greed and cunning of their Tartar ancestors. The rumours we have referred to may turn out to be false, and we trust, for the honour of Christendom, this may be the case. Meanwhile, peace has been concluded between Turkey and Servia, and the negotiations of the former power with Montenegro are said to be making considerable progress, though in some quarters this latter statement is denied, it being reported that Russia is using her best efforts to prevent the conclusion of peace.

On Wednesday evening a grand subscription ball took place in the Royal Opera House, Berlin. Among those present were the Emperor and Empress, the Crown Prince and Princess, and their eldest son, Prince William, the Duchess William of Mecklenburgh, all the ambassadors, and the diplomatic corps. The Court, with the exception of the Empress, walked twice through a polonaise. The Emperor was in wonderful health and spirits, considering his advanced age. The scene was a very magnificent one, though the number of guests was not so great as in former years.

Mr. Hayes was inaugurated President of the United States on Monday, in succession to General Grant, who had filled the office for two consecutive terms. President Hayes's speech was briefer than is usually the case on these occasions. Mr. Wheeler was also sworn in as Vice-President, and took the chair as Speaker of the Senate. The ceremonial observed was of the usual character. Mr. Hayes has since formed his Cabinet, the Hon. W. Evarts, of New York, being Secretary of State; the Hon. J. Sherman, of Ohio, Secretary of the Treasury; the Hon. G. W. M'Crary, Iowa, Secretary of War; the Hon. R. M. Thompson, Indiana, Secretary of the Navy; the Hon. Charles Devens, Massachusetts, Attorney-General; the Hon. David M. Key, Tennessee, Postmaster-General; and the Hon. Carl Schurz, Missouri, Secretary of the Interior.

The Preliminary Meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be held on the 9th of May, the Rt. W. Lord Suffield P.G.M. for Norfolk in the chair, was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Freemason's Hall, Great Queen-street. Bro. Dr. Woodman P.G.S.B. in the chair. Bro. Philbrick Q.C., P.G.S., was voted as Chairman, Dr. Woodman P.G.S.B. Treasurer, and Bro. Robert Wentworth Little Hon. Sec. Thirty Lady Stewards were appointed. The number of Complimentary Tickets was agreed upon. The tickets for brethren are to be 21s, and for ladies 10s 6d. A Sub-Committee was appointed to inquire as to where the Festival should be held, to report thereon at the next meeting, consisting of 12 Stewards. The following brethren were appointed on the Musical Committee:—Bros. J. Boyd, S. Rosenthall, G. Bubb, E. Jones, C. F. Hogard, H. M. Levy. The Secretary announced that up to the present time there were 154 Stewards, the next meeting of whom will take place on Friday the 23rd, at half-past 4. A cordial and unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman for his able presidency.

We understand that a movement has been originated by the York Mark Lodge (time immemorial) for the formation of a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge for North and East Yorkshire. There are now four Mark Lodges in that Province, and we hear that two or three more are likely to be formed shortly.

In our analysis of the subscription list at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution we stated that Devon was represented by five Stewards. As a matter of fact, there were only four. It is, moreover, only due to a very worthy brother, who worked most diligently in order to increase the funds of the Institution, to state that Bro. Curteis' amount of £365 was the highest sum raised by an individual Steward. Bro. Curteis, with Bro. Godschalk, both of Lodge No. 580, represented the whole of Devon, and very hard indeed they must have worked to have raised £565 out of the £590 standing to the credit of the Province. This, of course, we had no means of knowing till the information was kindly conveyed to us, and that was after our analysis had appeared.

We have received the first number of Vol. 50 of the *Masonic Review* (Cincinnati, Ohio), this being the first issue since the new arrangements were made, and Bro. Melish assumed the editorship. It is worthy in every respect, as regards matter and style of printing, of the preceding volumes, and fully bears out our expectations, that the superstructure raised on the very admirable basis laid down by Bro. Corn. Moore, would likewise be admirable. Among the contents are a sketch of Freemasonry in the year 1876, and a history, to be completed next month, of Nova Cæsarea Harmony Lodge, being No. 2 on the roll of the Ohio Grand Lodge. It affords us likewise great pleasure to state that a testimonial is about to be raised to Bro. Moore, who has laid aside the active duties and responsibilities of the editorship,—duties and responsibilities which he had borne for the long period of thirty years, only to find himself in

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comparative penury. This is a result of a life devoted to the interests of Freemasonry, which is neither pleasant to contemplate nor in any wise creditable to our Ohian brethren. It is their duty now, when Bro. Moore has reached the evening of his days, to make him amends for their weak support of him, and we trust the testimonial now about to be raised, will be sufficient to enable him to pass the remainder of his life in comfort.

The Leicester Freemasons' Hall Library was established in the year 1860, under the auspices of the then D.P.G.M., Bro. Kelly, and the St. John's and John of Gaunt Lodges. The number of works in the library has been from time to time increased by donations from Bros. Hodges, Brewin, Partridge, Hughan, H. Neilson, and others. The four local Craft Lodges and the Chapter have each voted the annual subscription of two guineas, and out of this sum the committee are having a number of Masonic pamphlets bound, and have also arranged for a number of Masonic publications, including the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, to be supplied for the use of brethren. There are now in this library over 200 volumes and pamphlets, but these are very properly not considered an adequate supply of Masonic literary *pabulum* by our Leicester brethren, nor are the funds equal to the demands made upon them for the purchase of new works. An appeal, therefore, is being made for further contributions of books or money, and we trust the appeal will not be made in vain. Masonry will go on flourishing the more, the more the cultivation of Masonic literature is pursued by brethren.

The *Keystone* humorously alludes to a typographical error which occurred in our review of Part VII. of *The Early History and Transactions of the Grand Lodge of New York*. It seems we had written "Bro. Jacob Norton was re-elected Grand Master," and again "A jewel was presented to Past Grand Master Jacob Norton." We should have said "Morton," not "Norton." We do not, however, attach the same degree of importance to the error as our contemporary appears to do. We do not think even the wildest imagination will associate the Bro. Jacob Norton of Boston, Mass., now living, in this year 1877, with the Grand Mastership of New York in the year 1805. Bro. Norton is not a chicken, but neither is he a patriarch—at least as to his age.

THE DRAMA.

The Opera Comique—The Compton Benefit at Drury Lane.

So amusing a burlesque as the "Bohemian Gyurl," now being played at the OPERA COMIQUE THEATRE, has not been produced for some years past. The well-worn opera of Balfe offers so tempting a subject for caricature, that it is a wonder the theme has not oftener been employed by writers of this class of entertainment. In witnessing the performance, one is reminded of what enthusiasts might call the palmy days of burlesque, when STRAND and OLYMPIC audiences were moved to uproarious laughter and applause by the acting of Marie Wilton, Patty Oliver, Robson, Mathews, and a host of other celebrities who have now either passed away, or become devoted to a higher order of dramatic representation. The dialogue is so brisk, the puns so good, so plentiful, and so promptly appreciated by the audience; and withal the acting is so spirited throughout, that the piece would seem to be destined for a very long run indeed. Miss Farren is, of course, the foremost figure of the group, and in the character of Thaddeus, of Warsaw, is certainly the life, if not the soul of the performance. Miss Kate Vaughan is an adequate exponent of the charming Arline, and Messrs. Royce and Terry are characteristically amusing in the principal male parts.

The Compton benefit at DRURY LANE, on Thursday, the 1st inst., was a great, perhaps unprecedently great, success. Both in the number and excellence of the artists engaged, and the general effect of the performance, the results achieved were far beyond anything that has hitherto been attained. Financially also, the benefit has been all that could be desired, and more than was probably expected by the projectors. The treasurer announced that he had himself received £2,200; at Manchester a further sum of £1,000 had been realised, and more was yet expected. The performance comprised the council scene from "Othello," the farce of "Lend me Five Shillings," the first act of "Money," the "boxing" scene from "The Man of the World," the last act of "The Critic," Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan's dramatic cantata "Trial by Jury," and recitations by Miss Heath and Mr. Irving. With regard to the actors, it would be an easier task to say who were not in the performance than to enumerate all who were. In "Trial by Jury" alone upwards of sixty artists took part, including Misses Pauline Rita, Carlotta Addison, Kate Bishop, Lucy Buckstone, Ella Dietz, Camille Dubois, Maria and Nelly Harris, Kathleen Irwin, Fanny Josephs, Rachel Sanger, Florence and Marion Terry, Lottie Venne; and Messrs. George Honey, George Fox, Arthur Cecil, W. H. Cummings, George Barrett, J. Fernandes, Howard Paul, J. D. Stoyle, &c., &c. The house was, of course, crammed to excess, and the applause frequent during the performance of the various portions of the entertainment.

Old Warrants.

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No. 58.

No. 213, "Ancients;" No. 268 at the "Union of A.D. 1813," No. 190 from A.D. 1832, and No. 164 from A.D. 1863 to the present time.

ATHOLL GRAND MASTER,

THOMAS HARPER, D.G.M.
ARCHIBALD HERRON, S.G.W. JEREMIAH CRANFIELD, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six, in ample Form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful and Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardale, Viscount of Ballquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley in the County of Gloucester, &c., &c., &c., Grand Master of Masons, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper Esq^r. Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Archibald Herron Esq^r. Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Jeremiah Cranfield Esq^r. Junior Grand Warden (with the Approbation and Consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorize and empower our Trusty and Well beloved
No. 213 Brethren, viz. The Worshipful Thomas Holland, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful John Davis, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful William Savage, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the house called or known by the name or sign of the Golden Marine, in Stonehouse, in the County of Devonshire, or elsewhere, upon the Second and Fourth Wednesdays in every Month, and on all seasonable Times and lawful Occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honorable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And we do hereby further authorize and empower our said Trusty and Well beloved Brethren, Thomas Holland, John Davis, and William Savage (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, choose, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like Manner nominate, choose, and install their Successors, &c. &c. &c. Such Installations to be upon or near every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Thirtieth day of June, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirteen, and in the Year of Masonry Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirteen.

ROBERT LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

Seal

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 7, Letter H. 10th October 1781.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Lodge of Perseverance, No. 164 Sidmouth, Devon.

The annual supper of the Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, No. 174, will be held on Monday, the 19th inst. at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7 p.m.

Bro. Alfred Long, No. 188, announces his Fifth Annual Ball, on Thursday, 22nd March, at the Horns Tavern, Kennington. An efficient number of the brethren have consented to act as Stewards. Tickets can be had at 46 Penton-place, Newington.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 10th MARCH.

186—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction.)
1428—The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1556—Addiscombe, Alma Tavern, Addiscombe.
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.

MONDAY, 12th MARCH.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
90—St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1506—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate.
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
1635—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 o'clock.

75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
292—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-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—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindpool-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
1394—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1440—Royal Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury.
1502—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Micklegate, York.
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.

TUESDAY, 13th MARCH.

46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand Court, W.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
199—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
889—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 7.0.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
194—United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge.
1350—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.

WEDNESDAY, 14th MARCH.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
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.
193—Confidence, Blue Anchor Tavern, 34 Coleman-st., E.C. at 7.0. (Instruction.)
861—Whittington, Black Ball, Holborn, 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.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1506—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (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.)

199—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.
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Rowley.
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1214—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1312—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Staffs.
1582—Llandudno, Trewythen Hotel, Llandudno, North Wales.

THURSDAY, 15th MARCH.

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. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C., at 4.0.
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)

THURSDAY—Continued

813—New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
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.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road.
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
M.M.—Temple, Gun Tavern, Wapping. (Instruction.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.

FRIDAY, 16th MARCH.

766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.
814—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1240—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1274—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1294—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton.
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
K.T. 29—Faith, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
R. A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.

TUESDAY.

495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.

THURSDAY.

800—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

FRIDAY.

1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 421—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 637—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

SATURDAY.

R. A. 309—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.
TUESDAY—1—Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.
WEDNESDAY—2—Canongate, Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street
R.A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.
THURSDAY—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
" R. A. 152—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 86 Constitution-street.
FRIDAY—R.A. 83—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—102—St. Mark's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
" 302—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
" 541—Marie Stuart, Freemasons' Hall, Crosshill, Glasgow.
R. A. 16—Abbey, 18 High-street, Paisley.

TUESDAY—413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 419—Neptune, 36 St. James's-street, Glasgow.
" 441—Glasgow, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.
" 543—St. John Dalmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Dalmuir.
" 579—St. Brydes, Freemasons Hall, Udderstone.
" R. A. 69—St. Andrew's, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.

WEDNESDAY—178—Scotia, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
" 333—St. George, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 510—Maryhill, 170 Main-street, Maryhill.
" R. A. 113—Partick, School-room, Douglas-street, Partick.

THURSDAY—27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 370—Renfrew, Co. Kilwinning, Freemasons Hall, High-st., Paisley.
" 465—St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-rd., Glasgow. 7.30

FRIDAY—360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" 408—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 553—St. Vincent, Freemasons' Hall, Dumbarton-road.

SATURDAY—St. John Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.

The annual supper of the Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205, was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at Bro. Yetton's, Globe Road, Bethnal Green. Bro. I. P. Cohen, the W.M. of the mother Lodge in the chair. About fifty brethren sat down and spent a very pleasant evening. The usual toasts were given, interspersed by songs.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its meeting at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 8th inst. Present—Bros. Maidwell W.M., Hewlett S.W., Powell J.W., Wharman S.D., Cay J.D., Batie I.G., Grammer Secretary, Hoare P.M., and other brethren. The ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed in a very perfect manner by the W.M., Bro. Grammer acting as candidate. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was then closed in the 2nd degree, and the 2nd section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Cay 731 and Waters 211 were elected members, and Bro. Hewlett W.M. for next week.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 5th inst. Present, Bros. R. Pearcy W.M., Halford S.W., Powell J.W., Cook S.D., Garbett J.D., Beckett P.M. Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Christopher I.G., Tolmie, Crawley, Robinson, Millward, Gibbs, Solomons, Stock. Lodge opened in due form. Minutes read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in his usual impressive manner, Bro. Robinson acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the 4th section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren; Bro. Beckett the 5th, assisted by Bro. Tolmie, and Bro. Tolmie the 7th, assisted by Bro. Beckett. Bro. Wm. Day of Royal Union Lodge 382, and Bro. Gibbs of the Perfect Ashlar Lodge 1178 were unanimously elected members. Bro. Halford was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed n due form and adjourned.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, 6th inst. Present—Bros. Rich W.M., Wharman S.W., Brown J.W., Hallar S.D., Cay J.D., Gieberman I.G., and Bros. Redderforth, Hollands Preceptor, Daniel Hon. Sec., Lees, Ellis, Maidwell, Richards, Powell, Browne, Hill, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lees candidate. The 1st section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Ellis, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Rich vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Daniel. Bro. Maidwell answered the questions leading to the 2nd degree and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd, and Bro. Maidwell passed. Bro. Rich resumed the chair and closed the Lodge to the 1st degree. Bros. Browne and Cay of 731 and Powell 186 were elected members. Bro. Wharman was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Rich for his efficient working. Nothing further offering the Lodge was closed.

Caledonian of Unity Chapter, No. 78.—This Chapter held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 28th February, at 213 Buchanan-street, and a Lodge of Mark Masters was opened by the Z., G. W. Wheeler, with Wm. Horden as S.W., C. Lindsay J.W., J. Balfour Sec., J. Bannerman T., when the following six Master Masons were duly advanced, viz., Bros. John McGhie, A. Sherriff, George Johnson, James Cammeron, and Thos. F. Monck, all of Lodge 233 Hamilton, and Jas. Hunter of 416 St. John, Duziel, Motherwell. A Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was then opened, with the same officers, assisted by 3rd Captain of the Veil, and the same gentlemen were duly instructed by Comp. Wheeler, who then opened the R.A. Chapter, J. Balfour P.G.S.E. acting as H., G. McDonald P.G. 3rd S. as J., J. Bannerman Treas., Wm. Hoy 1st S., Wm. McMurray 2nd S., and J. Pent 3rd S., when the same six brethren were duly exalted. Comp. Wheeler congratulated Comp. Wm. Hoy, the new 1st Sojourner, on the excellent way he had performed his duties, it being the first time he had essayed the part, and he being only a young Arch Mason.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 102.—Held its regular meeting in their own Hall, 210 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Monday, 26th February. Bros. J. Thompson R.W.M., J. O. Smith I.P.M., T. Halket P.M., R. Jameson S.M., A. Neil S.W., A. C. Patterson Treasurer, Wm. Martin Secretary. Bro. Halket P.M. conferred the E.A. degree on Bros. J. Fergerson, A. McDougal and R. Watson. A Lodge of Mark Masters (in accordance with Grand Lodge laws) was then opened, with J. Thompson as M.M.M., Wm. Fergerson S.W. and R. Jameson J.W., when Bro. T. Halket conferred the degree on ten brethren.

Union and Crown Lodge, No. 103.—Met at 30 Hope-street, and was numerously attended by about 80 of the members. Bro. D. Murray R.W.M., A. Muir Wright I.P.M., R. Munro D.M., Wm. Thomas S.W., W. Forsyth J.W., T. Gilles Secretary. A discussion with respect to increasing the annual fees resulted in the fact of three motions being carried, the Secretary protesting against the legality of the decision. £5 was then voted to the widow of a late member. Bro. A. Muir Wright then passed seven brethren to the Fellow Craft degree, after which Bro. A. Bain P.M. raised eight brethren to the sublime degree.

Panmure Mark Lodge, No. 139.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, 5th March. Although not so numerously atten ed as is usual with this Lodge, there was a goodly muster of brethren. The Lodge was presided over, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., by V.W. Bro. James Stevens P.G.O., the founder and senior P.M., who was supported by a full staff of officers. Bros. E. Mitchell, of No. 720, Wm. Chalk 72, and H. G. Gush 1541, were severally introduced, and advanced to the honourable degree. A notice of motion for raising the fees for advancement was adjourned for future discussion. Three brethren were proposed for advancement at next meeting. The Lodge was honoured by the presence of several visitors, amongst whom we especially noticed the Grand Assist. Sec., Bros. H. W. Binckes, George Yarley W.M. Designate of the Croydon Mark Lodge, which is to be consecrated on the 9th inst., James Sutmore, Earl of Chester Lodge No. 196, Exeter, &c.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, No. 174.—This Lodge met at Bro. Seaton's, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Monday, 5th inst. Bros. F. Brown W.M., W. Fraser S.W., Hilliard W.M. 174 J.W., Hill W.M., United Strength, S.D., Webb J.D., J. S. Fraser I.G., Ellis Secretary. Business—The W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. A. H. Brown candidate. Bro. Ellis worked the first section of the lecture, and Bro. Webb the second and third, assisted by the brethren. Resolved that the office of Preceptor of this Lodge of Instruction be declared vacant, and that Bro. P.M. Austin 933 be invited to accept the office. This he kindly consented to do, stating that he had no intention or wish for the office, but after the very flattering compliments that had been paid to him, and as the brethren had so decidedly expressed their wish to him to be their Preceptor, he could not refuse. The votes of the Lodge were given to Bro. P.M. Lacey, to assist the case of the child of the late Bro. Goddin. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—The regular meeting of this Lodge, held on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, was numerously attended. The W.M. (Bro. L. Lazarus) occupied the chair. Bros. J. Miller S.W., M. Spiegel J.W., L. Auerhaan Treas., E. P. Albert G.P. Sec., A. J. Campion J.D., B. Baker I.G., H. P. Isaac D.C., and Past Masters Bros. A. G. Dodson I.P.M., L. Alexander, L. Hickman, H. M. Levy, H. Berkowitz Chaplain, I. Abrahams, O. Roberts. The Lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, Bros. Osborne, Lentzburg, Althorp, and Blanks were passed, and Bros. Wilenske and Back were raised. Both these ceremonies were perfectly and impressively rendered by the W.M., every officer being equally perfect. A letter and petition were read from the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, with respect to the non-admission of members of the Hebrew faith in the three Grand Lodges in Germany. Bro. Harris proposed, and Bro. H. Berkowitz P.M. and Chaplain seconded, That the letter and petition be referred to the committee appointed by the Lodge for that purpose. Bro. Davis P.M. 147, Birmingham, by permission of the W.M., addressed the Lodge in reference to the question. He said that the R.W. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. of Warwickshire, together with every Lodge in his Province, had given their cordial support, as had also several others. A sum of £5 5s was voted to be placed on the list of Bro. Israel Abrahams P.M., who represents the Lodge at the Boys' Festival to be held in June next. One candidate was proposed for initiation, after which the Lodge was closed until the 12th of April, in lieu of the first Monday in the month, that being Bank Holiday. After the banquet, the W.M. proposed the "Queen and the Craft." The National Anthem was sung by Miss Alma Yorke, Miss Blanche Grosvenor, Messrs. F. Brough and Prenton. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., was then given, and received with great enthusiasm, and Miss Alma Yorke sang "The beauty of my own heart." The W.M. then proposed the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the Earl of Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. E. P. Albert P.M. Mr. Prenton then sang "Homeward Bound." Bro. E. P. Albert G.P. returned thanks. He hoped to see at the next meeting of Grand Lodge many of those now around him, to do honour on that auspicious occasion, it being the election of the M.W.G.M. The W.M. then proposed what he considered was the particular toast of the evening, "Their Benevolent Fund." He would say that this Lodge was the first that instituted a Benevolent Fund, and it had now reached the sum of £1,250. (Cheers.) He would call on Bro. Louis Alexander P.M. and President to respond to the toast. Miss Blanch Grosvenor then sang "Looking Back," which was loudly applauded and deservedly encored. Bro. Louis Alexander, P.M. and President of the Benevolent Fund, spoke of its origin. It was established for the purpose of assisting members of their own Lodge, without their having to apply to Grand Lodge. They had had many applications, and had given many sums of £100 each. The brethren gave so liberally that they were then in a better position than last year. Bro. A. G. Dodson rose, and said he had to propose the toast of the W.M. They had seen how he had performed his duties, which, he was sure, had been done to their satisfaction. Mr. Frank Brough then sang "My sweetheart when a boy," after which the W.M. replied. He was pleased with the remarks of the I.P.M.—it was a labour of love, and he hoped they were satisfied with the manner he had conducted the duties of the chair. (Cheers.) He had a toast, which was one that was always received with acclamation; it was that of the Visitors. They were always pleased to see them. Bro. F. Binckes P.G.S. returned thanks. He was then suffering from a severe cold. It was many years since he had visited the Lodge, and the Visitors had always found an honest and hearty welcome. He was sure that was the feeling of every visitor. He felt a pride in listening to the words of the President of the Benevolent Fund, and he hoped every Lodge would follow such a good example. He was pleased to see Bros. White and Cotterell from Aldershot. He would be sorry to monopolise their time in prolonging his remarks. He spoke of the great work done by Bro. Constable, and hoped he would do some wonderful work in the way of his books. If every brother present would give Bro. Constable a shilling, they would soon see what good it would do. Bro. Constable followed in a very excellent speech. He hoped to get £1,000 for the Boys; as much good can be obtained by shilling tickets as by larger contributions. He was followed by Bros. Davis P.M. 147, and White. Miss Alma Yorke and Mr. Prenton then sang "The Syren and

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the Friar." The W.M. proposed the Past Masters. He always looked to the P.M.'s for assistance; he had not yet required it, but they were always able to render their services. Every one is qualified to fill that office, and he could give testimony that they could and would give their assistance. Bro. White, P.M. 1331, sang "The Thorn" very excellently, and being deservedly encored, followed with "The Union Jack of Old England." Bro. A. G. Dobson I.P.M. replied, and said he felt proud to be in the position of P.M., and to occupy that position in so important a Lodge. Bro. H. M. Levy followed, and in the course of his speech said he looked with pride around the Lodge to see that brethren whom he had appointed to office had risen to be most proficient in their duties, and had so satisfactorily filled the chair. He urged the necessity of attending Lodges of Instruction, and he felt much pleasure in responding to the toast. The W.M. then proposed the Wardens, and spoke of their excellent working qualifications, for they were capable of filling every office required of them. Miss Alma Yorke sang very artistically 'Nobil Signor.' Bros. Miller and Spiegel severally responded, and said the bright example shown by the W.M. would be an incentive to them to occupy the chair. In proposing the toast of the Junior Officers, the W.M. said they had many zealous ones in their Lodge, but none more so than Bros. R. Baker and H. P. Isaac. He hoped to see them in much higher positions, which they were well qualified to fill. Mr. Frank Brough then sang "Love laid his sleepless head." Bros. Baker and H. P. Isaac replied. The toast of the Treasurer, Bro. L. Auerhaan, and Secretary, Bro. E. P. Albert, was given and cordially received, and the Tyler's toast concluded an agreeable and convivial evening. The Visitors were—Bros. A. Catford 1518, W. Cottrell 1424, White P.G.P. Hants, P.M. 1331, E. W. Coombs 1046, H. Margetson 172, J. H. Kemp 27, H. Ashley 77, J. Chappell 511, T. Maidwell J.W. 27, B. Benjamin 1348, Martansky 187 N.S., F. B. Potta late 188, S. Jewell 1559, W. Vine P.M. 1046, M. Davis P.M. 147, H. T. Reid W.M. 193, P.M. 1293, H. Massey 619, J. B. Dodson 860, F. Binckes P.G.S., and J. Constable P.M. 185.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—The weekly meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Blue Anchor Tavern, Coleman-street, at the hour of seven. Present—Bros. Lay W.M., Walker S.W., Mason J.W., Abell S.D., Croaker J.D., Ager I.G., Pitt Secretary. Bro. Christopher Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. E. Gotthiel (Preceptor) and Turquand. The Lodge having been opened, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by Bro. Lay, Bro. Feigl as candidate. Bro. Turquand, assisted by the brethren then worked the first four sections of the first lecture. Bro. Marvin 1666 having been elected a member, and Bro. Walker chosen W.M. for the ensuing Wednesday, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren departed.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting on Saturday, the 3rd of March, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington N. Present—Bros. Bedwell W.M., A. W. Fenner S.W., Goode J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Ross S.D., Powell J.D., Ansbell I.G. P.M.'s Bros. Musto, Purday, Mackey, &c. Visitors—Bros. H. Wilenski 188, G. Bue 340, Job 1076. Business—The Lodge was duly opened and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. I. P. Cohen acting as candidate. The 1st and 2nd sections were worked by Bro. Pearcy, and the 3rd and 4th by Bro. Hewlett, the answers being dictated by Bro. Musto. Bros. D. Bue and Job were elected members. Bro. A. W. Fenner will preside next Saturday. This being the first occasion that Bro. Bedwell had occupied the chair, a well deserved vote of thanks was unanimously accorded him for the excellent manner in which he had fulfilled the duties.

Annual Festival of the Star Lodge, No. 219.—The brethren, with their female friends, assembled in large numbers in their own Hall, 12 Trongate, to celebrate their 78th anniversary, Bro. J. Martin R.W.M., in the chair, Bro. J. Harn S.W. being the Cronpier. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Wilson, Chapter 27, J. Kinnaird R.W.M. 73, A. Bain 103 P.G.B.B., W. H. Bickerton P.G S. 360, and D. Reid R.W.M. 465 P.G.S.B. On the dais were J. Morgan I.P.M. P.G.S.D., and his predecessor P.M. Joseph Wilson. After the usual Loyal toasts, the R.W.M. gave the P.G.L. of Glasgow, suitably acknowledged by Bro. Reid P.G.S.B. Prosperity to the Star 219 was given by Bro. A. Bain P.G.B.B., who thought the Star was shining with extra brilliancy, owing to the presence of the ladies. He also paid some well-merited compliments to the I.P.M., who, as interim P.G. Secretary, had filled the office so competently, that all regretted that he would not retain it. Bro. Marton, in reply, said the Lodge was prospering morally and financially. The toast of the Sister Lodges, proposed by P.M. Wilson, was responded to by Bro. Kinnaird R.W.M. of 73, in an excellent speech. After several other toasts, the ladies joined in the ball, which pleasantly wound up the evening's proceedings.

Royal York Lodge, No. 315.—On Tuesday evening the installation meeting took place at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The W.M. Bro. S. T. Foat, who has passed with the utmost credit through every minor office, and who was unanimously voted to the chair, was installed in office by Bro. Nell I.P.M. The newly appointed W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Hawkes S.W., Charles Hudson J.W., H. Saunders Treas., T. Peckham Sec., R. J. Pope S.D., G. Nash J.D., R. Erredge I.G., Payne and Willard Stewards and Hughes Tyler. A Past Master's jewel voted by the Lodge at the previous meeting was then, in the name of the Lodge, presented by W.M. Foat to Bro. Nell, after which the Lodge was closed with the usual formula. The brethren adjourned to a banquet. The chair was taken by the newly-elected Master, who discharged his duties most admirably. The general company included Bro. Scott (Provincial G.S.), Kuhe, Walter Smith, Bramwell, Brown, Reed, V. P. Freeman, Booty, and the Masters of the various Lodges in the Province. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given, and the proceedings passed off most harmoniously. The musical arrangements were under the immediate direction of Bro. Davis, who was most ably assisted by Bro. George Cole and other members.

St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442.—This Lodge held its regular monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall, Peterborough, on Thursday, 1st March. Present—Bros. W. J. Pilcher W.M., E. Vergeter jun. S.W., Rev. H. S. Syers Chaplain, H. Park Treas., M. Dixey Sec., J. Jones S.D., W. Wilkins J.D., J. H. Pearson I.G., J. Sound D.C., T. M. Rutherford Steward. P.M.'s Bros. E. Vergeter sen. P.P.G.S.W., F. G. Buckle P.G. Sec., W. Pavioar, R. H. Griffin Prov. G.S.W., E. Walter I.P.M. Bros. J. S. Bays, Bond, J. Simpson, H. K. Simpson, Gannt, and several others. Visitors Bros. G. G. Pye W.M. 51, Platt 1391, and Broadley. The minutes of the last Lodge meeting having been confirmed, a ballot, which proved favourable in each case, was taken for Messrs. Nichols, Bamber, and Glenn, who were then duly initiated, the W.M. performing the ceremony in a most efficient manner. The charge was afterwards delivered by Bro. F. G. Buckle P.M. Four candidates having been proposed for initiation, Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren, to the number of about thirty, adjourned to refreshment, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, interspersed with some excellent songs by Bros. Jones, Pilcher, Buckle, Rutherford, and others. This proved one of the most pleasant meetings ever experienced by the brethren of this Lodge.

La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.—The first regular meeting of the above (late the Royal Union Lodge of Instruction), will be held on Wednesday, 14th inst., at the Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 7 o'clock precisely, on which occasion Bro. T. A. Adams P.G.P. Preceptor, has kindly consented to work the ceremony of installation, Bro. Henry Wood W.M. No. 538 acting as candidate. The minutes of the last meeting of the Royal Union Lodge of Instruction will be put for confirmation, after which a Secretary and Treasurer will be elected, and committees to revise the bye-laws and audit the accounts will be appointed. Lectures on the Tracing Board will be delivered by Bros. H. Wood, and J. Kinch P.M. and Treas. 538.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—This Lodge held its meeting on Friday, the 2nd of March, at the Feather's Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. John March No. 27 W.M., Coates S.W., Gellion J.W., Braun Secretary, Rudderforth Preceptor, Nichols S.D., Evans J.D., Hayes I.G., Peddie, West, Kennard, Parsons, Tribbel, Godden, &c. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Parsons acting as candidate. The Preceptor, Bro. Rudderforth, then gave the lecture on the first Tracing Board *in extenso*, with his customary clearness and exactitude. Bro. Coates was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Rudderforth then called the attention of the brethren to the fact that it was the first time that Bro. March had ever occupied the chair. Considering the highly creditable and praiseworthy manner in which he had fulfilled the duties appertaining to it, he proposed that a vote of thanks should be recorded to him on the minutes, which was duly seconded and carried. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form. Brethren in the neighbourhood are requested to observe that a Charity Fund, entitled the "William Preston Benevolent Association," has just been started at the Lodge of Instruction, for the purpose of enabling members, by a small weekly subscription, to become life subscribers to either of the Masonic Institutions.

Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, No. 834.—The usual weekly meeting took place at Bro. P.M. Millis's, the Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith-road, on Friday, the 2nd instant, Bro. J. H. Cumming (S.W. Polish National, 534) in the chair. After the first ceremony and second sections of the first lecture had been worked, P.M. G. Reed, the Preceptor, presented the Secretary, Bro. P.M. Alais, with a handsome cruet frame, well-fitted and suitably engraved, which had been subscribed for by the brethren of the Lodge, at the same time stating how thankful they all were for his past services. Bro. P.M. Alais suitably replied, assuring the brethren that he should always endeavour to study their welfare and promote the success of the Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 5th of March, at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. Crouch W.M., Smith S.W., Barker J.W., E. T. Worsley Sec., Perrin S.D., Johnson J.D., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, Perry I.G. Past Masters Bros. Ashburner, Wright, Ros, Dallas, Ould, Appleby, Williams, Macklin, Cambridge, Wardell, and Lay. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Macklin acting as candidate. Bro. Smith worked the 1st, 2nd, and 4th sections of the Lecture, and Bro. Worsley the 3rd, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Smith was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge closed.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bro. Boltons, King and Queen, Norton-folgate, on Friday, the 2nd inst, Present—Bros. Lane W.M., Crouch S.W., Kent J.W., Bolton S.D., Townsend J.D., Smith I.G., A. W. Fenner, R. W. Pearcy, Simpson, &c. Lodge opened in due form. Minutes read and confirmed. The

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ceremony was very carefully rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Pearcy acting candidate. Bro. A. W. Fenner worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Crouch was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned.

Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Wellington Club, Wellington-street, Islington. The W.M., Bro. J. W. Wright, occupied the chair. Bros. P. Dickinson S.W., Cohen J.W., J. F. Wilson I.P.M. Treas., G. S. Bigley Hon. Sec., Gladwell S.D., Buderus J.D., Stevens I.G., and P.M.'s Bros. J. F. Wilson, W. J. Woodman. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes and report of the audit committee were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Simpson, Baltic Lodge No. 284, New York, was balloted for and accepted as a joining member. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Peter Dickinson S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the Lodge. He was duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. W. Wright, in a very careful, perfect, and impressive manner, Bro. Nunn officiating at the harmonium. The newly installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. W. Wright I.P.M., W. H. Cohen S.W., G. Hunter J.W., G. Allison Treas., G. Bigley Sec., H. W. Gladwell S.D., L. Buderus J.D., Baldwin I.G., A. De Metz D.C., Hicklin Org., Shearman and Sargeant Stewards, Gilchrist P.M. Tyler. By the marks of approbation, the appointment of officers gave great satisfaction. Bro. J. W. Wright I.P.M. then gave the concluding addresses, deservedly receiving the congratulations of the brethren. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Ahrens. After grace was sung, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," followed by The Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., the National Anthem and "God bless the Prince of Wales" being sung. "The Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., the R.W. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers was given. Bro. J. W. Wright I.P.M. then rose. He was sure they would all drink with great pleasure the toast of the W.M.; he was proud of having introduced him into Masonry; he is a credit to the Craft, for the manner in which he had conducted the duties since his occupation of the chair, shows that the Lodge had wisely selected him. The W.M. in reply, thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for the kind manner the toast had been given and received, he had worked to occupy the chair; and he was proud at having attained it. He hoped at the expiration of his year of office, he would have the same feelings exhibited. He hoped to carry out every duty the Lodge required of him in a satisfactory way. He then proposed the I.P.M. and Installing Master for the services he had rendered, the brethren had determined to present him with a jewel. He felt it a great pleasure in their name to place it on his breast, which was worthy of it. He hoped he might live long to wear it. The jewel was of very elegant design, bearing the Royal Standard arms, with suitable inscription. Bro. Keates sang "My old friend John." Bro. Wright I.P.M., in brief and appropriate terms, responded to the toast. The W.M. then proposed the Visitors; they had some very distinguished brethren among them. The Royal Standard Lodge would always be pleased to give them a hearty welcome. He would call on Bro. Sands, D.G.M. for Japan, to respond to the toast. He having replied, the Masonic Charities was proposed. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 responded to it. The P.M.'s followed; in a new Lodge all were aware they were few in number, but they had done their duties nobly. Bro. Wilson P.M. returned thanks. He was one of the founders of the Lodge. They had seen how ably the retiring W.M. had installed his successor, and he was sure it was a good omen for the prosperity of the ensuing year. Before resuming his seat, he hoped they would drink the health of those brethren who had contributed to the harmony—Bros. Nunn and Keates. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was given. The W.M. said no Secretary could have discharged his duties more faithfully than Bro. Bigley. Many things had been done by him, and it is to him the prosperity of the Lodge is due. The freedom of the Lodge had been voted by the brethren, and he had much pleasure in presenting it, with best wishes of long life and happiness. Bro. Allison, Treasurer, responded in a very excellent speech. Bro. Bigley thanked the brethren for the elegant testimonial presented to him. When hanging on his walls he would look on it with pride, as an appreciation of the small services rendered by him. It would be an incentive to go on and work for their benefit. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Wardens, said they, having had an opportunity of working in Lodges of Instruction, now reaped the reward of their labours. The Junior Officers are equally worthy. Bro. Linton Rogers then sang "What will you do, Love?" Bros. Cohen and Hunter responded, after which the Tyler's toast was given. The W.M. and Bros. Nunn, Wright P.M., and Rogers contributed to the harmony.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Friday, the 2nd inst.; at the Castle, Highbury. Present—Bros. Chant W.M., Hall S.W., Simpson J.W., R. Dickinson Secretary, Lee acting Preceptor, Elridge S.D., Hunter J.D., Passingham I.G., &c. Business—The ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Gianelli being candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wright, who duly installed Bro. Dickinson as W.M. The latter then appointed the various officers, and worked the 1st section. Three brethren were elected members, and a vote of thanks to Bro. Wright recorded on the minutes for his services in working the installation ceremony. The Lodge was then formally closed.

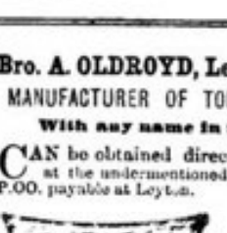
Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656, Hampton Wick.—This Lodge, which was consecrated at the White Hart Hotel, by the R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett P.G.M. Middlesex on Saturday, 17th February, when Bro. William Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex, was installed as the first Worshipful Master, held its first regular meeting on Monday evening, the 5th inst. Bro. Hammond commenced proceedings shortly after six o'clock, supported by the following officers:—Bros. J. Hammond P.M. 201 S.W. 1512 Hon. I.P.M., B. Sharp P.M. 84, S.W., J. Bond P.M. 889, J.W., the Rev. F. J. Champion de Crespigny P.M. 708, P.P.G. Chap. Middlesex, Chaplain, T. W. Ockenden Sec., B. R. Aston S.D., J. Hurst J.D., T. C. Walls I.G. The Lodge being opened in the first degree, the Secretary read the minutes of the preliminary and consecration meetings, which were duly confirmed. Bro. C. R. Fitt, of the Hyatt Lodge 205, Brooklyn, U.S., was balloted for as a joining member, and unanimously elected. The W.M. then proceeded to initiate Messrs. Albert Marvin, Thomas A. E. Scott, C. Richer, and J. Featherstone into the mysteries of the Craft. Notwithstanding the indisposition of the W.M., who was suffering from a troublesome cold, the ceremony was most impressively performed. Each candidate was initiated separately, and the working throughout of the various officers left little, if anything, to be desired. The W.M., fully alive to the responsibility of his position, has been careful to invest with collars those brethren only who have proved themselves competent to discharge creditably the duties assigned to them. Bro. A. Nuthall was unanimously elected Treasurer. Several propositions for joining and initiation were handed in, and all business being concluded, the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Buckland, W.M. of the Dubie, Wells, Pearman, J. W. Baldwin P.A.G.D. Middlesex, an honorary member of the Lodge, was also present. At the banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and well received. The health of the P.G.M. (Bro. Colonel Burdett) was responded to with much enthusiasm, for he is, and very deservedly so, most popular in the province. In proposing the health of the D.P.G.M. (Bro. Little), reference was made to the fact that, at its consecration, the Wolsey Lodge was the first to be honoured with a visit from that most worthy brother, after the recent distinction conferred upon him. Bro. Baldwin responded for the P.G. officers. In proposing the health of the W.M., the Senior Warden congratulated the brethren on having so excellent a Mason as Bro. William Hammond in the chair, he being a Bro. who has already occupied that exalted position in three other Lodges. The W.M. acknowledged the toast, assured the brethren of the great interest he felt in the success of the Wolsey and trusted the Lodge might always be as well manned by efficient officers as those with whom it had now set sail. The Initiates were next toasted, Bro. Scott responding on their behalf. The company would have been glad to have heard the other E.A.'s., but owing to the "rapid flight of time," business had to be proceeded with. For the Visitors, a toast which met with a hearty response, Bro. Buckland W.M. 889 responded in a brief, but effective manner. The health of the Officers was next given, and Bro. the Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny, the Chaplain, in responding, made an excellent speech; impressing upon the brethren, in the course of his remarks, that quality must be sought after in the admission of candidates. With the toast of the Charities, the W.M. coupled the names of Bro. Bond J.W. who is the Steward of this Lodge for the Girls' School, and Bro. Ockenden, likewise a Steward for the same Institution, and representing a neighbouring Lodge. The Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings. Before closing our report, we must mention that the Lodge-room, though small, is exceedingly well furnished, and all the appointments are admirable.

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SILENCE, OR A TONGUE OF GOOD REPORT.

WE have no intention of inflicting a sermon on our readers, but it is meet for us occasionally to advert to one of the Masonic Virtues, which brethren are not always careful to observe. We do not know how it would have fared with some of us moderns had we lived in the South of Italy in the days of Pythagoras, and sought admission into the school of philosophy, which that venerable sage established at Croton. It strikes us that a very respectable majority would have experienced almost insuperable difficulties in obeying the prescriptions of that learned man during the first period of their novitiate, which lasted two years, and during the whole of which they were bound to observe the strictest silence. True, we have in these degenerate days, a most wise precept which enunciates emphatically a most obvious truth, namely, that "Speech is silvern, silence is golden." Unhappily we do not always exhibit that respect which it has a right to look for from men in general, and from Masons in particular. We recognise its merits, but only as it were, through a glass darkly. We quote it freely, but do we obey it always, and unhesitatingly? There are cases, also, which come under our observation from time to time, and require us, in very truth, to answer this formidable question in the negative. We are not obedient to this invaluable maxim, and we purpose glancing on this occasion, and in general terms, at the more prominent illustrations of this disobedience.

One of the first and most important lessons we are taught at our entrance into Freemasonry is to speak well of a brother both in his absence and in his presence; and if, unfortunately, that cannot be done honestly and truthfully, we are enjoined to observe that special virtue of the Craft—SILENCE. If we cannot honourably speak well in praise of a brother, we must say nothing to his dispraise. This is a charming precept, but how fares it when it comes to be reduced to practice? In what is Masonically known as the profane world, there prevails very commonly the habit of talking scandal. This, it is needless to say, is a most pernicious habit, and one to which much evil is directly traceable. Is it asking too much of those who join our ranks that they should cast it aside when they come among us, not in theory only, but likewise in practice, and that the solemn obligation they contract at their initiation should be reverently observed, not flung to the winds when their purpose is gained, and they have received the honours of the first degree? We are very far from expecting that a man will become perfect simply by reason of his Masonry, but it is not unreasonable we should require of him to be as diligent in the fulfilment of his Masonic duties as he is in satisfying the claims of society in his ordinary avocations. There are times when it is necessary that a man should present himself for admission into the society of his acquaintance in the full dress of the day. He obeys this law, because he knows that admission in any other garb would be impossible. A man is charged to fulfil certain duties at particular hours of the day. He does so, because he knows that any dereliction of his duty will be visited with condign punishment. To put the matter plainly, his services will be dispensed with after repeated trials and disapprobations, oftentimes, indeed, after one only, and those of one willing to fulfil such duties punctually will be engaged instead. But if it is *de rigueur* to attend a ball or the opera in the conventional white tie and swallow-tail; if when we enter upon the duties of a certain post, we so far worship prescription and morality as to do what is required, *à fortiori* is it incumbent on us to observe the obligations imposed upon us by Freemasonry, seeing that it is we who go to Freemasonry, not Freemasonry which comes to us. Society says white ties and swallow-tails at certain seasons, or we forbid your presence. Business obligation says, duty at certain times of a given quality, or we need you not. Freemasonry says nothing in the way of invitation. It is we who seek admission. It warns us, before entrance, that we are about contracting certain solemn obligations. Query, are we not equally in duty bound to fulfil them, just as we are the obligations of business or of fashion? Fashion prescribes a blue coat and brass buttons or nankeen inexpressibles, or the afore-mentioned tie, and swallow-tail coat, and we obey the prescription in fear and trembling, lest the tie or inexpressibles, or buttons, should differ to the extent of a hair's breadth from the size and shape required. In this matter we are the most despicable of slaves; yet in a matter of plain Masonic honour we are guilty of every kind of prevarication, equivocation, and mental reservation, in order to shirk a duty voluntarily undertaken, not undertaken of necessity. There are those brethren who do speak differently behind a brother's back, than when they are in his presence; who do not observe silence as to his faults, when Masonry prescribes they should be silent. Many there are who enlarge on the infirmities of a brother's nature, who talk scandal of him when occasion offers, and who create a scandal where there is none. There is no doubt that Masonry, which includes charity, covers a multitude of sins; but that is no reason for making the multitude more multitudinous. Let us cultivate a tongue of good report, or let us, in the name of all we hold sacred, have a tongue of no report at all. We have our wits about us, and we trust a sense of honour. Let us exercise our wit and satisfy our sense of honour, when both alike forbid us violating our duty. It is surely no hardship to be discreetly silent. Let us drop scandal at the portals of the Lodge. There is no room for it in pure and unadulterated Freemasonry. If men have not the courage to commit themselves unreservedly to the dictates of honour, let them forbear seeking admission to our temples. Neither the backbiter nor the scandalmonger has any appointed place within these.

THE CRAFT AND THE HIGH GRADES.

WE adduce the two following cases in which Craft and Arch Masonry took part together in the consecration of a Craft Lodge. In the first in order of date it will be noticed further that members of the Order of Masonic Knights Templar were present wearing their regalia. It is clear then there was not the same strict observance in those days as now, and that in the commingling of different Masonic bodies in a Craft ceremonial pure and simple, our United States brethren adhere more closely to the practice of last century than we do in England. R.A. jewels are very properly worn in Craft Lodges, for the Arch is recognised of Grand Lodge; but it would be a departure from the law if on the occasion of the consecration of a new Lodge and the installation of its W.M., brethren appeared in any other capacity than as Craft Masons. As to Templarism, it is, doubtless, not unknown to our readers that some years since one of our Provincial Grand Masters was summarily dismissed from his office by the late Earl of Zetland for attending P.G. Lodge clothed in the habili-

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ments of a Knight Templar—we have seen it stated, in the gorgeous regalia of a S.G.I.G. of the 33°, but the point is immaterial—in addition to his provincial clothing. Therefore the mention of Knights Templar in this case and that cited by Bro. Whytehead are the more noteworthy.

The first occasion was a Provincial Grand Lodge held at Chelmsford on 16th August 1793, for the purpose of celebrating the anniversary of the birth of the Grand Master H.R.H. George Prince of Wales, to regulate the Masonic business of the county, and to constitute the Lodge of Good Fellowship at the Saracen's Head. Bro. Thomas Dunckerley, P.G.M., presided. The Lodge having been opened "in ample form"—we are quoting from the *Freemasons' Magazine or General and complete Library*—the P.G.M. appointed his officers for the Province. A procession took place to the church. In it and following the Craft Lodges we find the list thus continued:

A Janitor.
Royal Arch Masons with Sashes and Medals, two and two.
An Equerry, K.T.
The Grand Register (? Registrar) of the Order in uniform, with black silk sashes, with a silver star of five points, a cross of gold, and an appendage of white satin.
The Grand Lodge of Essex, in the following order,
Grand Tyler.
Past Grand Officers, two and two.
Grand Stewards.
Grand Chaplain, and Grand Architect.
Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.
The Two Grand Wardens.
The Grand Master, preceded by the Grand Sword Bearer, and Supported on the right by the Provincial Deputy Grand Master, and on the left by Capt. Sir W. Hannam, Acting Grand Master for England of K.T.

In the report of the Constitution of the new Lodge there is no evidence that the Royal Arch and Knights Templar Masons took any part as such, but the fact of their joining in a Craft procession fully bears out Bro. Whytehead's statement in his letter, which appeared a fortnight since in these columns, to the effect that "in those days, there was no desire on the part of any of those bodies (*i.e.*, the 'High Grades') or Craft Masons, to separate or hold aloof from one another."

The second case is recorded in the same magazine for February 1795, as having occurred "at the consecration of the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 136, at Coltishall, Norfolk," on the 14th October 1793. In the brief account of this event, we read that after the new Lodge had been consecrated "in ample form," "the P.G.M. Sir Edward Astley, the Most Excellent Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons, the Hon. Henry Hobart, attended by their respective Grand and Excellent Officers, together with the Masters, Wardens and brethren of several visiting Lodges, the Masters, Wardens and brethren of the Coltishall Lodge, &c., went in grand procession from the Lodge-room to church, preceded by a band of music." In the procession we find that after the Craftsmen of the various Lodges followed "Janitor—three Principals of Royal Arch Chapter—Royal Arch Masons, two and two," and then the Grand Tyler, &c., &c. This is less remarkable than the previous case, or that quoted by Bro. Whytehead, but we have thought it sufficiently interesting to introduce it in the course of these few observations.

ODDS AND ENDS.

By Walter Spencer, F.R.G.S., &c.

THE first permanent Chinese Legation established in Europe is naturally a source of considerable interest. The biographies of the Ambassador and of the Attaché Lieu, which appeared in the *Illustrated London News*, are rather inaccurate. There are, I believe, but four men of rank in the Legation, viz.—H. E.—Kuoh; Lieu, the attaché; Fêh, the secretary; and Fung, the interpreter, beside Dr. Macartney and his assistant. But they are accompanied by a horde of retainers and domestics. It is the third visit to Europe of the Chinese Interpreter and Secretary, Messieurs Fung and Têh, gentlemen of much polish and acquaintance with Western manners. The Consular officers mentioned in some newspapers is not attached to the Legation, but acts as interpreter for Lord Derby. London is naturally not the pleasantest place of residence which would have been selected by the strangers, but they will, it is hoped, gradually feel more at home.

Dr. Macartney, who accompanies them, is an old resident in China, a perfect master of the Chinese language and etiquette. Shortly after the capture of Soochow from the rebels, I was his guest in the house where the threshold was yet wet with the blood of the Mo-Wang. He founded in Soochow the first Arsenal established upon European principles; all was in disorder, and motley materials were being hurriedly assembled for commencement of the undertaking. When he ushered me to rest on the first night spent in his hospitable *yamen*, I remember his pointing in a jocular way to a receptacle in the room with the remark, "Take care of your light, that's *fulminate of mercury*."

When the Arsenal was fairly started, of course great excitement arose amongst the Celestials. Troops of them came from towns in the surrounding country to adore respectfully the steam-engines and blazing furnaces, and pilgrims eager in the worship of *Fung-Shui* were, later on, attracted from afar. Macartney ranked as a *Taou-tai*, or Prefect of a town, and administered justice amongst his numerous retainers upon patriarchal principles. His name was parsphrased into *Ma-Ka-Lee*, and, in accordance with Chinese custom, he was supposed to belong to the great family of *Ma*; for, amongst Chinese, the surname goes first. Thus, the names of the Interpreter and Secretary to the present Legation are *Fung-Yeè* and *Têh-Ming*, but it would be impolite to style them otherwise than as Mr. Fung and Mr. Têh. They regret not having brought hither sedan chairs, which, borne by four coolies (four others following as relay), with red visiting cards, well displayed, suspended from a loop at its side, would, they think, be so much more convenient and comfortable than the dangerous and jerky conveyances in which the English enjoy locomotion.

I remember Macartney's giving an official dinner at Soochow, at which the guests gravely pocketed and retained their dinner napkins, deeming them graceful presents of the host to commemorate the occasion. One of them explained to him the reasons why European manners were so barbarous, and showing his own inoffensive *chop-sticks*, remarked, in mild remonstrance, that Europeans could not even sit down to eat without having a sword and spear beside them—*i.e.*, knife and fork, dangerous instruments of the sort being an abomination to quiet family life in the "Flowery Land."

Certain Chinese officers, who are serving for instruction with the Prussian army, having sent in a complaint to His Excellency, as to the treatment they receive, Mr. Têh is gone over to Berlin to investigate the circumstances and to report.

The Fifteen Sections were worked on Thursday, 8th March, at the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction No. 3, Yorkshire Grey Tavern, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square. Bros. Koester P.M. and Preceptor as W.M., W. Mard S.W., Buche J.W., Blakemore S.D., A. Cooper I.G., C. W. Davis I.P.M., and a numerous assemblage of brethren. The following are the brethren who worked the various sections:—

First Lecture.

1st	Section	Bro. Blakemore
2nd	„	„ Davis W.M. 382
3rd	„	„ Buche
4th	„	„ Cook Secretary
5th	„	„ Zahrenbach P.M.
6th	„	„ Koester P.M.
7th	„	„ Long

Second Lecture.

1st	Section	Bro. Maillard
2nd	„	„ Long
3rd	„	„ Koester P.M.
4th	„	„ Coulton P.M.
5th	„	„ Sedgewick P.M.

Third Lecture.

1st	Section	Bro. T. Brown
2nd	„	„ Sedgewick P.M.
3rd	„	„ Coulton P.M.

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INDIA.

We learn from the *Masonic Record of Western India* that an Emergent Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab was held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on St. John the Evangelist's Day, the 27th December last. Bro. Major W. H. Mackesy, Deputy D.G.M., presided, and the different Lodges in the district were fairly represented. The Lodge having been opened, a procession was formed, and the brethren, to the number of between forty and fifty, attended Divine service in the parish church of Lahore, where a sermon on the building of the Walls of Jerusalem, was delivered by the Rev. W. Hooker. After service, the procession was reformed, and the brethren marched back to the Hall, when the District Grand Lodge was closed. In the evening, our Lahore brethren and their guests dined together in the banquet hall, to the number of forty-two. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and the evening passed off most agreeably. A Quarterly Communication of the same District Grand Lodge was held at the same Hall on the 13th January last. Bro. Major Mackesy presided as Grand Master. There were present Bros. A. Stewart as Dep. D.G.M.; C. A. Goodman D.G.S. Warden, W. Bath as D G.J.W., C. H. Chetham D.G. Treasurer, George Davis D.G. Secretary, and other District Grand or acting D.G. Officers, together with several representatives of Lodges. Before the minutes of the previous Regular Communication, held on the 30th October last, were put for confirmation, a remonstrance was read from Lodge Mooltan against the vote of 200 rupees towards the Lahore New Church, on the usual ground of Denominationalism; the funds being collected from men of all creeds should not be expended for the benefit of one creed. In the course of the discussion that followed, Bros. Major Gorham and Chetham, in supporting the vote, expressed their willingness to support a grant, if one were proposed, towards the erection of a Mosque, or any similar institution which conferred blessings upon suffering humanity. The proposition that the minutes be confirmed was then put to the vote and carried nem. con. The minutes of the Emergent Meeting on the 27th December having been likewise confirmed, the D.D.G.M. addressed the D. Grand Lodge. He announced the approaching return to India of the D.G.M. Major Marmaduke Ramsay, who would therefore be able to preside at the next Quarterly Communication. He also said that Masonry in the District was prosperous, and that most of the Lodges continued to make their returns with commendable regularity. He alluded in feeling terms to the premature death of W. Bro. Captain W. C. Clayton, of the 9th Lancers, who was accidentally killed by a fall from his pony, when playing polo at Delhi. Having announced his own reappointment for the current year as Dep. D.G.M., Bro. Major Mackesy, appointed the following as his officers, the position of D.G.S.W. being kept open, at the request of Major Ramsay, in order to be filled by a worthy brother, whose arrival from England is shortly expected, Bro. Chalmers temporarily taking the office. Bro. Chetham having been unanimously re-elected G. Treasurer, the names of the new appointees were read out. Bro. J. W. Goldney D.G.J.W., Bro. Rev. W. J. Hunt, D. Grand Chaplain, Bro. G. Davis, D.G. Secretary, Bro. L. W. Taylor, D. Grand Registrar; Bros. W. Freeman and Capt. H. J. Brownrigge D. Senior and Junior Grand Deacons respectively; Bro. R. Blake D.G. Sup. of Works, Bros. Dhanjibhoy D.G.D. of C. and W. C. Wilson Asst. ditto; Bro. H. W. Whympe D.G.S.B, E. Gillson D.G. Organist, Sinder Bikrame Singh D.G. Purs., and Lord Osculstone, Garrioch, Dinshaw Hesjee, T. J. Symonds, B. T. Hill, and R. Kerr D.G. Stewards. Those of the foregoing who were present were then invested. An estimate of rupees 1,000 was then sanctioned towards enlarging the Hall building, and it was agreed to invite the bodies using it to contribute rupees 500. The report of the Fund of Benevolence, recommending the grant of 25 rupees per annum to the widow of a deceased brother, was submitted and confirmed. The proceedings of the Board of General Purposes was next submitted, and confirmed; and several resolutions, among which was one recommending the loan of 500 rupees from the D.G.L. Fund, free of interest, to the Freemasons' Hall Fund,—adopted. The D.G. Lodge was then closed in the usual manner, at 10 p.m.

The *Standard* contains an interesting account of the celebration of St. John the Evangelist's day in Lodge St. Andrew No. 500, Bro. Hodgson W.M. presiding. Bros. Robertson, Jefferson, and Jenkins were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The Lodge was then adjourned during a short period for refreshment, after which Bro. Conor was passed. Bro. Curtois S.W. and W.M. elect, was then duly installed in the chair of K.S. The board of installed Masters comprising W. Bros. Louth, Hodgson, Etty and Easdon. W. Bro. Curtois then appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Hodgson I.P.M., Vicary S.W., Thayte J.W., Ross S.D., Amos J.D. and Treasurer, Jefferson Secretary, Etty Chaplain, Mitchell M.C., Robertson S. and Howes Tyler. Bro. Hodgson then recapitulated the chief events that had marked his term of office, pointing with justifiable pride, to the improved state of the finances, there having been in the preceding December, on his appointment to the Mastership, a cash balance in hand of a little over 40 rupees, with outstanding debts amounting to over 143 rupees. The latter had all been cleared off in the interim. Moreover, the property of the Lodge had been increased by the purchase of a new harmonium for 135 Rs., and a new banner for 105 Rs. 150 Rs. had been expending on improving the premises, the present estimated value of which, allowing for deterioration was 2,456 Rs. The cash balance in hand was 300 Rs. During the year there had been nine initiations, eight passings, seven raisings, seven affiliations and only two resignations; both caused by the brethren being called away through the exigencies of the service. Lectures had also been given not only on the different Tracing Boards, but likewise on subjects of interest to the Craft. Having expressed his thanks to the brethren who had, as officers, supported him during his year of office and to whose zeal and ability he acknowledged himself deeply indebted, Bro. Hodgson resumed his seat, amid the congratulations of all present. Several brethren were then proposed for affiliation, and on the motion of Bro. Amos, seconded by the W.M., it was unanimously agreed to have a large-sized photograph taken of the I.P.M. Bro. Hodgson, one copy of which should be presented to him, and another hung up in the Lodge-room, as a memorial of the eminent services he had rendered to the Lodge. Having further resolved, on the motion of Bro. Amos, seconded by Bro. Hodgson, that the sermon preached by the Rev. Bro. Etty during the day at Christ's Church, should be printed and published at the expense of the Lodge, the Lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. JAMES HANNAH, OF WARRINGTON.

ON Friday the 9th an interesting meeting of the Freemasons of Warrington was held at the Lion Hotel. The chair was occupied by Bro. John Bowes P.M. P.Z. P.J.G.W. of Cumberland and Westmorland. The following brethren, forming the Testimonial Committee, were present:—Bros. Thomas Tunstall W.M. No. 148, Charles Crosier W.M. No. 1250, W. S. Hawkins P.M., W. Richardson P.M., B. W. Finney P.M. P.Z., W. Woods P.M., R. Brierley P.M., Joseph Pickthall S.W. 148, John Armstrong S.W. 1250, J. R. Young J.W. 148, Galloway S.D. 1250, Thos. Sutton Treas. 1250, S. E. Johnson; and James Hannah. After a substantial tea, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, after which Bro. Bowes made the presentation, in doing which he said:—Brethren, I am charged with a very pleasurable duty this evening. I believe I have received the compliment on the ground that I am the oldest Mason present. In any case, and whatever may be the reason of the selection, I very willingly undertake the task. We have in our midst to-night a brother whom we one and all wish to honour. True, that brother is not of rank and opulence, but he is a brother who has done his duty, and we wish to prove to him that in the eyes of Masons there are occasions when all are equal if they *deserve* to be so. Acting for the then W.M. (Bro. Hepherd), well do I remember admitting our friend, James Hannah, to Masonic light. In due course I passed and raised him, and from that time to the present he has deserved well at our hands. Faithfully and zealously he served us in the humble, but highly important capacity of Outer Guard and Janitor, and now when his ordinary avocations press so heavily upon him that he feels he can no longer serve us with credit to himself, like a good man and true he resigns into the hands of the rulers of the Craft his emblem of office. As a man and as a Mason, Bro. Hannah has won the good opinion of us all, and we determined therefore that he should not sever his official connection with us without some mark—some substantial mark—of our sincere esteem. The feeling is spontaneous and general, and does not emanate from individuals, but collectively from brethren in a corporate capacity. Bro. Hannah, I know you will believe me when I say it affords me extreme gratification to be the mouthpiece of the brethren on this occasion, and also the medium of handing to you this handsome gold watch, which bears the following inscription:—

"Presented to Bro. James Hannah by the Freemasons of Warrington, in recognition of many years faithful service as Tyler and Janitor.

WM. SHARP Z. 148.
W. H. ROBINSON W.M. 148
CHAS. CROSIER W.M. 1250."

May you long be spared to wear it! and when time with us shall be no more, may we all meet together in the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever!—The chairman's remarks were endorsed and echoed by the gentlemen present, they one and all warmly testifying to Bro. Hannah's obliging manners and gentlemanly bearing. Bro. Hannah, with evident emotion, acknowledged the handsome testimonial at length, and most feelingly. He assured the brethren that he was deeply grateful for the many kindnesses he had experienced at their hands. He had always striven to do his duty, and was truly thankful that in his endeavours he had met with the approbation of the brethren seated round the table. Some of those present had come some distance to take part in the proceedings of the evening, and however much he tried, he should utterly fail to express in words his deep and heartfelt gratitude to them. It would be invidious to mention friends individually, when he had so many, but he knew they would excuse him if he singled out the chairman. He thanked them, and in the heartiest possible manner, for the handsome and costly gift they had that night presented to him. He sat down amidst general cheering. After a number of personal toasts had been proposed and duly honoured, the brethren separated in harmony.

CONFIDENCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 193

THIS Lodge appears to be undergoing transition, it is not long since we reported the removal from the Mason's Hall Tavern to the Blue Anchor Tavern in Coleman-street, where we hoped it would have enjoyed a long uninterrupted existence; but Lodges of Instruction like human beings, are things of circumstance. Upon the meeting being convened on Wednesday last, the brethren were informed by the host that unless each member agreed to pay thirteen pence—receiving in return refreshments to the amount of sixpence—he could not permit the Lodge to meet again under his roof. A committee was immediately organized, and quarters have been secured at the Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street, where Bro. Edwards is the host. We hope it may be long hence ere we have to record another removal. The Lodge will meet at its new abode on Wednesday next at 7 p.m. presided over by Bro. J. T. Miller S.W. 188.

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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.

Early History and Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, 1781-1815. Part IX. Published by authority of the Grand Lodge. Granted to Kane Lodge, No. 454, June 1874. New York: Masonic and Miscellaneous Publishers, No. 2 Bleecker-street: D. Sickels and Co., Managers. 1876.

Pursuing our analysis of the Proceedings, we find that on the 5th December 1810, the Committee appointed on the previous March to visit the different Lodges in New York city and regulate their work with a view to produce uniformity, reported that, after repeated meetings and discussions, they had come to the persuasion that there was no likelihood whatever of their delivering a satisfactory report, and accordingly they begged to be discharged. It was therefore agreed that the Committee be discharged, but, at the same time, it was arranged that the subject be referred to the Grand Officers, with full power to prescribe and enforce such regulations as they may think desirable. The Committee on unpublished resolutions likewise delivered a report, which was accepted and ordered to be filed. At the meeting on the 11th March 1811, we note the case of a brother who was restored to his rights as a Mason, though not to his seat in the Lodge of which he was a member. On the same occasion an application by the proprietors and editor of the *Masons' Magazine and General Miscellany*, about to be published in Philadelphia, requesting Grand Lodge to furnish to them such charges, addresses, odes, songs, &c., as might be deemed worthy of publication, was referred to the Grand Secretary, with instructions to comply with the request. At the Grand Stewards' Lodge, on the 29th May of the same year, the petition of an insolvent debtor confined in prison for assistance "to enable him to get the benefit of the Insolvent Act" was referred to a committee, with power to afford him such relief as they might think fit. On the 5th June the M.W.G.M. the Hon. De Witt Clinton and other Grand Officers were re-elected. A report on the funds of the Grand Lodge was likewise presented. There was also read a communication from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania "requesting the honour of the company of the Grand Officers at the consecration of the new hall, and at their Grand Masonic banquet on the 20th June instant," to which a respectful answer was directed to be sent. We note, further, that "a circular letter from a committee of correspondence of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee, on the subject of a National Grand Lodge," was read, and referred to certain brethren. Disapprobation was also expressed at a sum of money being handed over "for the payment of a lecturer" by a Lodge when it was in arrear as to its dues. The Grand Secretary having expressed doubts "whether he ought to grant certificates to brethren who were made by dispensations, and were not members of the Lodge in which they were made," the subject was referred to a committee. Other business having been discharged, and communications from the Grand Lodges of England and New Hampshire having been read, the Lodge was closed. The finances of Grand Lodge occupied its attention on the 4th September, after which the Committee appointed to consider the question of certificates granted to persons under dispensation reported that they saw no reason why any alteration should be made. At this meeting, also, the Grand Lodge School Committee delivered a report as to the progress of the children under their superintendence. On the 16th October it was resolved that everyone, with the exception of Grand Officers and Proxies, who claimed a seat in Grand Lodge, should produce to the Grand Secretary a certificate exhibiting the nature of his claim. The Committee on the subject of a National Grand Lodge reported that, as they had not had submitted to them any advantages that would result from such a proposition, and as they saw none likely to result, they thought that Grand Lodge should not appoint delegates, and the report was accepted. A very silly question was then determined, namely, that a person with a stiff knee was not ineligible to be received into the ranks of Masonry. A resolution of thanks to Bro. William Cocks, Grand Treasurer, and a jewel, not to exceed in cost one hundred dollars, having been voted, the Lodge was closed. On the 4th December, Bro. Sampson Simson was elected Grand Treasurer, in succession to Bro. William Cocks, resigned. A communication from a Naples Lodge was not entertained till it had been first ascertained that the Lodge in question had been duly constituted "under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Masons." Vacancies were also reported by the School Committee, and that the children were making satisfactory progress. The Committee on fiscal concerns made a report, and also another, at an Emergency Meeting of Grand Lodge, held on the 11th of the same month. On the 4th March, 1812, in the School Committee Report, it was announced that there were forty-five pupils in the school, and four vacancies, and, further, that the children had made excellent progress, and great praise was due to the teacher for the order and regularity he maintained. On the 3rd June, 1812, Bro. De Witt Clinton and his Principal Grand Officers were re-elected, after which the Deputy G.M. presented Bro. W. Cocks, Past Grand Treasurer, with the jewel previously voted to him. A petition for a Warrant for a new Lodge having been refused, on the ground that the recommending Lodges had not paid up their dues, the Committee of Grand Stewards' Lodge, appointed to consider the financial condition of Grand Lodge having delivered their report, and communications from the Grand Lodges of Vermont and Ohio having been read and ordered to be filed, Grand Lodge was closed with the customary formalities. On the 2nd September, sundry petitions for new warrants were disposed of, and communications from the Grand Lodges of Maryland and England and were read and ordered to be filed. A Grand Lodge of Emergency was held on the 19th November, in order that the intelligence of the death of Past Grand Treasurer W. Cocks, might be formally communicated. In order to testify to the respect due to that worthy brother, it was determined to bury him with full Masonic honours, and a Committee was thereupon appointed to make the needful arrangements. At the meeting on the 2nd December letters from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and New Jersey on the subject of initiating sojourners by virtue of a dispensation, "were referred to a Committee." Subsequently, at the same meeting, an informal report from the Grand Lodge Free School Committee having been handed in, it was resolved to continue the Committee appointed to report a plan for the extension of the school. On the 3rd of March 1813, after considering the statement of accounts of the School Fund, Grand Lodge on receipt of report as to the initiation of sojourners resolved that no candidates should be initiated till they had satisfied the Lodge as to the propriety of their antecedents. The question of increasing or reducing the number of Grand Deacons and Grand Stewards was referred for consideration, and the report was to be brought up at the next meeting of Grand Lodge. On the 2nd June occurred the annual elections, the majority of the Grand Officers, including the Grand Master, being re-elected. Petitions for warrants were referred, and communications from the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and Virginia, were read and ordered to filed. It is noteworthy that at the meeting of the 1st September, Lodge La Sincérité No. 122, finding it impossible, owing to the absence of many of its members to hold its regular meetings, prayed it might discontinue the same till it could collect a sufficient number, and the prayer was granted. It was likewise resolved that, in the event of the honour of a public funeral being accorded to the gallant Captain Laurence, measures should be taken for the Masonic Lodges to join in the procession. It is doubtless in the recollection of our readers, that Capt. Laurence died gallantly fighting for his country in a certain memorable action at sea. The last minute of any importance will be found amongst those relating to the Grand Lodge held on the 1st December, and describes very circumstantially, the appearance of a Masonic impostor who is, of course, very properly denounced. We have omitted to draw attention to one record. Three brethren, passengers on board the British brig Peacock, were found to be in such a destitute condition, that twenty dollars were at once disbursed on their account, and further forty-eight dollars were promised to be paid. The Grand Steward's Lodge unanimously endorsed this liberal action of the Committee of Charity, and ordered the draft for the latter amount to be at once honoured by the Grand Treasurer. This concludes our notice of the 9th part, which terminates somewhat abruptly in the middle of a statement of accounts.

In *Cassell's Family Magazine* the two serial stories "Paul Knox Pitman," and "My Guardian," progress most favourably. Paul is being fashioned into a splendid character, and May is simply delightful. Then there are directions, "How to become an Engineer in the Royal Navy" and hints by Phillis Browne, "How we made both ends meet." A Chat about Coffee" is in the highest degree interesting, while "A story about Twenty Pounds" is capitally told, though it is a pity Staining is not spared to make amends for his misdeed. "A Kaffir Sham-fight" takes us back to the visit to South Africa in 1860 of the Duke of Edinburgh, then Prince Alfred, and there is a very good review by Mr. Arthur Arnold of "Mr. Mackenzie Wallace's sojourn in Russia." The notes on "Gardening in March" are excellent, as usual; indeed, we do not know where better information more lucidly compiled is to be found. The ladies will, as a matter of course, be pleased with the paper on "Art Needlework for Ladies," and "Chit-Chat on Dress," and they will likewise find much to interest them among the notes culled by "the Gatherer." A Family Doctor pursues his plan of tendering profitable advice, and in the current number gives "Seasonable Advice for the Spring Months." Mr. Richard Proctor explains in a clear and comprehensive manner, "How Great Storms Arise," and as the weather during the last few months has been of a stormier character than usual, it will probably be a consolation to our readers to know why this has been the case. We have enumerated nearly all the contents of the March number, but bare enumeration conveys only a very indifferent idea of its merits.

We notice in the *Leisure Hour* the continuation of several previous papers. The serial, "A Young Wife's Story," is, of course, among the number, and in addition we have noted Nos. III. and IV. of Miss Isabella Bird's "Australia Felix: Impressions of Victoria," and Mr. E. Paxton Hood's "The Great Smith Family: Lineal and Collateral." "Cable-Laying in the Tropics" is interesting, and so, too, is the account of a "Sale of Rare Books in New York." Those who have read the account of Mr. Margary's Journey through China to the Burmese Frontier will fully appreciate the brief biographical sketch of him contained in these pages. It is necessarily brief, but opportunity has been taken to bring prominently forward the excellent qualities by which Mr. Margary was distinguished. Immediately following this is a sketch of "The Rainbow Coffee House, Fleet-street," which has recently disappeared, and of "A Winter's Night on a Locomotive;" and considering the prominence that has been given during the last four years to the subject of window gardening, we have read with as much pleasure as profit the article on "Window and Balcony Gardens." "Cyclones and Cyclone-Waves" is another instructive paper, while in the way of art contribution, we have remarked a notice of the "Winter Exhibition at the Royal Academy." The illustrations are numerous, and to be highly commended, especially "Anxious Mothers," which serves as the "Frontispiece."

The illustrations in Part 7 of the *Countries of the World* are well executed. Among the most interesting are those of "The First House erected in Quebec," the "View of Quebec," and "The Monument to Wolfe at Quebec." That of "An Old Squaw pounding wild Cherries" is capital. Of Dr. Brown's narrative we need say little beyond what we have said already. Let those read it who would gauge its merits.

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CONSECRATION OF THE SKELMERSDALE LODGE (No. 1658).

ON Friday, the 9th inst., the above Lodge was consecrated at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, S.E., by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, assisted by the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Rector of St. Clement Danes, P.G. Chap. of England, and by Bro. H. J. Buss P.J.G.W. of Middlesex. Bro. Mark S. Larlham W.M. 1216 P.M. 1539 occupied the Senior Warden's chair, while that of Junior Warden was taken by Bro. David Rose W.M. 1622, both brethren being widely known throughout the district as able and esteemed Preceptors in the Craft. The beautiful and imposing ceremony was admirably performed by the Consecrating Officers in presence of a distinguished assemblage of guests and visitors; and the Grand Secretary, in his address, gave much sound and excellent counsel to the brethren with regard to their duties and privileges as Masons. He told them that great care and caution ought to be used in the selection of candidates for admission to the Order, as it was too much to be feared that many sought the privileges of Freemasonry for other purposes, and in pursuit of other objects than those which the Institution recognises and approves. For this reason he could hardly look upon the rapid increase in the number of Lodges as an unmixed good, and said that an additional responsibility rested upon members of the Craft on that account. He strongly deprecated, however, the practice, which has become too common, of members striving to exclude candidates, of whom they may know nothing whatever, in order to gratify private and personal feelings of pique against their proposers. Such conduct was reprehensible in the last degree, antagonistic to the very spirit of Masonry, and could not be too strongly condemned. He moreover regretted the tendency now-a-days to give publicity to all that goes on in Masonic Lodges. He could well remember the time when this was not so, when Masons were content to "do good by stealth and blush to find it fame," but now every charitable vote was published abroad to be seen and read of all men. The Grand Chaplain delivered a magnificent oration upon the principles which should guide Masonic life, and the relation which ought to subsist between brethren within the Lodge and without it. He remarked that there was sometimes a tendency on the part of brethren in office to stand too much upon their rights and privileges, and this he thought ought to be strongly discouraged. There was also a disposition on the part of many to consider too much the differences of social position which might exist between them and others of their brethren in Freemasonry, and to adhere too rigidly to class distinctions and the prejudices of caste. This was wrong, for all such matters ought to be laid aside and forgotten in Lodge, where all brethren met on terms of perfect equality. The brethren of the new Lodge were exhorted by the Chaplain to remember the high and honourable name which he was sure they were proud to bear, and he expressed his conviction that they would so act in the future that the M.W. Deputy Grand Master would never have reason to regret having stood as their "Godfather," and allowed their Lodge to be called by his name.

The Grand Secretary thereafter installed Bro. S. J. Harvey as 1st W.M., and he in turn invested his officers. Bros. T. Edmundston as S.W., W. H. Cass J.W., and J. Davis P.M. 72 Secretary. Several brethren were proposed as joining members, and the names of five candidates for initiation were announced. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards dined together in the banqueting hall.

In giving the health of the M.W. Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, the W.M. alluded in felicitous terms to the gracious and ready consent which his lordship had given to their Lodge bearing his name, and echoed the sentiments of the Rev. Bro. Simpson in hoping that the brethren connected with the Skelmersdale Lodge would ever bear in mind the duty which devolved upon them in keeping that name free from all stain or blemish in so far as related to themselves.

The Rev. R. J. Simpson, in replying to the toast of Past and Present Officers of Grand Lodge, congratulated the W.M. on the very favourable auspices under which the new Lodge was started on its way; and, alluding to the W. Master's name, said that there was only the difference of one vowel between it and that of his old and valued friend, the V.W. Grand Secretary. He trusted that the difference between them in other respects might be found to be equally slight, and in that case he augured a brilliant career for the Skelmersdale Lodge while under its present Master's direction. The V.W. Grand Secretary, in replying to the toast of the Consecrating Officers, complimented the W.M. on the way in which he and his officers had performed their part of the work; he expressed his strong conviction that the Skelmersdale Lodge would attain a foremost place in the ranks of the Craft. To the toast of the Visitors, Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden P.G.C. Middlesex responded; that of the Masonic Charities was replied to by Bro. H. A. Dubois P.G.S.D. Middlesex, a member of the House Committee of the Masonic School for Girls. Bro. Past Master Larlham, in replying to the toast of Preceptors in the Craft, wished to bear testimony to the zeal and efficiency of the officers of the Skelmersdale Lodge, as exemplified by the assiduous attendance and very excellent working at the Lodges of Instruction, with which he was connected. He warmly congratulated the W.M., who is also one of his people, upon having secured their assistance and co-operation. To the toast of the Officers the S.W. Bro. Edmundston replied; and giving a free translation of the motto of the House of Skelmersdale, said that it might be read as meaning, "Peace within our gates." He trusted that such might ever be, in spirit as in fact, the motto of the Skelmersdale Lodge, and then their course, whether prosperous or the reverse, would at least be in accordance with the principles of their Masonry. Among the guests present at the ceremony and the subsequent banquet there were, in addition to those already mentioned, Bros. G. Earney 467, Dr. E. Pinder 7, J. H. Hastie I.P.M. 1216, J. Nunn P.M. 72, Newington Bridges P.M. 1216 C. T. Dunford 1216, W. S. Cackett W.M. 1505, F. G. B. Wells 1505, J. Newton W.M. 1607, F. W. Koch P.M. 829, E. Dodson P.M. 72, Dr. H. M. Simmonds 186, J. Allsopp P.M. 1475, G. F. Harris 1541, E. W. Devereux J.W. 1423, A. Middlemass S.W. 1641, W. S. Daniel J.D 1541, J. W. T. Chapman 1622, S. M. Redmond 72, W. Permewan 1329, F. G. Longley S.W. 1261, E. G. Webster 72, and T. L. Green S.W. 1539.

CONSECRATION OF THE CROYDON MARK MASTERS' LODGE, NO. 198.

AN important addition to the number of Lodges on the roll of the Grand Mark Lodge of England was made on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. On the strong recommendation of the R.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master for Middlesex and Surrey, Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, a Charter or Warrant was granted to several members of the Macdonald Mark Lodge No. 104, whose residences are in the locality of Croydon, and the V.W. Bro. Frederick Binckes P.G.W., Grand Mark Secretary, &c. was appointed by the M.W.G.M.M. to consecrate the new Lodge. An influential gathering of distinguished members of the Order, attended to support the consecrating officer, amongst whom were the V.W. Bros. Frederick Davison Dep. Prov. G.M.M., Thomas Meggy P.G.M.O. and P.M. 104, James Stevens P.G.J.D., P.M. 104 and 139, S. C. Dibdin P.G.O., W.H. Binckes, Assist. Grand Secretary, W. Spencer, Poore, and F. Cozens, G. Yaxley, J. Close, J. K. Pitt, and G. Lilley; Past and Present Grand Officers—Bros. Sneadd, Nichols, Brown, Griffiths, Legg, Pocock, Purvis, Long, Lake, Haddock and others. The brethren having assembled in the Lodge-room, Bro. Binckes, as W.M., appointed Bro. Meggy as S.W. and Bro. Stevens as J.W., and then proceeded to open a Mark Masters' Lodge, calling upon the Assistant Grand Secretary to read the new Warrant, and inform the brethren as to the proceedings taken in respect of the formation of the Lodge. The principal officers designate having been approved of by those present, Bro. Binckes, in his customary effective style, performed the full ceremony of Consecration, and completed his work by formally dedicating and constituting the "Croydon" Lodge to the purposes of Mark Masonry. Bro. F. H. Cozens, Grand Organist, then played the concluding ("Hallelujah") chorus. After a brief interval, the ceremony of Installation was commenced, and Bros. George Yaxley, the W.M. designate, was duly installed into the chair of A. by Bro. Binckes. The S.W. designate, John Close, and J.W. designate, Bro. J. K. Pitt, were severally invested, and the offices of Overseers and Deacons were filled. Bro. Thomas Meggy assisted the Installing Master in the delivery of the addresses to the officers. A list of thirteen candidates was placed on the summons, of whom nine brethren were in attendance, and these were introduced, and at the request of the W.M. advanced to the honourable degree by Bro. James Stevens, with full ceremonial and musical accompaniment. The whole of the impressive business of the Consecration, Installation, and Advancement, was carried out with all that perfection which the well-known working ability of Bros. Binckes, Meggy, Stevens, Poore, and Dibdin would ensure, and the satisfaction of the brethren of the new Lodge was not only heartily expressed in words, but was confirmed by the unanimous election of those brethren as honorary members. The presence of the Deputy Prov. G.M.M. was suitably acknowledged, and Bro. Davison received a cordial Masonic salute. The thanks of the Lodge were voted to Bro. H. W. Binckes for his services as Acting Secretary. Several propositions for advancement were received, and after some few matters of routine business had been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to partake of banquet. Under the able presidency of the W.M., Bro. Yaxley, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very agreeable evening spent by the numerous brethren who had the good fortune to be present on this auspicious occasion. The increase of Lodges connected with the order of Mark Masonry has been, under the genial sway of several noble and eminent Grand Masters, very great during the past few years; and from the zeal and efficiency of the Master and Wardens of the "Croydon" Lodge, we augur that the new addition to the strength of the Order, though the last on the muster-roll, will not be the least in point of importance to the degree.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 434.

THE regular meeting was held on the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, W.C. Bros. Ráth W.M., J. H. Cumming S.W., J. F. Ebner J.W., W. Paas Sec., John Boyd Treas., J. Aspinall S.D., J. S. Taylor J.D., Dr. G. E. C. Jackson D.C., Dr. A. V. Jagielski I.G. Visitors—Bros. J. Blum, M. Blum, Dr. Wills, H. Price, J. C. Cox, T. A. Thompson, &c., &c. Business—The preliminaries having been disposed of, Mr. J. J. Rünts was initiated, after which a motion by Bro. Dr. Jagielski was carried unanimously. The W.M., Treasurer, Tyler and Audit Committee were severally elected for the coming year, the present S.W. being chosen to fill the chair. During the evening the W.M., Bro. Ráth, who is a Steward for the approaching festival of the Girl's School, appealed most forcibly on behalf of that Charity. The object for which he addressed the Lodge, he said, was one of the most difficult a man could possibly bring forward. He was not exactly engaged on a begging expedition, but as it must needs be a tax on the benevolence of those around him, he felt he must awaken them to a sense of its importance. He considered he had a powerful ally, and that was the sex of those for whom he asked support. Had any of the brethren taken the trouble to go to Battersea and see how their children were getting on? Although they could not appeal for themselves he considered it was not necessary to go that distance, for we need only look into the face of any little orphan we meet in the street to arouse our sympathy. He must come to what he considered

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hard facts, hard facts as involving the question of hard cash, and implore of them, collectively and individually—as do the begging friars in his native land—to hand in a coin for the benefit of the orphan girls. On the return of the list we were pleased to see that it contained items amounting to over fifty guineas, but even this, we hear, will not content our energetic Brother, who hopes before the day arrives for announcing the lists to have at least double that amount. We wish him every success, and feel sure that if energy on his part can accomplish it, the amount will be forthcoming. The Lodge having been formally closed, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, after which the usual toasts were honoured. In proposing the Queen, the W.M. remarked that not only did she occupy the first position as owing to her by right and rank, but also, he trusted, in all our hearts. This he followed by asking the brethren to drink to the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. He was sure that if any emergency presented itself, requiring that His Royal Highness should devote his time, he would be as ready as he had proved himself on previous occasions. He considered we ought to feel happy in possessing such a Royal family, and hoped the brethren would give them a hearty cheer. The M.W.G.M. will be for ever dear to us in having stepped forward to our rescue at a time when we were deserted by a former ruler; he could only ask them to greet the toast with the enthusiasm it deserved. He next asked for the best attention of the brethren for the working rulers of the Craft, the M.W. the Pro. Grand Master, the Dep.G. Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, who he considered were living examples of all that is good and true. The toast of the Worshipful Master was next proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. Moore, and was heartily responded to, the W.M. replying in the following terms: Brethren,—Say whatever you will, it is always a gratifying fact whenever you have the good fortune to be called upon to respond to your own health. Perhaps some of the brethren in their kindness of heart have overdone the thing, and drank my health *too much*, which is the cause of my health likewise losing its balance, and going the other way. However that may be there is the fact that, at the present moment, I am rather a sufferer, and ought not to speak too lengthily; you will therefore pardon me when I reply with all brevity, but no less heartily to your kindness. My bodily strength may seem to fail me for a moment, but be sure of my hearty sentiments when it is a question of responding to yours. I am on such occasions like a "Grey parrot with a *green* tail," ancient looking, but vigorous withal. Brethren,—I own that I am anxious to leave some impression on your minds and hearts of my year of office, by my constant and earnest efforts to elevate the ideas of the brethren of this Lodge to that degree where they may become pleasantly conscious that they have a great and noble calling to fulfil in Freemasonry. This is my last evening in office, and I hope that I have not been altogether unsuccessful. I always compare my Lodge with the Temple of Jerusalem, surrounded by a strong castle, and as I am passing on my nightly rounds, and looking in the eyes of every single watchman on the castle walls, I find him to be awake, then, with a nod and a wink, we exchange a grip and a word—and I am satisfied that we understand one another well, and that we all work for the safety of our Temple. Not many words are needed to demonstrate to any one the fact that between Master and Brethren of this Lodge there prevails that reciprocity of goodwill and friendship, which is best expressed in the word "Brotherhood." Bro. Moore—I thank you very much for the feeling manner with which you have referred to my health, and you, my brethren, for the heartiness with which you have seconded the same. He then proceeded to propose the Immediate P.M.; he was thankful that he had a subject much easier to speak on than the preceding one, he could dilate more coolly and contentedly on the merits of others, than on his own poor achievements; whenever he spoke of Bro. Moore, he could not help being in good spirits, for he considered him the embodiment of "Peace and goodwill towards men." The toast was well received and responded to by Bro. Moore, after which, in proposing "The Initiate," the W.M. said—I believe I am expressing the convictions of all present, when I say that the welcome which we give to our newly received brethren, by pledging them in a cup of sack, has a peculiarly interesting and always fresh flavour about it. We all look eagerly towards the corner where the brother Initiates are habitually placed, and we all smile a welcome to them which they cannot mistake. Freemasons are not eager to make converts, which in itself is a contradiction, because those who seek us are already converted; but Freemasons, when they find that their fellow-men are anxious and glad to join their ranks, and to follow their principles, give them such a reception as no other body of men are known to extend to new comers. On the very first night of their participation in our rights and usages they receive a pretty good instalment of the nature of our Order, inasmuch as the first or solemn part of it shows them the *dark* and *grave* side of life, which makes them stop and reflect, and the second or convivial part of it teaches them that T.G.A.O.T.U. has endowed our nature with an appetite for pleasure. Truly, my brethren, as sure as a strong and contented man is almost always a liberal and generous one, so is a joyous and convivial man a good and honest one. It is no use separating human nature into a weeping and a laughing being. Both these dispositions being inseperably united, they ought to be recognised and treated as such, and this it is my brethren which forms the keystone of the Masonic principles. The toast was answered in a most spirited manner by Bro. Kuntz. "*Le roi est mort,—Vive le roi*," a sentiment doubtless known to most of you with regard to royalty, but which also serves to illustrate my present position. In asking you to drink to the W.M. elect, it may be said I am proclaiming my own demise, and the advent of a new king. It would be a sorry mistake and utterly untrue to say that I have pleasure in proclaiming this fact. There is, on the contrary, no satisfaction in it whatever. I know I must die as your W.M., but I trust that after I am gone you shall have cause to forget me, very, very soon (cries of "No, no,") because of the superior excellence of my successors. Napoleon used to say, "No one is indispensable in this world, and every one can easily be replaced, even myself!" Let us hope that in the case of the W.M. elect this will prove true, and as he has given sufficient signs of worth and merit as to secure your sufferages for the exalted place for which he is elected, I feel confident that he will faithfully fulfil all our legitimate expectations. Bro. Cumming, the W.M. elect, having briefly responded, the W.M. proposed the Past Masters, who he regretted were not more numerously represented, he especially referred to Bro. Dicey, who never failed in attending, and would couple his name with the toast. He having responded, the W.M., with the following remarks, called on the brethren to toast the Visitors. To go about visiting Lodges is not a practice fostered by idle curiosity. It is a time-sanctioned usage, and a privilege of which Freemasons are justly proud; if brethren of the same town visit each other, they not only widen their own knowledge of the Craft, but also spin and weave those single threads, the accumulation of which produces the finest tissue of friendship and brotherhood which unite the scattered Lodges of the Order into one powerful and imposing fabric. But when brethren of different and sometimes far-distant towns and countries visit each other, then the true effect of this organisation, whose branches are spread over the four quarters of the globe, comes into more prominent display. I need not enumerate the different circumstances under which poor brethren and rich brethren of different races and creeds, and brethren of friendly and hostile nations, may thus meet; all I can say is that the good which such meetings, under the all-protecting banner of Freemasonry may do, and are daily and hourly doing, is *immense*. Let us, therefore, cherish this highest and noblest quality of Freemasons and extend hospitality to all brethren, and let us drink a joyful good health to our brother Visitors. Bro. J. Blum P.M. 1017 replied to the toast, which was followed by that of the Treasurer and Secretary. The brethren need only look to the right and to the left of the table, and they must rejoice to see firmly rooted there two great pillars of the Lodge. There is a very great sense of security in knowing that these two important branches of our little household are so well attended to. So long as our affairs remain in the faithful hands of the present distinguished brethren, our life in this Lodge will be happy. The W.M. considered his officers were his little well-drilled and well-disciplined body guard; expressed his thanks to them for their faithful and loyal services, and hoped in due course they would meet with the reward they so richly deserved. Bros. Cummings and Taylor replied to this toast, which was followed by the Tyler.

Hemming Lodge, No. 1512.—The last regular meeting of this Lodge for the present session, was held under the presidency of Bro. John Hurst W.M. on Thursday evening, the 15th inst., at the Lodge-room, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. There were present—Bros. E. Hopwood I.P.M. and Treasurer, J. Hammond S.W., W. Hammond Secretary, B. Sharp acting J.W., Fox J.D., Jessett J.D., J. W. Ockenden I.G., S. C. Walls D.C., Gutteridge W.S., Kent A.W.S., and Bros. J. Chilcott, John E. Hunt, T. Errington, Thos. Moody, J. W. Hiscox, &c., &c., The Lodge having been opened, Bro. W. Kidentler J.W. 1305, was unanimously elected a joining member. A gentleman, whose name appeared in the summons, was prevented from attending for initiation, through unavoidable circumstances, and Bro. C. Hole, a candidate for passing was absent, through severe indisposition. It was then announced that Bro. T. Phillips, also a candidate for the 2nd degree had died during the past few days. The sad intelligence was received with very deep regret by the brethren, to most of whom he was well known. Bro. John Hammond S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. E. Hopwood re-elected Treasurer. The names of two candidates for initiation were handed in, and five guineas having been voted from the funds of the Lodge, to the widow of a brother, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts followed. In responding on behalf of the Deputy Prov. G.M. and the other P.G. Officers, Bro. W. Hammond Past Prov. G.D. referred at some length to Bro. Little's recent elevation, an appointment which has afforded universal satisfaction throughout the Province. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Hopwood, who was warmly congratulated on his successful year of office. The toast of the W.M. elect was also enthusiastically received, Bro. John Hammond, in responding, made an excellent speech. For the Visitors, Bro. Scott, one of the first initiates of the recently consecrated Wolsey Lodge, 1656, responded in a short and effective manner. The officers having severally acknowledged the next toast, that of the Charities was given, and Bro. Ockenden I.G., Steward for the Girls' School, replied. During the evening the ballot box was handed round, and a very creditable amount collected, to supplement the sum voted by the Lodge on behalf of the widow. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. The brethren were indebted to Bros. W. Hammond, Walls, T. Tagg, Jessett, and Kent for some capital songs.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—This Lodge met on Thursday evening, 15th inst., at Masons' Hall, E.C. Present—Bros. A. E. Gladwell W.M., Bisset S.W., Goodman J.W., Harper S.D., Saul J.D., Cumner I.G., Blackie Hon. Secretary, Spiegel, A. T. Gladwell, Hunter, Payne. The Lodge was opened in the 1st degree, and the minutes of last meeting confirmed. Bro. Gladwell vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Blackie, who opened the Lodge in the 2nd degree. Bro. Spiegel, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted and withdrew. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Bro. Saul worked the 1st section of the lecture. The Lodge was then closed down to the 1st degree. Bro. Hunter, 1.98, was elected a member. And Bro. Bissett, W.M. for Thursday week next, the 29th; he appointed his officers in rotation. The 15 Sections will be worked on Thursday evening next, the 22nd inst., when Bro. Poore, the Preceptor, will occupy the chair.

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THE FESTIVALS OF THE MASONIC SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to throw out a suggestion which may affect three objects.

1st. To promote economy in the expenditure of our Charities.

2nd. To give a pleasing variety to our Festival entertainments.

3rd. To further the improvement of our Boys' and Girls' Schools.

The engagements of skilled professionals to conduct the musical portion of the entertainments at our three Festivals costs the Charities close on £100 a year.

Instead of this arrangement, why should we not have, say a dozen of our boys and six of our girls, previously well-trained, brought in to sing part-songs, &c., with a simplicity and sacredness for which children's voices are pre-eminently proverbial?

And as a large portion of the company on such occasions consists of ladies, and all the company have many opportunities of hearing professional performances, it is to be supposed that the presence and the efforts of our Masonic children would awaken special interest, and produce a most pleasing variety. To the children themselves it would be a great treat, and a stimulus to their progress in music, while to the funds of each Charity it would certainly be a great relief. The adoption of this plan would probably add to the funds of the Charity, rather than take from them. And I may add that an institution with which I am connected effected this change with great pleasure to the children and their friends, and decided profit to its funds.

I am, Dear Sir and Bro.,

Fraternally yours,

R. J. SIMPSON, P.G.C.

THE JEWISH QUESTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is now about eight years since I wished a friend to introduce me into Freemasonry, and he being a member of the Montefiore Lodge, gave my name to the Secretary of that Lodge for that purpose; but the thing could not be done, as my friend was informed that none but Jews would be admitted.

Kindly inform me if such is still the practice in that Lodge, or if abolished since when this happy change took place.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

EQUITY.

THE GRAND SECRETARYSHIP OF SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the CHRONICLE you have stated that the Lodge Kilwinning is reputed the oldest Lodge in the world, or, at least, in Scotland. From your position in the Craft, one would have expected that you would have been better informed upon a matter of so singular interest. The records of the Kilwinning Lodge open in December 1642. The records of the Lodge of Edinburgh open in July 1599, and they contain the original minutes of a convention of the Scotch Lodges held at Edinburgh in 1598.

Besides these minutes we find, from an original document recently found in the charter chest of the late Earl of Eglinton, that in December 1599, the statutes regulating the Lodges of Scotland at that date declared that the Lodge Kilwinning was the second Lodge in Scotland.

You will find the whole of this interesting question very ably discussed in Bro. Murray Lyon's *Freemasonry in Scotland*—a work beyond all praise.

Yours fraternally,

Edinburgh, 7th March 1877. A P.M.

[We are at a loss to see in what particular we have erred. There is nothing in Bro. Lyon's history, which we have read with as much profit as pleasure, and to which "A P.M." will find frequent reference made in these columns, to which our statement is opposed. Mother Kilwinning is, undoubtedly, "the *reputed* oldest existing Lodge in the world, or, at least, in Scotland." But mere reputation is not fact, and, therefore, the wording of the sentence, as received from one of our representatives in Scotland, was left undisturbed. If "A P.M." will kindly excuse us referring to such every profane things as quart and pint bottles, we may illustrate our meaning without much difficulty. He is, doubtless, aware there are quarts and *reputed* quarts, pints and *reputed* pints, and in both cases the distinction is really because quarts and pints are, and reputed quarts and pints are not, quarts and pints. We not go the length of saying that Mother Kilwinning is not the oldest Lodge in Scotland, because it is the *reputed oldest*, but we do say that "oldest" and "reputed oldest" are not equivalent, and in technical terms we confess that our views are the views of Bro. Lyon, to whom, indeed, we are greatly indebted for the light he has thrown on the history of Scottish Freemasonry. However, in a matter which has been so bitterly controverted, we have no mind to intervene. We are content to leave the case as it stood in our issue of the 3rd instant, when we stated that Mother Kilwinning had a certain reputation, but did not stop to analyse its merits.—[ED. FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.]

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ORAL INSTRUCTION OF THE DEAF AND DUMB.

A DINNER was given on the 13th inst., at Willis's Rooms, in aid of the Funds of this Association. H.R.H. our M.W.G.M., who takes a lively interest in this noble Institution, occupied the chair. There were also present Earl Granville, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Bro. Sir William Knollys, Lord Hampton, the R.W. Bro. Lord Suffield, Bros. John Sutcliffe, H. A. Isaacs, W. A. Barrett, Z. Adolphus, J. Gears, H. M. Levy, &c. We are sure that this Institution only needs to be known to receive the support it deserves. It works on the theory adopted some years since by Mr. W. Van Praagh, in Holland, that the reason of persons being dumb is owing to their being born deaf, and thereby unable to distinguish various sounds, and is now a great success, only wanting funds to enable the committee to further extend its usefulness. The noble Chairman gave the usual toasts, and in proposing that of "Success to the Institution," particularly alluded to the exertions of Mr. Van Praagh, who had that morning taken ten of the children to Marlborough House, when he was gratified to hear the finest manner in which they all conversed. More particularly he referred to one child, who had been only three months in the School. The Right Hon. Earl Granville proposed the toast of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," who, in responding, alluded to the death of the late respected Baroness Rothschild. She had, previous to her death, ordered a bouquet to be placed on the table for His Royal Highness, and he had great pleasure in taking care of it to present it to the Princess. The worthy Secretary, Mr. Assur Moses, announced, amidst great cheering, that the donations amounted to £2,000. The dinner, dessert, and decorations reflected great credit to Mr. Willis. Bro. M. Silver very ably superintended.

The Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland met on Tuesday, the 13th inst., to consider and report on the merits of the various candidates for the vacant office of Grand Secretary. There was a full attendance of the members. Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Grand Master of Scotland, presided. The names of 15 candidates were laid before the meeting, and it was resolved to select the three most eligible to recommend to the Special Grand Lodge on Monday next, when the election is to take place. Those selected were Bros. R. Wylie P.P.G.M., of Ayrshire, who has been P.G. Sec. for the largest Province of Scotland for fifteen years, and has therefore obtained considerable experience in the practical duties required; D. Murray Lyon, the Masonic historian, who is also an Ayrshire man, to whom Bro. Wylie had given testimonials before the earnest solicitations of his friends had induced him to stand himself; the third on the short list is Bro. W. B. Heath, of London, who brought with him first-class testimonials from some leading members of the Craft in England. The Grand Lodge, on Monday, cannot well go wrong, as all three appear to possess many of the qualifications required for a good Secretary.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

NOT much in the way of business has been done this week in the House of Lords. The Duke of Richmond and Gordon on behalf of the Government introduced a Burials Bill, which received a first reading, and Lord Dorchester asked a question of our Foreign Secretary as to the compulsory return from Khiva, of Captain Burnaby, an officer in the Royal Horse Guards, who has narrated his experiences of his "Ride to Khiva," in a most enjoyable volume, and in the course of it explains by what mishap he was forced to give up his journey home through Central Asia, and return by the same route he had taken on his journey out. In the Commons some progress has been made, but not in proportion to the amount of talkee-talkee which is considered necessary. A Treasury and Exchequer Bills having passed its second reading on Thursday of last week, on the following evening a resolution proposed by Mr. Clare S. Read for the establishment of County Boards was accepted by the Government after a very full debate. On Monday, after several delays interposed by different members, the House went into Committee of Supply on the Navy Estimates, and the number of men and boys for the service of the year was voted. On Tuesday, a motion was brought forward by Mr. Chamberlain, one of the members for Birmingham, having for object the regulation of the sale of intoxicating liquors, according to what is known as the Gothenburg scheme, but the honourable member was defeated by a majority of more than two to one. The greater part of Wednesday afternoon was occupied in considering whether an Intoxicating Liquors' Bill for Scotland should receive a second reading. In the result the Bill was rejected by the very considerable majority of 253 to 90.

On Monday, the Queen held a levee at Buckingham Palace. The Prince of Wales, attended by Lord Suffield and others of his suite, the Princess Beatrice, Prince Christian, and Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar were present. A very large number of presentations was made and the attendance in the general and diplomatic circles was great. On Wednesday, Her Majesty held a Drawing Room, when the Prince of Wales, the Princesses Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) and Beatrice, Prince Christian, and the Duke of Teck were present. Several ladies were presented, and the attendance otherwise was on a large scale. On both these occasions, the Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms under their Captain, the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, and the Yeomen of the Guard under Captain Lord Skelmersdale were on duty. The morning of the latter day, Her Majesty and the Princess Beatrice visited the Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park, and inspected the collection of animals brought from India by the Prince of Wales. Mr. A. Bartlett, the superintendent, conducted Her Majesty over the establishment. The Prince of Wales left Melton Mowbray on his return to Marlborough House on Friday night, having had, during the day, an exciting day's sport with the Quorn. On Saturday evening, the Prince and Princess with their two boys, the Princes Albert Victor and George, honoured the Opéra Comique with a visit. On Sunday, they attended divine service in the Royal Chapel, St. James's.

The Oxford crew reached their quarters at Putney on Monday. Since then they have been closely engaged in the usual practice, and as the day of the race more nearly approaches, the public excitement becomes greater. They are a heavier crew than their rivals from the Cam, the average weight per man being 12st 5 lbs, against an average of 12st 0½ lbs. Both crews appear to possess certain points of weakness and of strength, and a critic in one of our daily contemporaries rules that the case is which of the two will be most hampered by their weaknesses. However, as we said last week, we shall be prepared to solve this question for the benefit of our readers about noon next Saturday, or probably a little earlier. It only remains to add the expression of our good wishes for fine weather, both for the sake of those who will test their powers, and the thousands and thousands who will line the banks of the river between Putney and Mortlake to witness the struggle.

It will be in the recollection of our readers, that amongst the many banquets which occurred during the Lord Mayoralty of Alderman Cotton, none was so highly appreciated as that which he gave in honour of the dramatic profession, and the authors and writers connected therewith. On Friday last a complimentary return banquet was given to the worthy Alderman and Mrs. Cotton. The veteran Mr. Benjamin Webster occupied the chair, and there were present about 200 guests, amongst whom were Alderman Sir R. W. Carden, Mr. F. B. Chatterton, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wigan, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Toole, Messrs. A. and E. Swanborough, and W. Creswick, E. Righton, J. Douglas, H. Neville, A. Halliday, E. L. Blanchard, and Miss Ada Cavendish. After the usual loyal toasts, that of the guests of the occasion was proposed, amid the heartiest applause. Alderman Cotton's response was a thoroughly good after-dinner speech, such as is not often spoken on these occasions, and was right worthily received by his 180 or 190 hosts. Subsequently it devolved upon him to propose the health of the Chairman, and this too, was most cordially responded to by all present. The toast of "the Ladies" was acknowledged by Mr. Alfred Wigan, shortly after which the company dispersed.

A notable man of the day has passed from amongst us, Mr. George Odger, one, who, though in the humblest sphere of life, yet exercised a considerable amount of influence on the working classes of this country. Mr. Odger was a man of unquestionable ability, and those to whose well-being he had devoted so much of his time, labour, and energy, resolved to show their respect for his memory by giving him a kind of public funeral. Measures were accordingly taken to this end, and on the appointed day a vast concourse of people assembled to witness the progress of the funeral *cortége* from Bloomsbury to the Brompton cemetery. Professors Beesley and Fawcett, M.P., were amongst those who accompanied the procession, and the former delivered a funeral oration at the grave. The latter also addressed those present on the virtues of the deceased. In thus showing their respect for the great services of one of their leaders, the working classes of London have done themselves much honour.

The cattle plague is extending—in London, at least. A few days since it made its appearance on the premises of a dairyman at Stepney, where there were no less than 130 cows. Those who were found, on examination, to be suffering from incipient rinderpest were immediately isolated, but others were subsequently attacked, and at length it became necessary to slaughter the whole of the stock, which were in fine condition, and in the care of which all possible precautions had been taken by their owner, Mr. Alexander. With the experience of the terrible outbreak of 1865-6, this wholesale slaughter is the only way to prevent the spread of the disease to other parts of London and the provinces; but none the less serious is the loss to their owner, with whose misfortune we sympathise most fully, and all the more fully that it was through no absence of precautionary measures that his stock have fallen victims to this dreadful scourge.

The report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the outbreak of scurvy in the crews of the Arctic Expedition has been submitted to the First Lord of the Admiralty. The Committee have found that the outbreak was due to the fact that limejuice was not supplied to the men

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sent out on the sledging expeditions, and it added that the ships had a full supply of this antiscorbutic, and that Sir George Nares did not give proper orders for provisioning his sledge parties, or have sound reasons for departing from the instructions addressed to him through the Admiralty by the Director General of the Navy Medical Department. This is a serious censure on the conduct of the gallant officer in command of the late expedition.

News of three fatal disasters at sea have been received this week. On Monday, the Consett arrived at Sunderland, bringing with her three survivors of the crew of the brig Leonie, of Whitstable, which had been run into by her, in Robin Hood's Bay. The master and five of the crew perished, but the mate and two others were saved. Every effort was made to rescue more lives, but unsuccessfully. On Sunday, a collision occurred off the Skerries between the schooner Ann Alice, and the steamer Armenian, the former sinking almost immediately. All the crew, however, were saved, with the exception of the mate. In a third case, the captain of the barque Ilva, in a fit of drunkenness, had shot a boy, and fired at the mate and others of the crew, but when the latter attempted to secure him, he jumped overboard and was drowned. The Mansion House Fund, for the relief of the widows and children by the wreck of so many smacks, &c., in the North Sea, had already reached £1,300 on Monday, but as the number of lives lost is greater than was at first supposed, a very large sum will be required. We trust the necessary funds will be forthcoming.

An alarming gas explosion occurred on Wednesday at Brighton, by which property of the estimated value of £3,000 was destroyed. A steam roller was rolling a Macadam road, and is believed to have caused the fracture of a gas pipe. The gas found its way into an under-ground kitchen of a lodging-house, and in due time came in contact with the fire and caused the accident. The partition walls were blown down and other property in the neighbourhood damaged to the extent we have stated, but fortunately no lives were lost.

The question of peace and war is still undetermined. Russia appears to think she cannot retreat with honour from the advanced position she elected to take up towards the end of last year, and Turkey seems stubbornly bent on resenting any interference with her sovereign independence. What reply will be made by our cabinet to the circular note of Russia is not yet decided, but an attempt is being made by Russia to induce the other Great Powers to join in a Collective Note to the Porte, calling upon it to execute the promised reforms within a stated time. Of course all sorts of rumours are abroad, but the public is as much in the dark as ever. General Ignatieff has visited Paris for the purpose of taking counsel with the French Government, and Count Schouvaloff, the Russian Ambassador, in London, crossed over in order to meet his Excellency. It is now said the British Cabinet has agreed to the proposal of Russia, and that the General will at once visit the Court of St. James's. Whatever difficulties have arisen, it is no fault of our Ministers that a peaceful solution of the question was not arrived at long since. The negotiations between Turkey and Montenegro proceed but slowly, the demands of the latter State being exhorbitant. In Germany the path of the Imperial Chancellor, Prince Bismarck, appears to be none of the smoothest. Some of his measures seem to have provoked a considerable amount of opposition in the Imperial Parliament. Indeed, a proposition for increasing the salary of the German Ambassador in London was rejected by 157 to 147. Other foreign news is of no great interest.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE regular committee meeting was held on the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. and was numerously attended. Bro. Colonel Creaton V.P., occupied the chair. The Secretary, Bro. Terry, read the minutes of the meeting of the 14th February, and of the House Committee, which were duly confirmed. The grant of £100 to the widow of the late Collector (Bro. Lane) was unanimously confirmed. The death was announced of two male and one female annuitants. The question of electing a Collector, in the place of the late Bro. Lane was then discussed, and the report of the committee appointed "to inquire into the duties and emoluments of the future Collector" was read. It was therein recommended that the Collector to be appointed shall be a Master Mason not exceeding the age of 40 years; that his duties be to collect all subscriptions and donations announced by the annual Stewards, which shall remain unpaid after the regular settling day following the Festival. He shall attend at the offices when required by the Secretary, keep an alphabetical list of the subscribers, donors, &c., to the Institution, and give security for £500. His remuneration to be 4 per cent. upon all amounts actually received by him. The whole of these recommendations received attention, and after some discussion were carried, excepting the question of commission, which was increased to 5 per cent. There were nine candidates—viz., Bros. Ayling, S. Bragg, W. H. Hubbard, Geo. Knill, James A. Milne, W. J. Murlis, W. J. Nash, Robinson, and W. H. Snelling. Out of these only three were eligible in accordance with the above resolutions—viz., Bros. Knill, Milne, and Snelling, and from this number Bro. Knill was eventually selected, the vote being unanimous in his favour. He acknowledged, in feeling terms, his gratitude, and promised to use his best endeavours to promote the interests of the Institution, and he hoped to do so to the entire satisfaction of the Craft. Bro. R. W. Stewart proposed that the annual gathering of the Stewards be held at Croydon as usual, on a day to be fixed hereafter. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

The *Masonic Jewel*, for February, publishes a long and very valuable letter from Bro. John Carlowitz, in which he furnishes a tabular statement showing the total amount expended annually, by the different Grand Bodies, in printing and publishing reports of their several proceedings. This, it seems, reaches the sum of dollars 52,325 65c., and Bro. Carlowitz considers it not unreasonable to suppose that "the large mass of miscellaneous printing annually needed in the offices of the various Grand Officers," must swell the total to dollars 60,000. Taking this fact for his text, Bro. Carlowitz advocates the establishment of a National Grand Lodge, and with it that of a National Grand Lodge Library; or, if this should not prove feasible, a General or National Masonic Printing House, where the annals of every Grand Masonic body, and all Masonic literature, "now out of print, and for which, at present, fabulous prices are asked and paid," should be published. In such case, Bro. Carlowitz thinks that, in due time, every Lodge could become possessed of a complete library of proceedings, as well as reprints of old magazines and literary works. He further points out that if each Mason in the United States contributed a quarter dollar, the sum of dollars 142,550 would be raised, or if a dollar each, over dollars 570,000. If this sum were invested in the names of the different Grand Masters and their successors, as Trustees of the Fund, there would be an annual income arising from it of little short of dollars 29,000—reckoning the interest at 5 per cent. Without entering further into particulars, we may state that the idea, whence the scheme has originated, is a worthy and a generous one. We are, ourselves, constantly urging all Craftsmen to take a deeper interest in Masonic literature. We must not, however, be led astray by our enthusiasm. We confess we do not see how such a scheme could be carried out; in fact, Bro. Carlowitz, in the early part of his letter, declares that "Fifty-three Grand Lodges will have fifty-three different opinions," and in a sentence afterwards, he says, "Some States have invited the Grand Masters of other Jurisdictions to come and compare work; but I have not read that any one has ever complied with this request;" and he asks very pointedly, "Why is this so?" We think we can answer the question without much difficulty. With all our boasted enthusiasm and fraternal feeling, we Masons of different existing jurisdictions are as jealous of each other as possible; as much so, in fact, as the great military powers of Europe, who never weary of preaching about the lion and the lamb lying down together in peace, yet each of them must play the lion. In Masonry, the idea of a uniform ritual is not only a very beautiful, but a very proper one likewise,

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but we each think our own should be practised uniformly throughout the world. This is very far from being the first time, Bro. Carlowitz, the idea of a Supreme Grand Lodge for the whole of the United States has been mooted. You deserve great credit for the force with which you advocate it in the present instance, but we do not think you will live to see your idea realised. However, we tender you our hearty good wishes for your success.

The *Keystone* announces that the Grand Council of Royal, Super-Excellent and Select Masters, Pennsylvania, met on the evening of the 21st ult., in the hall of Lebanon Lodge, Lebanon, Pa., the attendance being far greater than on any previous occasion in this jurisdiction. The proposal to change the title of the Grand Council was rejected. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year—namely, Ill. Comps. Peter C. Shidle, M.P.G.M., M. Richard Muckle R.P.D.G.M., William J. Fordney L.G.M., H. Stanley Goodwin G.P.C. of W., James Brown G.T., and Charles E. Meyer Grand Recorder. These were all installed by P.G.M. Ill. Comp. Christian F. Knapp, and duly proclaimed. The next annual assembly will be held in Allighany city. Ill. Comp. Will. F. McCully, of Philadelphia, Council No. 11, the retiring Master, was presented with a Past T.P.G.M. jewel. In the same estimable journal is an article by Bro. Hughan, entitled "Freemasonry in America early last Century." Bro. Hughan discusses the constitution of sundry Lodges in various of the now United States, which held under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and of others warranted by Mother Kilwinning, then acting apart from the Scottish Grand Lodge. Among the former is included "No. 177, St. John's, Philadelphia," which, on the authority of our worthy brother, must have been established in 1774. Respecting this, Bro. Hughan is anxious to obtain further information from our Philadelphia brethren, as no mention of or allusion to it is made in the Memorial volume, in the *Keystone*, or elsewhere. He believes it quite possible that an examination into this may open up a fresh link with the past history of Freemasonry in the premier Masonic City of America."

We wish to direct the attention of those of our brethren who are enrolled under the banner of Mark Masonry, to the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of Middlesex and Surrey, which will be held on Wednesday next, at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.C., when we hope to see a strong muster of the brethren to do honour to their respected Prov. G.M., Bro. Col. Burdett. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at six o'clock, and the Grosvenor Lodge (for the advancement of brethren, &c.) at four.

We are informed that the next Meeting of the Members of the Pan-Anglican Club will take place this day, Saturday, at the Freemasons' Tavern, to determine upon the future location of the Club. The President will take the Chair at 2 p.m.

We make it a rule to show no favours to the various candidates for the benefits of our Institutions, but at the earnest solicitation of Bro. Lacey P.M. of 174 1327 and 1241, have so far departed from it as to speciallym ention the case of Maria Gertrude Goddin, who is a candidate for the Girl's School. She is one of a family of seven who are left entirely dependent on the exertions of their mother, and if any of our friends have not yet promised their votes we would ask them to support Bro. Lacey.

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Given under our Hands & the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Ninth day of March, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty Four, & in the Year of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty Four.

ROBERT LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 8, Letter H.

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The present title, No., &c. are, The Mariners' Lodge, No. 168, Guernsey.

MASONS AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.—On the second day of the late session of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, a fraternal reunion was held at the Court House, Milwaukie, at which addresses were delivered by Mayor A. R. R. Butler and Rev. Bro. Samuel Fallows. The latter took for his subject the "Tree of Masonry," and showed the character and extent of its roots. The following is interesting and suggestive:—"In that city of brotherly love, where our grand Centennial Exhibition is now being held, in that celebrated Hall where once sat the men 'who pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honour,' to maintain the glorious principles of the Declaration of Independence, there is yet to be seen the chair in which John Hancock sat when he presided over that immortal band, and signed his name so that John Bull could read it without spectacles. That chair has on it, marked so boldly that it arrests first the visitor's attention, the *Masonic symbol of the All-Seeing Eye*. How many of this heroic number of patriots, 'who, in the days that tried men's souls,' ventured their all for their country's welfare—how many, I ask, were Masons? Our children know the number of signers; they are familiar with the *fac-simile* of their signatures. They know that fifty-six perilled their lives in putting down their names. *Fifty* out of the fifty-six were members of the Masonic fraternity, and he who is familiar with Masonic thoughts, sentiments and language, *knows* that the *flavour*, the *spirit*, nay, the very *verbiage* of that magnificent protest against tyranny, and assertion of the just, inalienable rights of man, are thoroughly Masonic. These were the men who, banded together, in 'the upper room,' had learned be meaning of true liberty and equality, and knew how to give and vindicate these precious truths to the world."—*Bro. Rev. Samuel Fallows, of Wisconsin.—Keystone.*

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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, 17th MARCH.

186—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 19th MARCH.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
185—Tranquillity, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, at 4.
1159—Marquess of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street.
1305—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
339—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
363—Royal Union, Belmont Hall, Uxbridge.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
623—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
736—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
965—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1303—Israel, 23 Hope-street, Liverpool.
R. A. 1061—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.

TUESDAY, 20th MARCH.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand Court, W.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
96—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
194—St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1473—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1634—Canterbury, 33 Golden-square, W.
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
346—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefin.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.

WEDNESDAY, 21st MARCH.

Grand Steward's Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. at 6.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
190—Unity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
861—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, 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.)
1298—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1321—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 9.0. (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.)

121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
900—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
921—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
892—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
859—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
1040—Byrkes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1096—Walton, St. Lawrence Boys' School, Kirkdale.
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1257—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1811—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.

THURSDAY, 22nd MARCH.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, 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. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
625—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

FRIDAY, 23rd MARCH.

House Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
559—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.
844—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1217—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8 (Instruction.)
1250—Hervey, Punch's Tavern 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burnett Coates, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1285—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh.
1385—Gladamuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet.

SATURDAY, 24th MARCH.

186—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

R. A. 136—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

WEDNESDAY.

1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.

FRIDAY.

K. T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

SATURDAY.

306—Prince George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—44—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.
" 406—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—160—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 82 Nicolson-street.
THURSDAY—302—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—333—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 129—St. Mirren's, 5 Moss-street, Paisley.
" 581—Plantation, 207 Craighall-street.
TUESDAY—3 bis.—St. John's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 73—Thistle and Rose, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 87—Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, Cathedral-street, Glasgow.
" 437—Govandale, Partland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow.
" 556—Clydesdale, 106 Rose-street, Glasgow.
WEDNESDAY— 4—Kilwinning, 341 Dumbarton-road, Glasgow.
" 117—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Douglas-street, Partick.
" 354—Caledonian Railway, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" R.A. 150—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Shettlestone.
THURSDAY—570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, Glasgow.
FRIDAY—406—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Albion Lodge, No. 9.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. Bros. W. T. Scott W.M., F. Macarthy S.W., S. Coste P.M. as J.W., I. Moring P.M. Treasurer, J. A. Abbott Secretary, Harvey S.D., Robey J.D., Blackman I.G., Rawles Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Marsh, Willey, Vallentine, E. Coste, S. Coste, H. Friend, Storr, and Cater; Bros. Thompson, E. Willey, Forbes, Redfern, Salisbury, Pollard, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. F. Coles was raised. The sum of five guineas was voted from the Benevolent Fund attached to the Lodge, to the widow of a deceased brother. Pursuant to notice of motion, Bro. Chifferiel proposed, and Bro. Macarthy S.W. seconded, that the Lodge meet, in future, at Freemasons' Tavern; after some discussion, it was carried. The W.M. then said it had been the custom to have a summer banquet, and he hoped they would have one as usual; a committee was appointed to carry out that object. The Lodge was then closed until the 1st Tuesday in October, instead of the 2nd Wednesday, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Nicols. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Marsh I.P.M., in proposing the W.M., said it was very gratifying to see the able manner in which he had performed the ceremonies. When, at the end of his year of office, he leaves the chair, he will be able to do so with the knowledge that he has not only discharged his duty, but will leave it with the approbation of every member of the Lodge. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the cordial manner they had received the toast. When he took office, it was with a determination to do his duty. He then proposed the Past Masters. Their qualifications in every capacity entitles them to respect, not only in their own Lodge, but wherever they visit. Bro. Marsh I.P.M. assured the brethren he, as well as every Past Master, would be only too happy to render their assistance whenever required. Bro. H. Webb, P.M. Nos. 72 and 193, returned thanks for the Visitors, and alluded to the Masonic Boys' School; he would, however, leave that question, he said, to one whom he was sure would do justice to it; he referred to the worthy Secretary of the Institution, Bro. Binckes, who, in one of those speeches he is so famous for, spoke on the merits and requirements of the School. Bro. Chifferiel, who is a Steward for the next Festival of the Boys, also pleaded on their behalf; he stated that the brethren had that evening promised him 40 guineas; he felt sure from such evidences of their liberality, the sum he should take up would be worthy of the Albion Lodge. The Officers of the Lodge was next proposed, and was followed by the Tyler's toast. In addition to those already mentioned, Bro. H. M. Levy was present as a visitor.

Kent Lodge, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Chequers Tavern, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. Saunders W.M., W. G. Hallows S.W., W. J. Brand J.W., T. Franklin S.D., F. Hallows J.D., Appleby I.G., Pinder Preceptor, and several others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Delvalle acting as candidate. The 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Pinder, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Brown and Claridge of 1598, R. J. Brand 59, Laverack 917, Delvalle and Deady 1662, were elected members. Bro. W. G. Hallows was chosen as W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed.

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Egyptian Lodge of Instruction. No. 27.—This Lodge met as usual on Thursday evening, 15th March, at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules, Leadenhall-street. Present—Bros. Hewlett W.M., Powell S.W., Wharman J.W., Grammer Sec., Atkins P.M. Treasurer, Hilliard S.D., Pennell J.D., Lipscombe I.G., and several other brethren. The ceremony of the 1st degree was rehearsed, Bro. W. Lipscomb acting as candidate. The ceremony of the 3rd was rehearsed, Bro. Maidwell acting as candidate. The 1st section of the lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was then closed in the 3rd and 2nd degrees, and the 1st section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Grammer, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Walker 429 and W. Lipscombe 15 were elected members. The Lodge was then closed. The annual supper will be held on Thursday evening, 12th April, and the number is limited to twenty.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at the Old Rodney's Head, Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 12th inst. Bros. Halford W.M., Powell S.W., Read J.W., Robison S.D., Moseley J.D., R. Pearcy Acting Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Christopher I.G., Millward, W. W. Morgan, jun., Weedon, Isaac, Stock. Lodge opened, minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Millward having answered the necessary questions, was entrusted. Lodge opened in the 2nd degree. The ceremony of passing was very ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Millward acting as candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed to the 1st degree. Bro. Pearcy worked the 4th section of the 1st lecture, assisted by the brethren. It was proposed by Bro. A. W. Fenner, and seconded by Bro. R. Pearcy, that Bro. W. W. Morgan, jun., of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, become honorary member of the Lodge, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Powell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned. We are requested to state, for the information of those members of the Lodge who have not attended regularly, that the room now used by the Lodge has every convenience for a Masonic meeting, and the Executive hope to have a good muster at their future meetings, which take place every Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on 13th inst. Bro. Wharman W.M., Maidwell S.W., Haller J.W., Powell S.D., Posner J.D., Hollands Sec., Rudderforth Preceptor, Hewlett Cand., and Bros. Webb, West, Cambridge, Baxter. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bro. Hewlett answered the questions leading to the 2nd, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and Bro. Hewlett duly passed. The Lodge was resumed to the 1st. The Ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Wharman vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hewlett. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree. Bro. Powell answered the question leading to the 3rd, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd, and Bro. Powell duly raised. Bro. Wharman resumed the chair, and closed down to the 1st degree. Bro. Maidwell was elected as W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. It was carried unanimously that the votes at the disposal of this Lodge of Instruction should be placed on the list of the Preceptor, Bro. Rudderforth. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed.

Thistle and Rose Lodge, No. 73, Glasgow.—Celebrated their 119th anniversary, by a supper and ball, at the Star Hall, on Friday, 2nd March, Bro. J. Kinnaird R.W.M. presiding, with his Wardens, Bros. A. McLeod and W. J. Kay, as Croupiers. He was supported by Bros. G. McDonald I.P.M., J. Stewart P.M., J. Bannerman D.M., J. S. Ampleford T., R. Richards Sec., F. Smith Chaplain, and the rest of his officers. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. J. Kyle R.W.M. 34, J. Smillie P.M. 34, J. McNairn Sec. 4, W. B. Pattison 27, J. Booth R.W.M. 87, Wm. Boag and J. Aitkin, of Partick 117 A. Mickles, of St. Mirens, Paisley, J. Block, of Busby, St. John's, W. H. Bickerton P.G.S., J. Martin R.W.M., and J. Morgan I.P.M. 219 P.G.D., G. Innis S.W. 292 Rothesay, and John Innis R.W.M. 408. A most excellent repast was furnished by Bro. Galloway, after which the Chairman gave "The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family." He then called on Bro. G. W. Wheeler to respond for the "Three Grand Lodges." Bro. Wheeler dwelt on the humanising influences of the Craft, as furnishing a common ground on which those who held diverging views on theology or politics could meet in harmony, and learn to respect those whom otherwise they might have regarded as adversaries or opponents. He also showed what had been done for the cause of benevolence, urging the Scotch brethren to try to emulate the English Masons in this respect. Bro. A. McLeod gave "The P.G. Lodge," which was ably responded to by J. Morgan P.G. Deacon. He stated they were doing their best, by constant visitation of the 29 Lodges in the Province, to urge them on in the good path; and though they could not boast of giving away thousands, as their English friends did, still they gave double what they did a few years since. They had now about £700 in the bank, and hoped soon to make it up to £1,000, when it would form the nucleus for some good object. Bro. Ampleford proposed "The Lord Provost and Magistrates," suitably acknowledged by Bro. J. Bannerman D.M. W. B. Patterson gave "The Army, Navy and Volunteers," showing that the blessings we now enjoy were largely owing to their efforts in the past. Bro. Smillie P.M. St. John replied. The old spirit was still the same; our Navy was still as ready for service, for war, or for humanity; witness the trip to rescue the shipwrecked foreigners from the barren shores of St. Kilda. Bro. Kyle R.W.M. St. John's felt honoured at being allowed to propose the toast of the evening —"Prosperity to Thistle and Rose 73." She had prospered in the past, and he was sure she would continue to do so under her new Master, whom he had known nearly all his life, they having been schoolmates together; he was sure he was the right man in the right place. Bro. Kinnaird, in reply, gave a synopsis of the history of the Lodge for the past 119 years, causing considerable amusement by giving extracts from some of the old Lodge minutes. The inference he drew was that their Lodge, along with the Craft in Scotland at large, was progressing, not only numerically but socially, and he hoped to be able to assist in the good work till the time might come when there would no longer be any need for secrecy or mystery, and the keystone be withdrawn; when "man to man the wide world o'er shall brothers be and a' that." (Cheers). P.M. T. Steward gave the Sister Lodges. Bro. G. Innis said he was pleased to respond for the sister Lodge in a sister isle. There had always been a great friendship between the brethren in the Island of Bute and the Thistle and Rose, and he hoped shortly to have the pleasure of welcoming a deputation from them to Rothsay St. John. Bro. Bickerton P.G.S. briefly proposed the Ladies. Bro. Richards replied for them. P.M. G. McDonald proposed the Strangers. It was pleasant to see some gentlemen there without aprons; they would be able to see, at any rate, that Masons were not such very terrible fellows as their adversaries sometimes represented them to be. Dr. Cameron was glad that he had accepted the invitation to be present, for he felt that he was no longer a stranger. A meeting like this was calculated to dispel prejudice and disperse illusions. He had often thought of joining, but circumstances had hitherto caused him to delay. J. M. Wheeler could endorse all that Dr. Cameron had said. He thought these occasional social meetings of use, not that he had any of the absurd prejudices spoken of to remove, for he was the son of a Mason, nay, the grandson, and, he was glad to add, the great grandson of a Mason, yet he was only a visitor to-night. He could scarcely call himself a stranger, yet he thanked them for their hospitality and good wishes. The Chairman gave the Masonic Press. Bro. G. W. Wheeler, FREEMASONS' CHRONICLE, replied. Thanks to the Chair, Croupiers, and Committee concluded this part of the entertainment, it having been agreeably interspersed with songs from two ladies, sisters of Masons, and Bros. McLeod, McInnis, Ampleford, Meigle, McNair, Peiston, and Peribur jun., only nine years of age, a little prodigy. Dancing was then commenced, and continued till the morning light showed the happy couples the way home. The officers congratulated themselves on the success of this festival, as there were five other Masonic Festivals the same night in the city and suburbs -viz., Shamrock and Thistle, 275, St. George, 333, St. John, 347, St. Clair, 362, and Kenmuir, 571, all of which were well attended by members and friends.

Ancient Ebor Preceptory of K. T. No. 101.—This Preceptory held its regular meeting on Tuesday last, when Sir Knt. T. B. Whytehead was installed as E.P. for the ensuing year, the V.E. Sir Knt. J. F. Holden, Sub-Prior (N. and E. Yorkshire) assisted by the V.E. Sir Knt. W. Reynolds P.G. aid de comp. officiating on the occasion.

Elias Ashmole Chapter, No. 148.—The Annual Convocation of this Chapter was held at Warrington on Monday last. The Chapter was opened by the Principals—E. Comps. W. Sharp Z., P. J. Edelsten H., and R. Brierley J., after which the Companions were admitted, numbering amongst them Comps. John Bowes P.Z., &c., D. W. Finney P.Z., &c., Charles Crosier S.E. and J. elect, James Jackson J., L. Wilson, Thos. Tunstall, R. Galloway, Jno. Armstrong, W. Woods, James Hannah, W. S. Hawkins P.Z., Knight, Joseph Pickthall, W. Read, W. Barlow, T. C. Pierpoint, and Thos. Domville Janitor. The minutes of the last Convocation were read and confirmed, when the M.E.Z. invited E. Comp. John Bowes to take the chair as Installing Principal. E. Comps. P. J. Edelsten, R. Brierley, and Charles Crosier were then installed as Z., H. and J. respectively, in ample form, after which they were greeted, saluted, and proclaimed according to ancient custom. The other officers having been invested, a vote of thanks to Comp. Bowes was ordered to be recorded on the minutes, and, there being no further business, the Chapter was closed. The Comps. adjourned to the banqueting-room, where, under the presidency of the newly installed Principals, an excellent dinner was justly dealt with. The Loyal and Masonic Toasts were fully honoured, and the Installing Principal came in for a large share of compliments. The evening was enlivened by some excellent singing, in which Comps. Tunstall, Woods, Brierley, and T. C. Pierpoint took part.

Pollockshaws' Royal Arch Lodge, No. 153.—This Lodge celebrated their Festival in the School-room, Bro. W. M. G. Adam R.W.M. presiding, supported by Bros. L. McKellan R.M.W. 512, R. W. Grant R.W.M., Busby St. John, and the Rev. Wm. Dunlop. There was a large attendance of the brethren. The principal interest of the evening consisted in the presentation of a service of silver plate to Bro. J. Peters the I.P.M., for services rendered to the Lodge for the past three years. Bro. Hart S.W., in making it, dwelt on the many excellent qualities of Bro. Peters, both as a man and Mason. The recipient gracefully acknowledged the gift, which, though not deserved, would be nevertheless prized as marking their approbation of his conduct towards the Lodge.

Domatic Lodge, No. 177.—A very numerous assemblage of the brethren of this flourishing Lodge met on Friday, the 9th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bros. J. Willing jun. W.M., W. Palmer S.W., Buscall J.W., J. Smith P.G.P. Treasurer, T. Williams Secretary, Pintrey Asst. Secretary, White S.D., Spink J.D., W. Harris I.G., McLean D.C., and P.M.'s T. A. Adams, P.G.P., Treadwell, G. Everett, J. E. Walford and W. J. Ferguson; Bros. J. Abram, G. Plummer, Pierpoint, Scard, White, Jones, J. H. Plummer, C. Sargeant, H. Potter, Hunt, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bros. Cohen and Piper were raised to the 3rd degree. Pursuant to a notice of motion by Bro. W. Palmer S.W., seconded by Bro. Buscall J.W., a sum of five guineas was voted from the Lodge to the testimonial about to be presented to Bro. W. Smith,

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head waiter at Anderton's Hotel. A committee was appointed to arrange for the Summer Festival. The W.M. proposed two gentlemen for initiation. A sum of ten guineas was voted to head the list of the W.M., who is Steward at the next Anniversary Festival for the Boys' School. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, 89 in number, sat down to a very excellent banquet, which was supplied by Bro. Clemow at a very short notice. Bro. W. Smith super. intended, and every brother and visitor was made comfortble. The cloth having been removed, the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In proposing that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, he was pleased to see two brethren of the Lodge Grand Officers, present; he regretted the absence of Bro. Jas. Brett P.G.P., but they had a very able representative present in Bro. J. Smith P.G.P. The toast was appropriately responded to. Bro. Treadwell I.P.M. then rose. He was very pleased to have the honour of proposing the health of the W.M.; he is of world-wide fame, he had gained their good opinions in every respect; he is a thorough good Mason, and he hoped they would drink his health with the enthusiasm it merited. (Cheers). Bro. Foxcroft then sang the "Stirrup Cup." The W.M. in reply said that every brother who occupied the chair had passed a very severe ordeal. He thanked them for their kind expressions. He then proposed the Visitors; there were many among them whom they were all pleased to see. The Visitors severally returned thanks in excellent speeches, and all complimented the W.M. on his excellent working. The W.M. then proposed the Past Masters; they are always present to render any assistance required of them; they had many among them. Bro. J. Smith P.G.P. has such experience; they know how his valuable assistance is always appreciated. Bro. Walford was a C.C. of the City of London. They all look upon these P.M.'s with respect. Bro. Palmer S.W. then sang a capital song. Bro. Treadwell the I.P.M. responded to the toast, and spoke of the Past Masters in a very humourous way. Bro. G. Everett followed, and said he was pleased to perform any duties required of him. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, also that of the Wardens and Officers were given, and duly responded to, and after passing a very agreeable evening the brethren separated. The visitors were:—A. C. Gale, 715, S. Brooks, 1608, J. Walters, 188, G. Wilson P.M. 173, C. W. Hudson J.W., 315, G. Goodley 1608, J. Lane 180, G. W. Knight 1507, E. A. Russ 538, H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road. Present:—Bros. A. W. Fenner W.M., Goode S.W., Ross J.W., Killick Secretary, Halford Treasurer, Anshell S.D., Brasted J.D., Staley I.G. The Lodge was opened in regular order, and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hewlett acting as candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the 1st, and Bro. Hewlett the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th sections of the 2nd lecture. Bros. C. K. Crouch 1278, and M. L. W. Albrecht 861 were elected members, and Bro. Goode was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Shamrock and Thistle Lodge, No. 275.—This Lodge held their annual Festival in their own Hall on Friday the 2nd March, Bro. D. Ronald R.W.M. presiding. He was well supported by the brethren and their friends. The usual loyal and Masonic sentiments were fully responded to, the principal speaker, Bro. the Rev. R. Thomson, of Ladywell Church, eloquently explaining the principles of the Order.

St. George's, No. 333, Glasgow.—Held their Festival on the 2nd inst. It was attended by the members and their lady friends. Bro. J. Findley was well supported by the whole of his office-bearers, and also by several of the Past Masters. The toast of the Provincial Grand Lodge was ably responded to by Bro. G. Cronshaw P.G.S. Bro. Findley responded to that of Prosperity of St. George, expressing his determination to uphold the present high prestige of the Lodge. He afterwards presented, on behalf of the members, a handsome service of silver plate to Bro. A. Thompson I.P.M. Bro. Findley remarked he had known him some years, and had always found him a worthy Mason. There were many widows and orphans of Masons who could testify to his goodness of heart. Charity with him had been more than a name—it was a living, active principle; while in Lodge matters he had, for four years as Treasurer, and since for two years as Master, laboured incessantly for the good of the Lodge. Bro. Thompson thanked the brethren for the unexpected but valuable proof of their regard; it would stimulate him, if possible, to do more in the future. The proceedings, which were highly enjoyable, wound up with a ball, which was also very successful.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 8th of March, at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street W. Present—Bros. Cornelisson W.M., Wray S.W., T. O. Davis J.W., T. Cull Secretary, G. Davis S.D., Farwig J.D., Belfrage I.G.; also Bros. Docker, Tolmie, Lloyd, Solomons, Iruith, Knight, Pearce, Reddie, Collens, and Mander (Preceptor). The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes confirmed. Bro. Lloyd having answered the usual questions, the Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The 1st section was worked by Bro. Farwig, the 2nd by Bro. G. Davis, 3rd by Bro. Mander, 4th by Bro. Tolmie, and 5th by Bro. Cull. The Lodge being resumed, Bro. Wray was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks having been given to the W.M. for performing the duties of the chair so efficiently for the first time, the Lodge was closed.

St. John's Lodge, No. 437, Rutherglen.—This Lodge celebrated their annual Festival soiree and concert in the Town Hall, at which above 300 were present. Bro. Smart was supported by B. J. Cunningham I.P.M. and every officer of the Lodge, and the proceedings were of a highly satisfactory nature; they terminated with a ball, thus affording the fair sex an opportunity of thoroughly enjoying themselves with their Masonic friends.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—This Lodge held its meeting on Friday, the 9th of March, at the Feathers' Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. Tate W.M., Nichols S.W., Evans J.W., Hawkins Secretary pro tem, Rudderforth Preceptor, Hayes S.D., Godden J.D., Tribbel I.G.; also Bros. West, Reddie, Parsons, Ridley, Jackson, Kinnard, Chinnery, Reid, and Thompson. Visitors—Bros. Tolmie and Fowler. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, minutes read and confirmed. Ceremony of initiation worked, Bro. Hawkins as candidate. The questions for passing were then answered by Bros. Reid and Thompson. Bro. Rudderforth, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st section of the lecture, the W.M. the 2nd, and Bro. Tolmie the 3rd. Bro. Nichols was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. This being the first time that Bro. Tate has occupied the chair in this Lodge of Instruction, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded him for his efficient performance of the duties annexed thereto. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

Lily Lodge, No. 820.—This Lodge held its meeting on Wednesday, the 14th March, at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond. Present—Bros. James Bateman C.E. W.M., Thomas Weaver S.W., Charles Hubbard J.W., William F. Reynolds Sec., Thomas Giles P.M., Treasurer, Edwin Wells S.D., Thomas Lamb J.D., W. H. Myers P.M. D.C., Louis Courlander Steward, Henry Kyezor I.G., Gilbert Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. E. Perkins, F.W. Koch, J. Jones, J. Tolley, Bros. Puttick, Brown, Thomes, Phillips, Newman, Wood, Gray, Deane, Summer, Palmer, Samson, Young, Ingram, &c. Visitors—Bros. F. Buckland P.M. 889, Hopwood P.M. 144, Stiles P.M. 889, Macaulay P.M. 462, Barham W.M. 754, Littlewood P.M. 780, Phillips S.W. 975, Porter J.W. 889, and several others. Business—Messrs. C. P. Deane, J. Summer, D. Gray and F. Samson, were initiated. Bros. E. J. Ingram was passed and Joseph Brown raised. The ceremonies were ably performed by the W.M., who obligated the candidates for initiation singly. It was proposed by the W.M., seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously, that this Lodge begs to express its sincere sympathy with Bro. Henry Kyezor in the severe loss he has sustained in the early death of his son (the late Bro. Henry James Kyezor), and that this vote of condolence be recorded on the minutes. The music was under the direction of Bro. Tolley of Windsor Castle, musical director to the "Lily" Lodge; an excellent banquet followed the proceedings, served in Bro. Palmer's excellent manner, to which forty-two brethren sat down.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on the 13th inst., at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. W. J. Smith W.M., Saunders S.W., Perrin J.W., E. T. Worsley Secretary, Johnson S.D., Perry J.D., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, Weige I.G.; Past Master Bro. Wright, and Bros. Appleby, Wright, Christian, Wardell, Macklin, Barker, Lovelock, Ould, Watkins, Bonner, Crouch, &c. Business—The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. Appleby having answered the necessary questions, the Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The Preceptor worked the installation ceremony, and invested the above officers with their respective collars; he was listened to very attentively by all rendering the ceremonies in a perfect manner, and was applauded at the finish. The W.M. worked the 1st section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed to the 1st degree, when Bro. Worsley worked the 1st and 2nd sections. Bro. Christian 860 was unanimously elected a member of the Lodge, and Bro. Saunders W.M. for the ensuing week; he appointed his officers in rotation. There being no other business, the Lodge was closed in due form. We would remind brethren that the annual supper of this Lodge of Instruction takes place next Tuesday week, the 27th inst., at 7½o'clock precisely. Brothers wishing to be present will please forward their names to the Secretary.

Grey Friars Lodge No. 1101.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Edwd. Margrett W.M., A. Welch S.W., W. G. Flanagan J.W., W. P. Ivey P.M. Sec., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, J. Early Danks S.D., W. Ferguson J.D., T. Newman Steward, E. J. Blackwell I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Harley, Weightman, Howlett, Hilder, Pulley, Rose, Hunt, Cottrell, Barnicoat, Hawkes, Bailey, Phillips, Robinson, T. Simonds, Creed. Visitors—Bros. Martin 414, Herbert P.M. 574. The minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. R. E. Jones 442, Peterborough, as a joining member, and he was declared to be elected. The Treasurer's accounts as audited by the permanent committee were duly passed, upon the motion of Bro. Harley P.M., seconded by Bro. Banks S.D., who complimented the Treasurer on the satisfactory balance sheet. The Tracing Board in the first degree having been placed on the Lewis support, the W.M. delivered the Lecture in a most correct and impressive manner, for which a vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes. It was proposed that the Lodge co-operate with No. 1017, with respect to the Jewish question, and an interesting discussion on the subject followed between the W.M., and some of the members, resulting in a unanimous vote. Bro. Weightman P.M., announced that it was his intention to attend the festival of the R.M.J.B. as Steward, principally to assist in securing the election of the son of the founder of the Wycombe Lodge, the late Bro. Owens.

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Bro. Bailey proposed and the Chaplain seconded, "that the sum of five guineas from the funds of the Lodge be added to Bro. Weightman's list,—carried unanimously. Bro. Weightman returned thanks for this unexpected kindness. A letter of congratulation to the I.P.M. of 414. Bro. Yetts on his recovery from dangerous illness, was ordered to be sent by the Secretary. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form. The brethren retired for refreshment to Bro. Robinson's, the Broad Face Hotel, when a very agreeable evening was spent.

Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Friday, the 9th inst. Bros. E. J. Harty W.M., A. E. Taylor S.W., G. Saul J.W., Mander P.M. Treasurer, Barber Secretary, Lee S.D., Dobbin J.D., G. Moss I.G., Higgs P.M. Organist, Pochin D.C., Dr. Lloyd W.S. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. T. J. Hamp, of 218 High Holborn. Bro. Dr. Pearce was raised to the 3rd degree. Bros. Absalon and Madell were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. A sum of ten guineas was voted on the list of Bro. Barber Secretary, who is a Steward for the "Boys" in June next. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren were entertained at the Holborn Restaurant, where a sumptuous banquet and dessert was provided by Bro. Gordon, and superintended by Bro. T. J. Hamp, the viands and wines being of first-rate quality. After the regular toasts had been honoured, the W.M. rose and said he had much pleasure in proposing the Initiate. He was one whom they were all pleased to see, he being so instrumental in looking after their creature comforts. He informed the Initiate he was on the threshold of universal religion that knew no distinction; it binds all by one universal bond. As he progresses so he would appreciate it. He hoped they would drink that toast as it deserved. Bro. Hamp returned thanks for the toast, and said he was fully impressed with the words so beautifully spoken by the W.M.; he hoped sincerely to be among them for many years. Bro. H. Watts I.P.M., then said he had to propose the health of the W.M. During an experience of 23 years he never saw one who had so admirably discharged the duties. It is barely four years since their W.M. had been initiated; he is a credit to Freemasonry, and he hoped they would give the toast a hearty welcome. Bro. Watts I.P.M. then sang a very excellent song. The W.M., in reply, said the position he occupied was very onerous; theory was one thing and practice was another; he had done the work to the best of his abilities. It is generally at the conclusion of the W.M.'s year of office that he is nearest perfection; he hoped, at the expiration of his year of office, to have the same sentiments uttered; he would do his utmost to give them satisfaction. There would be a Lodge of Emergency in May, and he hoped that the change in the arrangements made would meet with their approbation. He thanked them for their kind expressions, and then proposed the Visitors; he was pleased to see they had nearly 20 present. Many had left, but those that remained they were pleased to see. He would couple with the toast the names of the Rev. Bro. Gordon, and Bros. Taylor and Shepherd. The Rev. Bro. Gordon rose:—For seventeen years he had been connected with the Fraternity. He was pleased to respond to the call of kind and fraternal hearts. He responded with much pleasure. The W.M. then proposed the P.M.'s. Whatever the W.M. may require, the Past Masters are all ready to render their assistance. There were two of these brethren present. As for Bro. Watts, they had seen how ably he had installed him into the chair. They know also what Bro. Mander has done in Freemasonry, for many brethren had received the benefit of Masonic instruction at his hands, himself among the number. Bro. H. Watts returned thanks for the toast of the Past Masters. Bro. Mander had set a very good example, which all would be pleased to follow. A loving cup was handed round, that was presented to Bro. T. J. Hamp, the new initiate. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary of the Lodge, he said that since the former Bro. had occupied the position of Treasurer, he had conducted those duties to their satisfaction, and he was sure that in conjunction with the worthy Secretary, a satisfactory account would be shown them. Bro. Mander P.M. and Treasurer responded; he said, we are now in a very efficient state; we have given to the Masonic Charities, and hope we may do so in the future. Bro. Barber followed, and said he thanked them for their kind expressions, and also for the £10 10s placed on his list; he hoped that he would be able to put more on his account than Bro. Watts. The W.M. then said it was his intention to act as Steward for the Boys' Festival, but his engagement on the picture of the "Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M.," would take up most of his time. Before leaving his chair he would be pleased to act as Steward for the three Charities. (Cheers). The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Officers; he stated they were all qualified to fill any office required of them; he would also mention the names of Bro. Higgs Organist. This having been responded to, the Tyler's toast concluded a very harmonious and fraternal meeting. The Visitors were Bros. J. Norton W.M. 969, Dr. J. F. Stains 60, P. Robinson 201, B. Taylor W.M. 1273, R. H. Burnham 1624, Blackie 1426, E. Taylor 879, R. Gordon 186, P. J. Ireton 1348, J. Henderson 352, H. Godfrey W.M. 1261, T. White 428, Shepherd 27, T. H. Sims 1351, Wilson 1330, H. T. Hooper 435, S. Botibol 188, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 9th instant. Present—Bros. Crouch W.M., Oldroyd S.W., R. W. Pearcy J.W., A. W. Smith S.D., Cooper J.D. Lane I.G., Fenner, Townsend, Bolton, Andrews, Kent, Crellin. Lodge opened and minutes confirmed. Lodge opened in 2nd degree. Bro. Smith answered the necessary questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in 3rd. Ceremony of raising was impressively rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. A. W. Smith acting as candidate. The 1st section of the lecture was worked by Bro. A. W. Fenner, assisted by the Brethren. Lodge was resumed to 1st degree, when Bro. Oldroyd was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Friday, the 9th of March, at the Castle Tavern, Holloway-road, N. Present—Bros. Hall W.M., Simpson S.W., Eldridge J.W., Hunter S.D., Passingham J.D., Humphreys I.G. Past Masters:—Bros. T. Cull (Preceptor), Wright, Yeomans, Shackle, and several other brethren. The Lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Yeomans having been interrogated and entrusted, the Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Yeomans acting as candidate. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th sections were then worked by Bro. Cull. The Lodge was closed down, and Bro. Simpson S.W. unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks having been accorded to the W.M. for so ably carrying out the duties of the chair for the first time, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Loyalty Lodge, No. 1607.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell-hill. The W.M. Bro. John Newton, supported by his officers, opened the Lodge punctually at 3 o'clock. The business consisted of passing Bro. Jones, and a proposition for initiation. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to the private residence of the Treasurer, Bro. Legge, at Finsbury-park, who had invited the wives and lady friends of the members there to join them. A delightful evening was spent, and all separated, highly pleased with the hospitality and truly Masonic spirit displayed by the worthy host and his amiable wife.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642.—The regular meeting of this newly-consecrated Lodge was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at Ladbrooke-hall, Ladbrooke-grove, Notting-hill. Present—Bros. W. J. Murlis W.M., W. Grist 1489 as S.W., Parkhouse J.W., W. Stephens P.M. Treas., J. Pushman Sec., Clench J.D., Lander I.G., Smout D.C., Smout jun. W.S., &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The business consisted of initiating Messrs. W. Hawes, F. Crabb, W. Bartle, W. H. Woods, and N. G. Collett, and the passing of Bros. Swift, Linscott, J. Bartle, Woodmason, Hook and Buckland, the ceremonies being excellently rendered. Bro. E. J. Cave was elected a joining member. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a very excellent banquet. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. E. P. Albert G.P. responding to that of the Grand Officers. The toast of the W.M. was proposed, and very appropriately responded to. Several of the Initiates returned thanks. The Visitors, Treasurer, Secretary, Wardens, and Officers were given, and the Tyler's toast brought a very harmonious evening to a close.

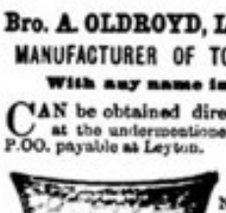
In our report of the Panmure Mark Lodge last week, Bro. James Salmon, of the Earl of Chester Lodge, No. 196, Chester, present as a visitor, was incorrectly described as Bro. James Sutmore.

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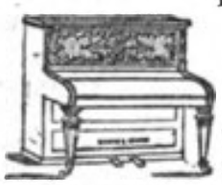
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From the following figures, which are duly certified by the Auditors as correct, it will be seen that during this year the Directors have received applications for advances of sums amounting in the aggregate to £214,000; of these a considerable portion fell through, because, on investigation, the security offered was found to be insufficient in value, or defective in title, but your Directors succeeded in completing advances to the amount of £64,653, being more than double the amount advanced during the initial year of the Bank's existence.

During the past six months, the Directors have made, in addition to temporary loans, 421 advances of a more permanent character (making a total of 822 advances for the year), on securities amounting to £33,360, upon which the interest and bonus amount to £5,760, and after defraying the expenses of Management, and writing off to Suspense Fund £488, and £500 to increase the Reserve Fund to £1,000 it leaves a balance of £1,425 to be carried forward. These figures show at once the satisfactory condition of the Company.

During the same period the receipts from deposits have been £8,548, and the withdrawals £6,763, so that we have received £1,785 more than we have paid out. We have advanced £34,064, and we have received back £12,715. Our advances, therefore, are larger than the repayments.

If the above figures are compared with those in the preceding balance sheet, you will observe that we have continued our usual satisfactory course of business — every department showing a steady increase in the number and extent of our transactions. Some idea of the magnitude of this young institution may be formed from the fact that the total turn over for the year amounts to nearly £224,100, while the amount due to the Company, and for which ample security is held, has now reached the sum of £21,349. In addition to this, the Directors call attention to the fact—a most important one—that within two years of the Bank's establishment, the reserve amounts to £1,000. This large increase in each department of the Company's business during the past year, evidences the growing and stedfast confidence of the public in the management of the Bank; is most encouraging to the Board, and will be a source of great gratification to the Shareholders. That confidence the Board has sought by constant and conscientious efforts in conducting the business of the Company on the soundest principles, by investing the moneys intrusted to their charge with the utmost caution and care, by refusing all offered securities which were either speculative or risky, and accepting only such as were legitimate and of ample value.

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THE RIGHTS OF WORSHIPFUL MASTERS.

WE do not think too great importance can be attached to the question, What are the powers and privileges of a Master? We revert, therefore, to the subject, in order that our readers may have before them, as far as we are able to state it, an exposition of the law as pointed out by the Grand Registrar at the last Communication of Grand Lodge—so far, at least, as regards the assistance the Master may call upon a member of his Lodge to render him in the fulfilment of his duties, and whom he may invite to render such assistance. A certain amount of obscurity would seem to have attended this knotty point, not because the law was not sufficiently precise, but because it had not been studied with sufficient care. There has been some amount of confusion between the requirements of the law and the satisfaction of courtesy. The more clearly it is understood what may be done by the Master, the less likely is it that any heartburnings will be excited. No brother will have a right to feel offended when the Master of his Lodge does that which he is legally allowed to do, nor do we think the latter will be less studious of the feelings of his Past Masters because his powers and privileges are more clearly defined. At all events, there is less prospect of discord arising in a Lodge, when its members are well-informed upon this subject, and this being so, we need hardly apologise to our readers for troubling them with this second disquisition on the authority of Masters.

The case which led to the statement of the law by the Grand Registrar will bear repetition. The W.M. of one of our Provincial Lodges expressed a wish that a certain member of his Lodge should assist him in working one of our ceremonies. The I.P.M. objected, and claimed the right to do so; and he did so, the W.M. vacating the chair for that purpose, but under protest. The I.P.M. was wrong in advancing any such claim, and the Grand Registrar has ruled that the Master of a Lodge may invite *any* brother—that is, *any qualified* brother—to speak the words for him in working any of the ceremonies, the words being, in fact, his own words, though spoken by another; and, moreover, that he may place the brother assisting him either near his pedestal, or in any other part of the Lodge. This, of course, applies to the case of a Master who is momentarily "incapable of discharging the duties of his office," but has no intention of vacating the chair. But in the event of his withdrawing, not from the Lodge itself, but from the presidency of the Lodge for it matters not how brief a period of time, he clearly abdicates his functions. In such case, though he has the right to invite any brother present to take his place, it can obviously be only one who is *qualified*, and the only brethren qualified to fill the chair of a Lodge, are Installed Masters. We think it important that this should be clearly understood by our readers; for, unfortunately, in his very elaborate judgment, the Grand Registrar made use of the words *any brother*, without adding the important word "qualified." We have throughout conceded that this was what he intended by the use of the word *any*, and no doubt it was so understood generally by his audience; but it is well in all such matters to be as precise as possible, especially as there have arisen at different times sundry misunderstandings on this very point. This, then, appears to be the law according to the latest exposition. A Master who retains his seat may invite *any* brother to perform any of the ceremonies for him, and he may place him in any part of the Lodge, the ceremony thus performed having the same validity as though he had himself rehearsed it. If he vacate the chair during the performance, he may invite *any* brother he chooses to occupy his seat, who is qualified to fill it, that is, any brother having the rank of an Installed Master. Thus far, then, the I.P.M. and other P.M.'s of a Lodge in the order of their seniority, have no rights at all, except that it is only one of their degree who can legally occupy the chair of a Lodge in the absence, actual or virtual, of the W.M.

We must now consider the rights and privileges of Past Masters. In the absence of the Master, it devolves, in the first instance, on the Senior Warden to "act as Master in summoning the Lodge;" in the Senior Warden's absence, on the Junior Warden; and then, in his absence, "the Immediate Past Master, or, in his absence, the Senior Past Master of the Lodge present shall take the chair." But if no Past Master is present, then "the Senior Warden, or, in his absence, the Junior Warden, shall rule the Lodge." Here, then, we have a clear and precise definition of the rights of the Immediate and other Past Masters. It is only in the absence of the Master and Wardens that any one of the P.M.'s can ... the Lodge. It is only in the actual absence of the W.M. that it devolves on the I.P.M., or the S.P.M. present, to occupy the chair of the Lodge. In the absence of Installed Masters, then the Lodge is ruled by the Senior, or, in his absence, by the Junior Warden, but without occupying the chair. When, then, we hear of the I.P.M., or S.P.M. present, claiming the right to occupy the chair momentarily vacated by the Master, we know that he is advancing a claim to which he is not justly entitled, for the Master may invite *any qualified* brother to occupy his place. It is only in the event of no such invitation being addressed to a particular P.M., that the chair is taken as of right by the Immediate or Senior Past Master. It is clear, therefore, that no Past Master has any reason to feel aggrieved if his junior, or a visiting P.M., is preferred over his head to fill the chair. We confess that, for the sake of courtesy, we should like to see a W.M. show respect for the feelings and seniority of the Past Masters of his Lodge. It is to them he must always look for advice in any difficulty. They are the sage counsellors, on whose wisdom and experience he must rely chiefly for support. It is impossible, therefore, that he can be too conciliatory in his bearing towards them. On the other hand, the Past Masters must exercise some forbearance towards their brother in the chair. It is not calculated to promote either harmony or discipline in the Lodge, when the authority of the Master is disputed, or when offence is taken where none was intended probably. It cannot tend to the good of Freemasonry in general, or of any Lodge in particular, that unseemly differences should arise among our "Conscript Fathers," whom we are accustomed, or expected, to regard with feelings of respect. And now that it has been stated authoritatively what are the powers and privileges of a Master in this particular respect, we trust that, in the interests of the whole Masonic body, we shall hear no more of this class of bickerings; and that, as the Grand Registrar remarked so particularly, we shall find our laws interpreted broadly and liberally, not in a narrow and cantankerous spirit. Liberality of view is essential to the well-being of the Craft, and it is in order to secure this as far as possible that we have again reverted to the proceedings at the last meeting of Grand Lodge.

While on this subject, it will interest our readers perhaps to learn that, in America, in the absence of the Master, the practice adopted differs conspicuously from

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ours. Oliver, indeed, has noted this in his *Masonic Jurisprudence*, but by mere accident the question was lately brought under our notice in turning over the pages of an old American Masonic newspaper, the *American Freemason*, Louisville and New York, bearing date 1st November 1855. Herein a writer had culled, from the pages of our *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*, the opinions of that journal on different points of Masonic Law. He then contrasts, where desirable, the practice adopted in America. Among the points noted, occurs a case in which our English editor had evidently been consulted as to some of the powers possessed by the Master of a Lodge, for he is quoted as saying —we have reproduced the words as given in the American journal—"No Mason below the rank of an Installed Master can initiate, pass, or raise. The pretence of a Warden's power to initiate in front of the pedestal, is a breach of Masonic law as regards the party so offending; and, in our opinion, any Past Masters present are equally guilty, and, the act not being legal, confers no privilege on those who are the objects of the fault." (1837 p. 554; also, 1841 p. 128). In commenting on this, the *American Freemason* says, "that this is contrary to the Ancient Rule—we refer, of course, to Lodges under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodges in the United States, for with the most of these we are well acquainted"—will be immediately remarked, if the formulæ used in the Installation Services are borne in mind. "They all attribute to a Warden *all* the powers of the Master when presiding in his absence." The writer then goes on to wonder how the fact of a brother being a P.M. will enable him to fulfil any one of these ceremonies better. He also objects to the spirit of our law, by which he, on whom the degree is thus conferred, is in no wise benefited. Oliver's statement agrees with this in all essential particulars, though he mentions a *more* ancient rule in America, which provided that, in such cases, the Master's authority ought to revert to the last Past Master who is present, and also that the Wardens, as a matter of courtesy, will generally invite a Past Master to take the chair, on account of his experience and skill in conducting the business of a Lodge. However, we have said enough as to the contrast between the law in the two countries, for this is of less importance than the interpretation we put upon our own law. What this latter is we have already shown above.

GRAND LODGE VIRGINIA.

WE acknowledge with hearty thanks the receipt of Proceedings at the Annual Communication of this Grand Body held in the City of Richmond, on the 11th, 12th, and 13th December 1876. Bro. Taliaferro, the Grand Master, presided, and was supported by Bro. Richard Parker, Deputy Grand Master, Bros. Beverley R. Wellford jun. and Peyton S. Coles, S. and J. Grand Wardens respectively, other of the Grand Officers, the representatives of most of the Lodges in the jurisdiction, certain Past Grand Masters, District D.G. Masters, and others, together with the representatives of the Grand Lodges of Nebraska, Ireland, Dacotah and Canada. The Grand Master delivered the customary address, in which he touched, in brief, but appropriate terms, on all the leading incidents of the past year. His allusion to the loss sustained by the Grand Lodge through the deaths of the late Grand Secretary Dove, Grand Treasurer Thomas W. Dudley, and Grand Lecturer James R. Dowell, was couched in language befitting the occasion. We have already included in our columns a short sketch of the late estimable Bro. Dove, who, at the time of his death, was the oldest Grand Sec. in the world, having filled the office uninterruptedly from the year 1835. The other two Grand Officers were younger than Bro. Dove, both as men and Masons; Bro. Dudley having attained the age of sixty-eight only, and having served the office of G. Treasurer for a quarter of a century, while Bro. Dowell, the Grand Lecturer, was younger still, being only in his fifty-fifth year, and having discharged his very important functions for only a few years. It rarely happens that a Grand Lodge sustains such serious losses within the brief period of a few months. We sympathise deeply with our Virginian brethren in their present sorrow. The Grand Master then dwelt on the antiquity of Freemasonry, its inestimable value as an Institution, and the need there is that all who profess it should most religiously observe the precepts set down for their guidance. Among other matters passed under review, Bro. Taliaferro announced that he had withheld approval, for reasons which commend themselves to us, as to him, to the holding of "Lodges of Sorrow." He likewise announced the interchange of representatives with the Grand Lodges of New York, Louisiana, and Nevada, that a communication relative to the new Grand Lodge of Cuba would be submitted for the consideration of the brethren, and that he proposed to reject the petition of the so called Grand Lodge of Ontario, for recognition and the interchange of representatives. He congratulated those present on the steady progress of the Craft. He urged on them the necessity of preparing historical sketches of their several Lodges, as material for a general history of the Fraternity in Virginia, and also to use all speed in preparing a new edition of the Virginia Text-book, the last edition, compiled by the late Bro. Dove, having been exhausted more than twelve months since. Having invoked their sympathy and support on behalf of the "Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home," which, we regret to hear, is not in so flourishing a condition as it should be, and having enumerated the various decisions he had felt called upon to make during the year, on questions submitted for his judgment, the Grand Master brought his remarks to a conclusion, and, as usual, the address was referred to a Committee for their report. The standing Committee having been appointed, and other business transacted, the Grand Lodge was closed till the following morning, when the Grand Working Committee "exemplified the work of the three degrees by questions and answers." In the evening Grand Lodge again met under the Presidency of the Grand Master, when the election of Grand Officers was proceeded with, the following being chosen to fill the principal offices, namely: Bros. W. Parker as G. Master, B. R. Wellford jun. as Dep. G.M., Peyton Coles and Reuben M. Page Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively, P. M. Marshall G. Treasurer, and Wm. B. Isaacs G. Secretary. Those who were present having been introduced and installed, the Grand Master appointed Bro. James Evans as Grand Lecturer. A resolution having been adopted, authorising the Committee on Finance and Investment to make arrangements with the trustees of the Masonic Temple Association for the occupancy of the room in which they were then assembled, at the "annual and emergent meetings" of Grand Lodge, a brief adjournment took place; after which the Committee on Dispensations and Charters submitted its report, which was adopted, and Grand Lodge closed. At the morning session on the third day, the Grand Lecturer, assisted by members of the Grand Working Committee, exemplified the third degree of Masonry. In the evening, a series of very elaborate reports was submitted, among them that of the Committee on the proceedings of Grand Officers, those of the District Deputy Grand Masters on the condition of the Craft in their several districts, and also that on Masonic Jurisprudence, in which sundry of Past Grand Master Taliaferro's judgments were not endorsed. The financial Report showed a balance as yet undetermined, owing to the recent death of the Grand Treasurer. The Committee on the Grand Master's address having delivered their report, and the Deputy Grand Masters having been appointed for the several districts, Grand Lodge was closed till the second Monday in December 1877, unless sooner convened by the Grand Master. Then follows a variety of important statistical information. The sum paid to the Grand Treasurer by Lodges at this Communication amounted to 4,260 dollars, the sum yet due from the same being 1,896 dols. 50c. Then, in a most minute report, are given the rolls of the several Lodges in this jurisdiction, arranged, in the first place, under their respective districts, in order to show the strength of each, and then tabularly and in alphabetical order, with other statistical matter, in order to show the strength of the Craft during the year, and its present status. As many Lodges appear to have made no return, the figures represent imperfectly the numerical strength of the Craft; but the result, as regards those which have furnished the needful information, exhibits the following results:—There are in the forty-one districts into which the Jurisdiction is divided, 231 Lodges, with an aggregate membership of 8,992. The reinstatements during the year amounted to 23, the suspensions to 207, the expulsions to seven, and the deaths to 109. In the Appendix is a list of the general regulations adopted by this Grand Lodge, and the affirmed decisions of successive Grand Masters from the year 1866 to this last year both inclusive. An Index to the

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contents completes this highly interesting and very elaborate report of this Grand Lodge.

Two among the points we have recapitulated above deserve the special attention of our readers. The first of them is the great importance attached in this, and we may add, in all American jurisdictions, to the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, whose duty it is to see that the working of the different Lodges is uniform throughout the jurisdiction, and that it is not neglected. The other is that the working, on one day of the meeting, of the three degrees, and of the third degree on the second occasion was exemplified in Grand Lodge under the direction, in the latter instance, of the Grand Lecturer, who was aided in his duties by members of the Grand Working Committee. We in England may take a lesson from our brethren of Virginia. We are far too indifferent in this country to the working of our beautiful ceremonies, and the sooner Grand Lodge takes upon itself to appoint officers, whose duty it shall be to see that the different degrees are well and uniformly worked, the better for the general body of the Craft. We may add, however, that this will be of very doubtful benefit indeed unless Lodges themselves are careful in the selection of competent officers. Were there Grand Lecturers in England at this present time, we doubt if one-half of the Lodges would be able to acquit themselves even moderately well, much less with credit, in the labours of the Lodge; while in far too many cases, the attempt at working would amount simply to a most pitiable display of absolute—we feel almost disposed to add—crass ignorance on the part of the Worshipful Masters. This is a matter which calls for immediate remedy. Lodges of Instruction are of little use if they are not properly attended; and it is very little good in brethren visiting them unless they go prepared to expend some trouble in acquiring a portion of that knowledge in which so many of them are so lamentably deficient. We beg leave to add that this is our deduction from the Proceedings of the Virginia Grand Lodge recorded above. We think it is a very fair one, and we trust that, at no very distant date, it will be in our power to announce that it has been acted upon. It is not creditable that, in the motherland of Freemasonry, the members of the Craft should be left to pick up their crumbs of knowledge anyhow. Still less creditable is it that brethren should be pitchforked into positions they are utterly incompetent to fill. The oft quoted lines of Horace's epistle to the Pisos occurs to us as very appropriate—

> Humano capiti cervicem pictor equinam
> Jungere si velit, et varias inducere plumas
> Undique collatis membris, ut turpiter atrum
> Desinat in piscem mulier formosa superne;
> Spectatum admissi risum teneatis, amici?

Had Horace lived in these days, and been a member of one among sundry of our English Lodges of Freemasons, he would have written, perhaps, somewhat to the following effect:—"How, my brethren, will you be able to refrain from laughter, if, when you enter a Lodge for the solemn purposes of Freemasonry, you find the representative of King Solomon with the body of a Worshipful Master, the head of a donkey, and the gorgeous plumage of an unintelligent parrot?

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

ELECTION OF GRAND SECRETARY.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held at Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh, on Monday, the 19th inst., for the purpose of determining the salary of the Grand Secretary, and to elect a brother to fill the position. Grand Lodge was opened at 5 o'clock, in ample form, by the M.W. the Grand Master, Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, with H. Inglis D.G.M., William Mann acting S.G.W., W. Hay acting J.G.W., Captain G. R. Harriott, Prov. G.M. of Wigtown and Kirkcudbright, Roger Montgomerie, M.P. Prov. G.M. of Ayrshire, the Rev. A. Thomson Grant, Grand Chaplain, W. Officer, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, Dr. Loth, Representative of the Grand Orient of France, David Kinnear, interim Cashier and Secretary, Alexander Hay, Grand Jeweller, Daniel Robertson, Grand Bible Bearer, G. Hunter Thoms, Proxy Grand Master of South Australia, F. A. Barrow, D.G.M. Glasgow, J. J. Muirhead, W. Clark, W. L. Mair, &c. The first business transacted was the reading of the report of the Grand Committee. This stated that there had been fifteen candidates for the office of Grand Secretary, from whom the Committee had selected three, and they recommended that the salary should be fixed at £400 per annum, with £100 extra for clerks. It was moved by Bro. Officer that £300 be allowed the Grand Secretary, with £100 for a clerk. Grand Lodge, he said, for some time past had been spending more than its income, and he thought they ought to act as they would for themselves, and retrench the expenditure until their income would allow them to be more liberal. Bro. Mackenzie, Past Master of St. John's, Fisherrow, moved that the salary be £400, with £100 for a clerk, if necessary. These motions were seconded, and after a deal of discussion the roll was called, when there voted for Bro. Officer's motion, 196; and for the amendment, 187; so that, by a majority of nine, the salary was fixed at £300, with £100 for a clerk.

The appointment of Grand Secretary was then proceeded with. For this office Grand Committee had suggested Bros. D. Murray Lyon, Ayr, R. Wylie, Secretary and Past Master of Mother Lodge, Kilwinning, and W. B. Heath P.M. and Sec. 198, London. It was suggested by the Grand Master that as Bro. Heath, though highly respectable and highly recommended, was necessarily unknown to the brethren in Scotland, and would not receive any considerable amount of support, his name should first be put to the meeting. His election was accordingly proposed by Bro. Mann, who referred to the very high certificates the candidate had been able to produce, and said that while he might not expect success, it was extremely gratifying to him to find himself so highly appreciated by his Scotch brethren. Bro. G. C. C. Christie duly seconded the nomination, but the result was such as to leave no hope of success, and accordingly the vote was left as between the two other candidates.

Bro. F. A. Barrow, Glasgow, then moved the election of Bro. D. Murray Lyon, recommending him, from a knowledge of his qualifications for many years, as a man of honour, high character, position, and ability for the office. He had bestowed a great amount of labour on Freemasonry; his writings thereon were held as standard works, not only in Scotland, but all over the globe. He had had considerable practical experience in financial and literary matters, and he had no doubt he would bring all this experience to bear favourably upon the interests of Grand Lodge. In support of his remarks, the speaker referred to a recommendation from the Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire, and a letter from the office-bearers of that Lodge. Bro. Daniel Robertson seconded, and referred to the assistance which the candidate had rendered in connection with Masonry in the province of Ayr.

Bro. Roger Montgomerie, M.P., moved the appointment of Bro. R. Wylie, remarking that he had taken upon himself, as Past Master of Mother Kilwinning, to appear before them to propose Bro. Wylie, who for many years had been Grand Secretary of the Provincial Lodge of Ayrshire. He submitted his name along with that of Bro. Murray Lyon, for whom he had the greatest respect, and asked them to give their vote to the candidate they thought the best. If their decision were in favour of Bro. Wylie, he had not the slightest hesitation in saying that their choice would be beneficial to Masonry in Scotland, and highly satisfactory to the Provincial Lodge with which he had the honour of being connected. As stated by Bro. Barrow, Bro. Wylie had signed an address, in which it was said that Bro. Murray Lyon would make a good Secretary; but he did not see that that fact should prevent Bro. Wylie from coming forward as a candidate when pressed by a number of office-bearers. During the past fifteen years Bro. Wylie had done good service to the Craft in Ayrshire Lodge Kilwinning. He was a man in the prime of life, had been brought up in business habits, and had acquired practical experience of the working in Freemasonry. This motion was seconded by Brother James W'Cosh, Dalry; and the two propositions were then put to the vote, when Bro. Murray Lyon was elected by 210 against 128. The newly appointed Secretary was then formally installed into his office, the Grand Master expressing a hope that he would show his appreciation of the manner in which he had been elected by devoting himself entirely to his important duties, in which no doubt he would be aided by the assistance of the office-bearers of Grand Lodge, and the members of the Craft in general. The Grand Secretary having appropriately acknowledged these remarks, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

THE following changes have taken place in the Supreme Council 33° for England and Wales:—

Ill. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon having resigned his high office of M.P.S.G.C., was succeeded therein by Ill. Bro. Captain N. G. Philips, who appointed the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale as Lt.G. Commander.

Ill. Bro. Captain N. G. Philips having likewise resigned his office was succeeded by Ill. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, who appointed Ill. Bro. Captain N. G. Philips as his Lt.G. Commander.

The Supreme Council is now constituted as follows:—

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Ill. Bro. H.R.H. Albert, Edward Prince of Wales, K.G.

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THE FESTIVALS OF THE MASONIC SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Our Rev. Bro. Simpson deserves great credit for suggesting a means by which the expenses of our Masonic Festivals may be curtailed to the extent of about £100 per annum. I trust, however, he will kindly excuse me for pointing out that in his zeal to effect a worthy object he has lost sight of the real facts of the case. This is all the more surprising as he was himself a Steward at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The Festivals cost the Institutions not one halfpenny per annum. The expenses are defrayed out of the Stewards' fees. Let us take the case of the latest Festival for purposes of illustration. The fees, at two guineas apiece [to which the fee is now reduced], amounted, for the whole 260 Stewards, at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to 520 guineas, or £546. Of this sum, after allowing a guinea for each Steward who was present at the banquet, about four shillings for the rosette to which each is entitled, the cost of the skilled professionals, and all other expenses, such as complimentary tickets, &c., &c., incident to the occasion, there remained in hand a balance of £47. This was still further reduced by the presentation to Bro. Marsh Case, President of the Board, of a Life Governorship to the Institution, the remainder being presented to Bros. Terry and Knill in token of the valuable services they rendered in connection with the Festival. The whole of the amount collected was paid over intact into the coffers of the Institution. Thus the Stewards not only undertook all the labour of canvassing and collecting for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, but they also, as is customary on these occasions, shared among themselves all the expenses of the banquet and of the musical entertainment that followed, the ladies' tickets being separately paid for by the brethen who invited them. How, under these circumstances, Rev. Bro. Simpson can affirm that the engagement of skilled professionals costs the Charities close on £100 a year puzzles me.

There have been Festivals at which sundry pupils of the Boys' [illegible] but considering the lateness of the hour at which the musical portion of the entertainment begins—in the case of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution especially—I do not think it either wise or expedient that our boys and girls should be invited, as a general rule; more especially as they have the opportunity allowed them of exhibiting their musical talents at the public distribution of prizes which, in the case of the Schools, immediately precedes the Festivals.

There is one other point to be noticed, and I have done. If the Stewards like to engage the services of skilled professionals, why should the Masonic public object to their doing so? We all know they work hard enough. The immense contributions they have succeeded in raising during the last two or three years are evidence of this. I do not for one moment imagine that Rev. Bro. Simpson had any such idea in his mind when he was prompted to write you on this subject, but it seems to me it would be extremely churlish to deny the Stewards the privilege of expending their own fees in the manner that seemeth best to themselves. We must not scrutinise too narrowly an outlay which is so very profitable to our Institutions, especially when those who promote the outlay discharge it out of their own pockets.

Fraternally yours,

T. B. A. G.

THE JEWISH QUESTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have seen, according to your valuable paper, that petitions have been presented from the Lodge of Montefiore, and also from Lodges in Warwickshire and elsewhere, respecting the refusal to admit Jews into certain Lodges in Germany. Surely such intolerance ought not to exist in this enlightened age. In almost all societies, as well as in the House of Commons and municipal corporations, civil and religious disabilities have been removed. Why, then, should they be allowed to exist in one of the noblest Orders in the world, an Order which has for its foundations Brotherly Love and Charity? Those of our brethren who are privileged to attend the Grand Lodge of Benevolence know full well, that applicants are always relieved irrespective of creed.

We are supposed to be bound by our Book of Constitutions. The following therein refers to the admission of candidates:—Name, age residence, and business or profession. Creed is never mentioned, and is but seldom known until the candidate is in the Lodge. There are four so-called Jewish Lodges in London, one in Birmingham, and one in Liverpool; at the present time most of these have almost as many members of the Christian faith as of the Jewish. In these so-called Jewish Lodges many brethren of the Christian religion have filled the several chairs with credit and ability, and with satisfaction to the Lodges. Under these circumstances I might suggest that the term "Jewish Lodges" has probably not been fully explained. The ritual is precisely the same. The only notable difference is that grace is said in Hebrew, while in supplying the viands proper regard is paid to the Mosaic Law. While the Lodges freely admit on proper recommendation, all classes and denominations, surely it is unjust to refuse the members of the Hebrew Faith admission into Lodges in Germany.

Let the brethren unite and bring the matter before Grand Lodge, where we have the representative of the Grand Lodge of Germany, Bro. Wendt, and surely this blot will be speedily removed.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A PAST MASTER.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to "Equity's" letter in your last week's issue, I beg to say that eight years ago I had the honour to be Worshipful Master of the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, and then initiated at least five non-Jewish brethren during my year of office.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

S. POLLITZER, P.M.

Upper Brook's Wharf, Upper Thames-street, E.C.

19th March 1877.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—For the guidance of our friends, allow me to ask you to insert the following statement.

The Lodge of Montefiore, 1017, was consecrated in November, 1864. Five of the founders were not of the Jewish faith. During the years from 1865 to 1876 inclusive, fifty-four gentlemen not professing Judaism were initiated, several of whom are still members of the Lodge, one being our respected S.W. I may add, of the fifty-four previously mentioned, one was a Hindoo gentleman.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

LOUIS JACOB, Treasurer 1017.

CRAFT MASONRY AND THE HIGH GRADES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

[illegible] an interesting relic, which is perhaps, somewhat illustrative of this subject, was placed in my hands the other day. This is an old seal, which at some period has evidently belonged to a Masonic body, meeting, probably, in the north of England, if not at York, where, during last century, Craft Masonry seems to have been curiously intermingled with Templary, according to old records. The seal in question is of brass, round in form, and one and three-eighth inches in diameter. Upon the summit of a vaulted dome rests a passion cross, bearing the serpent entwined round it, the three upper limbs of the cross surrounded by the letters I.H.S. On the left of the cross are a pair of trumpets crosswise, and on the left a pair of crossed swords. Below the trumpets is a Senior Warden's level, and below the swords a square and compasses. The manifest combination of Craft, Royal Arch, and Templar symbols, in the device of a massive official seal of some antiquity, seems to me to be, if not of value, at any rate remarkable, and worthy of notice at this time, when there seems to be such a disposition to regard "Craft" Masonry as the only legitimate phase of Masonry, and the Christian degrees as modern innovations. I enclose for your inspection an impression of the seal in question.

Yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD 18°.

York, 19th March 1877.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS, &c.

The Kemeys Tynte Preceptory met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Friday, the 16th March, at 5 p.m., V.E. Sir Knt. Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney P.E.P., P. Prov. Prior of Essex, E. Preceptor. Among those present were V.E. Sir Knts. Major General H. Clerk, P. Prov. Prior of Kent, and Captain N. G. Philips, Prov. Prior of Suffolk and Cambridge; E. Sir Knt. Captain Portlock Dadson R.B.G., P.D.G.C. of Kent; Sir Knts. Col. C. W. Randolph, Constable, J. Lewis Thomas, Marshal, Rev. P.M. Holden, Chaplain, Peter Laird P.E.P., Almoner, Thomas Harrison P.E.P., Registrar, J. Sandilands Ward, Sub-Marshal, John T. Gibson, 1st Standard Bearer, Captain C. F. Compton, 2nd Standard Bearer, and Kenneth R. Murchison, W. H. Kempster M.D., Captain Henry S. Andrews, Robert Fyers, John W. Figg P.E.P., Captain W. S. Gilbert, Frederic J. Macaulay, William Beattie, &c., &c. Visitors—Major George Barlow, Unity Preceptory, Rev. F. K. Harford, E.P. Holy Sanctuary. The Great Prior of England and Wales, V.E. Sir Knt. the Right Honourable the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, was received under the Arch of Steel, and saluted with the usual honours on taking the throne. Sir Knights Captain H. S. Andrews, late 74th regiment, of the Calpe Preceptory, and Captain Metcalfe Studholme Brownrigg, 52nd Light Infantry, of No. 12 Preceptory of Ireland, were elected as joining members, and V.E. Sir Knt. Hugh David Sandeman, Bengal C.S., P. Prov. Prior of Bengal, as an honorary member of the Preceptory. Comps. the Right Honourable Lord Henniker, Sir Thomas Douglas Forsyth C.B., K.C.S.I., and Captain W. S. Gilbert, of the Friends-in-Council Chapter, and Frederic J.

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Macaulay and William Beattie, of the Frederick of Unity Chapter, were ballotted for and approved for installation, and Comps. Captain Gilbert, F. J. Macaulay, and W. Beattie being in attendance, were duly installed in the Order, receiving their honours at the hand of the Great Prior. A donation of £5 5s was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and subscriptions of £1 1s per annum to it, and also to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Colonel Randolph was elected as Preceptor for the ensuing year, and Captain Portlock Dadson as Treasurer. Several Companions were proposed for ballot and installation at the meeting in May, and after a cordial vote of thanks had been passed by acclamation to the Great Prior for his presence, the Preceptory was closed in solemn form, and the Great Prior retired under the Arch of Steel.

The Bayard Chapter, Rose Croix, met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Tuesday, 13th March, at 5 p.m. Ill. Bros. Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney 31° M.W.S., Major Shadwell H. Clarke G. Sec. Gen. 33°, H. D. Sandeman 33°, Raphael Costa D.I.G. 33°, W. Hyde Pullen 33°, Captain Portlock Dadson 32°, Frank Richardson 30°, Major J. R. Pearson R.A. 30°; Bros. the Rev. C. J. Ridgeway M.A. as High Prelate, Captain R. P. Leeson, Captain W. S. Gilbert, Robert Fyers, Major F. C. Wemyss, J. W. Waldron, the Rev. Lloyd Cosmo Williams, Captain Henry S. Andrews, Lieut. A. Hamilton Des Barres R.M., Captain Henry Burton 76th regiment, Herr Edouard H. F. Sauerbrey; and, as a visitor, Bro. E. M. Lott, of the Canterbury Chapter, Rose Croix. Bros. Captain Henry Burton, 76th regiment, of Lodge 421, and Herr Eduard Heinrich Ferdinand Sauerbrey, of Lodge 1615, were duly perfected in the 18°.

The Canterbury Lodge, No. 1635, met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Tuesday, 20th March. W. Bro. the Rev. Dr. John Robbins M.A. W. Master. Several candidates were initiated into the Order, and brethren duly advanced to the 2nd and 3rd degrees. Bro. the Rev. F. Kill Harford M.A. was elected as W.M. for the ensuing year.

The St. Peter and St. Paul Chapter, Rose Croix, met at the Masonic Hall, Bath, on Wednesday, 21st March, at half past 7. Ill. Bro. Thomas Jowitt 32° M.W. Sov. For the election of the M.W.S. and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Bladud Preceptory, K.T., met at the Masonic Hall, Bath, on Thursday, 22nd March, at 8 p.m. Sir Knt. W. E. Reeves E.P. For the reception of candidates, and the election of the Eminent Preceptor and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Talbot Chapter, Rose Croix, met at the Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield, on Friday, 16th March, at 5 p.m. E. Bro. Alexander Hay M.W. Sov. For the perfection of candidates, and election of the M.W. Sov. and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Cornwall Chapter, Rose Croix.—At the meeting of this Chapter, at Truro, on Wednesday, 14th March, E. Bro. the Rev. George Rose M.A. M.W. Sov. Two brethren were duly perfected in the 18°.

The Oxford University Chapter, Rose Croix, met at the Apollo Lodge, Oxford, on Friday, 16th March, at 8 p.m. Ill. Bro. Colonel the Hon. W. H. Sackville West 31° M.W. Sov. Two brethren were duly perfected in the 18°.

The Shakespeare Chapter, Rose Croix, met at the Masonic Rooms, Warwick, on Thursday, 22nd March, at 5.25 p.m. Ill. Bro. A. F. Godson M.A. 32° M.W. Sov. For the perfection of candidates.

The St. Mary Chapter, Rose Croix, will meet at the Town Hall, Wirksworth, Derbyshire, on Wednesday, 28th March, at 2 p.m. Ill. Bro. William Milligan 30° M.W. Sov. For the perfection of candidates, &c.

The Bayard Lodge, No. 1615, will hold a meeting of emergency at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Monday, 26th March, at 4 p.m. W. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney, P.G.D. of Essex, W.M.

BOMBAY.

Islam Lodge, No. 490, S.C.—This Mahomedan Lodge was officially inaugurated at a special meeting held on the 30th January last, when, surrounded by a large number of the most influential Past Masters, office-bearers, and members of the other Lodges in Bombay, the R.W. Master elect, Bro. Francis Turner, was duly installed by the M.W., the Grand Master of all India, Bro. H. G. Morland, who conducted the interesting ceremony with that tact, thoroughness, and ability for which he is conspicuous, and which has won for him, on all sides, the envious and honourable position of being recognised and respected as one of the most efficient rulers of the Ancient Craft in the East. Immediately after the opening of the Lodge, the arrival of the Grand Lodge was announced, and the M.W. Grand Master was admitted and saluted with all the honours. He was accompanied by R.W. Bros. Manockjee Cursetjee, Hon. P. Sub-Master, K. R. Kama, Hon. P. Sub-Master, Geo. B. Thomson, Hon. P. Warden; Bros. Frant Grand Clerk, H. Holland G. Sword Bearer, J. C. Houghland Grand Tyler, and several others. The Hiram having been handed to the M.W. the Grand Master, he raised the Lodge, and proceeded with the installation of Bro. Turner, who has worked the Lodge for some months, under a special dispensation, as the first W.M. The newly installed W. Master was proclaimed and saluted according to due and ancient form, in the several degrees, and after the transaction of some formal business, the R.W. Master proceeded to appoint the following brethren as officers for the ensuing twelve months, viz.:—R.W. Bros. E. Freeborn D.M., C. Matthews S.M.; W. Bros. Mirza Ali Ackbar Khan, Bahadoor, S.W., Mhir Ali Mahamed Patell J.W.; Bros. B. M. Seanee Treasurer, S. H. Cassim Secretary, Kajee Bhurawoodeen S.D., Mhir Abdool Ali Khan J.D., Hussan Hajee Ludah I.G., Mirza Hussan Khan Tyler. After receiving the congratulations of the numerous Past Masters on the dais, the Lodge was duly closed, when the brethren and the guests adjourned to refreshment, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The auspicious opening of this new acquisition to the roll of Lodges in Western India, induces the hope that it will rapidly enlist under its banner many of our Mahomedan citizens who are worthy of admission into the Ancient Craft.

Caledonia Lodge, No. 490, S.C.—Wednesday, 31st January last will long be held in happy remembrance by the numerous members of this prosperous Lodge, as being one of the most cordial re-unions which has characterised its operations since its establishment. Caledonia has been fortunate in the careful selection of its officers during the few years of its existence, but, without wishing to draw any invidious comparison, in none more so than in the gentleman whose term of office as R.W.M. has just terminated. The Lodge assembled at 7.30, and was opened in the usual manner when here were present—Bros. G. B. Thomson 32° W.M., Rodger 30° S.W., J. Y. Lang 30° J.W., Archibald Taylor S.M. as S.D., Thorpe S.M. as J.D., Allan Treas., Ogg I.G., W. Smith Tyler, and a large attendance of members and visitors, upwards of one hundred and thirty being present, including some of the oldest and most influential members of the Craft in Western India. On the dais were W. Bros. Mackenzie, Fred Cull, MacClumpha, Mitchell and other Past Masters. The minutes of the previous regular meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. John Young Lang J.W. of the Lodge, having been unanimously chosen for the position of W.M. for the ensuing year, was presented by P.M. E. M. Walton for installation. Previously, however, the important announcement was made that the M.W. the Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, Bro. Captain Henry J. Morland, and the officers of his Grand Lodge were in attendance. The R.W. Master immediately called the brethren to order, when the following Grand Officers entered the Lodge, and were received with grand Masonic honours: M.W. Bro. Henry Morland, Grand Master for all India, R.W. Bros. James Gibbs, Member of Council and District Grand Master under the Grand Lodge of England, Macintosh Balfour, Depnty Grand Master, K. R. Kama, Hon. Sub. Grand Master, Rev. Chas. Gilder, Grand Chaplain, E. Freeborn, Hon. Past Grand Junior Warden, and a number of Masters and Officers of Sister Lodges. A fraternal invitation had been sent to the members of the Craft on the Flag Ship of Admiral Macdonald, on the Indian station, and of H.M.S. Undaunted, now refitting in the harbour. A number of the officers and crew availed themselves of the hospitality so kindly proffered, and proved an agreeable accession to this influential assemblage. On the M.W. the Grand Master ascending the dais, the R.W. Master handed him the Hiram, when the usual [illegible] the Hiram to the R.W. Master, and congratulated him on the highly efficient state of the Lodge, particularly on its flourishing financial condition. The Lodge having been passed to the F.C. degree, the W. Master elect was introduced and presented for installation. Having given assent to the regulations of the Grand Lodge, he took the oath *de fideli*, after which the Lodge was raised to the sublime degree of M. Masons. A Lodge of Installed Masters having been formed, R.M. Bro. Lang was duly inducted into the Orient chair, after which the Lodge was reduced, and the brethren who had retired were re-admitted, and called upon to salute him in form. The new W.M. having returned thanks for the high honour conferred upon him, proceeded to appoint the following brethren as office-bearers for the ensuing year: Bros. Taylor S.M., Clarke D.M., Rodger S.W., Doolittle J.W., Hanscheer Treas., Pirrie Sec., Cooper S.D., Ogg J.D., Roberts I.G., Smith Tyler. This concluded the business of the evening, and was succeeded by a banquet, which was a great success, and to which nearly 100 brethren sat down. The usual toasts followed, the health of the R.W. Master being proposed by the M.W. the Grand Master, and received with the greatest enthusiasm. During the evening some excellent songs were sung by the members and visitors, one of which, by a brother of the Undaunted, drew forth special applause.

We understand that the movement in favour of the formation of a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge for North and East Yorkshire, initiated by the York Mark Lodge (time immemorial), has been suspended, it having been found that a large proportion of the brethren in the Province are opposed to such an organisation, on the ground that the number of Lodges (four) does not justify the expense necessarily involved.

The Secretary of the Masonic Mutual Benefit Society of Indiana announces in the columns of the *Masonic Advocate* that five benefits, amounting together to the sum of 20,689 dols. 51 cents, were paid during the preceding month, raising the total benefits paid in first division to 1,321,853 dollars 20 cents. During the same period the sums received and paid over into the hands of the Treasurer amounted to 18,000 dollars, raising the amount in the Treasury since the seventh annual meeting to 114,000 dollars. We learn from the same source that a similar institution in Connecticut has been three years in existence, and is proving a great success. With over fifteen hundred members, it had but five deaths during the past year.

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SMITH TESTIMONIAL FUND.

A MEETING of the Committee will take place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 28th inst., at 7 o'clock precisely. In accordance with the resolution passed at the last meeting, representatives of Lodges and Chapters collecting subscriptions towards this fund are requested to make their returns to BRO. J. WILLING, Treasurer pro tem, at this meeting.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE progress of the week has been marked, in the House of Lords, by the transaction of a small amount of business. The Irish Peerage Bill, which is not a government measure, however, has passed its third reading, while the Bankruptcy [illegible] Bill, on the motion of the Lord Chancellor, received a second reading. One or two questions about the Eastern difficulty pretty nearly completes the picture. In the House of Commons there has been almost as much discussion as in the week previous, but we question if the amount of business done has been as great. There has been further progress made with the supplementary Civil Service Estimates and Navy Estimates, and some Government measures have been advanced one or more stages. A motion of inquiry into the constitution and rules, &c., &c., of the Stock Exchange, brought forward by Mr. R. Yorke, was assented to by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on behalf of the Government. On Wednesday, Mr. T. Butt made an attempt to induce the House to accept the second reading of his Land Tenure (Ireland) Bill, but he was overwhelmingly defeated by 323 votes to 84 votes.

The Queen returned to Windsor, as usual, shortly after holding her levée at Buckingham Palace. Here various members of the Royal Family have visited Her Majesty, among them the Prince of Wales, the Princess Christian and the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) and the Marquis of Lorne. On Tuesday, His Excellency General Ignatieff and his wife paid a visit of ceremony to the Castle, being accompanied thither by the Earl of Derby, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and the Countess of Derby, as well as by the Russian Ambassador, Count Schouvaloff. The General was presented to Her Majesty by the Russian Ambassador, and Madame Ignatieff by the Countess of Derby. Lunch was served later in the day, and shortly after the distinguished visitors returned to Claridge's. When the reception was over, the Queen held a council, at which the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Earl of Derby, the Marquis of Hertford, and Mr. Cross, M.P., were present. Subsequently, Messrs. Walter H. Medhurst, James Gell, and W. Leece Drinkwater were introduced and received the honour of knighthood. To-day, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales leave Marlborough House, for a cruise in the Mediterranean, in the Royal yacht Osborne, and are expected to be absent for a period of six weeks. During their excursion they will visit the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh at Malta, and the King and Queen of Greece at Athens. We should add that as Sir William Knollys has accepted the office of Usher of the Black Rod, vacant by the death of Sir Augustus Clifford, he has resigned the post of Comptroller to the Prince of Wales, which he has held for a period of about fifteen years. He is succeeded in the Comptrollership by Major-General Sir D. T. Penrhyn.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland held a meeting on Monday, for the purpose of electing a Secretary in succession to Bro. John Laurie, who, our readers are aware, resigned the office a short time since. The choice lay between Bros. D. Murray Lyon and Wylie, the former a man of great erudition, the latter of great secretarial experience. A ballot was taken, and the result showed a considerable majority for Bro. Lyon, to whom, accordingly, we offer our most cordial congratulations at the distinction thus conferred upon him. The defeated Bro. Wylie has the usual consolation that of two candidates to fill one office, how meritorious soever they may be, one only can receive the appointment. But more than this, he has the satisfaction of knowing that it is only to him who is acknowledged on all hands to be one of the brightest lights in Masonry in this or any age, he has had to yield the palm of victory. We have it on the authority of Homer himself that the *Wylie* Ulysses, albeit a brilliant leader of men, was no match, in war at least, with the *Lyon*-like warrior Achilles.

The greatest excitement of the week has been to judge, as far as practice will enable people to judge, which will win the day, the Light or Dark Blue. When these lines meet the eye of our readers, the result will most probably be known throughout the length and breadth of the land. Yesterday was devoted to the Inter-University Athletic meeting at Lillie Bridge, but the exigencies of time prevent us giving any details of the sport. To-day will be another great meeting at the same popular resort of the athlete. Lillie Bridge, in fact, will witness a sight which we cannot call to mind as having ever before been presented to the London public, and we strongly advise those of our readers who have leisure or who may not care to undergo the fatigue of business after witnessing the boat-race to visit these grounds for the purpose of "assisting" at some very singular trials of strength. There will be what is known now as "The Tug of War," not only between men and men, but between fifty men — guardsmen and life-guardsmen — and an elephant. There will also be trials of speed between the camel and a donkey, a trotting horse and the bicycle ridden by the Champion, J. Keen, and also the Tug of War between horses and men. If the weather is favourable there ought to, and we trust there will be, a grand assemblage of people to witness so unusual a spectacle. On Monday will be held another great annual athletic festival, the championship sports, under the auspices of the Amateur Athletic Club, which will be held on the same ground, commencing at 2 p.m.

The visit of General Ignatieff to London has caused no little excitement. His Excellency has been, the principal part of his time, the guest of the Marquis of Salisbury, at whose seat at Hatfield he has been staying chiefly. He has also been received at dinner by the Earl of Derby at the Foreign Office, and by the Prime Minister, the Earl of Beaconsfield, at his residence in Whitehall-gardens. On the latter occasion the Prince of Wales was present, to meet the distinguished Russian.

The first exhibition of spring flowers was held in the Royal Botanical Gardens on Wednesday. The entries were very numerous, and there were some very fine specimens among them. The show was held, as a matter of course, under cover, and everything was done to make the visitors as comfortable as possible, there being the additional attraction of the band of the Royal Horse Guards. The Duke of Teck visited the exhibition in the course of the afternoon, and was conducted over it by Mr. Sowerby, the Secretary.

This is unquestionably the age of statistics. The most abstruse calculations are made about the most diverse matters, and tables of calculations on every subject are to be met with everywhere. We read every week all about the averages and per centages of the Births, Deaths, and Marriages in London and many of our large provincial towns. We are informed periodically about the average rainfall, and the rainfall on special occasions, or for special periods. We have now, in addition, particulars as to the number of hours in the week during which the sun shines. However, these particulars have been neither brilliant nor assuring. The latest news is, that the sun has only been visible for 26¼ hours out of the 81.9 hours it has been above the horizon. This is very unkind of the

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sun, or else London is too dull and dark a place to receive the visits of Phœbus Apollo more than occasionally, and for brief intervals only.

It is still doubtful what course affairs will take in the East. But the business of the Protocol has certainly made matters look a little more hopeful. General Ignatieff's visit to London has had a beneficial influence, and people are beginning to feel a little more comfortable in their minds. The great event that has occurred since last we submitted our Budget is the meeting of the new Turkish Parliament, on which occasion the Sultan himself was present, though the imperial speech was delivered by one of his officers. This looks as though Turkey were resolved on carrying out the reforms to which she stands committed in the face of Europe; in which case she will not be behind her great antagonist, Russia, in the march of civilisation. We trust that, after the heavy diplomatic labours of the last eighteen months, the peace of Europe will not be broken between Russia and Turkey, for, if so, we do not know where the disturbance will end. As regards Montenegro, it is rumoured the negotiations are faring better than they were a few days since, though the smaller state is still making very exorbitant demands. However, it cannot be long now ere we receive some definite news, which will either set us all happy once more, or trouble the diplomatic and financial worlds for, it may be, several years to come.

The regular meeting of the Grand Lodge of Benevolence, was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. John Clabon P.G.D., President, in the chair. J. Nunn P.G.S.B. S.W., E. P. Albert G.P. J.W. Grants to the amount of £220 were confirmed, and new grants to the amount of £610 were made. There were present Bros. H. Browse, H. Docketts, S. Rawson, J. Smith, C. A. Cottebrune, J. Constable, W. Smith, W. J. Howe, C. F. Hogard, C. Atkins, H. Bartlett, S. G. Foxall, J. Bingemann, H. Massey, H. Garrod, S. Poynter, W. C. Crick, John Hervey G.S., H. G. Buss, Pendlebury, B. S. Swallow, &c.

The *Masonic Chronicle* of New York mentions the names of several brethren who have recently quitted the sphere of their earthly labours, after a long and meritorious career, both civil and Masonic. W. Bro. Maurice Hoyt, a P.M. of St. John's Lodge No. 1, of the New York jurisdiction, died on the 10th ult., within a few days of completing his 85th year. Bro. Hoyt was initiated into Freemasonry in the year 1822, in Clinton Lodge No. 143 of the same jurisdiction, and was elected W.M. in 1825. In 1834 this Lodge amalgamated with St. John's No. 1, the Morgan excitement being at its height just then. He became one of the original members and Chaplain of Warwick Lodge No. 544 in the year 1864, and was likewise a R.A. Mason, having been exalted in Jerusalem Chapter No. 8, City of New York, in 1824, at the time when the late Marquis De Lafayette, and his son, M. G. Washington De Lafayette, received that degree. In 1828 he attained the honourable office of High Priest. His funeral was conducted with full Masonic rites. We also read of the deaths of Bro. D. Whitney Hyman, aged 53, buried with Masonic honours, several distinguished members of the Supreme Council A. and A. Rite 33°, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S., being present; of Bro. P. D. Ballou 33°, Ex-Mayor of Burlington Vt., and honorary member of the same Supreme Council, who was killed by accidentally falling down a mining shaft; and of Ill. Bros. S. W. K. Ellis, 33° Indiana, Wendell T. Davis, 33° Mass., and Will. S. Patrick, 33° Michigan, who were all honorary members of the same body.

It is with much pleasure we draw the attention of our readers to a Fund, which is known as the "Mace Fund," now in course of being raised for the purpose of assisting Mr. Thomas James Mace, a former pupil of our Masonic Boys' School, in obtaining sufficient funds in order to prosecute his studies with the ultimate object of taking Holy Orders. During his career in our school, Mr. Mace distinguished himself by carrying off the silver medal and the Maybury prize. On leaving, he entered himself as a student at the Evening Classes held in King's College, London, and here again, he secured the favourable regard of the authorities, by gaining several first-class certificates, and the College Prize for Divinity, and at the close of his three years' term, was elected to an Associateship. Several of the Bishops of the Established Church have expressed their willingness to ordain him after a further course of study. But the Funds of the Institution are not applicable to the case of a boy who has already ceased to be on the books of the School. Hence the establishment of the "Mace Fund," of which Bros. Benjamin Head and William Paas, of the House Committee, have kindly consented to act as Trustees, and of which Bros. Captain W. Pollock Dodson as Treasurer, and Fred. Binckes, Secretary R.M.I.B., are members. The list of donors, as at present constituted, includes, in addition to the names we have already mentioned, those of Bros. J. Sutcliffe, S. Tomkins, Sir Henry Edwards Bart., Rev. C. J. Martyn, Major Pearson R.A., Lord Leigh, and other distinguished and influential brethren. We commend the Fund to the notice of our readers, and trust that the needful sum may be raised, so as to enable a former and very worthy pupil of our Boys' School to gratify a most laudable ambition.

We read, in the columns of *Le Monde Maçonnique*, that latterly, at Stockholm, a new Lodge of Freemasons was constituted. The ceremony, which was conducted on a scale of great magnificence, took place in the Hall of the Knights, an apartment capable of holding 1,600 persons, but on this occasion hardly spacious enough, owing to the presence of large numbers of brethren, not only from various parts of Sweden, but also from Norway, Denmark, Germany, France, and England. At seven o'clock, King Oscar arrived, accompanied by the Crown Prince, who had a short time previously been admitted into the Brotherhood, and Prince John of Glücksburg, brother of the King of Denmark. The Masonic Regalia were borne on a cushion before the King and Princes, and, on their entrance, a solemn march was played, and lasted till they had taken up the places assigned to them. The King having delivered an address suitable to the occasion, Bro. Dahlfelt sketched briefly the history of the Order in Sweden, after which the National Anthem was sung. At eleven o'clock, a banquet was served in the Hall St. John, covers being laid for 270 guests. We learn, from the same source, that the Grand Orient of Italy has passed sentence of expulsion against certain members, who have withdrawn from its obedience, in order to range themselves under the banner of a Grand Orient at Naples. It is further announced that the Supreme Council of the Grand Orient of France, at its meeting on the 10th ult., decided on opening a subscription in favour of the Lyons workmen. The Grand Orient itself headed the list with the handsome contribution of a thousand francs, and directed a circular letter to be addressed to all the Lodges within its jurisdiction, inviting them to participate in this excellent work. On the same occasion, the Council decided to present a sum of three hundred francs to the Lodge *La Sagesse*, of the Orient of Barcelona, towards the relief of the victims of the inundations which have lately caused such damage in certain provinces of Spain.

We have great pleasure in announcing that an amateur dramatic performance, the proceeds of which will be presented in equal moities to the Funds of our Girls' and Boys' Schools, will take place on the afternoon of May the 5th, at the Opera Comique Theatre. Mrs. Monckton has kindly consented to appear on the occasion, and she will be assisted by Captain Arthur Gooch, Mr. S. Brandram, Captain FitzGeorge, 20th Hussars, Captain F. C. Hughes Hallett, Mr. F. O. Barrington Foote, R.H.A., Mr. Bingham R.A., Mr. Dundas Gardiner, Mr. Bolton Rowe, &c. The prices of admission to the reserved seats will be as follow—namely, to orchestra stalls and front row of balcony stalls, one guinea; to balcony stalls, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th rows, half a guinea; and to the upper circle, five shillings. The box plan will be opened at the theatre and at the libraries the 2nd prox. Seats may be previously secured on written application to the "Acting Manager," 33 Golden-square W. We feel assured that, from the known dramatic talent of Mrs. Monckton, the occasion will prove a great success, and we trust the Craft will show their appreciation of her kindness by supporting her. The Prince and Princess of Wales have signified their intention of being present.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales attended the Lenten Services at St. Anne's, Soho, on Friday evening, the 16th inst.

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No. 60.

No. 299, "Ancients;" No. 380 at the "Union A.D. 1813," No. 263 from A.D. 1832, and No. 216 from A.D. 1863.

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ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

WILLIAM DICKEY, D.G.M.

ROBERT GILL, S.G.W. JOSEPH BROWN, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six, in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful the Most Noble Puissant Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kinclaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the county of Gloucester, &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful William Dickey, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Robert Gill, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Joseph Brown, Esq., Junior Grand Warden (with the Approbation and Consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorize and impower our trusty and well beloved brethren,

No. 299 viz., The Worshipful John Bird . . . . . one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Adam Armstrong, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful George Louthean, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at Merlin's Cave, in the town of Liverpool, or elsewhere in the said town of Liverpool, upon the second and *four* Wednesdays in every Calendar month . . . . . on all seasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most ancient and honourable custom of the Royal Craft in all ages and nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and impower our said trusty and well beloved brethren John Bird, Adam Armstrong, and George Louthean . . . . with the consent of the members of their Lodge, to nominate, *chuse*, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their powers and dignities as Free Masons, &c., and such Successors shall in like manner nominate, *chuse*, and install their Successors, &c., &c., such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge for ever, providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force or Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Twenty-second day of April, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred *Ninety and Six*, and in the Year of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred *Ninety and Six*.

ROBERT LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.

Seal

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 8, Letter H.

The present No., title, &c. are, The Harmonic Lodge, No. 216, Liverpool.

THE BIBLE IN MASONRY.—The following are Bro. E. H. Cushing's views on this topic. Bro. C. is Chairman of Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Texas:—"Masonry is founded in Biblical history. Its teachings are all derived from the Bible. Its tenets are all derived from the same source. Its patrons are Bible characters. It is as much an institution of the Jewish and Christian religion as is any society in China, founded upon the writings of Confucius, a part of the religion of Confucius. The universality of Masonry is a worn-out dogma. Show us a Masonic Lodge in a Mahommedan country. Show one where the Avesta is regarded as authoritative. Show one among the natives of Africa, find one in Persia, or China, or Tartary, or even in aboriginal Russia, or aboriginal Ireland, or aboriginal Norway. It is not a part of cultivated human nature, except such as is cultivated in the line of the Christian religion. Japan, with all its intellect, had no Masonry; China, with a third of the human race under one Government, had no Masonry. With these facts, the Bible takes its place where it belongs—in the centre of the Lodge—and as the first of the Great Lights. And whoever denies its Divine authenticity denies all the Masonry we know anything about, and consequently is unfit to be a member of a Lodge—much more its Master."—*Keystone*.

CONSECRATION OF THE GOSFORTH LODGE, No. 1664.

THE Consecration of this Lodge, and the installation of the Master, took place on Friday, the 9th of March, at the Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, for which purpose a Special Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland was convened for four o'clock. At that time there was a very large gathering of brethren of the Province, as well as a full attendance of Grand Officers. The Consecrating Officers were the Very Worshipful L. M. Cookcroft, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was assisted by Bros. J. Cook Prov.G.S.W. as S.W., A. C. Hanson Prov. G.J.W. as J.W., and E. D. Davis Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the anthems were sung by a most efficient choir, under the direction of Bro. Richard Watson, Pro. G. Organist, who presided at that instrument. The brethren of the new Lodge were then arranged in order, and the Provincial Grand Secretary received the petition and warrant from the Grand Lodge. An oration on the nature and duties of Freemasonry was delivered by the Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. W. B. East, which was listened to with very great attention by the brethren. The Lodge was then consecrated according to ancient custom, the ceremony being most impressively conducted. Bro. John S. Wilson Prov.G.S.D., was then installed first W.M., he having been saluted in ancient form, invested his officers; the installation was performed by Bro. E. D. Davis Pro. G.D.C., in a manner rarely equalled. Several propositions were given to the Sec. for initiation, as also the names of several brethren as joining members. The Lodge was then closed, and the Provincial Grand Lodge retired. The brethren adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served; after the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The healths of the V.W.D. Grand Master, and the W.M. of the new Lodge, were most enthusiastically received; as also hearty good wishes and success to the new Lodge. During the course of the evening several of the brethren contributed to the harmony by some capital singing, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

CHESHIRE EDUCATIONAL MASONIC INSTITUTION.

THE Annual Court of Governors of this Institution will be held at the "Crewe Arms Hotel," Crewe, on Wednesday, the 28th inst., at 2 p.m., to receive and determine the several recommendations of the General Committee, to place on the Education Fund

CHARLES WM. ASTBURY, aged 7 years, Son of the late Bro. Charles Astbury, of Sincerity Lodge, 428, Northwitch.

JOHN HEYWOOD, aged 7 years, Son of the late Bro. John Heywood, of Lodge of Peace, No. 322, Stockport.

To substitute Randall Poynton, aged 10 years, in place of Denis Poynton, who has finished his education.

For advancement of R. Heywood, aged 16 years, Son of the late Bro. John Heywood, of Lodge of Peace, 322, Stockport.

To receive the Treasurer's Accounts as Audited, and the Auditor's Report; to Elect the Medical Officers, Secretaries, Treasurer, Committee, and Auditors for the ensuing year; and for the transaction of the Annual Business of the Institution.

We understand that the Committee of the Montefiore Lodge, appointed to take steps with reference to the exclusion from the benefits of Freemasonry of all persons except those professing Christianity, have already received numerous petitions, signed on behalf of many Lodges throughout the country, together with many interesting letters sympathising with the cause that all Freemasons have at heart.

The 7th annual ball in aid of the Metropolitan and City Orphanage, now supporting 200 children, will take place on Thursday, the 26th of April, at the Cannon-street Hotel, under the patronage of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Thos. White, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hadley, Bro. Sheriff East, and the Under Sheriffs, who have signified their intention of being present. Bro. T. Butler will be the M.C., and there is an efficient body of Stewards, among whom we see the names of Major Bowman, Bro. G. B. Childs, &c.

We have received some remarks on the election of the Grand Secretary of Scotland, but they arrived too late for any notice this week.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Worthy of especial note.—These Purifying Pills excel every other medicine for regulating the digestion, acting healthily on the liver and bowels, invigorating the nervous system, and strengthening the body. They cause neither pain nor other inconvenience. At all seasons the system is liable to sudden checks. In such cases, these Pills restore the balance of the circulation, and ward off dangerous attacks of diarrhœa, dysentery, or cholera. They are the best correctives of the stomach, when disordered by repletion or by the presence of indigestible food. They speedily rectify the flatulent weight, and general uneasiness which are experienced in the bowels prior to the accession of more serious symptoms, which debilitate, if they do not endanger.

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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, 24th MARCH.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction.)
1633—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Consecration at 3 o'clock.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 26th MARCH.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
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 o'clock.

102—Unanimity, Kings Arms, North Walsham.
306—Prudence, Three Tuns, Halesworth, Suffolk.
568—St. Botolph, Corn-exchange, Sleaford.
703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
1185—Benevolence, Town Hall, Sherborne.
1477—Sir Watkin, Savings Bank, Mold.
1564—St. John's, Prince of Wales Tavern, Knaphill, Surrey.
1878—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.
M. M. 146—Stamford Town Hall, Antrincham.

TUESDAY, 27th MARCH.

14—Tuscan, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand Court, W.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
185—Industry, The Restaurant, 3 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W.
206—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
960—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
1158—Southern Star, Montpelier Tavern, Walworth.
1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1807—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
153—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Chichester.
573—Perseverance, Bluestone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1368—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.

WEDNESDAY, 28th MARCH.

193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
861—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, 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.)
1208—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1324—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (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.)

117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury.
606—Segontium, Masonic Hall, Carnarvon Castle.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons Hall, Llandudno.
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.

THURSDAY, 29th MARCH.

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. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., 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.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
966—St. Edward's, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
996—Welshpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welshpool.

SATURDAY, 30th MARCH.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

306—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

MONDAY.

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
408—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

TUESDAY.

1314—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

WEDNESDAY.

256—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds.]
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Pontefract.

THURSDAY.

306—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
375—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
537—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.

SATURDAY.

140—Peace, Masonic Rooms, Meltham.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—349—St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—151—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, Cockburn-street.
" R. A. 40—Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—113—St. John, Fisher-row, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.
FRIDAY—291—Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, Ship Hotel, 8, Register-street.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—102—St. Mark's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 103—Union and Crown, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" 219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
" 362—St. Clair, 35 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
" 541—Marie Stuart, Freemasons' Hall, Crosshill, Glasgow.
" 293—St. John, Bishop-street, Rothesay.
" R. A.—123—Thetis, P.G. Visitation. 35 St. James's-street.
TUESDAY—413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 419—Neptune, 35 St. James's-street, Glasgow.
" 543—St. John Dalmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Dalmuir.
" 579—St. Brydes, Freemasons Hall, Uddertone.
" R. A. 67—Cathedral, P.G. Visitation, 23 Struthers-street.
WEDNESDAY—510—Maryhill, 170 Main-street, Maryhill.
" R. A. 73—Caledonian of Unity, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
THURSDAY—570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, Glasgow.
FRIDAY—153—Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, Cogan-st., Pollockshaw.
" 347—St. John, Operative, Freemasons' Hall, Calhcart-st., Rutherglen.
SATURDAY—39—St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Kent Lodge, No. 15.—This Lodge held its regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 14th March. Present—Bros. Pindar W.M., Wharman S.W., Cambridge J.W., Ginman S.D., Ball J.D., Levy I.G., Dukes P.M. Hon. Sec., Sleeman P.M. Treasurer, and a strong muster of the brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes confirmed. Bros. Rogers, Winkley and Barfold were passed by Bro. Sleeman P.M. in the absence of the W.M. On the arrival of Bro. Pinder W.M., the installation of Bro. Wharman W.M. elect, who is the first Hebrew Master of the Kent Lodge, was proceeded with, and worked in a very able manner. Bro. Wharman then invested the following officers:—Bros. Pinder I.P.M., Cambridge S.W., Ginman J.W., Sleeman P.M. Treas., Ball S.D., Levy J.D., Lipscombe I.G., Barlow P.M., Wells D.C., Dukes Sec. The Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree, and Messrs. Walter Lipscombe and Thos. Holloway were initiated into Freemasonry. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a sumptuous repast was partaken of. The usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to, interspersed with harmony. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bros. Gottheil, Posener, Hollands, How and J. Levy. The meeting broke up at a late hour after a very gratifying and harmonious evening. Besides those already mentioned, Bros. Holt 928, Back 1227, Piso 1228, Taylor 1445, Hooper 1260, Southwood 1260 W.M. elect, Levy 188, and Williams 65, were present as visitors.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at The Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. W. G. Hallows W.M., T. Franklin S.W., Appleby J.W., F. Hallows S.D., Groome I.G., Upward Organist; P.M. Bro. Pinder Preceptor; also Bros. H. Field, Mumford, Delvalle, Hunt. Visitors—Bros. Cates and Holloway, Chegwell Lodge 453. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Mumford acting as candidate. The first, second, and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Appleby, assisted by the brethren.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—This Lodge held its meeting at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday evening, 19th instant. Present—Bros. Powell W.M., Read S.W., Isaac J.W., Millward S.D., Killick J.D., Fenner Secretary, S. Pearcy Acting Preceptor, Christopher I.G., Robison, Alford, Trewinnard, Curry, Saul, Stock. Lodge opened in due form; minutes confirmed. Lodge opened in 2nd degree. Bro. Killick answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge opened in 3rd, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony, giving the traditional history, Bro. Killick acting as candidate. This was the first time the W.M.

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rehearsed the ceremony, and from the very effective manner in which he done it, deservedly brought forth high encomiums from the brethren present. Bro. Pearcy worked the 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Reed was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—This Lodge held its meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on the 20th inst. Present—Bros. Ellis W.M., Powell S.W., Brown J.W., Daniel S.D., Rich J.D., Lees I.G., Hollands, Walker, Harris, Haller, Baxter, West, Webb, Wharman, Lipscombe, Parker, Cant, Cornwall P.M. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting confirmed. Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree. Bro. Rich answered the questions leading to the 3rd degree and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and Bro. Rich duly raised. The Lodge was closed to the 1st, and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of that lecture were worked by Bro. Ellis and the brethren. The Lodge was resumed to the 2nd. Bro. Cant answered the questions leading to the 3rd. The Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree. Bros. Lipscombe, Cant, and Cornwall were elected members, and it was resolved that Bro. Cornwall should be an honorary member of this Lodge for four years, for the substantial donation given by him to this Lodge on the annual supper night. Bro. Powell was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, No. 174.—The annual supper of this Lodge took place on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. Bro. Hilliard, the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, was in the chair, supported by Bros. Appleby and Webb. After the supper the usual toasts were duly honoured. Bro. P. M. Moore responded to that of the P.M.'s. Bro. Austin, in acknowledging the toast of the Preceptor, said that many years ago he had joined the Sincerity; in fact, it was there he had got his instruction; and he considered it was his duty to impart his knowledge to others, which he was always ready and willing to do. Bro. Ellis (the Secretary) thanked the W.M. for proposing, and the brethren, for drinking his health. He was very glad they had such a Preceptor. When they lost Bro. Crawley they were in a difficulty, but Bro. Austin had come forward and removed it. He was sure that, under the guidance of that brother, they would make the Sincerity equal to any Lodge of Instruction in London. Bros. Brown and Webb responded for the Stewards, Bro. Bateman on behalf of the Visitors, and Bro. P.M. Appleby for the Officers. Some excellent songs and recitations were given during the evening.

Tranquillity Lodge, No. 100.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, whither it has migrated *pro tem.* from the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Bro. John Peartree W.M., presided, and there were present the following officers, namely, Bros. D. Posener S.W., G. S. Pare, J.W. J.D. Bartlett I.P.M., J. Constable Treasurer, P. Levy Secretary W., D. Bayley S.D., F. Croaker J.D., J.W.C. Bush acting I.G., Sadleir M.C. and Potter Tyler, together with a considerable number of members, and Bros. F. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B., Spiegel and Davis, both of Joppa, No. 188, and Plummer. After the Lodge had been opened, Bros. Tom, Cohen and Feigl, were passed. Mr. Moritz Vogl was then balloted for, and the ballot having proved clear, was in due form initiated. Two motions were then proposed by Bro. Constable, and seconded by Bros. Pare and Bush respectively. By the first it was moved that the initiation fee be increased to ten guineas, and the joining fee to five guineas. The second had for object the removal of the Lodge to Anderton's Hotel. Both these motions were accepted, and likewise another proposed by Bro. N. Moss, and duly seconded, to the effect that a Committee be formed to inquire into the propriety of removal. It was likewise agreed, on the proposition of Bro. Constable, seconded by Bro. N. Moss, that a Committee, consisting of Bros. Asher Meyers, John Peartree, J.D. Barnett, N. Moss, E. Harfield, M. Harris, G. S. Pare, J. D. Posener, and W. Brisker, be appointed to act in concert with the committe of the Joppa in reference to the question of the Jewish Masonic disabilities in certain German Grand Lodges. A modest banquet was then served, at which the Worshipful Master presided. On the removal of the cloth, instead of the usual formal array of toasts which head the lists, the W.M. introduced, for the first time in this Lodge, what appears to be known as Bro. Binckes's Patent. It undoubtedly answers all requirements, and was very well received by all present. In this Patent are comprised all the essential features of the ordinary toasts, but neatly and most artistically interwoven. Thus, it was found that when Bro. Peartree so far departed from the laws of custom as to introduce this novelty, the first three toasts were combined in one, namely, "Loyalty to the Throne and devotion to the best interests of the Order." It is needless to say how cordially this toast was drunk. In proposing the health of the W.M., Bro. Barnett expressed the pleasure he felt in doing so, which was all the greater, that the Master had worked the ceremonies of the 1st and 2nd degrees so accurately and impressively. Bro. Peartree, on the evening of his installation, had expressed his belief that, at his time of life, he should find it necessary to rely, for the accurate fulfilment of his duties, on the kind assistance of the Past Masters. Bro. Barnett, however, expressed his opinion, which he believed was that of all his colleagues who had witnessed the ceremonies, that Bro. Peartree was able to teach them what good work was, rather than stand in need of their assistance. Bro. Peartree responded appropriately. The Initiate acknowledged his health in a few words, but they were to the point. The Visitors severally spoke to that important toast, Bro. Binckes leading the way with his usual eloquence. The evening came to an end shortly afterwards, there having been present some fifty brethren, and everything having passed off most comfortably in the temporary quarters of the Lodge. We have omitted to state, in the course of the meeting, Bro. Peartree announced that he had directed a sum of three guineas to be handed over to a distressed brother, and likewise that the Initiate inaugurated his entrance into Freemasonry by contributing a guinea to the Lodge Benevolent Fund.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—This Lodge met at its new home, the Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street E.C., which, if appearances are not deceptive, is likely to prove a permanent settlement. The accommodation is excellent. The room, if not quite as large as could be desired, is very lofty, and pleasantly furnished, and the viands are of first-rate quality and moderate in price. The situation is most convenient, being adjacent to the Metropolitan, North London, and Great Eastern Railways, a minute's walk from Moorgate-street, and not five minute's walk from the Bank; it is, therefore, easily accessible from every part of the town. Under all circumstances, there is a reasonable prospect that the Lodge will gain rather than suffer from the enforced removals. To judge by the first meeting, these anticipations are most likely to be realised, for just upon thirty members and visitors assembled on Wednesday, the 18th inst. Bro. J. T. Miller occupied the chair, and was assisted by Bros. F. Croaker S.W., Sayers J.W., E. Gotthelf P.M. Preceptor, John Constable P.M. Treas., J. K. Pitt Sec., Ager S.D., Tollis J.D., Sadleir I.G., and Christopher Tyler. The W.M. rehearsed the third ceremony, including the traditional history connected with the degree, Bro. A. Woolf acting as candidate. One of the sections was worked in the usual manner. As the removal of the Lodge was so sudden and unforeseen, Bro. J. R. Foulger P.M. and Worshipful Master of the Cripplegate Lodge, suggested that a record of the fact, and the circumstances leading to it, should appear on the minutes. Bro. Constable supported the proposition, and expressed his indignation and disgust at the treatment they had lately received. The strong language with which he desired to modify Bro. Foulger's suggestion was, however, objected to, and he reluctantly allowed milder counsels to prevail. Bro. F. Croaker will preside on Wednesday next.

St. Paul's Lodge, No. 194.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, City. Present—Bros. S. Hunt W.M., Seager S.W., C. E. McBean J.W., R. Fowler P.M. Secretary, R. M. Veal P.M. Treas., Wm. W. J. Compton S.D., A. B. Renshaw J.D., H. F. Paget I.G., Harper P.M. Steward. Past Masters—Bros. G.N. Watts, W. Temple, E. Randall, Weston, Dr. Watson, Wilson, and Bros. Fisher, Gilbert, T. G. Smith, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. T. G. Smith, No. 890, was unanimously elected a joining member Bro. Otto Rochs was passed. Bro. Reynolds, of the Sphynx Lodge, 1329, was proposed as a joining member. A sum of £10 10s was granted from the charity box to be placed on Bro. Compton's list, who is a Steward for the Boys' Festival. A letter was read from the Montefiore Lodge, and the petition respecting the non-admission of the members of the Hebrew Faith in Germany was, after some discussion, signed by the W.M. on behalf of the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a very excellent banquet and dessert. The W.M., in eloquent and genial terms, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In introducing that of the Charities, he said Bro. Compton would well represent the Lodge at the Festival for the Boys. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Randall P.M., who said Bro. Compton being absent, he was pleased to say that he had a goodly sum to add to his list contributed by the brethren present. They had a candidate on the list, and this was the last application. He was the son of a brother who was an ornament to the Lodge and the Craft. He was sure every brother who knew him would support the case, and when the election took place he hoped to see their efforts would be crowned with success. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. They had many distinguished brethren present, among others Bro. Harty, who is now completing the Great Historical Picture of the Installation of H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master. Bro. Harty responded, and in the course of his speech, said a proof will be presented on the 28th of April, that being the second anniversary. Bros. Swallow and H. M. Levy followed. Bro. Watts I.P.M. then rose and said he was pleased to propose the toast of the W.M. He had done so on several occasions, but to-night especially he had done his work well, and while they had such Masters the Lodge would prosper, and they all wished him long life and health to carry out his duties. The W.M. returned thanks for the kind manner they had responded to the toast. He hoped, at the expiration of his year of office, that they would be satisfied with his exertions for the benefit of the Lodge. He then proposed the P.M.'s, and he would couple with it the name of Bro. Randall, who, in a humourous speech, returned thanks. The W.M. then proposed the officers of the Lodge, all of whom are thoroughly proficient in their duties. The Treas. and Sec. are invaluable. Bro. McBean having responded, the Tyler's Toast was given. Bros. T. Lawler jun., Randall, Watts, Collins, Lambe, Rochs, &c., contributed some very excellent songs during the evening. The Visitors were Bros. B. Swallow P.M. 1563 and 382, E. J. Harty W.M. 1201 and 228, Collins 765, Contro 1150, Badkin S.W. 1365, W. Hollens 766, F. J. Cronin P.M. 231, Lawler jun. 1297, G. Whitehead, Bodkin, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday the 17th inst., at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Present—Bros. Goode W.M., Ross S.W., Ansbell J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treasurer, Brensted S.D., Fenner J.D., Larkin I.G. Visitor—Bro. Francis Holland 1158. Business—The Lodge was opened in regular order, and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Isaac acting as candidate. The sections of the third degree were worked by Bros.

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Hewlett and Pearcy. Bro. Ross was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks, deservedly earned by the W.M., closed the proceedings.

Royal Union Lodge, No. 382.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Belmont Hall, Uxbridge. Bros. C. J. W. Davis W.M., Ferenbac P.M. as S.W., Halliday J.W., Coulton P.M. Treasurer, W. Coombes P.P.G.S.B. (Middlesex) Secretary, Diarcy as S.D., Cook J.D., Lonsdale I.G., Weedon P.M., and a numerous assemblage of members and visitors. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bro. Price and Gaylard were passed. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. I.C. Swallow W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge; he was duly installed by Bro. Coulton P.M. The salutations to the newly installed W.M. were given, and he then invested his Officers—Bros. C. J. W. Davis I.P.M., Weedon as S.W., in the absence of that Bro., Bro. Webb, Halliday J.W., Coulton Treasurer, W. Coombes P.P.G.S.B. Sec., Cook S.D., Diarcy J.D., Russ I.G., Lonsdale D.C. The newly installed W.M. then initiated Messrs. W. Marshall and C. Sarf into the Order; a ballot was also taken for Mr. F. Lucy. Bro. Cooper proposed and Bro. Halliday seconded, that the following resolutions be passed and entered on the minutes, "that the best thanks of the Lodge are due to Bro. C. J. W. Davis for his exertions in connexion with the removal of the Lodge of Instruction and its regeneration in the formation of the La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction." This was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet provided by Bro. Drinkwater. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic Toasts. That of the Provincial Grand Officers found a very able respondent in Bro. W. Coombes P.P.G.S.B. Bro. C. J. W. Davis then proposed the health of the W.M., which was responded to. The I.P.M., Bro. Davis, was next given. He was one who had, in every respect, carried out the duties of the chair to their satisfaction; and, in recognition of those services, in the name of the Lodge, he had great pleasure in presenting him with a Past Master's jewel. He hoped he might live long to wear it, and give his valuable assistance as a P.M. to the Lodge. Bro. Davis suitably returned thanks for the kind expressions of the W.M., and also for the valuable gift. He said that whatever duties in connection with the Lodge were required of him, he was always willing to undertake. They were now in the position to establish a Lodge of Instruction in the Province. Should such take place they had only to call on him, and he would always be ready and willing to do all in his power to further the object. The toasts of the Treasurer, Secretary, Wardens, and Officers were given and responded to, after which the Tyler's Toast concluded the evening.

Union Lodge, No. 414.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, 20th inst., at Reading. Present—Bros. Stephen A. Pocock W.M., Edward Baker S.W., Charles Oades J.W., Nicholas Garry Chaplain, J. Leaver Sec., Sam. Bradley S.D., Charles Stephens J.D., R. C. Mount I.G., F. J. Ferguson D.C., S. Wheeler and C. Sprent Stewards, W. Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Morris, Bradley, Weightman, Strachan, R. T. Woodhouse P. Prov. D.G.M. Berks (hon. mem.), Bros. Brakspeare, F. Blackwell, Ayres, Sydenham, Higgs, Withers, Butler, Mitchell, Martin, Stallwood, Hawkes, and Visitors, from 1101, Bros. Margrett W.M., Stransom Treas., Ivey P.M. Sec., Hurley P.M., Hunt, Pulley, Bailey, Robinson, Cottrell and Hawkes, and from Fidelity No. 663 Bro. J. Long, P.M. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The W.M. announced that Bros. Martin and Hawkes were candidates for passing to the second degree; he therefore put the usual questions to them, and they retired. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree. Bros. Martin and Hawkes were passed. The lecture on the Tracing Board was given by Bro. Dr. Woodhouse, who is the senior Mason in the Province, and on the venerable brother taking the chair, the utmost attention was given to the interesting lecture, which called forth a unanimous vote of thanks, to which he responded. The sum of ten guineas was voted to Bro. Weightman's list, as Steward to the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. A discussion took place on the subject of the exclusion of Jews by the German Grand Lodges, which was referred to the Permanent Committee. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W. Present—Bros. Wray W.M., Farwig S.W., Weeks J.W., T. Cull Sec., T. O. Davis S.D., Docker J.D., Cornelisson I.G.; also Bros. Mander Preceptor, Belinfant, Solomons, T. Ager, Collins, A. Stewart, Milmow, Morphew, Dr. Lloyd, Beckett, and Knight. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd and 3rd degrees, and the latter ceremony rehearsed. The 1st section was then worked by Bro. Mander, the 2nd by Bro. Farwig, and the 3rd by Bro. Cull Sec. The Lodge was closed down, and Bro. Farwig elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed in due form. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. Mander on Thursday, 29th inst.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, the 16th inst., at Bro. Kennard's, Feathers' Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. S. Nichols W.M., Lucas S.W., Hayes J.W., A. Brawn Secretary, G. Tribbel Preceptor, March J.D., Parsons I.G. Bros. Cooper, Thompson, Kennard, Godden, Reid and W. J. Hall 103. Lodge was opened in due form. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Thompson being the candidate. Bro. P.M. Brawn gave the three installation addresses. Bros. Thompson and Reid answered the questions for passing. Bro. W. J. Hall, of Confidence Lodge, No. 193, was elected a member. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Nichols, for the able manner he had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time. Bro. Lucas was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834.—An emergency meeting of the above well-known Lodge took place at the Bell and Anchor Hotel, West Kensington Gardens, on Tuesday, the 13th instant. Present—Bros. T. Knowles W.M., Fisher S.W., Baker J.W., Watson S.D., Shaw J.D., Middleton I.G., Oliver Org., Warner and T. Bryett Stewards, W. T. Worthington Secretary. The Lodge was duly opened by the W.M., who afterwards raised Bros. Doncaster, Tuck and Sinclair. Mr. Richard Josey was next initiated, after which the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous supper, provided by Bro. P.M. Millis. After ample justice had been done to the repast, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. In proposing the health of the Visitors, consisting of Bro. Cumming 534 and another, the W.M. stated that nothing gave the Ranelagh members greater pleasure than to see visitors among them, and the Lodge would always endeavour to make them comfortable. Both of the visiting brethren suitably replied. Bro. Butt I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., spoke in touching terms of the admirable way in which Bro. Knowles had carried out his duties during his year of office, and the time he had given to studying the same. The W.M., in a neat and appropriate speech, replied that he had always the success of the Ranelagh Lodge at heart, and would endeavour to do his best in keeping up its character. The Tyler's toast followed. We may here mention that Bro. Oliver presided at the piano, and some of the brethren gave great satisfaction in rendering part songs, &c.

Andrew Chapter, No. 834.—On Thursday the 15th inst., a convocation of this Chapter was held at the Bell and Anchor Hotel, West Kensington Gardens. Comps. W. T. Worthington Z., Lewis Bryett, H. Adamson T. After the usual preliminaries, the M.E.Z. exalted three brethren; the manner in which the ceremony was conducted, showed that the M.E.Z. had paid great attention to the study of his duties. The Comps. after the closing of Chapter, sat down to an excellent dinner, which did great credit to Comp. Millis. The M.E.Z. in due course, gave the usual loyal and R.A. toasts, which were well responded to. The Comps. separated after spending a most enjoyable evening.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 20th of March, at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. Perrin W.M., Perry S.W., Johnson J.W., Worsley Secretary, Barker S.D., Ashburner P.M. J.D., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, Smith I.G.; Past Masters—Bro. Wright, Ashburner. Visitors—Bros. Dallas, Christian, Ould, Davis, Hewlett. Business—The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The Lodge opened in the 2nd degree, Bro. Davis having answered the necessary questions, the Lodge was opened in the 3rd, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Davis acting as candidate; P.M. Wallington gave the traditional history. The W.M. was highly complimented on his having worked the ceremony in such a perfect manner. Bro. Hewlett worked the 1st and 3rd section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed down to the 1st degree; Bro. Perry was unanimously elected W.M. for next Tuesday week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. The Preceptor gave notice that the annual supper would take place on Tuesday next at 7 o'clock, and hoped that all those brethren who intended being present would make it convenient to be there in good time. The Lodge will be opened at 6.30. The list being full, no more tickets can be issued.

Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159.—The installation meeting of this respected Lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall on the 19th inst. The Lodge was opened at 5 p.m.. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. Ernest C. Cheston, which being unanimous, that gentleman was initiated. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and Bros. Cunliffe Owen C.B. and Gustav Guillain were duly passed. Bros. W. F. Kelly, Lodge No. 1, of Carthagena, New Granada, and Arthur Le Nove Foster, Bulwer Lodge, of Cairo, having been elected joining members. Bro. Wood P.M. and Secretary, proceeded to instal Bro. Henry James Moxon, who had been unanimously voted to the chair of King Solomon. The ceremony was performed in a very solemn and impressive manner, and hearty congratulations accorded to Bro. Moxon in that high position. The newly-elected W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers, suitably addressing each; after which a very pleasing duty devolved upon him, in presenting the retiring Master (Bro. Simmonds) with a Past Master's jewel, which he acknowledged. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room. Amongst the visitors present we noticed Bros. Hyde Clarke D.G.M., Turkey, C. Horsley P.P.G.R. Middlesex, G. Glover P.G.J.W. and P.M. Prince of Wales' Lodge, J. H. Younghusband P.P.G.M. Lancashire and P.G.J.W. Dr. Ramsey P.M. Prince of Wales Lodge, Dr. Bonny P.M. 193, J. Burkett 1114, W. J. Woodman P.M. 1298, A. Harding P.M., Leftwich P.M., Calder, Harold, Kember and Barshall. At the conclusion of the banquet the customary toasts were proposed. "The Queen and the Craft." "The M.W.G.M.," "The P.G.M.," "The D.G.M., and the other Grand Officers Past and Present" were given briefly and pertinently from the chair, and duly honoured. Bro. Simmonds, the I.P.M., then asked the brethren to join him in drinking the health of their esteemed W.M., dwelling at some length upon the zeal and attention which he had shown in the discharge of his duties since he entered the Craft. The W.M. (Bro. Moxon), in reply, said some one had told us that language was made to conceal our thoughts, but he must confess, in rising to

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to thank them for the kind manner in which they had been pleased to receive his name, that he certainly lacked the power to express his thoughts on that occasion. To be, he said, the W.M. of a Lodge, was, indeed, a proud priviledge; but following in the footsteps of such Past Masters was what he most sincerely valued. Although he undertook the office with a certain amount of diffidence, the considerate treatment of the brethren was already fast overcoming it, and he hoped soon to acquire that confidence which is so necessary for the proper performance of his duties. He assured them that there was no one whose heart was warmer towards Masonry than himself, and he felt bound to say that to him it had proved a blessing, having cemented many friendships which already existed, and fostered others of recent growth. If he failed to express his feelings in words for their kindness, he claimed their indulgence, and asked them to look to his deeds while he occupied the elevated position to which they had that evening elected him; before resuming his seat he should like them to know that he had been appointed a Steward at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be held on the 9th of May, and he asked to be allowed to state on behalf of the Institution for which he was now appealing, that there was not another more deserving their sympathy. It is, he said, supported entirely by voluntary contributions, and since its establishment, two thousand girls had been educated, clothed, and maintained within its walls. Bro. Moxon then gave other particulars, speaking also of recent improvements, and, in conclusion, confidently appealed to those present to support an institution which had effected so much good for the little ones of our deceased and distressed brethren, and reminding them that charity was the brightest jewel in the Masonic Crown, and the great end of Freemasonry. The W.M. next proposed the health of Bro. Past Masters Woods and Cama. Bro. Simmonds in reply, heartily thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions, and spoke of the pleasure it afforded him to see the chair so ably filled. The W.M. then gave the Initiates, Bros. Cheston and Owen, who he hoped were pleased with the ceremony. Bro. Cunliffe Owen was midway in Freemasonry, and the W.M. availed himself of this opportunity to couple with the toast the name of such a distinguished brother for as director of the South Kensington Museum, he had by his energy and ability greatly contributed to the value of the collection. Bro. Owen had also the confidence of British exhibitors, and would no doubt obtain higher and additional honours at the Paris Exhibition next year. The toast having been briefly acknowledged, the W.M. gave the Visitors, and said the theme of this toast afforded him great pleasure and gratification, that he was sure they would all participate in. It was very flattering to have such a goodly array of visiting brethren, and be honoured with the presence of those whom he was proud to acknowledge, and should always be glad to see. Bro. C. Horsley P.P.G.R. Middlesex, eloquently replied. The toast of the Officers followed, to which Bro. Reeve S.W. responded, after which the brethren separated, having spent a very enjoyable evening.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 16th inst. Present—Bros. Crouch W.M., R. W. Pearcy S.W., Lane J.W., Fenner S.D., Leo Engell J.D., Towsend I.G. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes confirmed. Lodge was then opened in 2nd and 3rd degrees, and afterwards resumed to the 1st, and Bro. Odell 1366 was elected a member, after which the Lodge was closed, and the brethren present, numbering about 20, sat down to a very substantial repast, provided by the host, Bro. Bolton. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. This was the first anniversary supper of the Upton Lodge of Instruction. The W.M. informed the brethren that he hoped it would succeed as other Lodges had done, and make its mark in Freemasonry as an efficient Lodge of Instruction. A very pleasant evening was spent, many of the brethren contributing to the harmony by some very excellent songs.

Great Northern Lodge, No. 1267.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. P. G. Jupe W.M., Christie S.W., West J.W., S. Webb P.M. Treasurer, T. H. Staton P.M. Secretary, E. Lancaster I.P.M., &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bros. Dawkins (manager of the Freemasons' Tavern) and Croucher were raised. Bros. Parry, Hawkins, Watkins and Kempton were passed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. H. Kernot, R. H. Mansbridge, and Walter Soden, which proving unanimous in their favour, they were duly initiated. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshments. There were several Visitors present.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Friday, the 16th inst., at the Castle Tavern, Holloway-road, N. Present—Bros. Simpson W.M., Eldridge S.W., Hunter J.W., Dickinson Secretary, Passingham S.D., Sparrow J.D., Chant I.G.; also Bros. Cull (Preceptor), Wright, Shackle, Yeomans, Nunn, and several other brethren. The Lodge being opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the 2nd, and Bro. Coughtrey answered the questions and retired. Lodge opened in 3rd, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Yeomans candidate. Lodge closed to 1st degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Hall candidate. Bros. Mash Lodge 73, Coughtrey, Lodge 73, and Ager, Lodge 185, were elected members. Bro. Eldridge chosen W.M. for the ensuing Friday. Resolved unanimously, that the 15 sections be worked in the Lodge on Friday, 27th April, and that Bro. Cull preside on the occasion. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The regular weekly convocation of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, 20th inst., at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, E.C. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed by the Principals, Comp. Messenger acting as candidate, who was afterwards elected a member. The following were present—Comps. J. K. Stead M.E.Z., Lindus H., A. A. Drew J., Hugh S.N., J. Constable acting S.E., J. J. Berrie P.S., E. Moody, F. Brown, J. Ramsey, A. D. Lowenstark, G. J. Row, G. K. Lemann, &c., &c.

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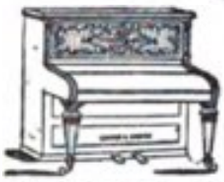
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JEWISH MASONIC DISABILITIES IN PRUSSIA.

WE rejoice to hear the movement inaugurated by the Montefiore Lodge, to which we allnded in a recent article, is progressing so satisfactorily. No less than a hundred and twenty Lodges have expressed their readiness to support its efforts to obtain from the three Berlin Grand Lodges that recognition, in practice, as well as in theory, of the universality of Freemasonry which at present the latter decline to acknowledge. We trust that other Lodges will follow suit, and that when the time comes for the question to be dealt with by our Masonic authorities in this country, those who take the lead will find they have not only the enthusiastic, but, likewise also, the unanimous support of the English Craft. We are also rejoiced to hear that the movement has the support of the able German Masonic historian, Bro. Findel. This alone is enough to prove that the intellectual section of the Fraternity in Germany is opposed to the narrow-minded exclusiveness of the Berlin Grand Lodges.

It must be apparent to all our readers that no real community of feeling can exist between the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in this country and her sister Grand Lodges in Prussia, when the former accepts in its entirety, and the latter reject, the admissibility of reputable men of *all* political and religious faiths into the ranks of Freemasonry. It is one of our fundamental laws that no man shall be questioned as to his religious or political views. All that is necessary is that he must be a law-abiding man, and one who believes in the existence of a God and a future state. Jews are admittedly loyal to the Government under which they live, be it republican or monarchical. No kind of government, indeed, has more loyal subjects, while in the matter of religion none are more strictly observant of the principles they profess. They believe in the Creator of the Universe, and are as truly religious, according to the light that is in them, as any other sect. They have suffered in former days for the tenacity of their faith, as Christians have suffered, and as, indeed, men of all creeds have suffered, and will continue to suffer; so long, at least, as there are religious differences, and the charity we all profess is not universally practised. In England the principles of toleration have always been practised among Freemasons, at least since the constitution of our Grand Lodge in 1717, and the establishment of a regular system of Masonic Government. A Jew who is known to be a worthy man is, and always has been, and, we may venture to say, always will be, admissible into the ranks of Freemasonry. It would no more occur to an English brother, who was invited to propose a candidate, to inquire what the latter's religious belief was, than what his political views were. It would be enough for him to know that the man he was asked to propose for election was a religious man, as well as loyal to the Government of his country. Above and beyond this, the intending candidate might hold any views he chose, either in religion or politics. Prussia is a great country. It has given birth to many great men, and it is an enlightened country, yet not so enlightened as we are, who are cut off from the rest of Europe by the "silver streak." Prussians have evidently to understand what toleration really means, that is, the Prussian brotherhood at least; and the sooner they make further acquaintance with its character, the better for their own sakes, as well as for the interests of that Freemasonry which they, as we, profess to love so dearly. We do not care to speak harshly of any brethren. We are too sensible of our own imperfections to advocate a policy of reprisal. Yet see we not how it is possible to fulfil our duty properly and conscientiously, and at the same time pass over unnoticed this most flagrant breach of Masonic law, which our Prussian brethren insist on perpetrating. We feel that when the proper time comes, it will be the duty, albeit a painful one, of the Grand Master to withdraw from all official Masonic intercourse with this or that one of the Prussian Grand Lodges which practically denies the universality of the Craft. We feel that it will be his duty to withdraw our representatives, and to order the withdrawal of theirs, till such time as the true Masonic light shall illumine their minds, and induce them to practise, as well as preach, the true principles of Freemasonry. We shall regret to see any dissension arising between sister Grand Lodges, but it is absurd to expect us to act against our conscience, and accord to our German brethren that recognition which they deliberately withhold from our Jewish brethren.

It is as well, perhaps, we should add a few lines, in order that we may express a hope, that the progress of this movement may not be interrupted by any minor feelings of jealousy, on the ground that one Lodge is taking a more prominent part than its fellows. It matters little what Lodge enjoys the honour of having taken the initiative in raising this question publicly. We have a community of interest as well as of feeling in this matter. We are all equally anxious these Masonic disabilities of the Prussian Jewish Masons should be removed, and if the Prussian Grand Lodges will not do what they are in duty bound to do, there is but one course for our Grand Master to follow. What that course is, we have already indicated with sufficient clearness. Masonry and bigotry are as opposite to each other as the two poles.

THE COMPREHENSIVENESS OF FREEMASONRY.

WE often hear maliciously-disposed people affirm that the equality on which we Freemasons so justly pride ourselves has no existence, except in our own perfervid imagination. We are, it is true, all equally admitted into some of the minor and more harmless mysteries. So far the same degree of knowledge is vouchsafed to all, and so far, of course, we are all equally bound to observe the obligations imposed upon us at our admission into the Society. But there is, say they, a Masonry within Freemasonry, into which only a very select few are admitted. It is these select few, we are told, who are the wire-pullers in every foul conspiracy that is hatched against society and religion. These it is to whose machinations are due the overthrow of kings and emperors; the prevalence of atheism and materialism; the calm indifference with which the behests of that sacrosanct personage the Pope are regarded by all but a few religious quacks; and that eternal perdition hereafter which is reserved for all mankind, or for so much of it as [illegible] refuses to believe that the unholy fanaticism of Christianity is in any way representative of the true principles of religious faith. We have no intention, [illegible] moment the charges raised against [illegible] assailants of the Romish Church [illegible] very elaborate argument to demonstrate their worthlessness. To begin with, there is absolutely not a tittle of evidence either direct or circumstantial that a single one of them is more than the mere assertion of persons interested in or

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anxious for our destruction. It is not necessary a man should be a Mason to have thus much knowledge. Our aims and purposes, our constitutions and laws, are published to all the world. If there are those among us who do not abide by our laws, who deviate from the path of duty as prescribed by our Constitutions, that in no way destroys the purity of Freemasonry. As well might it be said that because some Christians and some Jews have violated, the former the laws of Christianity, and the latter those of Judaism, that Christianity and Judaism are worthless as religions. These so-called arguments must be applied generally or not at all. If we are to condemn utterly the whole Fraternity of Freemasons for the crimes of a few irreligious or political fanatics who happened to have been members of that body, then must we condemn utterly, the whole system of Christianity for the crimes of a Cæsar Borgia, of Alexander VI., the Inquisition, and other Christian persons and societies too numerous to mention. The truth is, we are becoming so influential a body in every country illumined by the sun of reason as well as by that glorious orb of day, which is the emblem, as it is the centre, of all life, both human and divine, that certain perverse-minded priests of the Church of Rome are becoming alarmed for the loss of their own power. None know better than they do that the pretentious system of which they are the professors will be shattered, in fact, is being shattered to pieces, the moment that freedom of consience is accepted of all peoples. It is only by the most unholy terrorism this priesthood has been able to influence the minds of men; but as the light of reason becomes brighter and still more bright, the system which formerly was so much feared will be laughed to scorn, and the whole fabric of this Pseudo-Christianity will come tumbling to the ground. It is then, for the reason that we are daily increasing in numbers and in influence, that we are almost daily erecting new temples in countries where none previously existed; it is because all men acknowledge that our system is admirable, while even those who are careless in the matter are fain to admit that, in its general character as understood by most people, Freemasonry is perfectly innocuous as regards either religion or morals, that the bigoted section of Roman Catholicism assails us so bitterly. As we advance, so must they inevitably retire. The day of our triumph will be the day of their destruction. We can understand fully the savage determination with which they seek to avoid their doom. We are ready to concede it is human-natural they should struggle fiercely to this end. Yet none the less will they fail in their efforts, and when we triumph, then whatever form or forms of religious worship may prevail throughout the world, they will have at least one element in common which in some is wanting now. They will all be animated by the spirit of love—the love of God and of one's neighbour. This will, at all events, be something for which the world will be indebted to Freemasonry.

We commenced these remarks with a reference to the charge so frequently laid against us, that we are a society, into the innermost circle of which only a few choice spirits are admitted. The princes and nobles who are received into Freemasonry are said to be admitted only to a limited knowledge of our system. What is vouchsafed to them is perfectly harmless. They live, therefore, in the belief that the Fraternity of which they are proud to be members is likewise harmless. Moreover, these princes and nobles are inveigled into our ranks for the express purpose of giving an appearance of respectability to a Society whose real aim is the destruction of religion and morality. Nothing more clearly exhibits the woful ignorance of our enemies than these assertions. There is no inner circle in Freemasonry. Craft Masonry is the basis of the superstructure, and most intimately associated with this is what is known as Royal Arch Masonry. In addition, are Templarism and a large number of high and side degrees, all more or less respectable. But these are not recognised in this country as part and parcel of Freemasonry. On the other hand, most of our distinguished Craft Masons are members of these grades. Every one, indeed, who is so minded and is thought worthy may receive them. It is clear, then, that so far from the greater number of our mysteries being restricted only to a few, they are open to as many as desire initiation, there being only one degree to which a numerical limit is imposed. But this is of far less importance than the comprehensiveness which is the most striking characteristic of Freemasonry pure and simple. Within its fold are admissible men of all gradations of rank in society, the one condition being that they must be free men, of reputable character. But as one tittle of evidence is worth more than a whole bundle of statements, how authentic soever these may be, we will just mention the names and status of the candidates for admission to the various grades who presented themselves on the 13th instant in one of our Craft Lodges, to wit, the Wanderer's Lodge No. 1604, which meets at Freemasons' Hall. On this occasion there were elected as joining members of this Lodge the following, namely, Bros. Will. Francis Mimms, Visitor L.S.B., late Troop Serjeant Major 8th (King's Royal Irish) Hussars, Richard Philips, Pioneer Serjeant Scots Fusilier Guards, and Capt. the Hon. Richard S. G. Stapleton Cotton, a near relative of Viscount Combermere. The following were passed to the second degree, namely, Bros. Capt. Ralph Vivian, Capt. W. S. Montgomery, Captain Lord Francis C. Gordon Lennox, a son of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, Lord President of the Council, and Capt. Fred. Lorn Campbell. The following were initiated, namely, Messrs. Richard Bryant, late Regimental Clerk Coldstream Guards, John Holloway, Quartermaster Sergeant in the same regiment, and George Hendry, late Regimental Clerk, and Henry R. Filcher, late Quartermaster Sergeant, both of the Grenadier Guards. Who will deny that Freemasonry comprehends men of every rank in society, when we find members of the nobility, gentry, and commonalty elected members of one and the same Lodge on one and the same occasion? The select body of conspirators against religion and morality must be very dull fellows indeed if they accord to men of high as well as men of modest birth exactly the same privileges and knowledge of our Masonic rites.

MASONS OF MANY DEGREES.

(From the *Voice of Masonry.*)

NOT unfrequently we hear it stated by members of the Masonic Institution, and, occasionally, see the same idea put forth in our Masonic journals, that Masons, who are recipients of what are called the higher degrees of the Order, become careless of their obligations to the Lodge; neglect to attend its communications; deprive it of their aid and council, and neglect its interests and disregard its prosperity. This charge—for it amounts to a charge—is grave, and, if sustained, ought to call upon those who are amenable to it, the severest reprehension. If not true, it should cease to be made. It is, probably, one of the multitude of questions upon both sides of which something may be said and a fair argument exhibited, and yet we cannot concede the general truth of the allegation. Were we to make up our opinion on the subject from our own personal experience in the matter, we should at once conclude that the charge is mostly without foundation. Where we have been connected with the Lodge, it has almost invariably been the case that that body has principally been governed, supported and sustained by officers and members who were in possession of the secrets of the Chapter, Council and Commandery. In one instance that is recollected there were but two Knights Templars belonging to the Lodge; they were decidedly the most prompt in attendance on the meetings of that body of any of the members. If they were not present it was known that there was a good and sufficient reason for their absence. But this was not all. They willingly filled the offices to which they were called, either permanently or temporarily, and were ready to assist wherever they could be of service, for, in fact, they were the pillars and supports of the Lodge; and no one there thought that they were derelict in their duties towards the "foundation of all true Masonry,"—the first three degrees.

In another case that fell under our observation, there were several Lodges in the place, while the Chapter, Council, Commandery, and the various degrees of the Scottish Rite were represented by a single organization for each. It was not discovered that those who were members of these so-called higher bodies were lukewarm or careless of the progress and prosperity of the Lodges. On the contrary, one of the Knights Templars served year after year as a Lodge officer; and another, a past officer in the Consistory, discharged the duties of Warden and Master for a series of consecutive terms; and two others, equally far advanced in the condemned bodies, officiated in the office of Secretary—an office that would certainly not be sought for the honour it would confer. This was in one Lodge. In another, a Past Commander of the Commandery held the office of Master, and when he succeeded in convincing the brethren that it would be better to have a new presiding officer, they rewarded him by electing him Secretary—a place which he filled for a number of years—and this was about the way the Lodges were officered.

As regards the members not in the chairs, the facts were about coincident with these. It was not often that a special communication of any of the other organizations, if it became necessary after the Lodge was closed, could not be held without going out of the hall for a quorum; and in not very isolated cases a majority of the Lodge members present were, also, members of the so-called higher degrees. These are facts that have come under our own observation, and it is not to be supposed, and will not be contended for a moment, that these are exceptional cases. "All the rest are like these."

The charge we are considering is usually predicated upon the supposition that those who take the higher degrees are so much better

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pleased with them than they are with the Lodge that they lose all interest in the latter, and are entirely absorbed in the greater beauties of the ceremonies and rites of the former. It is believed that this supposition is founded on a misconception of facts. We must admit, to the discredit of Masonry, but more to the discredit of the humanity of which Masons are made, that many become Masons through motives of mere curiosity. They go through the first three degrees, but they are not satisfied because there are other mysteries which have not been unveiled in their presence, and their curiosity still leads them on and on until they have passed through them all, when they sit down and cry, Alexander-like, because somebody will not give them the eighty-four degrees of the Egyptian Rite in addition to the thirty odd of the American and Scottish Rites. Having satiated their curiosity so far as possible by the reception of the degrees within their reach, they lose interest in them all, and attend on the administration of none of them. They have got what they wanted—have satisfied their foolish curiosity—and why should they pay any further attention to the matter? As a rule, this class attend neither the Lodge nor the consistory, and, if the facts were submitted to a scrutiny, we believe it would clearly appear that the great majority of those who are now set down by Lodge members as absenting themselves from Lodge because they like the higher degrees better, are as often absent from the one as the other, and that the reason of their absence is not that they care more for the one than the other, but rather that they care for neither. On inquiry made, we should find them absent from one place as well as the other, and attending neither, unless on particular occasions, and at long intervals.

Were an extended view of the facts touching the subject taken, it would probably appear that the best workers in the Lodge are, generally, the best workers in the higher bodies; and we assume it would be found to be equally true that members of the higher bodies do their full share in keeping up the interests of the Lodge, in proportion to their numbers. We have not yet found the first individual member, who is a thoroughly active and efficient worker in the newer degrees, who does not reverence the ancient landmarks, and hold it to be his duty to preserve them in their vigour and full strength, as well as inviolate. The three degrees are the base and the ground-work of all true Masonry, and are conceded that position by every widely prevailing Rite or system in the world.

We are unwilling, hence, to believe that there is any considerable number who prefer to labour for the up-building of the superstructure without a proper regard for the soundness and perfection of the foundation. The man who builded his house on the sand instead of a rock is designated as a fool, and the saying has long since passed into a proverb. How much wiser is that Mason who, having a sure foundation prepared for him on which to build his moral and Masonic edifice, builds on a new or untried foundation, or on none at all, and finds his structure, like the tenement house of Chicago, based on nothing but mud? But we trust there are few of this class of builders in Speculative Masonry. All have been taught better how to erect their moral and Masonic edifice. Let every one build as well as he has been taught, and his work will be strong and permanent.

But the charge we have so briefly examined may teach those of the so-called high degrees a salutary lesson, if heeded and practised. They cannot be ignorant of the truth that there are large numbers of those who have taken the Lodge degrees only, who really believe those who have been inducted into the others are remiss in Lodge duties, and look upon that body as secondary in importance. It is for those of the higher degrees, so-called, to dispel this illusion. It is in their power to do it. They are the only power which can do it. Let them, in pursuance of this fraternal work, see that a full share of time, work and influence is given to the Lodge. If need be, to correct this wrong impression, let them give more attention, proportionally, to the first three than to the last thirty-three degrees, that no brother may be able, truthfully, to say that they build on any other foundation than that which has been laid.

These last remarks are addressed only to true Masons, who love the Fraternity, and who are willing to labour for its welfare, and suffer that it may prosper. Those who have passed through the various degrees to gratify an idle curiosity, and who attend the Convocations and Conclaves only on public occasions, and think all the good of the higher degrees is covered by a baldric, a sword, and an ostrich feather, will never heed our advice or profit by our exhibition of the facts. But let all true and genuine brethren of the Fraternity remember that in well-regulated communities some must obey if others rule, and that there need be no contention among them except that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and agree.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW MASONIC TEMPLE, KEOKUK, IOWA.

WE gather the following particulars from the *Weekly Constitution*:—

It has been scarcely a year since a violent wind cloud burst over our city, and destroyed the hall occupied by the Masonic fraternity. They had been at great expense the fall preceding in entertaining and banqueting the grand bodies of the State which assembled here, and the loss entailed upon them by the destruction of their hall and paraphernalia was heavy. But they were not discouraged. Temporary quarters were secured, and a committee, consisting of members from each of the Lodges, was appointed to see about building a new temple. Thursday, the Masonic fraternity of Keokuk dedicated one of the best arranged, most convenient, finest finished and furnished halls in the west.

At half-past 2 o'clock on Thursday, 1st March, the Grand Lodge met at 7th and Main streets. It was soon joined by Eagle and Hardin Lodges, when a procession was formed in the following order:—Eagle and Hardin Lodges under charge of their officers. The Grand Lodge of Iowa, under the charge of Grand Master H. W. Rothert. The bodies then moved off and marched out Blondeau to Tenth, from Tenth to Main, down Main to Third, from Third to Johnson-street, out Johnson-street to Fourth-street to the Hall.

On the arrival of the bodies at the Hall, the Grand Lodge was greeted with public grand honours. Music by the band followed, after which the dedication exercises began. Grand Master Rothert, after addressing the Craft, briefly recited, in an impressive manner, the dedicatory ode.

After this the hall was inspected by the Grand Lodge, the members marching through all of the rooms and corridors in the building. The consecration prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. R. C. McIlwain followed, then came the address to the Grand Master, by the Grand Architect, R. F. Bower, who presented Grand Master Rothert with the Square, Level and Plummet, remarking that, "having, according to the best of my ability, accomplished the task assigned me, I now return my thanks for the honour of this appointment, and beg leave to surrender up the implements which were committed to my care when the foundations of this fabric were laid—humbly hoping that the exertions which have been made on this occasion will be crowned with your approbation and that of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. The Grand Master replied in the usual form, after which he was addressed by Deputy Grand Master Cross who expressed the desire of the Craft to have the hall dedicated.

The Grand Lodge then formed a procession around the hall, during which the Craft sang the dedication ode. The Junior Grand Warden, S. L. Bayliss, then presented the Grand Master with a vessel of corn, which he spread on the Lodge, saying: "In the name of the Great Jehovah, to whom be all honour and glory, I most solemnly dedicate this hall to Freemasonry."

A second procession was then formed, and marched around the hall, after which the Senior Grand Warden, John R. Carpenter, presented the Grand Master with a vessel of wine, which he sprinkled over the floor, accompanying the action with these words: "In the name of the most holy St. John, I do most solemnly dedicate this hall to virtue." A third procession followed this act, the Craft singing an ode as the procession marched around. The Deputy Grand Master then presented the Grand Master with a vessel of oil, which was sprinkled over the Lodge, the G.M. repeating: "In the name of the whole fraternity, I do most solemnly dedicate this hall to universal benevolence." The public Grand honours were then thrice repeated, when the G.M. retired to his station. After the Invocation by the Grand Chaplain, Dr. Shaffer delivered a very eloquent oration, which brought the proceedings to a close.

We hope in a future number to publish Dr. Schaffer's oration which we are sure will be read with great interest.

GLASGOW.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE VISITATIONS.

Bro. Col. Walter Montgomerie Nelson, P.G.M. of Glasgow, commenced his visitation for the present year, by a visit to the Union and Crown, No. 103, on Monday, 26th March, and highly complimented the Lodge on the very efficient state of the books, and also of the finances. He, with several P.G.Os., went to the St. Clair. That Lodge in the absence, through illness, of the Master, had been opened by Bro. Hogg I.P.M., assisted by the whole of the remaining office bearers. The report showed that since last visitation there had been 22 initiations, and the funds had been increased by above £30. The P.G.M. congratulated them on their financial as well as their moral prosperity. It was very desirable they should look strictly into the morals of those they were about to admit into the Order.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS, &c.

The Holy Palestine Preceptory will meet at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square W. on Wednesday, 4th April at 5.30., Sir Knt. John Boyd E. Preceptor to instal the E. Preceptor Elect, Sir Knt. H. C. Levander M.A., to invest the Treasurer, appoint the officers, and instal candidates.

The Vigne Chapter, Rose Croix will meet at the Pembroke Hotel, Bournemouth, on Wednesday, 4th April, at 6 p.m. for the perfection of candidates and election of the M.W.S. for the ensuing year. Ex. Bro. S. G. Kirchhoffer, 18°, M.W.S.

The Studholme Lodge of Mark Master Masons will meet at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Thursday, 5th April, at 4.45, Bro. Lieut-General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., W.M.

The Bayard Lodge, No. 1615, held a Lodge of Emergency on Monday, 26th March, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., at 4 p.m. Present—W. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel H. Somerville Burney P.M. P.P.G. Deacon of Essex as W.M., and several others. Bros. the Rev. G. Sutton Flack, Maitland and Herbert were raised. Bros. Egerton and Longcroft passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and the Rev. Hugh Pearson initiated into the mysteries of the Order. On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the Treasurer, a donation of ninety guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Several candidates having been proposed for initiation at the meeting on 30th April, the Lodge was closed in due form.

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Old Warrants.

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No. 61.

No. 204, "Ancients;" No. 255 at the "Union" (1814) No. 181 A.D 1832, and No. 155 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

[LAURENCE DERMOTT, D.G.M.
THOMAS CARTER, S.G.W. ROBERT DAVY, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six, in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful and Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveney and Gask, Heritable Captain and Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, and Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Falkland, and that part of Great Britain called England and Masonical Jurisdiction thereunto belonging . . . . GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Laurence Dermott, Esquire, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Thomas Carter, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Robert Davy, Esq., Junior Grand Warden (with the Approbation and Consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and empower our trusty and well beloved brethren, No. 204 viz., The Worshipful Thomas Beeley one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful George Boyle his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Thomas Tyrer his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the sign of the Cock, or elsewhere, in the town of Stratford, in the County of Lancaster, upon the First and Third Friday in every Calender Month, ... and on all seasonable Times and lawful Occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby farther authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well beloved Brethren Thomas Beeley, George Royle, and Thomas Tyrer, with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge, to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Twenty-seventh day of July, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy and Seven, and in the Year of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy and Seven.

JAS. JONES,
Grand Secretary.

Seal

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 8, Letter H.

ENDORSEMENTS.

To be held at the Legs of Man in Preston, or elsewhere, in the County of Lancaster, upon the first Monday in every month, and on all lawful occasions, being first duly registered pursuant to the statute in that case made and provided.

THO^{S}. HARPER, D.G.M.

Seal

COUNTY OF LANCASTER.

WESTERN DIVISION.

WHEREAS, by patent bearing date the 14th day of September 1826, His late Royal Highness Prince Augustus Frederick of Brunswick, Lunenburg, Duke of Sussex, Earl of Inverness, Baron of Arklow, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, &c., &c., &c., Grand Master of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England, constituted and appointed Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, Esq., M.P., &c., &c., &c., of Huntroyde, in the said County, and whereas the said Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie hath duly appointed me to be his Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in and for the said County, Now I Gilmour Robinson Clerk, by virtue of the Great Power, Trust and Confidence reposed in me, do hereby make known my Will and Consent, and I do hereby authorize and impower you, Brother Gem, the W.M. of Lodge No. 181, to remove the Warrant of Constitution, together with all the Furniture, Clothing, Jewels and property belonging to your Lodge, from Preston to the Royal Hotel, Dale Street, Liverpool, in the said Division, for doing thereof this shall be your authority.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Liverpool aforesaid, this 7th day of May, in the year of Masonry 5852, and of our Lord 1852.

So mote it be.

Recorded in the Minutes of the Provincial G. Lodge.

JOSHUA WALMSLEY, Prov. G. Secretary.
GILMOUR ROBINSON, D.P.G. Master.

The present title, No., &c. are, The "Lodge of Perseverance," No. 155, Liverpool.

We are indebted to W. Bro. John R. Goepel P.M. 155, 823, P.P.G.D.C., for the following interesting description of the above Warrant:—

DESCRIPTION AND REMARKS OF THE WARRANT OF THE LODGE OF PERSEVERANCE, NUMBER 155.

The body of this Warrant is printed from a plate, the requisite portion being filled in with writing; its length is 23 inches by 17 inches broad, and was granted by the Fourth Duke of Atholl, and is dated the 27th July 1777. It has a blue Government stamp value 1s 6d. On the bottom margin of the Warrant is a blue ribbon 2½ inches wide, laced through, forming three blue bars rather less than ¼ an inch deep; there are also 2 cuts where a ribbon has been laced through about 1½ inches broad. On the top margin of the Warrant there is a ribbon laced through showing 3 bars of about ¼ of an inch deep, and ¼ inch broad, equally divided yellow and blue. On the back of the Warrant at the top right hand corner is the written authority of the Deputy Grand Master of England, Thomas Harper Esquire, empowering the removal of the Lodge from Stratford to Preston. On the top left hand corner, also on the back of the Warrant, is a printed dispensation, and filled in with writing, granted by Gilmour Robinson Esq., Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Western Division of Lancashire, to empower the removal of the Lodge from Preston to Liverpool. This Warrant is one of the class known as the Ancients, and like all of this class, is printed from a plate, space being left for inserting, in writing, the names and dignities of the Grand Master, and of all Grand Lodge Officers on their being elected or appointed, and also to whom the Warrant is granted and where to be held. This Warrant purports to be held at the sign of the Cock at Stratford in Lancashire; this is evidently a mistake, as it should be Stretford, and not Stratford, as there is no such place as Stratford in Lancashire; but the Cock Inn at Stretford is still in existence, and from it omnibuses start to Manchester, being four miles distant. The word Viscount is spelt without the letter S as Vicount. The dark blue paper Government stamp is 2 inches long and 1½ broad, in the centre is a rose surrounded with the garter, and surmounted by a crown; across the bottom is the word one shilling; up each side and across the top is the word VI. pence, the stamp is affixed in the margin of the Warrant, and there is also a strip of thin silver, looping it to the parchment, which is bent flat at the back and covered by a white piece of paper, on which is printed the letters G.R., surrounded by a crown, and underneath the letters G.R. interlaced, the whole being pressed together, the blue stamp being ornamented with a spray. This is the only Warrant I know of that has a Government stamp affixed to it. There is no seal of the Grand Master attached to this Warrant, as is usual in those of later dates. The Grand Lodge seal is broken away, the Warrant in its earlier days being folded into one-eighth its size. The original number of the Warrant is 204, at the Union 1814 it became 255, in 1832 it was 181, and in 1863 it was as it is at present No. 155. Taking all things into consideration, the Warrant is in a good state of preservation, the written part being partially faded.

There is no record of the volume or letter under which this Warrant is registered. The James Jones who was Grand Secretary at the time this Warrant was granted appears to have held that office for two years, viz., 1776-8.

The Consecration of the Phœnix Chapter, No. 173, will take place on Saturday, 7th April. Comp. J. D. Massey is the M.E.Z. designate, George Wilson H., and G. R. Green J. The ceremony of Consecration will be performed by Comp. Jas. Terry, P.Z. Nos. 174 and 975.

On Thursday, 22nd inst., a party of gentlemen met at the Holborn Restaurant, for the purpose of presenting the courteous and excellent manager, Bro. I.J. Hamp with a testimonial, consisting of a silver tea and coffee service of the value of 50 guineas. The inscription showed that it was presented by the subscribers as a token of their appreciation of his uniform courtesy as manager of the establishment. The chair was occupied by W. E. Brougham Esq., supported by N. G. Pennyton F. Adlard, F. B. Davage, &c.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

AN important gathering of the Mark Masons of this Province was held at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, on Wednesday, the 21st inst., and the attendance and proceedings were of the most gratifying nature. Prior to the meeting of the Prov. G.L. the Grosvenor Mark Lodge 144 was opened by the W.M. Bro. W. G. Brighten, the G. Sec. of the Province, and as soon as the ordinary business of the Lodge was disposed of, four brethren were in regular order duly advanced, viz., Bros. Chas. Coupland 106, F. W. Goddard 19, A. D. Everingham 569, and J. H. Evans 1017.

Bro. F. H. Cozens officiated as Organist, and with Bros. Theodore Distin and H. D. Martin conducted the musical and choral part of the ceremony, which was thereby rendered the more impressive. By the time the advancements were completed, the Lodge-room was full in every part, on account of the Prov. G. Officers and many visitors arriving to witness the working of the Grosvenor Mark Lodge. The W.M. then called upon the brethren to salute the Prov. G.M. Col. F. Burdett, who replied in most suitable terms.

The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and Bro. W. Wigginton presented Bro. G. A. Rooks the W.M. elect to Bro. Brighten to receive, at his hand, the benefit of installation; the usual questions were put and answered satisfactorily by Bro. Rooks. Bro. Brighten then formed and declared a duly constituted Board of Installed Masters; (probably one of the largest in the Mark Degree). After the installation of Bro. Rooks in due form, the brethren were re-admitted, and listened to the various addresses delivered by the Prov. G. Sec. in an able manner. The new W.M. Bro. Rooks then presented the retiring Master with an elegant and valuable P.M.'s jewel, voted to him by the brethren of the Grosvenor Mark Lodge, and that Lodge was closed soon after six. A procession of the officers of Prov. G. Lodge was then formed, and they were received by the brethren present in Masonic form. The Prov. G. officers present were, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Burdett, the V.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. F. Davison, Col. Stallard G.S.W., J. Baxter Langley, LL.D., G.J.W., Rev. D. Shaboe P.G. Chaplain, E. S. Baikie G.M.O., Wm. Wigginton G.S.O., Chas. Pulman G.J.O., C. Hammerton G. Treasurer, J. M. Klenck G. Reg., W. G. Brighten G. Secretary, G. A. Rooks S.D., J. T. Ritchie J.D., E. B. Bright Superintendent of Works, J. B. Shackleton D.C., J. K. Pitt Asst. D.C., H. Court Sword Bearer, W. Taylor Standard Bearer. F. H. Cozens Grand Organist, and C. H. Rogers Harrison and R. P. Spice Stewards, and among the numerous brethren present were, R. G. Glover P.G.S.W., Thos. Parker P.S.D., R. J. Moore P.M.O., H. C. Levander G.R., Geo. Yaxley 198, A. Wolton 104, John Close, E. Hopwood 181, A. W. Hall Chaplain 7, H. A. Pocock 198, E. Passover 5, A. W. Hume 5, H. R. Cooper Smith 7, Theo. Distin 104, H. D'Almanie 1, Geo. Huddock, Major Harding 7, Bernard Meyer 176, Chas. Legg 198, W. J. Nicholls 198, Saml. Griffiths, R. W. Brown 198, Dr. Ramsey, Louis Bock, E. H. Thiellay 1, and several other brethren of the Grosvenor Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting, held at Richmond in July last, confirmed, the Roll of Lodges was called over by the Prov. G. Sec., whose report thereon was received with much satisfaction, the great increase in the number of members during the past year being observable, and a new Lodge, the Croydon, having been consecrated.

The Provincial Grand Master then said that the special business of this meeting was the nomination of a Prov. G.M. for the ensuing three years. He had been already re-elected for a second period of three years, which latter term had passed by so pleasantly and quickly that it seemed scarcely a year since that election; as he thought it his duty to leave the brethren free and unfettered in the full discussion of the matter, he would leave the Lodge while that business was being settled. The Rev. Bro. Shaboe at once stated that such a course was not required or wished for by the brethren present (universal applause), and in a few words proposed the re-election of Bro. Col. F. Burdett.

Bro. Col. Wigginton seconded the nomination. The motion being put by Bro. Col. Stallard, it was carried unanimously and with acclamation. Col. Burdett then thanked the brethren and congratulated them upon the great and increasing prosperity of the Order in general and of their Province in particular.

The list of Prov. G. Stewards not having been filled up last July, owing to the apathy of some of the Lodges who had failed to recommend any brother for such honours, the Prov. G. Secretary stated how those vacancies arose, and read over certain recommendations now to hand, when the Prov. G.M. appointed Bro. Sanderson, the W.M. of the Mallet and Chisel Lodge, Bros. Legg and Pocock, of the Croydon Lodge, and a brother to be named by the Macdonald Lodge as Prov. G. Stewards.

The Prov. G.M. then adverted to the great family bereavement lately sustained by the head of the Order, the Grand Mark Master of England and Wales, &c., &c., the Earl of Limerick, and proposed that a letter of condolence on the death of Lady Limerick be written by the Prov. G. Sec., and sent from the Province to the Grand Master. The motion having been seconded by Bro. Dr. Ramsey, it was duly put from the chair and carried unanimously.

No further business being before the Lodge, the same was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet, at which the R.W. Prov. G.M. presided, assisted by the Prov. G. Wardens. On the right was the V.W. the Dep. Prov. G.M., and on his left Bro. W. G. Brighten, acting for the W.M. of the Grosvenor Lodge, the banquet for which was provided at the same table. Accordingly, Bro. Brighten was assisted by the Wardens of the Grosvenor Lodge in such duties as were required of him and that Lodge. The toast of the Queen, the Prince of Wales, Prince Leopold, and the members of the Royal Family, were duly honoured, as was also that of the Grand Master—the Earl of Limerick. Each of the above toasts, as well as the subsequent ones, was followed according to programme by suitable music, wherein the services of Bro. F. H. Cozens, the Prov. G. Org., and Bros. Theo. Distin and H. D. Martin were rendered in a most agreeable and pleasant manner. Bro. Levander responded for the Grand Mark Officers. The toast of Col. Burdett as proposed by the Dep. G.M. was received with much enthusiasm. The G.M. replied in terms of unmixed satisfaction; not only with the progress of the Province and Mark Masonry, but with the gathering round that table. He expressed his pleasure at being again nominated, although he felt they might have nominated a better. (No, no.) He would not conceal the fact that he was pleased to be further associated with the Province as Presiding Master now they had reached their present height of prosperity, which promised yet to increase. Bro. Brighten then proposed the health of the D.G.M. F. Davison, and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, and bore testimony to the manner in which they performed their duties, and all took their part in the work; to Bro. Davison and the officers was due much of the success they were met to celebrate. Bro. Davison, at the close of his reply, said he should turn the tables upon Bro. Brighten, for he was sure that all the brethren would agree with him (Bro. Davison) that Bro. Brighten had been proposing his own health in reality; for the Province now owed much to him. The brethren had that evening been able to see him work, as Master of a Lodge, the ceremony of advancement, and also that of installation. The gathering this evening bore testimony to his ability as Provincial Grand Mark Secretary.

After Bro. Brighten's reply, in which he referred with regret to Bro. Rooks having been compelled to leave, he proposed the Past Masters of the Grosvenor Lodge, viz.: Bro. C. Hammerton, the first Master of that Lodge, the first Grand Secretary of the Province, and the present Grand Treasurer, and Bro. Barker, Past Grand Deacon. Those brethren having replied, the next toast was that of the newly-advanced brethren, to each of whom Bro. Brighten briefly referred. Bro. Goddard returned thanks in an able and entertaining manner. The toast of the Visitors, Bros. Dr. Ramsey and Major Harding, was replied to by the former, and soon after concluded an evening which was frequently spoken of as one of the most pleasant and successful ever remembered.

INAUGURATION OF THE CORINTHIAN LODGE, NEW ZEALAND.

THE inauguration of the new Lodge, formed at the Thames, under the English Constitution of Freemasonry, which has been named the Corinthian Lodge, took place on Thursday, 16th November, and was conducted with all the display of Masonic solemnities peculiar to such occasions. That great interest was felt in the inauguration of this Lodge was manifested by the large attendance, not only of the older Lodges—the Lodge of Light I.C., and the Lodge Sir Walter Scott S.C.—at the Thames, but by the large number of visitors who attended from Auckland and Ohinemuir. The Corinthian Lodge being the first under the English Constitution started at the Thames, and the first in the North Island province since the appointment of Bro. Sir Donald McLean as P.G.M. under this Constitution, a greater amount of interest was manifested than is customary. It had been intended that the P.G.M. himself should have inaugurated the Lodge and installed its W.M., but Sir Donald McLean finding himself unable to attend, appointed Bro. M. S. Loers, P.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge E.C., Auckland, acting D.P.G.M. for the occasion. He was accompanied from Auckland by that veteran Mason, Bro. T. Jenkins, who officiated as Master of Ceremonies and Grand Marshal. Amongst the other visitors from Auckland were Bros. C. M. Nelson Chaplain Prince of Wales Lodge E.C., Reece P.M. Ara Lodge I.C. and Prince of Wales Lodge E.C. Visitors from Mackaytown and the Ohinemuir district also attended, and amongst these were Bros. A. J. Allom, D. H. Bayldon, and J. Hayman of the Ara Lodge, W. Climo of Lodge of Light I.C., Keddell P.M., &c. Sir Walter Scott Lodge was first to assemble, before 11 o'clock, at the Freemasons' Hall. The Lodge was opened in form by Rev. James Hill, who was supported by all his Lodge officers, and Past Masters Brodie and Black, and 40 brethren, who were joined by about 10 others shortly after. The Lodge of Light I.C., met at the Masonic Hall, Queen-street, about half-past 11 o'clock, when the Lodge was opened in form by Bro. J. L. Bagnell W.M. with his officers and about 25 members. The Lodge was at once called off, and at noon exactly the members of the two sister Lodges joined their brethren of the new Lodge in the Masonic Hall. Bro. Loers as D.P.G.M. presided, and the following officers of the Grand Lodge officiated:—Bro. Jenkins Director of Ceremonies, C. M. Nelson G. Chaplain, G. S. Graham G.S.W., W. R. Robinson G.J.W., W. Davies G.S.D., J. Reece G.J.D., A. Brodie G.I.G. The whole of the officers were Past Masters. The Grand Officers having been received with the customary rite, the Grand Lodge was opened by the D.P.G.M.

The Secretary of the new Lodge, Bro. Woodward, intimated to the D.P.G.M. that on behalf of the new Lodge he desired that they might be inaugurated as the Corinthian Lodge, under the English Constitution. He had, as required, a copy of the petition, with the names of the new members appended; also the warrant, under the hands of the P.G.M., Sir Donald McLean, and the minutes of the last meeting of the proposed members of the Lodge. He read the documents and minutes, and the latter, after being put to the brethren of the new Lodge, were signed as correct by the D.P.G.M., who then read his own warrant, under the hands of Sir Donald McLean P.G.M., to officiate. The brethren then intimated their satisfaction with the officers named in the dispensation. The Grand Lodge being then fully constituted, was saluted by the brethren with grand honours, and the choir sung an anthem, Bro. Bell presiding at the harmonium. Bro. Rev. C. M. Nelson then read the first seven verses of the 95th Psalm, and pronounced an invocation to the Great Architect of the Universe to bless the object of the present assembly. The Grand Officers and Past Masters then marched round the hall (the choir in the meantime

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singing suitable selections) and poured out the customary oblations of corn, wine, and oil, and the Chaplain, having invoked the Divine blessing on the officers and members of the new Lodge, and on the brethren scattered throughout the world, and the usual responses and honours being given, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Jenkins, made the following declaration:—"Brethren, I am directed by the Most Worshipful the Acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master to make proclamation that by virtue of the power and authority of Grand Lodge, these brethren are now constituted a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, by the title and designation of the Corinthian Lodge. And from henceforth they are fully entitled to exercise all their rights and privileges agreeably to the tenour of their charter, the laws of the Grand Lodge, and the ancient usages of the Fraternity, and may God be with them. So mote it be." Bro. Rev. C. M. Nelson G. Chaplain then read a selection from the 8th chapter of the First Book of Kings, after which the R.W.M. of Sir Walter Scott Lodge, the Rev. J. Hill, delivered an address to the brethren assembled. After suitable anthems had been sung by the choir, this portion of the ceremony was brought to a termination. Bro. Leers officiated as Installing Master. Bro. Wildman, the W.M. elect of the Corinthian Lodge, was presented by Bro. Bagnall W.M. Lodge of Light I.C. and Bro. the Rev. J. Hill R.W.M. Lodge Sir Walter Scott S.C. in the customary form. Bro. Wildman having given his adhesion to the charges and regulations, which were read to him by the Secretary, was received by the Installing Master, and having taken the obligation of Worshipful Master, he was duly installed with the insignia and implements of his office. The following officers were then invested by the Worshipful Master:—Bro. L. Ehrenfried S.W., H. Goldsmith J.W., Rev. V. Lush Chap., F. R. G. Woodward Sec., J. Osborne Treas., T. Bell Organist, G. Best S.D., D. Boone J.D., Hopkins I.G., O. Garrett Tyler. The new Master then thanked the Installing Officer and the officers of Grand Lodge, and also the brethren of the Lodge who had elected him to his present position.

Royal Veterans Encampment, Plymouth.—The annual Convocation was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, on Thursday, 22nd March. Comp. John P. Sawyer having been duly incepted, was then installed a Knight of the Order. The installation of the Eminent Commander followed, both ceremonies being performed very efficiently by the retiring E.C. Sir Knight Godtschalk. The newly installed E.C. Sir Knight J. B. Gover appointed and invested the following officers:—Sir Knights S. Jew 1st Captain, W. Browning 2nd Captain, L. D. Westcott Prelate, J. Austin Treasurer, V. Bird Registrar, J. H. Keats Ext., T. Heath C. of L., Templer Almoner, Charles Godtschalk I.P.C. A Priory of Malta was then opened, and Sir Knight J. B. Gover was installed Prior, this ceremony being performed impressively by Sir Knight V. Bird. The customary salutations, proclamations, &c., having been made, the Encampment was closed in ancient form. The Sir Knights assembled at the Globe Hotel for the purpose of dining. The usual loyal and other toasts of the Order were given and heartily responded to. Sir Knight Charles Godtschalk the I.P. Commander, rose and proposed the toast of the evening, that of the Newly Installed Commander, Sir Knight J. B. Gover, in the following terms:—Our Brother graduated through all the important chairs of Masonry, and displayed skill and great judgment in the work. He was recognised as worthy of honours by the then aristocratic chief of this important Province, the late Earl Fortescue, and a Provincial collar was conferred on him. Our Brother is yet in harness, zealously working for the Order with a well digested knowledge of our laws and constitutions. He is Secretary of your Committee of Petitions, which in itself unites the functions of a Lodge of Benevolence and Board of General Purposes for the whole Province. The duties of this important office, with the large amount of other Masonic matters undertaken by our brother, can only be done by one who has both heart and soul in the work. It having fallen to me, Sir Knights, to instal our brother in the chair of our Encampment, I am honoured thereby and proud of my task. I ask you all to drink long life, health and prosperity to him. The E. Commander, Sir Knight J. B. Gover, feelingly and with emotion, alluding to the high honour of his present position in the Commandery, said, the Sir Knights knew quite enough of him to know he would do his duty and preserve the honour of the Encampment, but they would remember that if he did not work the ceremony perfectly it would be for the reason that in after life or in later years the memory was not so retentive. Ceremonies learned when a young man adhered with more tenacity, and at all times came readily to aid when wanted. Neither could he help saying the Order was in a transitory state. They even did not know but the ceremony of installation they had heard and witnessed that day from Sir Knt. Godtschalk would be denied them in future, and a new ritual attempted to be thrust upon them. These thoughts led him to express a fervent hope that every Installed Commander in the Province would make it his business to be at the next Convent General in May, to support the majority of the Sir Knights of the Order in confirming the proceedings of last Convent General, the majority at that meeting wishing for a return to the names and forms dear to us as Knights Templar. He was proud to have taken his obligation as an Installed Commander and not as a Preceptor. Sir Knt. Isaac Watts, P.G.T. of the Province, then proposed the health of the I.P. Commander, Sir Knt. Charles Godtschalk. Adverting to the work he did in the various degrees, his connection with the Charities, and his late most successful Stewardship for the Province, he was very sure they all could have but one opinion in reference to the brother who was that day amongst them. This having been responded to by the I.P. Commander, the health of the Novice who had that day been installed into the Order was proposed, and replied to in a few well-chosen remarks. The conversation then turned upon the best means for the organisation of a strong party of E. Commanders to attend Convent General in May next, to support the motions, &c., carried last December.

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THE JEWISH QUESTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Before "Equity" had written in yours of the 17th inst., concerning the Lodge of Montefiore, No. 1017, I think it would have been well if he had made an inquiry of our excellent brother Secretary, one of the Grand Officers of England, who would have assured him that this Lodge is conducted on the purest principles of Freemasonry. I myself am an instance, having been initiated in the Montefiore about seven years ago, and having passed through each successive office to the chair of S.W., and I can only say that all the brethren have cordially endorsed each successive appointment; that I am not an Israelite has not made any difference at all. Indeed, I can truly say that in this Lodge, which includes brethren of various creeds, the only *desideratum* to ensure being received in good fellowship, is that a man approve himself a good Mason.

I am,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. H. GULLIFORD S.W.,
Montefiore, 1017.

11 Caroline-street, Bedford-square,
22nd March 1877.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was very glad to see in your last impression that several brethren, high in authority in the Montefiore Lodge, had come forward to give you the information which I took the liberty of asking you on this matter. There was likewise an indirect answer to my question, supplied in the shape of an explanation of what the Jewish Lodges are; information which I perused with interest, because it conveyed to me matter of which I was to some extent formerly ignorant.

Of course, to me it was so natural to have a Jew sitting by my side, and to consider him an equal-born brother without an *arrière pensée*, that when the circular appealing for the intervention of the Grand Lodge of England, was submitted to the private Lodge for their support, for the purpose of averting the threatened exclusion of the Jews from the Lodges in Germany, I gave it my hearty and undivided approbation.

Now, sir, you will, of course, want to know, as you have a perfect right to know, what should have prompted me to ask such a question. Well, it was neither idle curiosity nor, as was hinted, a love of mischief which induced me to appeal to you. It struck me, when I saw the circular of the Montefiore Lodge, that it was the very same Lodge which some eight or nine years ago—I won't be certain about the exact year—refused me, on the ground which I have stated. However, in the bustle of life, the incident had long since totally escaped my memory, until it was suddenly revived by the circular in question. Now, why should the brother who brought me the answer of which I complain have tumbled on such an excuse, of all the excuses in the world, he himself being a Jew, if it was not true? If the Montefiore Lodge now repudiates such an imputation as never having had any foundation in fact, nothing, I assure you, can be more gratifying to me; and I commend the readiness and the thoroughness of their repudiation.

All I can say, then, is, that I or my friend, or both of us, must have been the victims of a mystification which can only be explained in one way, viz., that the Montefiore Lodge, being a so-called Jewish Lodge, and the then W.M. or Secretary, I do not exactly know which, with whom my friend communicated on the subject, being a more zealous Jew than others, would rather not admit any more non-Jewish members, without a pressing or particular reason.

My apology for intruding upon your valuable space must therefore be my anxious desire to have an impression removed from my mind, which if it was true, must have made the Montefiore Lodge appear to put themselves forward as the champions of the universal Fraternity of all Freemasons without distinction, whilst they themselves were hatching narrow-minded and exclusive privileges, which, if they existed, must have been at once torn up root and branch by every lover of

EQUITY.

London, 26th March 1877.

THE ELECTION OF GRAND SECRETARY OF SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As the unsuccessful English candidate for the Grand Secretaryship of Grand Lodge of Scotland, may I beg space in your columns for a few remarks?

The office was, I believe, declared vacant at Grand Lodge 5th February last, and no intimation to the contrary appearing, it was, I imagine, pretty generally understood that a native of Scotland only would be eligible. In the London *Times*, however, of the 3rd inst., appeared an advertisement inviting application from *efficient members*

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of the Craft, such application, with testimonials, to be lodged at Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, not later than Saturday, 10th inst. The appointment was thus at the last moment thrown open, to all intents and purposes, to qualified candidates, under the English as well as the Scotch Constitution, and then only did I consider myself at liberty to enter the field. At some considerable expenditure of time I procured most powerful testimonials from many friends, some of them brethren holding or having held the highest executive offices in the Grand Lodge of England, and, by advice, I personally visited Edinburgh, on the 10th inst., to deposit my testimonials with formal application, naturally imagining that an advertisement issued under authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, or its Grand Committee, was bonâ fide, and that, accordingly, every candidate would be placed at the election upon an equally fair footing. To my surprise, I soon discovered that the appointment was really a foregone conclusion, and had been so for some weeks. That the two most important of the native candidates had, from the date of the vacancy, enjoyed the advantages of a very powerful organisation, distributing among members of the Grand Lodge (the elective body in Scotland,) fervid appeals and copies of testimonials, &c., receiving as a result, and by active canvass a large majority of promises; and that even the greater number of the brethren constituting the Grand Committee had actually pledged themselves to one or other of those candidates, even before waiting to ascertain the result of the advertisement they themselves had sanctioned. It was therefore evident, notwithstanding my name was placed as one of the three on the short or reduced list, I had not the slightest prospect of success on the day of election, and, indeed, I was given to understand, that although my qualifications and testimonials were most unexceptionable and important, it was feared they would prove of little avail against personal influence; and further, that I was so very late in the field, although I fail to see how I could well have presented myself before being invited.

Now I would not be considered so impertinent as to presume, for one moment, to say a single word as to the choice of Grand Lodge, but I do contend I have a perfect right to complain of the manner by which the result was arrived at. The advertisement was either real or —may I say delusive? It can scarcely pretend to have been the former in face of what I have stated, and it is therefore the more to be regretted that it was allowed to appear, seeing that it could only have one effect—that of misleading.

These are the facts which, not only in justice to myself, but for the information of my Masonic friends, I think it well to make known, and I shall be mistaken if, in face of these facts, it is not admitted that instead of having suffered what, without this explanation, might be regarded as an overwhelming defeat, I have every reason to be justified at having, as an English Mason, received the support of even so few *independent* brethren in Scotland.

My experience may, perhaps, enable the brethren in England to estimate the value of such advertisements in future.

Yours fraternally,

W. B. HEATH,

London, 29th March 1877. P.M. 198, 504, &c., &c.

THE COMMEMORATIVE LIFEBOATS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On the motion being recently carried in Grand Lodge relative to the endowment of two lifeboats to celebrate the safe return of our Grand Master from India, I hoped that the county of Devon might have had the honour of having one appropriated to it, and, by an Exeter paper, I am sorry to find my hope will be realised. The expression may seem strange, but it is a true one, for I find that it is proposed to place one at Hope Cove, at the eastern extremity of Bigbury Bay. I am not quite sure that it would be of the slightest use in such a position, for recently "Lucretius," whose *nom de plume* is well known to the National Lifeboat Institution and to the Board of Trade, when examining the coast, arrived at the conclusion that Dartmouth was the only spot between Torbay and Plymouth where a lifeboat, to be of any use, should be placed, a steam tug being always available there. I fancy such arrangement has been made, and that a lifeboat is projected for Dartmouth, but still such boat would be useless for Hope. The assertion, however, remains the same (I was going to say the fact, but I do not pledge myself to its accuracy), that the *only* spot where a lifeboat could be of any use is at Dartmouth. I would, though earnestly desirous of seeing one of the boats appropriated to the county, sooner find that it was stationed at the furthest extremity of the kingdom, or anywhere, where one single life might be saved, than placed where it might prove but a useless luxury. Before the matter is settled, it would be well to be sure that a boat would be of service at Hope. I know the coast is a very dangerous one, and a lifeboat is a necessity, but do not let one be stationed unless it can be of use when wanted. There is one now at Salcombe, not five miles from the proposed spot as the crow flies, and I should like to know if, during the years it has been established, it has ever saved a single life, or been off to a single wreck, or been manned in a single storm? I am not disparaging the valour of the Salcombe men (I believe there is no fixed crew), for they might as well attempt to navigate the boat on land as put out to sea without the aid of a steamer in a storm. What I want is, before the establishment of a lifeboat at Hope, that the Craft may be assured that the money so liberally and unanimously voted may be invested to the very best advantage. We shall have no gratification in knowing that we have given and endowed a lifeboat. Our gratification will be that the lifeboat we have given and endowed shall be the means of saving the lives of many cast upon our rock-bound coast.

I am, yours fraternally,

March 26, 1877. A SOUTH DEVON P.M.

CRAFT MASONRY AND THE HIGH GRADES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The seal of which Bro. Whytehead speaks in his letter of last week is, undoubtedly, a very curious relic of former days. But let me ask him, Is he justified in arriving at the conclusion that it is an official seal? May it not have been a mere trinket worn by some brother who was a Craft, Arch, and Templar Mason? The combination of Craft with Arch is not so surprising, for under the "Ancients" the Arch degrees were worked under the warrants of Craft Lodges. Templarism, moreover, was patronised by the most august personages during the last century, as a correspondent of yours showed indirectly in connection with the late Bro. Dunckerley. Nor, if he turn to the pages of Bro. Hughan's *Old Charges of British Freemasons* will he have any reason to wonder at the occurrence on this seal of the Letters I.H.S. In these Charges, the three persons of the Christian Trinity are invoked severally and in their usual order.

Yours fraternally,

P. T. T.

ETIQUETTE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Kindly inform me what the Masonic etiquette is in the following case:—A brother sued another in the county court of this town for the value of a work on Masonry, lent and lost. A third brother, who is high in office in the Province, acted as solicitor to the plaintiff. I want to know if it was not his duty as a Mason to refuse to have anything to do with the case.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours truly,

A PROVINCIAL OFFICER.

Stonehouse, Devon, 27th March.

[We fear, in this case, that *temper* has been introduced. So trivial a matter should not have been allowed to go to extremes. The solicitor might say, so far as he was concerned, it was a matter of business.—ED. F.C.]

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THERE has been but little business transacted in the House of Lords, the meetings having been very brief, except on one occasion, when the Earl of Dudley made a speech on the Eastern Question, in the course of which he passed a severe censure on Sir Henry Elliott, our Ambassador at Constantinople, now on leave of absence in this country, owing to ill health. The Earl of Derby in his reply, deprecated any such attack on a public servant who had rendered such valuable services. Sundry measures received the Royal assent, and the House stands adjourned till the 13th prox. In the House of Commons, too, there has been more talk than business. Several motions and questions have been raised as to the conduct of Ministers and our Ambassador in Turkey. These have led to somewhat long and wearisome debates, especially as at this moment important negotiations are in progress, and the tongues of ministers are tied. Some further progress has been made with the Estimates and the Prisons' Bill, but by no means so much as might have been made had not these motions, &c., been interposed. The house has adjourned over Easter till the 5th prox.

The contemplated cruise of the Prince and Princess of Wales has been postponed, owing, unfortunately, to His Royal Highness's indisposition. The Prince's general health is good, but he has been suffering, it seems, from a boil, to which those who have had typhoid fever are said to be peculiarly liable. We sincerely trust he will be restored to health, and be able to make his projected trip to the Mediterranean at an early date.

General Ignatieff has left England, and is now, at the moment of writing, in Berlin, having taken Paris and Vienna by the way. He will speedily return to St. Petersburgh, and then we shall know perhaps a little more about the designs of Russia. It is said his object in visiting England was not accomplished, as our ministry declined to sign the Protocol, unless Russia gave assurances she would demobilise her army forthwith. We cannot say we are surprised at the conduct of Russia and her diplomatic agents, or at the refusal of the British Cabinet.

On Saturday evening, about ten o'clock, a fire broke out in the Cold-Bath Fields Prison. The flues in the region of the bakery got over-heated, and in the result the whole of that portion of the building, including the bakery, the treadmill, &c, &c., was destroyed. Two firemen received injuries in the performance of their duty. Some of the prisoners had to be removed from their cells, but none of the inmates received the slightest injury. Some difficulty was experienced in extinguishing the flames, owing to the great height of the walls, but the task was eventually accomplished. This is the second fire that has occurred in a prison within a brief interval of time, and as in the case of railway and other accidents, verifies the old saying, "It never rains but it pours." In this case, however, the element which dististinguished itself was fire, not water.

There has been great excitement during the last few days in the athletic world, and no wonder, considering the number of important events which were crowded together at the end of last week and the beginning of this. We take the University Boat Race first, as being first in importance. We find that last week we somewhat overrated our ability to announce the winning crew—for both crews won, if we may be allowed to express ourselves so mysteriously. The race was probably the grandest and most closely contested which has ever taken place. There seems to be little doubt that Oxford would have won by some two lengths, but a mishap befel bow's oar, when only half-a-mile remained to be covered, and he became at once comparatively useless as far as helping the boat forward. A supreme effort on the part of Cambridge enabled them gradually, and amid the wildest excitement of the spectators, to reduce this distance, till, when the goal was reached, honest John Phelps, the judge, delivered his fiat, to the effect that it was a dead heat. Such a result as this was never anticipated. Very few instances have occurred, even in shorter races; but it has never happened over a four-and-a-half-mile course that both boats reached the winning-post at the same moment. Thus the relative positions of Light and Dark Blue remain unaltered by the contest of 1877, and Oxford is still one victory ahead of her gallant rival. The day previous the Inter-University Athletic meeting was held at Lillie Bridge, in the presence of not far short of 10,000 people. There were nine events on the card, and of these Cambridge was fortunate enough to win five. The Hundred Yards fell to Oxford. Then Cambridge won the High Jump, the Mile, and Throwing the Hammer. Jackson was first in the Hurdle Race, and so scored a second victory for Oxford, but Davidson put the weight the furthest for Cambridge, and Churchill won for her the Quarter Mile. Thus the Light Blue success was assured, whatever might befall her champions in the two remaining contests, which, as it happens, both fell to the Dark Blue. The day previous there had been a very fine gathering in the same grounds to witness the Amateur Championship Boxing, Wrestling, and Four Mile Bicycle Contests. On Saturday there was a very novel series of contests, between men and animals, under different conditions. Many of the events created great amusement among the spectators, the race between two camels, a donkey, and a pony, being most ludicrous. The camels ran all over the place in every direction but the right one, and the donkey obstinately refused to move at all for some time, and then it turned off the contrary way, its rider coming to grief, owing to the saddle slipping on one side. The most unruly of the two camels was at length caught by a policeman, and some wags in his neighbourhood suggested that the latter should "run his captive in." In the tug-of-war between an elephant and some fifty guardsmen, the latter proved victorious, the animal not appearing to understand what it had to do, or possibly the result might have been different. Keen, the champion bicyclist, won easily in a race of two miles against a trotting mare, "Queen of the Turf," and also against a little pony over two-thirds of a mile, the pony galloping. We trust the experiment will be repeated. On Monday the Amateur Championship sports were held. Webster, of Knotty Ash, near Liverpool, won the Seven Miles walking, within fifty-four minutes, his principal opponent, Morgan, being beaten by only about half-a-yard. Slade had no opponent in the Mile, but he ran it in 4m. 29sec. notwithstanding. For the Pole Jump 10ft. 9in. was cleared by the winner, and in nearly all the other contests there was some excellent sport exhibited. Unfortunately, the weather was most unfavourable, and, consequently, the attendance of spectators was not worthy of the occasion. No doubt on Monday, which is a Bank Holiday, some provision will be made for the sporting world at West Brompton as elsewhere.

Another serious railway accident, this time to the Flying Scotchman, has happened within the last few days, by which five persons were killed, and several others seriously injured. For some reason, as yet unexplained, the engine left the rails, somewhere near the Morpeth Station, and the carriages immediately following were smashed to atoms. For a long time the line was blocked, and all traffic suspended. The usual inquest was opened as soon as possible, and stands adjourned till the requisite inquiries have been made.

A meeting was held on Monday, at the Mansion House, for the purpose of taking the necessary steps to celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of the introduction, by Caxton, into this country of the art

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of printing. The Lord Mayor presided, and when he had briefly explained the objects of the meeting, Mr. Anthony Trollope and Count Munster severally proposed and seconded the first resolution, to the effect that such an occasion was worthy of public commemoration. A second resolution, proposing that the celebration should take the form of a loan exhibition of Caxton's works, was proposed by the Deputy-Governor of the Bank of England, and seconded by Sir Charles Reed. This was also carried unanimously, and so was a third resolution, that the pecuniary benefits resulting from such exhibition should be appropriated to the establishment of permanent pensions for aged and decayed printers and their widows, in connection with the Printers' Pension Corporation. A vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor brought the proceedings to a close.

Field-Marshal Sir J. F. Fitzgerald, G.C.B., has died at Tours, at the advanced age of 91. Sir J. F. Fitzgerald was gazetted ensign in 1793, when yet only seven years of age. In the following year he was promoted, first to a lieutenancy and then to a captaincy. He took active duty with the 46th Regiment in 1801, when only fifteen years old. He saw a good deal of service in the Peninsular War, having been present at the siege of Badajos, and the battles of Salamanca, Vittoria, and the Pyrenees. He was taken prisoner at or after the last mentioned, but was afterwards exchanged. By order of the French Minister of War, the same military honours were accorded to the deceased as would have been accorded to an officer of the same distinguished rank in their own army, and the whole of the garrison escorted the remains to the grave. We feel certain this proof of courtesy and good fellowship will be appreciated in England as it deserves.

The outbreaks of Cattle Plague are extending. Hitherto this terrible disease has been confined to the East-end of London, but on Tuesday it made its appearance in the neighbourhood of Shepherd's Bush. Measures are said to be in contemplation by the Metropolitan Board of Works for the stoppage of all movements of cattle in the metropolitan district. This indeed seems absolutely necessary, if we are to prevent a repetition of the fearful losses which occurred in the outbreak of 1865-6, and will be fully justified by the appearance of the disease in a locality seven miles distant from the scene of the earlier outbreaks.

Last week the political atmosphere was lighter than it had been for some time past; now it is once again gloomy, and the prospects of war seem to outweigh all other prospects. It is reported that Russia will not demobilize her army in Besserabia while the peace negotiations between Turkey and Montenegro hang fire. It is evident that Turkey having a proper respect for her own sovereign independence declines to be coerced, and as Russia is the only European power which has threatened coercion, it is certain she must yield on this particular point or war is, it seems to us, inevitable. There is, perhaps, just the shadow of a shade of a chance that Austria may be able, if at least she is willing, to intervene with some effect, but one of the telegrams received in this country from Berlin represents General Ignatieff as stating that he believes in war. Our readers must be fully alive to the extreme gravity of the situation, but on the principle "while there is life there is hope," we must go on hoping that so terrible a calamity as war will not be the outcome of the negotiations that have been going on, and are still going on, in order, if possible, to preserve the peace of Europe. Once the two powers come to blows, and there is no knowing what the consequences will be. Meantime, it is worthy of mention that the Turks are doing their utmost to set their house in order, but the prospect of an attack from Russia prevents her from doing as much as would otherwise be possible in the way of reform. It is needless to say that almost every capital in Europe is disquieted by these fearful rumours, and we consider we are not saying too much when we affirm that Russia is beyond all doubt —*vis et origo mali*.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A MEETING of the Stewards for the anniversary Festival was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 23rd inst., Bro. John Boyd G.S. and P.G.P. in the chair. The Secretary, Bro. R. W. Little, read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed. It was decided that the Festival be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 9th of May. The R.W. Lord Suffield, Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk, will take the chair. The report of the Musical Committee was read, and the tender of Bro. Theodore Distin was accepted. The Dinner and Wine Committees were appointed, and the proceedings were brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the chairman. Among those present were—Bros. C. F. Hogard, Dr. J. F. Staines, Tanner, R. B. Webster, Davis, J. Bingemann, Jones, Stanwitz, H. Leah, Leggot, S. Rosenthal, Lefaux, B. Swallow, Pixley, Melhuish, Bennett, Loftus, Reed, J. Garner, H. M. Levy, &c.

The *Australian Freemason* for February contains a full account of the proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of New South Wales, held on the 15th January last, under the presidency of Bro. A. T. Holroyd, Dist. G. Master. A motion to vote a sum not exceeding £20 from the funds of the D.G.L. in order to purchase a copy of the engraving of the Installation as Grand Master of the Prince of Wales was not carried. After the transaction of other business, Bro. Holroyd rose and announced his intention of resigning the District Grand Mastership, which he had held for a period of ten years, having been appointed to that office by the late Earl of Zetland on 20th January 1867. In doing so, Bro. Holroyd gave a short sketch of the D.G.L., from its establishment in 1848, and also a *résumé* of its labours during his term of office. He pointed out that in 1867 there were twenty-four Lodges, with 852 members, while in 1877 the numbers had been increased to twenty-nine Lodges, and 1,262 members respectively. When he assumed office, the D.G.L. was in debt to the extent of about £120, against which there were in the Treasurer's Funds only £17. Since then, in spite of its heavy expenditure, the D.G.L. had purchased five Government Debentures worth £500, and the cash balance in hand at that moment was £115 19s. It also possessed 22 £5 shares in the Freemasons' Hall, of the nominal value of £110, and 159 £1 shares of the value of £159. The Benevolent Fund was also in a healthy condition. In 1867 there was a cash balance in hand of about £100. At the beginning of 1877 the assets consisted of Four Government Debentures, equal to £400; Fixed Bank Deposit £200, and a cash balance of £71 3s 3d. As regarded the Freemasons' Orphan Fund, its investments included Eleven Government Debentures at £100 each, of the aggregate value of £1,100, a fixed Bank Deposit of £100, 533 £5 shares in the Freemasons' Hall Company, of the nominal value of £2,665, and 762 £1 shares of the value of £762, while the cash in hand amounted to £109. Bro. Holroyd also alluded to his efforts to establish a Masonic Library, and expressed his intention, in accordance with a promise of long standing, of presenting to it his own collection of Masonic works, so soon as the needful accommodation was provided. Bro. Holroyd then vacated the chair, and the question of electing his successor was informally discussed, expressions of regret at the D.G.M.'s resignation being general and hearty. We learn, further, from the same source, that at the half-yearly general meeting of the Australian Freemasons' Hall Company on the 8th January, the auditors' report, and the balance sheet were submitted. The directors' report, recommending their acceptance, was agreed to. The balance sheet showed a sum of £163 11s 4d standing to the credit of the Company, with arrears outstanding to the extent of £65 17s 4d. The Directors therefore recommended a dividend of 8 per cent. for the past half-year on the preference shares. It was likewise stated that 1,113 £5 shares had been bought in on account of the Company, which, with the £5 shares previously purchased and exchanged, amounting to 896 £5 shares, representing £3,377, had reduced the capital by that amount.

When we had the pleasure to chronicle the consecration of the Bayard Lodge, No. 1615 (under the Mastership of Lieut.-Colonel Somerville Burney), on 17th May last, we did not anticipate being able to make an announcement so glorious for a Lodge in the first year of its existence, as that it had become already Vice-President of the three Masonic Charities. This progress of the Bayard is unprecedented in our records. We can but add, for the encouragement of others, "Go, and do thou likewise."

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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 MARCH.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 2nd APRIL.

27—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.
190—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
431—St. George's Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
483—St. James's, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
604—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
904—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.
950—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.
1061—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1064—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1134—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
1364—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
R. A. 269—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
M. M. 27—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 3rd APRIL.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
1296—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, Islington.
1361—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
1471—Islington, Coopers Arms, Silver-street, Falcon-square, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.

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.
156—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
240—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
383—St. David's, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
403—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Limslade, 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.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1468—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea.
1540—Abercorn, Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore.

WEDNESDAY, 4th APRIL.

193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Ball, Holborn, 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.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1565—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney.
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.)

296—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
611—The Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1019—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1093—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.
1095—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.
1114—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1328—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

THURSDAY, 5th APRIL.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)

THURSDAY—continued.

554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
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.
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

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.
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.
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Masonic Building, Abingdon-street, Northampton.
443—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)
793—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bailring-lane, Grimsby.
1013—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underly, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.
1292—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1384—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1475—Bootle, Molyneux's Assembly Rooms, Bootle, Lancashire.
1800—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1539—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.

FRIDAY, 6th APRIL.

766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1327—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1360—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1615—Cripplegate, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1643—Earl of Carnarvon, Ledbrook Hall, Notting-hill. (Consecration.)

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
529—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
576—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.
601—St. John's, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.
690—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
709—Invicta, Corn Exchange, Queen-street, Ashford.
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1538—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.

SATURDAY, 7th APRIL.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1456—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury, Yorks.
1106—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1302—De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
R. A. 390—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.

TUESDAY.

265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
446—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

WEDNESDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.

THURSDAY.

289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
974—Pentelpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
1514—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.
K.T. 59—Fearnley Masonic Temple, Dewsbury.

FRIDAY.

242—St. George's, Victoria Room, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
1508—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—420—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 E. Register-street.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Provincial Grand Chapter of Hertfordshire.—A meeting of this Prov. Grand Chapter was held at the Shire Hall, Hertford, on 21st March. The officers present were E. Comps. H. C. Finch P.Z. 404 G.H., J. R. Cocks P.Z. 403 G.J., F. H. Wilson Ilee P.Z. 404 G.S.E., T. S. Carter P.Z. 1385, H. 403, Grand N., A. J. Copeland P.Z. 404 Grand Treas., R. T. Andrews Z. 403 Gd. Stnd. Br., J. Terry P.Z. 403 G.D.C., T. Thomas 404, and T. Wright 403 Grand Janitors. A Letter was read from the Grand Supt. the M.E. T. F. Halsey M.P., regretting his inability to be present, on account of his being on a Parliamentary Committee, and deputing the G.H. E. Comp. Finch to preside in his stead. The Report of the Committee upon the bye-laws was read and adopted. E. Comp. Copeland, on the proposition of G.N., was re-elected Grand Treasurer. The following Comps. were appointed and invested officers of Prov. G. Chapter, viz.:—E. Comps. T. S. Carter Z. 403 P.Z. 1385 G.H., the Rev. G. Finch P.Z. 404 G.J., F. H. Wilson Ilee P.Z. 404 G.S.E., and H. G. Martin Z. 404 G.N., G. Ward Verry Z. 1385, G. P. Soj., J. E. Dawson 404 G. 1st Assist. S., E. A. Simson H. 403 G. 2nd Assist. S. The Rev. H. F. H. Burchell Herne J. 404 G. Reg., David Roberts J. 403 G.S.B., J. Livingston J. 1385 G. Sword B., J. Terry P.Z. 403 G.D.C., Thomas and Wright G. Janitors. The Comps. expressed their deep regret at the unavoidable absence of the Grand Supt. Among the other Comps. present were Comps. Keyser 404, the Rev. L. Deedes 403, J. Purrott 1385, W. Warrener 403, C. C. Dick P.Z. 403, H. L. Thomas P.Z. 403, J. B. Scriven P.Z., J. Linsell 174, Craven Cobham 1329. The Comps. afterwards partook of a capital dinner, served by Mr. E. M. Davis, of the Salisbury Arms Hotel, and a very agreeable evening was spent.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—This Lodge held its meeting at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, 26th inst. Present—Bros. R. Pearcy W.M., Isaac S.W., Millward J.W., Stock S.D., A. W. Fenner Secretary, Tolmie acting Preceptor, Halford J.D., Trewinnard I.G., S. Rowley, J. Parkinson, Cook, Killick, L. Finkelstein. Lodge opened in due form. Minutes read and confirmed. Lodge opened in 2nd degree. Bro. Halford answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge opened in 3rd degree. The ceremony of raising was very excellently rehearsed by the W.M., who also gave the traditional history, Bro. Halford acting as candidate. Lodge resumed to 1st, when the W.M. worked the 4th, and Bro. Tolmie the 5th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Leopold Finkelstein, of Lower Lodge 309 (Scotland), was duly elected a member. Bro. Isaac was chosen W.M. for the next gathering (no meeting will be held on Easter Monday). Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, No. 58.—This Lodge held its meeting on Monday, the 26th inst., at 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present—Bros. Nelson Reed W.M., Sharratt S.W., Shand J.W. and Sec., C. J. Hogg Treas., Hawksley S.D., Whitaker J.D., Bently I.G., Mander Preceptor, and several other members of the Lodge. Visitors—Bros. Morgan and Cull. Lodge opened, the ceremony of installation was worked by Bro. Mander. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Morgan as candidate. The Preceptor worked the 4th and 5th sections of the lecture. Bro. S.W. Sharratt was elected W.M. for next meeting. Lodge closed in due form.

Prosperity Lodge, No. 65.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 22nd inst. Present—Bros. J. Carruthers W.M., Beadel as S.W., C. Daniel J.W., J. H. Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, G. Broom Secretary, E. W. Braine I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. A. L. Leins I.P.M., T. Davey, Cornwall, E. Arnold, J. Betterby, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. H. Stadden, A. Plater, and T. Sewell. The former gentleman was initiated by Bro. A. L. Leins, and the two latter by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, Bro. Davey P.M. acting as D.C. Bro. C. Daniel S.W. and W.M. Elect was presented to the Lodge, and was duly installed into the chair by Bro. A. L. Leins, in his usual careful and impressive manner. On the admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom, and invested his officers, Bros. J. C. Carruthers I.P.M., G. F. Burge S.W., G. T. Brown J.W., Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, C. F. Ferry Secretary, E. W. Braine S.D., Matthews J.D., Sim I.G., A. L. Leins P.M. D.C., Wright W.S., Chicken A.W.S., Speight Tyler. The appointment of the officers was received with marks of approbation. Bro. Leins was warmly congratulated on the conclusion of the ceremony by every brother and visitor. Bro. Muggleton proposed, and Bro. Cornwall P.M. seconded, that the sum of ten guineas be given from the funds of the Lodge for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to the Treasurer, Bro. Goodwin P.M., for the efficient manner he had discharged the duties of that office, and that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes. This was carried unanimously. The report of the Audit Committee was read, showing the Lodge was in a flourishing state, with a balance in hand of £117 16s 6d. A committee was formed for the purpose of carrying out the arrangements for the summer banquet. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. A. Leins P.M. for the efficient manner he had discharged his duties as Installing Master, and also for his valuable assistance rendered to the Lodge in every capacity. The resignation of two Past Masters was accepted, with regret. Bro. Lake then pointed out the loss the brethren had sustained by transferring the worthy Secretary, Bro. G. T. Brown, to the office of Junior Warden, he had discharged the duties of Secretary in every respect to their satisfaction, he had never seen books better kept, and he proposed a vote of thanks to him, which was seconded and carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, 98 in number, sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford. The W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft. The National Anthem was then sung. The Toast of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. was enthusiastically received; also that of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers. Bro. J. Carruthers rose for the first time as I.P.M. He felt great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M., who, he considered, was a credit to the Lodge. He had discharged the duties of every office he held satisfactorily, and he would ask them to drink the toast with the enthusiasm it merited. Bro. Brown J.W. then sang a capital song. The W.M. thanked the brethren, he had always worked for the honour and dignity of the Lodge. He might want some assistance from the Past Masters, and he was sure of their support. He hoped, at the expiration of his year of office, to hear the same kind expressions, and he hoped the Lodge would henceforth merit the name, Prosperity. (Cheers.) He then proposed the I.P.M., Bro. Carruthers, who, while occupying the chair, had done his duty, and left a good balance. His year of office was a successful one, and he had much pleasure, in the name of the Lodge, to present him with a valuable gold watch, and a Gold Past Master's Jewel, of very artistic design, with suitable inscription, in recognition of services rendered to the Lodge. He hoped he might live long to wear both. Bro. Hartley then sang a humorous song. Bro. Carruthers in reply, thanked the brethren for their kind expressions and valuable gifts; words almost failed him to utter the sentiments uppermost in his breast, he had always had the interest of the Lodge at heart, he had worked in a straight and undeviating line, and whenever he looked on their valuable presents, it would be a pleasing remembrance of his connection with the Lodge. The W.M., then proposed the newly initiated brethren, and Bro. Speight sang the E. A. song; the toast having been responded to, the W.M. proposed the Visitors. Bro. R. A. Wright P.P.G.S.D. Herts, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188, responded, and in the course of their speeches paid just compliments to the W.M., for the excellent manner in which he had invested his Officers, and also for his genial presiding, both of which showed he was fully capable of fulfilling the duties of the chair. The toast of the installing Master, Bro. A. L. Leins was next honoured. Bro. Leins P.M., in a very excellent speech, responded. The toast of the Past Masters, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and Officers were severally given and responded to, the Tyler's toast concluded a very agreeable evening. Bro. Speight officiated as Toast Master. The Visitors were W. Foote 948, Drew P.M. 890, R. Russell P.M. 299, Sandham late 65, W. H. Main P.M. 813, Murphy 84, E. Bratton P.M. 1227, T. Parry 8, R. A. Wright P.M. 504, P.P.G.S.D. Herts, T. Fowler 1158, E. Hodgkinson 875, Marfleet P.M. 217, G. Murray 1471, Hillier 1572, J. Batson 25, W. J. Batson 25, J. Boulton W.M. 98, E. Isod 1069, S. Watkins P.M. 212 and 1076, W. Banson 1471, Wheeler W.M. 60, Lake 1471, and H. M. Levy P.M.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on 27th instant. Present—Bros. Ellis W.M., Daniel S.W., Brown J.W., Hewlett S.D., Lees J.D., Gieberman I.G., Walker, Hollands, Baxter, J. Lipscombe, W. Lipscombe, Harris, West, Wharman. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Harris candidate. Bro. Wharman answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Wharman duly passed. The Lodge was resumed to the first. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Walker, second by Bro. Hewlett, third by Bro. Ellis, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lipscombe jun. answered the questions leading to secon degree, for his instruction. It was proposed by Bro. Hewlett, seconded by the J.W., that Bro. Daniel be W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. It was proposed by Bro. Hollands, seconded by Bro. Walker, that the sum of £1 1s should be devoted to charity, by purchasing to that amount Bro. Constable's tickets. The same was carried unanimously, an example all Lodges of Instruction should follow. It was explained to Bro. Daniel and Brown that the votes (should any be successful) would be for the future benefit of this Lodge. Bro. Cornwall P.M., through Bro. Brown, thanked the brethren for having voted him an honorary member, for what he considered so small a gift. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—A convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday, the 26th, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comp. E. A. Albert P.Z. as M.E.Z. in the absence of Comp. Emanuel, W. Littaur H., H. M. Levy P.Z. as J., S. V. Abrahams P.Z. Treasurer, P. Dickinson S.E., L. Lazarus P.S.; P.Z.'s S. Lazarus, J. Lazarus, S. Pollitzer; Comps. Grove Ellis, Boeckbinder, W. J. Jennings, N. Baum, J. Klein, C. Haines, Davis, P. Moore, &c. The Chapter was opened and the minutes confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. C. Roberts, No. 212, J. Cohen 205, S. Botibol 188, J. E. Walters, and L. Brall 1017, who were unanimously accepted. The latter Bro. being in attendance, was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry, the ceremony being admirably worked. A sum of five guineas was placed on the list of Comp. H. M. Levy P.Z., who is a Steward for the next anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in May. After some other business the Chapter was closed. The companions then sat down to a very sumptuous banquet, provided by Comp. W. J. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. Keeping, assisted by Comp. M. Silver. The acting M.E.Z., Comp. E. P. Albert, presided very ably and genially. He proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. In introducing that of the newly exalted Companion, he said it was a pleasing duty; their new Comp. was one in every respect worthy of their esteem. He has been known and respected in his Lodge, and he was sure every one would be proud to see him among them for many years. Comp. Brall responded. He was greatly pleased to be a member of the Chapter. Comp. H. M. Levy P.Z. then proposed the toast of the acting M.E.Z. Although the absence of the M.E.Z. was regretted,

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they had found a very able substitute in Comp. Albert. Comp. Albert, in responding, said he had been a P.Z. for fifteen years; he was always ready to render them any assistance, and he had to thank Comp. Littaur, who had so materially assisted him. He then proposed the toast of the Visitors, Comps. Bloomfield 141, S. M. Harris 406, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and M. Spiegel, severally returned thanks. The toast of the H. and J. was given, and responded to by Comps. Littaur and H. M. Levy. Comp. S. V. Abrahams P.Z. and Treasurer, replied for the Past Principals. In proposing the S.E. and P.S., the M.E.Z. paid them just compliments for the admirable manner they had performed their duties. He hoped in the ordinary course to see them in the occupation of the chair, a post they were eminently qualified to fill. Comps. Dickinson and L. Lazarus replied, and the Janitor concluded a very agreeable and harmonious evening.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—This Lodge met on Wednesday, 28th inst., at the Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street, E.C. Bro. F. Croaker presided as W.M., Sayer S.W., Ager J.W., J. Constable P.M. Sec., Tollis S.D., Sadler J.D., Fenner I.G., Turquand P.M., and a number of the usual attendants. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cleverley acting as candidate. The 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th sections of the lecture were worked, and Bro. Sayer was elected W.M. for next Wednesday.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting on Saturday, 24th March, at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road. Present—Bros. I. P. Cohen W.M., Anshell S.W., R. H. Halford J.W., Killick Sec., Brasted S.D., Fenner J.D., Lorkin I.G., Pearcy Preceptor. The Lodge was opened in regular order, and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Stock acting as candidate, also the ceremonies of initiation and passing, Bros. Fox and Trewinnard being the candidates. Bro. Anshell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Hertford Chapter, No. 403.—The installation meeting of this Chapter was held on the 21st March. Present—E. Comps. R. T. Andrews P.G. Sd. Br. M.E.Z., T. S. Carter P.G.N. H., E. A. Simson J., H. C. Finch P.G.H., J. R. Cocks P.G.J. S.E.; David Roberts S.N., Willson 1st Assist. S., Hargreaves 2nd Assist. S., J. Terry P.G.D.C., H. L. Thomas, C. C. Dick P.Z.; Comps. Rev. L. Deedes, Warrener and Francis. T. S. Carter was installed M.E.Z., Simson H., and David Roberts J. Comp. Cocks was appointed S.E., J. Shilcocks S.N., Willson P.S. The Rev. L. Deedes 1st Assist. S., E. R. P. Francis 2nd Assist. S., and Wright Janitor for the ensuing year. Visitors—Comps. Craven Cobham 1329, and J. Linzell 174.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, 22nd inst., at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street. Present—Bros. T. O. Davis W.M., Belfrage S.W., Cornelisson J.W., T. Cull Sec., Watts S.D., Blundell J.D., Giles I.G.; also Bros. Mander Preceptor, G. Davis, Pearce, Irinth, Ager and others. Business—The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Ager being the candidate. The 5th section was worked by Bro. Mander. Bro. Giles, Lodge 1441, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Belfrage S.W. was chosen as W.M. for Thursday, 5th April. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on Thursday next by Bro. J. H. Watts P.M. 1201. The Lodge was then closed. The 15th ballot of the Benevolent Association attached to the Lodge was drawn after the close of the Lodge meeting.

Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.—This Lodge held its meeting on Friday, the 23rd of March, at the Artillery Grounds, Finsbury. Present—Bros. Ensign W. I. Spicer W.M., G. Webster S.W., A. Everingham J.W., Capt. J. Eglese Sec., Capt. R. Helsham Treas., J. Sanderson S.D., Ensign F. J. Stohwasser J.D., W. J. Jolliffe D.C.; P.M.'s Bros F. Graves, Helsham, Adams and Eglese. Visitors—Bros. Shulbrook, Perry, James, Tryon and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Rolfe, and also (by permission of the W.M.) Bro. the Rev. Richard Morris (initiated in the Lewis Lodge, No. 1185) were passed to the second degree. Bros. H. P. Matthews, Fulcher, and Pash were raised. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to supper, and the evening's entertainment was enlivened by some capital singing by Bros. H. P. Matthews, J. Shulbrook, and J. Perry.

Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780.—This Lodge held a regular meeting on Friday, the 23rd of March, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. J. Chambers Roe W.M., L. H. Cuzner S.W., Walter Goss J.W., Wm. Hilton P.M. Secretary, C. F. May S.D., Wm. Gomm J.D., Wm. Hale P.M. Steward, J. Dorey I.G., J. Gilbert Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Gardiner, Brown, Hilton, Littlewood, Hale, Potter. Visitors—Bros. H. E. Tucker 1612, E. Woodbridge 1612, A. Heald 269, W. K. L. Hutton 1351, G. Cook 1585, G. H. Lay 569, J. H. Cumming 534, W. Vassila 1326, W. H. Knill-Abell 1599, Neville Parker 1438, and Wm. Campden 901. Business—The Lodge was opened at 2 p.m. Bros. H. D. Thompson and J. Millross were raised. Bro. White was passed to second degree, and Messrs. Alfred Tolliday, C. P. Brown and James Humphreys were initiated. Bro. W. E. S. Saunderson was admitted a joining member. Bro. Gardiner I.P.M. said he noticed on the minutes a vote of thanks to the W.M. for the very handsome Japanese embroidered silk cushion, which he presented for the use of the Master's pedestal, and he must ask the brethren to accord a vote of thanks to Bro. Goss J.W. for the five new curtains which he had presented to the Lodge; this was seconded by Bro. Brown P.M., and carried unanimously. Some propositions for initiation having been handed in, the Lodge was closed. The rethren then, to the number of 56, sat down to a banquet, provided by the host, Bro. Stanbury, in regular "Star and Garter" style. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, Bro. Gardiner I.P.M. rose, and said it was a source of great gratification to him to have the privilege of proposing the health of the W.M. Having introduced that Brother into Masonry, he felt sure that all the brethren must have been delighted with the excellent manner in which the W.M. had performed the ceremonies. The W.M. thanked Bro. Gardiner and the brethren for their kind expressions of feeling. It had always been his ambition to be W.M. of his Mother Lodge, and having reached that position, he trusted he would always deserve the approbation of the brethren. Bros. Tolliday, Brown, and Humphreys replied for the initiates. Bros. Heald, Lay, Cumming, Vassila, and Neville Parker for the Visitors, and Bros. Gardiner, Brown, Hilton and Littlewood for the P.M.'s. Bros. Cuzner and Goss replied to the toast of the officers. The evening was much enlivened by some excellent songs by Bros. Goss, Cuzner, Lay, and Parsons. The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The annual supper of this Lodge took place on Tuesday evening, 27th inst., at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Bro. Wallington, the Preceptor, took the chair, faced by Bro. Wright P.M. and a good muster of brethren. Some of those who gave in their names and did not attend, we suppose, in consequence of the unpleasant and very wet night, lost a treat. The supper was served in every way satisfactorily. The wines, &c., were all first class, the attention paid by the host, who not only attended to the wants of those present, but enlivened the company with several capital songs, accompanying himself on the piano, all that could be desired. Songs were also sung by Bros. Wallington, Smith, Dallas, Crouch, Saunders, Defries, Worsley and Davis, the last-named sang several times, and at each rendering kept the company in roars of laughter. The meeting did not break up till late, every one having thoroughly enjoyed himself.

Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall, W. Present—Bros. Victor Myers W.M., Gulliford S.W., Lazarus P.M. J.W., Albert Secretary, L. Jacobs Treasurer, Hockfield J.D., M. Levy D.C., W. Brale as I.G. P.M.'s—Bros. Eskell, De Solla, W. Abraham. Visitors—Bros. Dickinson W.M. Royal Standard, C. John 1287, Schneider 151, and W. W. Morgan jun. 1385. One brother was raised, after which the W.M. announced that he had received a letter from the Joppa Lodge, requesting the committee of the Montefiore to join them and the Israel and Tranquillity on the Jewish question. Bro. S. V. Abraham informed the members what had been done by the committee appointed at the last meeting. The best result he could show were the petitions that had been signed by the various Lodges and returned to him. These were 120 in number, sufficient to show that the efforts of the committee had been successful. He had also received several letters sympathising with the movement. He considered the committee might come to the Lodge with some amount of confidence. They did not desire the Montefiore Lodge to be put prominently forward. They were anxious to join any other Lodge willing to take up the matter, and give what assistance they could. In the petition they had stated that three Grand Lodges in Germany excluded Jews, and although this was hardly the case in theory, it was in practice the fact. In a letter from Bro. Wendt, it was stated that Jews were admitted to the three blue degrees by the Royal York Lodge of Friendship. This implied that they were admitted, and this was all the concession that was made. A letter from Bro. Findel was referred to, and after some further discussion, Bro. C. Eskell proposed, and Bro. Brall seconded, that a further sum of £5 be voted from the Lodge towards paying the expenses incurred by the committee. With reference to the letter from the Joppa Lodge, Bro. Abrahams remarked that they would be glad to co-operate, but he considered that the petitions they had in their possession were held by them as trustees, and they ought to hand them over to Grand Lodge only. Whatever position they eventually took up, they were bound morally, as well as Masonically, to hand over the petitions to Grand Lodge. He stated this that there might be no misunderstanding between them and other Lodges, as to the terms on which the various committees would meet. They were the first to take energetic steps and communicate with the various Lodges throughout the kingdom; it was not for their own aggrandisement, but as they had asked other Lodges to give their names, they were bound to make use of them in the way they had promised. Bro. Eskell asked if any letters had been received in opposition to the petition, and was answered in the negative. It was proposed and seconded by Bros. Eskell and Brall respectively, that the letter from the Joppa be referred to the Montefiore committee. Full power to act was given to the committee, after which Bro. Breidenbach proposed that the W.M. sign the petition on behalf of the Montefiore Lodge. This was seconded by Bro. Cooper, and carried unanimously. Bro. P.M. Abrahams proposed, and Bro. Loewenstark seconded, that Bro. M. Levy be elected on the committee of the Montefiore Lodge, which was carried. The Lodge was then closed, after which the brethren adjourned for refreshment. A very pleasant evening was spent under the presidency of the W.M. who proposed the usual toasts.

Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.—An excellent gathering of this Lodge, including many visitors, was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday, the 21st inst. Bro. Landon was very ably raised to the third degree by Bro. Body P.M. Mr. A. A. Denham was initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. J. G. Carter P.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. P. Cooke W.M. The Lodge was closed in due form, and a banquet followed. The Queen and Craft, and other Masonic toasts, were ably given by the W.M., followed by the Health of the Initiate. This having been acknowledged, Bro. A. A. Denham responded, and thanked his brethren heartily for the honour they had conferred upon him. The Tyler's toastconcluded a happy evening.

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Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 23rd inst. Present—Bros. R. W. Pearey W.M., Andrews S.W., Smith J.W., Powell S.D., Townsend J.D., Simpson I.G., Bolton, Cleverley. Lodge opened in due form. Minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was very ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Simpson acting as candidate. Bro. Andrews was elected W.M. for ensuing meeting. All business being ended, Lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned.

Dundas Chapter, No. 1255.—The regular convocation of this Chapter was held at the Havelock Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Wednesday, the 21st inst. The Chapter was opened in due form: minutes of last meeting confirmed. The Comps. proceeded to the exaltation of Bro. S. B. Harvey P.M. 1255, already accepted. There were present—Comps. Charles Godtschalk Z., J. B. Gover P.Z. P.P.G.P.S. Treas., W. Bell P.Z., Isaac Watts P.Z. as H., J. Gidley as J., W. H. Triplet P.G.J. P.S., John P. Rogers S.E., S. W. Crimp 1st A.S., and several visitors from Sister Chapters. Upon the conclusion of the exaltation of P.M. Harvey, Comp. Godtschalk called the attention of the Chapter to the fact, that during his late Stewardship for the Province, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he had not had the opportunity of bringing the claims of that Institution before the Chapter at a regular meeting, but that he had adopted what he considered the next best course, viz.: he had individually brought the matter before their worthy Treasurer, Comp. Bell, out of Chapter, and had mentioned the matter to the P.Z., Comp. J. B. Gover. In fact he had communicated to all connected with the Chapter, that it was his intention to make the Chapter a Life Governor of the Institution, and that if he had their sanction and support, he should enter upon his Stewardship the sum of £10. He scarcely need mention to the Comps. that this list was handed in to the Secretary of the Institution on the 12th of February last. This therefore, was the proper time, under the circumstances explained for the £10 to be voted. He called to the recollection of the Comps., that the Chapter had been founded last year by himself, with the able assistance of others present, that he was in the honourable position of the first Z., and concurrently with this, he had undertaken the Stewardship for the Province, which this year had sent up the largest amount of any Province of England; their Lodges and Chapters had sent up £596; out of this £596, himself and Bro. Curtois had got together £565. As a matter of form, and with the fullest confidence, he proposed that the sum of £10 be voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This being duly seconded by Comp. J. B. Gover, was carried with acclamation. A question having arisen with a sister Chapter, holding its meetings in this Temple, as to the regular and actual days of meeting of the Dundas Chapter, Comp. J. B. Gover P.Z. requested that the S.E. might be requested to read the bye laws, in one of which the actual days were named, viz.:—the 1st Wednesday following the third Monday in March, June, September and December, and these were the days expressed in the petition upon which the Charter of the Chapter had been granted. Exd. Comp. Watts P.Z. expressed a wish to have a copy of these bye-laws for the good working of a Chapter he was connected with, these bye-laws of Dundas Chapter, as worthy Comp. Watts expressed it, embodying the true principle that should rule in every well regulated Chapter. After the closing, the Comps. retired for the accustomed social half hour.

Tregenna Lodge, No. 1272, St. Ives, Cornwall.—The annual festival of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 23rd inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Fore-street. After the formal business was disposed of, the W.M. Bro. the Rev. J. Balmor Jones, P.G. Chaplain of Cornwall, proceeded to install Bro. T. Broking, the W.M. elect, as W.M., and he proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year. They were, Bros. J. B. Jones P.G.C. I.P.M., J. T. Short S.W., M. Daniel J.W., J. E. Short Treas., James Wearne P.M. Sec., Rev. J. B. Jones, M.A., Chap., F. H. Gibbone, C.E., S.D., James Martin J.D., A. R. Harry P.M. Organist, John Richards P.M. D.C., Capt. John Richards I.G., J. P. Trevorrow Tyler, J. T. Short, Steward Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. After the business the brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where a capital banquet was provided by Bro. Richards. There were several visitors from the neighbouring Lodges. After the dinner the usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and the brethren separated having spent a very pleasant evening.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Friday, the 23rd inst., at the Castle Tavern, Holloway-road, N. Present—Bros. Eldridge W.M., Hunter S.W., Passingham J.W., Sparrow S.D., Chant J.D., Ager I.G., T. Cull Preceptor, Wright, Yeomans, Shackle, Sheffield, and several others. The Lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. The ceremonies of the 1st and 2nd degrees were rehearsed, Bros. Gianella and Yeomans respectively acting as candidates. Lodge then resumed to the 1st degree. The 1st and 4th sections were worked by Bro. Cull. Bro. Francis 1698 was elected a member, and Bro. Hunter W.M. for Friday, 6th April. The Lodge was then closed, and adjourned. The 15 sections will be worked in the Lodge on Friday, 27th April, when Bro. Cull will preside.

Chiltern Lodge, No. 1470.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 20th of March, at the Town Hall, Dunstable. Present—Bros. Haselgrove W.M., Randall S.W., Otway J.W., Howell P.M. acting as Secretary, Rev. C. B. Harris Chaplain, Sinkwell S.D., Cutler J.D., Russell D.C., Saunders as I.G., Day Tyler; Bros. Beart, Crew, Ballans, &c. Bro. McLean, 935 Wexford, visitor. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. James Eames, which proving satisfactory, he was initiated in the W.M.'s most careful manner. The charge was given by Bro. Howell I.P.M. The W.M. then gave the lecture in the first degree. It was a great treat to the brethren, and a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Haselgrove, and recorded on the minutes. The Lodge was closed. After other business had been transacted, the brethren adjourned to sup together at Bro. Saunders, Sugar Loaf Hotel.

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THE LISTS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE APPROACHING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

THE Lists of approved candidates for the approaching elections at the Girls' School on the 14th inst., and the Boys' School on the 16th inst., are before us. In the case of the former, there are thirteen vacancies and fifty-four candidates, of whom five, if unsuccessful on this occasion, will be ineligible, on the score of age, to try again, while for the latter, there are twelve vacancies and fifty-nine candidates, nine of whom will be ineligible again for a like reason. But for convenience sake, let us continue the analyses of the two lists separately, taking the girls first, both as an act of courtesy and because their election will take place first.

We have said that for the Institution at St. John's Hill there are fifty-four candidates for thirteen vacancies, or over four for each vacancy. Of these the two at the top of the list are applicants now for the fifth time. The next in numerical order has made three previous attempts, and this will be her last. The thirteen that follow in order are making their third essay, and in the case of one of them—No. 6—if she will fail this time, all chance of her entering the school is destroyed. There are then twelve candidates who have already presented themselves on one occasion. Two of these twelve, namely, Nos. 20 and 24, must obtain a place among the successful at this election, or their hope of obtaining admission will be destroyed. The remaining candidates are applicants for the first time, and ni the case of one of them—No. 37—for the last likewise. If we distribute them among our Masonic Provinces and Districts we find that twenty of the candidates hail from London. W. Yorkshire and Lincoln furnish four each; Devon and Hants and I. of W. each three; Kent, E. Lancashire, and the District of Bengal two each; while the following send a single candidate each, namely, Wilts, Staffordshire, Somersetshire, Cumberland and Westmoreland, Eastern Archipelago, Durham, Sussex, Notts, Bristol, Herts, Lancashire W., Yorkshire N. and E., and 14th Regiment of Foot. Two of the girls have lost both their parents, forty have no father, two have no mother, nine have both parents living, while the remaining one has lost both her parents, but has a step-mother. The fathers of only eleven out of the fifty-four candidates, or less than one-fourth of the whole number, have ever in any way contributed directly to our Charitable Institutions.

Turning now to the Boys' School, we note that of the fifty-nine candidates who will compete, on the 16th inst., for twelve vacancies, the first on the list has made six previous attempts, the second five, and the five next in order four. Of the last, Nos. 3 and 5, if unsuccessful now, will be ineligible at the October election. The next eight are now competing for the fourth time, and one of them, No. 14, will have no other than the present opportunity of getting into the School. The five next in order of rotation have had each two previous trials, and in the case of two of them, Nos. 18 and 19, this will be their last. Then come twenty candidates who were on the list at the October election last year, but were unsuccessful. Three of these, namely, Nos. 22, 26, and 29, must win now or never. The remaining nineteen are new candidates, and in the case of No. 45, this will be his last, as it is his first, chance of winning. London furnishes twenty-one of the fifty-nine candidates, Warwickshire five, Devonshire, N. Wales and Salop, and East Lancashire three each; Cumberland and Westmoreland, Essex, Lincolnshire, Dorset and Gloucestershire, and West Yorkshire two each; Middlesex, Cambridgeshire, Hants and I. of Wight, Cheshire, Staffordshire, Sussex, Bristol, N. and E. Yorkshire, Northampton and Hunts, and Wilts, with the Districts of Bengal, Bombay, S. Africa, E. Div., and W. Indies send up each a single candidate. Three of the applicants have lost both parents, and one has lost both parents, but has a stepmother, forty-four have no father, two are motherless, two are as good as fatherless, for their fathers are paralysed, and seven have both parents still living, and in one case, the father has deserted his wife since 1871. The fathers of fourteen, or somewhat less than a fourth of the whole number, have subscibed to or served the office of Steward for one or more of our Institutions, while in several cases they held or had obtained high rank in the Society.

Only a few particulars remain to be added. One of the candidates to the Boys' School has already a brother in the Institution, while another has a sister in the Girls' School. On the other hand, of the girl candidates, one has a sister in the School, and a second two sisters; a third has had two sisters, of whom one by purchase, and has a third in at the present time, while a fourth has a brother in the Boys' School. The father of one of the girl candidates was a Freemason for twenty-eight, of one of the boys twenty-seven, of another boy twenty-six years, and of another of the girls for twenty-four years, while in one case—a girl—the father died when he had been a member only three quarters of a year. As our readers are aware all votes obtained at a previous candidature are carried forward to the credit of the candidate at future elections. Thus one girl starts with 1,220 votes to the good, and there are two boys with 1,198 and 1,102 votes respectively to their credit. On the other hand, a girl who was a candidate in October last, has only seven votes to start with, while of the boys who have tried before, one has obtained eight votes as the result of three trials, and one three as the result of two trials. We need say little further. We can only express a hope that the most deserving cases will be chosen to fill the vacancies, and with the expression of that hope we must leave the result in the hands of the electors.

THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN UNION LODGE, No. 1, OHIO.

IT so seldom happens that we are in a position to present to our readers anything like a continuous history of the foundation and early career of a Masonic Lodge, that the following particulars, gleaned from various sources, cannot fail to prove interesting. We believe we have referred to sundry of them on a former occasion, but only in the way of passing comment. We now furnish them in the form of a connected history, and take the opportunity of acknowledging that it is to Bro. Corn. Moore's Centennial Sketch we are indebted for the major portion of the details. This Sketch appeared in the 1st Number of Vol. 49 of the *Masonic Review*, the last number indeed in which that distinguished Masonic writer figures as its Editor.

The period at which the American Union Lodge came into being was an eventful one. The struggle by the then British colonies of North America for Independence had commenced. The city of Boston was occupied by a British force, and an American army was encamped outside. A number of Freemasons serving with that portion of the

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latter, known as the Connecticut Line,—because the troops composing it hailed from the province of Connecticut,—had obtained from Bro. Richard Gridley, Deputy Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, a warrant, authorising them to meet as a Lodge of Freemasons at Roxbury, Mass., by the style and title of American Union Lodge. This warrant, which bears date 15th February 1776,—according to the newly published *Early History and Transactions of the Grand Lodge of New York*, the date is the 13th,—is a somewhat curious document and is worth reproducing *in extenso*. It reads thus:—

"John Rowe, Grand Master, to Joel Clark, Esq., greeting:—

By virtue of authority invested in me, I hereby, reposing special trust and confidence in your knowledge and skill of the Ancient Craft, do appoint and constitute you, the said Joel Clark, Esq., Master of American Union Lodge, now erected in Roxbury, or wherever your Body shall remove on the Continent of America, provided it is where no Grand Master is appointed.

You are to promote in your Lodge the utmost harmony and brotherly love, and to keep up to the Constitutions for the reputation of the Craft. In your makings, you are to be very cautious of the moral character of such persons, and also of visitors, and such as desire to become members of your Lodge (such as were not made under it). You are to transmit to the Grand Lodge a fair account of the choice of your officers as well present as future. Any matters coming before your Lodge that cannot be adjusted, you are to appeal to and lay before the Grand Lodge for a decision. You are, as often as the Grand Lodge meets, to attend with your two Wardens. Of the time and place the Grand Lodge shall meet, you will have previous notice.

In order to support the Grand Lodge, your Lodge is to pay into the hands of the Grand Secretary, each quarterly night, the sum of twelve shillings, lawful money, all of which you will pay due regard to. The Commission to remain in full force and virtue until recalled by me or my successors in office.

Given under my hand, and the hands of the Grand Wardens (the seal of the Grand Lodge first affixed), this the 15th day of February, Anno Mundi 5776, of Salvation 1776.

RICHARD GRIDLEY D.G.M.
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Per Order of the Grand Master.

Recorded, Wm. Hoskins, Grand Secretary.

Bro. Moore is quite right in describing this as a "peculiar and unique document." It is not very formal, yet it was sufficient for all purposes. Moreover, as the same Brother points out, it gave authority for the Lodge to meet and work *anywhere* "on the Continent of America, provided it is where no Grand Master is appointed." Well, the Lodge held its first meeting under the above warrant, the very month in which it was granted, and commenced its labours; the original members, as quoted by our authority from the minutes being, "Col. Joel Clark, Col. John Park, Thomas Chase Esq., Ensign Jonathan Heart, Captain Joseph Hoit, Col. Samuel Holden Parsons, Captain Ezekiel Scott,—Whittlesey, and Cotton, Fellow Crafts, and Col. Samuel Wyllys, Entered Apprentice." Shortly after this, that portion of the army with which the members of American Union Lodge were connected moved to the City of New York, and here, in the month of April of the same year, we find its officers and members applying to Bro. Dr. Peter Middleton, Deputy Grand Master of the Province of New York, to confirm this warrant. This, however, it seems, was not done, but a new warrant was granted, under the name of "Military Union, No. 1." The following record of this transaction is from the Lodge minutes as quoted from the *Early History and Transactions of the Grand Lodge of New York*, already alluded to.

"April 23rd 1776.—'At a Lodge or Meeting of the Brethren of the Antient or Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, held by Particular Permission of the Right Worshipful Bro. Middleton, Deputy Grand Master of all Masons in the Province of New York, Joel Clark in the chair, unanimously agreed that a petition be presented Bro. Middleton, Deputy Grand Master, to confirm the former warrant appointing Joel Clark Master, John Poole Senior Warden; Samuel Wylly Junior Warden; Samuel Parsons Treasurer; and Jonathan Heart Secretary of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons: and that Brother Parsons, Crane and the Secretary wait on the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and present the said petition.'"

The result we have already stated, and, under the authority of Dr. Middleton, the Lodge, as we gather, met at "Bro. Vandanham's," June 20th, when it was voted that Bro. Hull be invited "to deliver something agreeable to the occasion on St. John's Day," which was to be held on the 24th of the month, "at such place as the steward shall provide." It was at the same time resolved, that the utensils, consisting of "aprons, glasses, candlesticks, Bible, &c." purchased by American Union should be returned to the said Lodge, and considered as only being lent to the Military Union. Henceforward the Lodge met frequently, till the 15th August, just prior to the battle of Long Island, shortly after which it is recorded that in the engagement which took place on the 27th August, R. W. Joel Clark, Elisha Hopkins, Ozias Bissell, Joseph Jewett, Nathaniel Gore, were taken prisoners. On the 13th September the Lodge was still further reduced, as Bro. James Chapman and Micajah Gleason were killed, William Cleaveland and John P. Wylly taken prisoners, while the latter misfortune likewise befel Bro. Otho H. Williams, who was taken prisoner at Fort Washington. This record in the minutes is "Signed: Jonathan Heart Secretary." A meeting of the Lodge is recorded to have been held in March 1777, from which date till February 15th 1779, no further meetings were convened. On the latter date, the Connecticut line being quartered at Reading Conn., the Lodge was called together, and as Bro. Joel Clarke had meanwhile died in captivity, a new election of officers took place, with the following result:—Bro. Samuel Holden Parsons was chosen W.M., and Bros. Jonathan Heart and Elisha Marshall Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. The last meeting mentioned in the minute book in possession of the New York Grand Lodge, occurred on the 10th March following, but we have it on authority of Bro. Moore, that the Lodge met together at Widow Sandford's, near Reading Old Meeting House, not only as above, on the 15th February, but also on the 24th of the same month, and likewise the 10th, 17th, 22nd, and 25th March. At the meeting on the 22nd, "it was determined that the members should dine together on the 25th, and that the Hon. Rufus Putnam, Mrs. Sanford, her daughter and niece, together with Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Heart, 'with the brethren of the Ancient Society,' be invited to dine with them." From this time till the 7th May, the Lodge was in a state of great activity, and Bro. Moore tells us that on one of these festive occasions which marked the brief interval, among the music performed, the "Dead March" in Saul was followed by the "Country Jig." On the 7th May, the Lodge "closed without date," as the services of the Connecticut line were required elsewhere. On the 24th June in the same year, we read of it at "Nelson's Point" on the Hudson, when a fresh election of officers took place, and Bro. Jonathan Heart was elected Master. "A procession was then formed, and proceeded to West Point, where, uniting with other brethren, all marched to 'the Red House,' where 'George Washington and family' joined them. Dr. Hitchcock delivered an address, dinner was served, and toasts and speeches followed. And now comes a scene worthy of special memory: George Washington wished to retire to his quarters across the river, when the Wardens and a 'crowd of brethren' attended him to his barge, the music playing 'God Save America.' On embarking, his departure was announced by three cheers from the shore, answered by three from the barge." On the 26th July, the Lodge met at "Robinson House," which Bro. Moore supposes to have been not far from West Point, and on this occasion the name of Colonel Rufus Putnam figures among those of the candidates for initiation. This distinguished brother was raised on the 9th September following, and remained identified with the Lodge to the very close of his life. In December of the same year, it was "at Morristown, New Jersey, celebrating the natal day of St. John the Evangelist. General Washington was again a visitor, and was present at the opening of the Lodge, Captain Heart presiding. At this meeting initial steps were taken, relating to the organisation of a Grand Lodge for the United States, a proposition which ultimately failed."

In the summer of 1780 the Lodge was again on the Hudson, and held its meetings at "Robinson's," and as the regular election of officers had not been held, by reason of the movements of the army, a Lodge was held for that purpose on the 20th July, and Captain Heart was again chosen. "Thereafter, till 1782," says Bro. Moore, "there seems to have been no time, place, or opportunity for the Lodge to meet." But in the New York record already referred to, we find that it was at Newburgh from 1781 to 1783, and that during a portion of the time Col. John Parke was Master of "Military Union Lodge," "from which," says the compiler (Bro. John G. Barker P.G. Librarian) "we conclude that the Lodge continued under the authority of the old Provincial Grand Lodge of New York while in its territorial jurisdiction." The roll of the Lodge was headed "Members of the Military Union and American Union Lodge." Be this as it may, Bro. Moore, in continuing his sketch, says, that on the 25th March 1782 the Lodge was again on the Hudson, and convened at "Connec-

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ticut Huts," wherever that was. Captain Heart was again elected Master. "The Lodge met frequently during the summer, and celebrated St. John the Baptist's Day, with Washington Lodge attached to the Massachusetts Line. In October of the same year it met at "Verplank's Point," in a Block House, and in March of 1783 it was again at West Point. Its last meeting while connected with the army was at the latter place, on 23rd April, when the following record is quoted by Bro. Moore, namely, "Bro. Rose, an Entered Apprentice, was proposed, balloted for, accepted, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge closed, to stand closed until the W. Master should call them together." In this uncertain state as to the future of the Lodge, and having full authority to convene it when and where he might deem it best to do so, Captain Heart very properly retained the warrant in his own personal keeping. In the course of a few years, the first settlers in the North Western Territory landed at Marietta. This was on 7th April 1788. The company was under the lead of General Rufus Putnam, and among the Directors were the General and Bro. Samuel H. Parsons, both old members of the Lodge, while Captain Heart was in command of Fort Harmer, just across the river. Within a year one of the Directors, Bro. James Mitchell Varnum, a judge and revolutionary hero, died, and was buried by the brethren with full Masonic honours, this being the first Masonic act done in the new settlement. No long time elapsed, and the brethren began to think of reviving the Lodge whose Master was living so close at hand. Accordingly, on the 25th June 1729, a meeting was held, at which "Bros. Rufus Putnam, Benjamin Tupper, Griffin Green, Robert Oliver, Ezra Lunt, William Stacey, William Burnham, Anselm Tupper, Thomas Stanley, and Ebenezer Sprout, were present, and it was agreed to request Captain Heart to convene the Lodge, and resume labour. Captain Heart acceded to the request, and in his reply stated, "Being the present Master of the Lodge held under the authority of said warrant . . . . and being the oldest Ancient Mason within the said territory, I have thought it proper, with the advice of Bro. Putnam, member, and Bro. Benjamin Tupper, Past Master, to grant the request contained in your petition, and will meet you in Campus Martius" (close by Marietta,) "on Monday, the 28th instant, at six o'clock p.m. for the purpose of forming you into a Lodge." In accordance with this arrangement the brethren assembled, there being present Jonathan Heart W.M., Benj. Tupper S.W., Rufus Putnam J.W., together with Bros. Thomas Stanley, William Burnham, Griffin Green, William Mills, Robert Oliver, and William Stacey. The old Warrant of American Union was produced and read. Several brethren applied to be elected as members, and were at once accepted. The Lodge then resumed its labours, and Bro. Rev. Daniel Story was raised to the third degree on the 8th December following. On the 27th of the month, St. John's Day was celebrated, when Rev. Bro. Storey preached a sermon to the brethren assembled. As some doubts appear to have existed as to the legality of the reorganisation, steps were promptly taken to dispel them, and letters were forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, from which the Warrant emanated, and also to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. In December, 1791, the Grand Master of Massachusetts wrote to say that his Grand Lodge applauded their views and pursuits, and was pleased with so "laudable an undertaking." He also acknowledged unreservedly the validity of the warrant, and pointed out that it must have force and operation "where you are until a Grand Lodge is formed in your Territory, when it will become your duty to surrender it, and obtain in its place a warrant from the Grand Lodge that may have the Government of Masonry in your State." He added, "I confirm your warrant as good and perfect, as you are where no Grand Lodge is established." The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania also replied, congratulating the Lodge on the resumption of its labours, "in the midst of the immense wilderness of this West, where but lately wild beasts and savage men were the only inhabitants, and where ignorance and ferocity contributed to deepen the gloom which has covered that part of the earth from the Creation. This ray of light, which has thus broken in upon the gloom and darkness of ages," we "consider as a presage that the time is fast approaching when the knowledge of Masonry will completely encircle the globe, and the most distant regions of the Western hemisphere rival those of the Eastern in Masonic splendour." The Grand Lodge of New York was similarly addressed, as those who have read our reviews of its "Early History and Transactions," will doubtless remember. The letter, which will be found at p. 117, part III. of the History, is far too long to reproduce. It narrates the circumstances under which the Lodge was revived, and claims for itself, not only recognition as a regular Lodge, but also as being, when other Masonic Lodges are found necessary in the Western Territory, "the Masonic Body corporated within the Federal territories, and duly invested with every power necessary to constitute, rule, and govern the same, agreeable to the Constitutions, and ancient customs of the Royal Craft throughout the world." What was the nature of the answer ordered to be sent, we know not, but there is a certain significance in this passage, which will call for some remark by-and-bye. The letter to Grand Lodge N.Y. was dated "Marietta, May 5th, 5791," and signed "by Benjamin Tupper, S.W.," and "Rufus Putnam J.W." on behalf of the Lodge.

The Lodge pursued its labours uninterruptedly and successfully, and Bro. Moore enumerates, with a pride which is very natural, the work accomplished by its members. These, he says, "were among the first settlers in this then vast wilderness; they organised the first civil government here, provided for the first school, held the first courts, commanded the first troops, made the first treaty with the Indians, aided in organising the first church, and one of its members preached the first sermon." Some years later, the hall in which it met was destroyed by fire, together with the old warrants and records, but a duplicate of the former was obtained, and the Lodge continued working with renewed vigour, some of the most distinguished Ohians, such as Putnam, Cass, Nye, Meigs, Heart, Cushing, &c., being on its roll of members. In January 1808, a Convention was held at Chillicothe, for the purpose of forming a Grand Lodge, and "American Union, No. 1," was represented by "Robert Oliver, Ichabod Nye, and William Skinner." A Grand Lodge was organised, and Bro. Rufus Putnam, though absent, was elected First Grand Master of Masons in Ohio. He was not, however, installed, and the Deputy, Thomas Henderson, of Cincinnati, "performed the duties of the office during the year." At the next session of the Lodge in January 1809 a letter was read from General Putnam, declining re-election, on account of age and infirmities. Bro. Moore quotes from it the following passage:—"My sun is far past the meridian; it is almost set; a few sands only remain in my glass. I am unable to undergo the necessary labours of that high and important office—unable to make you a visit at this time, without a sacrifice and hazard of health which prudence forbids."

For some years the Lodge continued working, but declined to accept a charter from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and was not again represented in that body until the session of Chillicothe in January 1816. Bro. Moore speaks of this abstention as arising "from some cause not clearly known, and not necessary now, after the lapse of more than half a century, to inquire into." We recognise the wisdom of the latter portion of the remark. We fancy, however, we trace the reason to the claim advanced in the letter to the Grand Lodge of New York, written on 5th May 5791, when the venerable Putnam was Junior Warden. We have pointedly alluded to this above, and will repeat a portion of the excerpt in which the claim is set forth. The Lodge therein considered itself to be the Masonic Body "duly invested with every power necessary to constitute, rule, and govern the same." In other words, American Union, No. 1, claimed to be the future Grand Lodge of the Western Territory, and very probably resented the idea of being reduced to a common level with the other Lodges subsequently established. This is merely a theory of ours, which must be taken for what it is worth, but we think our readers will admit that it has some basis of probability to rest upon. However, in January 1816, the Lodge accepted a new warrant from the Ohian Grand Lodge, and has gone on more or less prosperously ever since. In 1790, it was the one and only Lodge of Freemasons existing in the vast territory of the West. Now it heads a roll of over five hundred Lodges, all acknowledging obedience to the Grand Lodge of one of the proudest and richest states in that "American Union," whose name it has borne so worthily for a little over a century. All honour to this fine old Lodge, whose warrant was granted some months before the declaration of American Independence, and on whose list of members occur such names as Joel Clarke first W.M., Parsons, Wyllys—

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one of the original members, made prisoner by the British on Long Island,—Putnam initiated 1771, and deceased 1824, and Heart slain in battle with the Indians in 1791, in the unfortunate St. Clair expedition. May its future career be as prosperous, and may its members always be worthy of its distinguished founders!

BRO. HEATH'S CANDIDATURE FOR THE GRAND SECRETARYSHIP, SCOTLAND.

BUT few, if any, of our readers who have carefully studied Bro. Heath's letter, which appeared last week in these columns, will deny that he has a grievance. He has stated his case fairly and dispassionately. He vouches for the accuracy of his statements. Let the Committee of Grand Lodge, or whom it may most particularly concern, adduce, if possible, rebutting evidence, and we venture to say Bro. Heath is not the man we take him to be if he does not at once, and without *arrière pensée*, withdraw that portion of his letter which places certain officials of Grand Lodge, Scotland, in so ridiculous a light.

The case, as stated by him, is very simple. The office of Grand Secretary was declared vacant in Grand Lodge on 5th February, and it was, he suggests, pretty generally believed that only a Scotchman would be considered eligible to fill it. But an advertisement was inserted in the London *Times* of the 3rd ult., inviting applications from *efficient members of the Craft*, "such application, with testimonials to be lodged at Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, not later than Saturday, 10th March." Under these circumstances Bro. Heath considered himself at liberty to enter the field. He procured several of the highest testimonials which a brother could have procured, and lodged them, with his formal application, as desired, on the 10th ult., for which purpose, acting on the advice of his friends, he visited Edinburgh in person. On his arrival, however, he found "the appointment was really a foregone conclusion, and *had been so for some weeks*"—the italics are our own—and he argues very justly that the Committee had no right to have inserted a meaningless advertisement in a leading London journal, when they knew the choice of the electors had been already made, virtually, if not formally. Bro. Heath puts the matter in a worse light still by his statement, "that even the greater number of the brethren constituting the Grand Committee had actually pledged themselves to one or other of those candidates, even before waiting to ascertain the result of the advertisement they themselves had sanctioned." As the case stands, and it will require some very convincing evidence to upset it, Bro. Heath has placed the Grand Committee on the horns of a dilemma. If—and we do not for one moment presume to suggest otherwise—they issued the advertisement *bond fide*, they of all men had no business to pledge themselves until they had ascertained its result. Or, if their minds were already made up in favour of this or that candidate, they should have issued no advertisement whatever; or so penned it that no man of ordinary common sense could possibly have mistaken it for anything but a mere form of procedure, which the authorities were bound to observe, but which would have not the slightest influence on the result of the election.

As regards this portion of his letter, we consider Bro. Heath has a right to complain of the Grand Committee, unless they can disturb his statements, which he tells us are statements of *facts*. But we cannot say we think he has any reason to be surprised at their conduct. In the singleness of his heart, he appears to have regarded the matter strictly from a Masonic point of view. He considered the invitation of brethren to brethren had some meaning attached to it, or it would never have been issued. On the other hand, the Committee appear to have considered the invitation they issued was either a joke or a mere matter of form, which it was their duty to observe, but which no one would ever dream of taking seriously. We shall be curious to learn what, if any, answer the Grand Committee can make to Bro. Heath's statements.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION.)

ON Wednesday Sir George Elliot, M.P., who had been appointed by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to be the Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, was duly installed into that high office at a Provincial Grand Lodge held at Aberdare. That the office thus conferred upon Sir George Elliot is esteemed of great honour, is to be seen from the names of the other Provincial Grand Masters at the present time, these including Prince Leopold (Oxfordshire), the Earl of Carnarvon (Somersetshire), Lord Hartington, M.P. (Derbyshire), the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe (Cornwall), Lord de Tabley (Cheshire), the Duke of St. Albans (Lincolnshire), the Earl of Limerick (Bristol), Lord Skelmersdale (Western Division Lancashire), Viscount Holmesdale, M.P. (Kent), the Earl of Ferrers (Leicester and Rutland), Lord Suffield (Norfolk), the Duke of Manchester (Huntingdonshire), Earl Percy, M.P. (Northumberland), the Duke of Newcastle (Nottinghamshire), the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot (Staffordshire), Lord Pelham, M.P. (Sussex), Lord Leigh (Warwickshire), Lord Methuen (Wilts), the Earl of Zetland (North and East Riding of Yorkshire), the Earl of Bective (Cumberland and Westmoreland), Lord Waveney (Suffolk), Lord Sherborne (Gloucestershire), Sir D. Gooch, M.P., Mr. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Mr. T. P. Halsey, M.P., Sir W. W. Wynn, M.P., Colonel Burdett, Sir H. Edwards, General Brownrigg, Colonel E. C. Malet de Carteret, &c. Though the Grand Master's position is yearly an elective one, that of Provincial Grand Master is an appointment by the Grand Master under Letters Patent, and is bestowed upon those members of the Craft who have distinguished themselves in "Craft Masonry," and are connected with the Provinces. Sir George Elliot is a Past Master of the Bard of Avon Lodge, held in Middlesex; was Deputy Grand Master of Middlesex, and is a member of St. David's Lodge, held in Aberdare—a Lodge which, with his aid and the aid of his relative, Mr. J. C. Parkinson, has been raised to a high position. Sir George is connected with the industrial enterprise of this part of Wales, and his accession to this dignity was hailed with pleasure by all. There were great numbers of visitors from all parts of the country, especially from the neighbouring Province of Monmouth. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Temperance Hall, which had been specially prepared for the occasion. The Grand Registrar of England, Brother Æneas M'Intyre, Q.C., was the acting Grand Master, and was assisted by Brother J. C. Parkinson, Past Grand Deacon of England, Past Deputy Grand Master of Middlesex, and Brother Thomas Fenn, Past Grand Deacon of England, Colonel Burdett, Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, and Bro. John Monckton (Town Clerk of London), President of the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge of England. The Lodge having been opened in due form, the Letters Patent conferring his high rank having been read, the Acting Provincial Grand Master appointed a deputation to meet the Provincial Grand Master elect, who was then brought into the Lodge amid great cheering. Having given the usual solemn pledges to uphold the rights of the brethren of the Province, and to discharge the duties of the office, Sir George was regularly installed and invested, and was greeted in the customary form by the large assembly. The newly-installed Grand Master of the Province then nominated his officers, as follows:—Bros. J. Jones Hewson Prov. G. Reg., J. E. Price Prov. S.G.W., J. Rogers Prov. J.G.W., F. G. Glass Prov. S.G.D., D. Hopkins Prov. J.G.D., J. Jones Prov. G. Treas., the Vicar of Aberdare Prov. G. Chap., W. P. Garrett Prov. G.D. of Cers., George Batterwell Prov. G. Tyler, J. R. Robinson Prov. G.S. of Works, R. Webb Prov. G. Sword B., G. H. Webb Prov. G. Purs. The officers having been greeted in form, the usual congratulations were offered, and Sir George, assisted by his officers, duly closed his Lodge. The visitors then proceeded to the Market Hall, where a banquet was spread, and the usual speeches customary on the occasion were made. Bro. J. C. Parkinson, as Past Master of the St. David's Lodge, whose members had made all the arrangements of the day, gave the visitors cordial welcome, and in the course of his speech touched upon the principles of the Craft as known to Englishmen in its symbolical teachings of the highest principles of pure religion, and its requirement in its members of a strict observance of the laws and a ready obedience to the rulers in the land. Hence, he said, Freemasonry in England was a bulwark and a support to the institutions of the nation. The gathering was entirely successful, and the town in the evening was in gala array.—*Times*.

We gather the following additional particulars from the *South Wales Daily News*:—Sir George Elliot was born at Gateshead, and through life has been associated closely with the coal trade of Durham. Without following the details of his first years, we may safely assume that Sir George Elliot firmly established a determination in early life to "dare and do." By indomitable perseverance, he beat down the barriers to fame and fortune, and by a sure and rapid process eventually developed into one of the leading men of the county of Durham. As one of the members of that county he is now, and has been for many years, returned to Parliament in the Conservative interest, where his conduct has earned for him universal respect. It is only necessary to observe further that Sir George Elliot is a magistrate and deputy-lieutenant, not only for Durham, but for the county of Glamorgan; he is a member of the St. David's Lodge, Aberdare, and has been well known in the eastern division from his connection with the Powell's Duffryn Coal Company, the Alexandra Docks, Newport, and other local commercial undertakings. Sir George was initiated as a Mason many years ago in the city of Durham, where his constant activity in Masonic matters made him an esteemed and conspicuous member of the district Lodges of the north. With all Sir George's strong will for good work, his efforts might not perhaps have been so successful, but for the happy promptings and guidance of his son-in-law, Bro. J. C. Parkinson. Some years since, when the Freemasons of Stratford-on-Avon resolved upon resigning the warrant of the Bard of Avon Lodge, Bro. J. C. Parkinson P.G.D. Engd. P.D. Prov. G.M. Middlesex, applied that, in lieu of the warrant being surrendered, it should be transferred to the Province of Middlesex, which was subsequently effected, and he was appointed as its first Master. Sir George Elliot at that time occupied the position of Senior Warden, but was soon installed as W.M. Almost simultaneously, we believe, Bro. Parkinson, Sir G. Elliot, and Lord Limerick founded the Bard of Avon Chapter. Sir George is a stanch supporter of our charities, being vice-patron of the three institutions. Sir George took a prominent part in the ceremony, which took place

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three years ago, at Stratford-on-Avon, to commemorate the erection of a marble tablet in the church of the Holy Trinity, which notified that an adjacent stained glass window, opposite Shakespeare's effigy, was presented to the church by the Bard of Avon Lodge. The day passed off with considerable *eclat*, Lord Leigh having opened, at Stratford Town-hall, a special Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire, from which a deputation was formed to receive Sir George Elliot, as W.M. of the Bard of Avon Lodge, Bro. M'Intyre Q.C., and several brethren of eminence, who arrived from London to participate on the occasion. At the close of the proceedings a banquet was given under the presidency of Sir George, who, in eloquent speeches, afforded ample evidence of his knowledge and deep appreciation of those sacred lines upon which faithful Masons ever work. The hon. baronet was elected Dep. Prov. G.M. of Middlesex upon the resignation of Bro. Parkinson. In addition to his labours in Craft Masonry, he has filled position in the ancient and accepted Rite, and in the religious and military Order of the Temple, he being a Past Preceptor of the Bard of Avon Preceptory, of which he was one of the founders; as also the Bard of Avon Rose Croix Chapter, wherein he is P.M.W.S. Sir George's retirement from the Bard of Avon Lodge was not allowed to pass without a substantial acknowledgment of his labours, and accordingly the noted Wyon of London, was commissioned to design a handsome and appropriate gold medal, which was presented to him. Sir George's charitable acts are not blazoned abroad, but they are well-known to those who are familiar with his Masonic movements.

After the closing of the Lodge, the brethren proceeded to St. Elvan's Church, where the service was carried out by the Vicar of Aberdare, who selected as his text Ezra iii. 13, "The people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping." At the close of the sermon a collection was made on behalf of the local Charities. At the banquet, Sir George Elliot, who presided, was supported by Bro. J. C. Parkinson on his right, and Bro. Æ. McIntyre on his left. After the regular loyal toasts had been disposed of, that of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers was given, coupled with the name of Bro. Monckton, who said he esteemed it a distinguished honour to reply to the toast. It was a pleasure to represent one's highly esteemed colleagues—officers of the Grand Lodge—even for a few moments. In their names he begged cordially and briefly to respond to the kind remarks of the Provincial Grand Master. But he was compelled to allude to a further and greater pleasure; he alluded to the privilege of being present in the eastern division of South Wales on this most interesting and most auspicious occasion. There were many present older in Masonry than himself, and although his connection dated many years back, he could not remember having attended a meeting which had given him greater Masonic pleasure and satisfaction than that of to-day. They who had come from the metropolis had been more and more astonished as the day had gone on, and he would tell them frankly that when he was invited to be present at this installation, he thought he was coming to a new country place called Aberdare, and that they would have to get on as best they could. He had no conception he was going to see such splendid and business-like preparations as he had witnessed in the two buildings that day. When he heard it whispered that a great deal of the good taste displayed was to be attributed to a young Mason, and a member of the youngest Lodge in the Province, he affirmed that there must be a great deal in Masonry that could evoke such enthusiasm from a young brother; but that good taste of the young brother would have gone for little without kindly fraternal hands to assist. (Cheers). It would have been most ungracious to come and enjoy the hospitality and Masonic pleasures of the day if he failed in the names of those afar off to acknowledge the manner in which they had received the toast of the Grand Officers. He wished, in conclusion, prosperity to all present. (Cheers).

Bro. McIntyre, Q.C., had much pleasure in proposing the "Health of the Right Worshipful Prov. G.M." wishing him long life and continued prosperity, and a desire to see him as he was now—surrounded by his neighbours and brethren, and that he would always be supported by them. (Cheers). In the presence of Sir George, one could not say so much as if he was absent. They saw him now, had known him, and would know more of him. He was a brother whose hand would be open with that generosity which characterised faithful Masons, and whose kindly feeling would animate every Lodge and every brother in the Province. The Prov. G.M., in response, remarked that the brethren must have very strong sympathy with him in the very embarrassed position in which he now felt himself, especially after the very handsome manner in which his esteemed brother had proposed, and in which they had received, his health. He felt that it was very well for him. He did not prepare any speech, for, had he done so, he believed he would have forgotten every word. (Laughter.) The few observations, therefore, that he proposed to make would be spoken from the impulses of his own heart. (Cheers.) He had no reservation in his feelings, but he was almost overwhelmed by the sentiments expressed by his brother in proposing the toast, and by the kindness evinced towards him by the brethren in the Province in supporting his nomination to the Provincial Grand Master of England. He felt that it was an undeserved compliment that had been paid to him. (Cries of "No, no.") He could only say that he had to record his most sincere thanks for their kindness. He almost felt that there must have been some secret in his life which he had not discovered — that there was something about himself which he had not been able to discern, that had brought about such a good result. He supported fully the great principles which were embodied in the system of Freemasonry, and when he looked at it from every point of view it always impressed him that their system more than any other was one which it was his duty to uphold. (Applause.) There was a secrecy in connection with the noble Order which the outside world knew nothing of. If it were possible that the outside world could be made acquainted with it, he believed that not merely would their principle be more largely appreciated, but there would be a great accession to their body of members. If they looked at it in any of these views it would be seen by their acts of love, always accompanied by and combined with a most excellent religious feeling and dogma, that there was no possibility, as long as Freemasonry was upheld and proclaimed, the country would be given over to idolatry. (Cheers.) In speaking as he had done, he had spoken from his heart. He had been somewhat exercised in mind as to whom he should appoint as his deputy, but he refrained from making that appointment on this occasion. Many had worked well and done much in securing such gratifying results as they that day witnessed. If he could be in his way a medium to promote the good of the noble Order, if he were supported by the brethren as he believed he should be, he should feel most happy to do everything that lay in his power. He assured them that he would lend his aid to establish the solidity, the vitality, and enduring usefulness of Masonry in the Province.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson proposed the health of the Visitors, and coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Colonel Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex, S. G. Homfray D.P.G.M. Monmouth, and Fenn P.G.D. The Provincial Grand Officers was responded to by Bros. McIntyre, Col. Burdett, S. George Homfray and Fenn. All these distinguished brethren alluded in the highest terms to the splendid arrangements made by the Lodges for the installation, and expressed their high pleasure at the testimony they had received on the occasion of the zeal and earnestness with which Freemasonry was supported in the Province. The concluding toasts were The Masonic Charities and The Lodges of the Province. Suitable addresses were delivered in connection with these toasts, and heartily responded to. The interesting proceedings were shortly afterwards brought to a close. We may mention that the decorations, which were universally admired, were completed under the superintendence of Bro. Fenn, and that the banquet was supplied by A. Jones, of the Black Lion Hotel.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS, &c.

The Holy Palestine Preceptory met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Wednesday, 4th April, at 5.30. E. Sir Knt. John Boyd, as Preceptor. Among those present were—Sir Knts. H. C. Levander, C. Hammerton, Rev. P. M. Holden, R. W. Little, Cubitt, Herbert Dicketts, T. H. Edmands, J. L. Thomas, E. Campion, &c.; also as Visitors E. Sir Knts. W. Hyde Pullen, Dr. W. H. Ramsay P.E.P. Faith and Fidelity, Captain W. Portlock Dadson R.B.G., P.E.P. Kemeys Tynte, and the Rev. F. Kill Harford, M.A. E.P. Holy Sanctuary. Companion E. Campion was installed as a Knight Templar by Sir Knt. Pullen, and E. Sir Knt. H. C. Levander, M.A. was installed as Preceptor for the ensuing year, and appointed his officers. A donation of ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of the Grand Sub-Prior, Major Shadwell H. Clerke R.B.G., at the festival.

The Grand Metropolitan Chapter, Rose Croix, will meet at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Wednesday, 11th April, at 4.45 p.m., for the perfection of candidates. Ill. Bro. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, 30°, M.W. Sov.

The Antient York Chapter of Redemption, Rose Croix, met at the Masonic Hall, Hull, on Thursday, 5th April, at half-past 7, for the perfection of candidates. Ill. Bro. Walter Reynolds, 30°, M.W. Sov.

The Victoria Chapter, Rose Croix, will meet at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Monday, 9th April, at 8 p.m., for the perfection of candidates, the installation of Ill. Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, M.A., 30°, as M.W. Sov., and the appointment of officers for the ensuing year. Ex. Bro. W. P. Mills, M.D., M.W. Sov.

The Vigne Chapter, Rose Croix, met at the Pembroke Hotel, Bournemouth, on Wednesday, 4th April, at 6 p.m., for the perfection of candidates and election of the M.W. Sov. for the ensuing year. Ex. Bro. S. G. Kirchhoffer, 18°, M.W. Sov.

The *Portsmouth Times* of the 3rd inst., announces that it is currently stated Lord Pelham has ceased to act as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, and that Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, M.P. of Ockenden, Cuckfield, has been appointed P.G.M.

We are given to understand that a new Lodge (the Sampson No. 1668,) will be consecrated at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 18th April, by Bro. A. B. Loewenstark. The first Master and Wardens named in the Warrant are as follows:—Marcus D. Loewenstark W.M., Joseph D. Burnett S.W., W.H. G. D. Rudderforth J.W. The brethren will be summoned to assemble at 3.30 p.m.

The Committee of the London Masonic Club, No. 101 Queen Victoria-street, have issued invitations to a banquet on Thursday, April 12th, to entertain the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Thomas White, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hadley, and Bro. Sheriff East.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Manchester Lodge of Instruction, No. 179, this day, at the Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 7 o'clock. Bro. C. Koester, P.M. 435, Preceptor.

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THE COMMEMORATIVE LIFEBOATS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Your correspondent, "A South Devon P.M.," in his letter on the above subject, says that "Lucretius" had stated "that Dartmouth was the only spot between Torbay and Plymouth where a lifeboat, to be of any use, should be placed." I am sure that gentleman will permit me to say that I did not examine or speak of the coast below Salcombe. I was most solicitous about the district, of which I consider Dartmouth the centre, because of the distressing shipwrecks which are constantly taking place there, and I hope that the lifeboat, which I find has already been built and paid for, will soon be placed on the pontoon which is to be erected for her reception. I may say that I have heard Hope Cove spoken favourably of; but, personally, I know nothing of its eligibility for a lifeboat station. There is much to approve in the other remarks of "A South Devon P.M.," and if I might take the liberty, I would point out to him the desirability of placing lifeboats at Scilly, where in ten years 415 persons were drowned, and property to the extent of one million pounds sterling was lost. I have brought these facts prominently before some of the leading men of this kingdom, and I shall be gratified by your allowing me to do so in your own excellent journal. I should like to see my countrymen act more upon well ascertained principles, and less upon impulse, so that provision should be made before catastrophes occur in order to lessen the mournful consequences which too often follow. Perhaps you will allow me to add, that among the designs which have been submitted to me for the saving of life on these terribly destructive coasts is that of a telegraph buoy, invented by Mr. Festing of the Control Office, and which I have submitted to the consideration of the Board of Trade.

Faithfully yours,

LUCRETIUS.

Tregiskey House, Cornwall, 3rd April 1877.

CRAFT MASONRY AND THE HIGH GRADES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reference to the seal which I described, and concerning which "P. T. T." wrote last week, I may say that my reasons for calling it "official" are, that it is far too massive and clumsy to have ever been intended for a "trinket" or even for private use. You will see, from the impression I sent you, what are the dimensions of the face. The handle is of hard wood, ending in a large knob about three inches in diameter.

I quite agree with your correspondent, that there is nothing surprising in the combination of emblems, and only sent you a description of the seal because I regarded it as a link in that very strong chain of evidence which exists that, until the revival of 1717, Freemasonry was essentially Christian in its teachings, and that it was not until some years after that date that the "universality" doctrine, which we now regard as the essence of the thing, was accepted throughout this country.

Yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD, 18°.

York, 2nd April.

THE JEWISH QUESTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Dear Sir and Brother,—It hardly appears to me to be worth while discussing the question whether a few years since a particular candidate professing Christianity was or was not refused admission into one of our so-called Jewish Lodges. The fact is pretty generally known throughout the Craft, that both now and in years gone by, these Lodges have always been included Jews and Christians among their members, though the former were superior numerically. The issue which the Montefiore and Joppa Lodges have raised is an important one, and, as you have pointed out, involves a question of principle, the importance of which cannot be exaggerated. What I hope, is, that the Lodges, be they so-called Jewish or not, which have initiated the present movement, will persevere until their object is attained. This, as far as my judgment goes, I take to be either that our Grand Lodge shall successfully press the recognition of the admissibility of Jews into Freemasonry upon the Berlin Grand Lodge or Lodges which now reject it, or as you have suggested, abstain from further official intercourse with it or them, till recognition is accorded. They have thus far obtained a fair measure of success; let them work with all the greater diligence, and I feel certain they will carry their point.

Yours fraternally,

T. P. C.

MASONS OF MANY DEGREES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your extract under the above heading from the *Voice of Masonry*, has appeared very opportunely. I feel quite sure that unprejudiced brethren of experience in this country will admit that a large proportion of *working* Craft Masons are also working members of the higher degrees. Occasionally, it is true, one hears disparaging remarks made with regard to the high grades, but these always come, as might be anticipated, from brethren who have not taken those degrees, and who therefore speak "foolishly." The fact is, the study of Masonry is so thoroughly absorbing to those who take it up in a right spirit that few who once enter upon it are content (unless prevented by religious disabilities or opinions) to remain ignorant of any Masonic teachings or curiosities of ritual which come within their reach. Depend upon it your Mason who sneers at what he does not comprehend, and who declines to be enlightened, is a Mason in name only.

I am, yours fraternally,

T. B. W.

QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A few months back a candidate presented himself at Lodge Victoria in Burmah, No. 832, for initiation, a foreigner, when it was discovered by brethren that his knowledge of English was so limited that he barely understood his O.B. It was discovered further that he could not read nor write any language. It was again discovered that in the Tyler's book a brother had signed for the initiate "his × mark. Witnessed by —— Tyler!!!" And, to cap all, that the application and declaration had been signed by the candidate's wife!!!

The District Grand Secretary reported the whole matter to the Deputy District Grand Master. An inquiry was held by the District Grand Lodge Committee, and a report submitted to the District Grand Lodge. A warm discussion ensued, technical objections being raised regarding the powers and procedure of the District Grand Lodge Committee and the District Grand Lodge. The compromise arrived at, which you have noticed in your paper of the 20th January, was that the initiate should satisfy the Deputy District Grand Master of his qualifications before he was advanced to a higher degree, and on the 12th September it is declared that the candidate having satisfied the Deputy District Grand Master that he was able to read and write, permission was granted to confer the second and third degrees. Meanwhile the candidate has learned to sign his name.

Can the Deputy District Grand Master or the District Grand Lodge condone such conduct on the part of a private Lodge? What is the punishment to be meted out to the private Lodge, its Master and Wardens, for its and their neglect? What precedent can be cited for or against the Lodge?

Yours fraternally,

A BURMAH MASON.

Rangoon, 3rd March 1877.

APPROACHING ELECTION, FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—It seems to me to be very desirable in our election of boys for admission into the Royal Masonic Institution that a rule should be adopted by the Committee, if the proposal should meet with their approbation, that an orphan boy, a son of a deceased Freemason, who has been unsuccessful in his application *seven* times, and has not yet attained to the age of exclusion, should be received on the foundation without further election. Such an act of grace would be welcomed by the Craft throughout the country, and be rewarded by additional support to the funds. There is such a case now standing on the list of candidates, viz., that of George Samuel Cox. What is the widowed mother with her *four* orphan children to do, under the oppressive circumstances of struggling with poverty? Masonry expects and professes something more than "Be ye warmed, and be ye clothed." This case I know to be a deplorable one, and will not the Craft assist?

I remain, Sir, very faithfully yours,

DANIEL ACE, D.D.,

P.M. 1233, and P.G.C. for Lincolnshire.

Laughton Vicarage, near Gainsborough, 4th April 1877.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—May I ask you kindly to insert this letter in your next issue. I wish to plead for the little boy George Samuel Cox, the first on the list of applicants for admission into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. It is his 7th application, and he can only stand one more election. He is the son of the late Bro. James Cox, who was initiated into Freemasonry in 1862, and who was successively W.M. and, until the time of his death, Secretary of the Fortitude Lodge, No. 165, Plymouth. Our brother Cox was for eleven years master of the Stonehouse workhouse, and, on his retirement in order to take a better position, he was presented with a handsome testimonial. He then became master of the Model Workhouse, Devonport. Since his death, his widow has been supporting herself

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and her five small children by taking a situation as a national schoolmistress at Stanstead, in Suffolk; she is a most respectable and deserving person, has managed to apprentice one son, and is now most anxious to get this child elected to the Boys' School. But in the six elections, he has only polled 383 votes. The case is known to, and recommended by the M.W. Pro Grand Master Lord Carnarvon, R.W.'s the Lord Waveney P.G.M. Suffolk, the Rev. J. Huyshe P.G.M. Devon, W. W. Beach Esq. M.P. P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. D.P.G. Suffolk, L. P. Memtham Esq. P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Devon, Rev. Dr. Ace P. Prov. G.C. Lincolnshire, J. Foster P. Prov. S.G.W. Lincolnshire, Jew, Stonehouse, Plymouth; Bros. the Rev. G. R. Portal P.G.M. Mark Masters, R. R. Rodd Esq. P.P.G.R. Devon, and many other brethren. I shall be happy to receive proxies and to give any further information that may be required, and I hope I shall not appeal in vain for help to the Craft.

I have the honour to be, yours fraternally,

CHARLES J. MARTYN P.G.C. D.P.G.M. Suffolk,

Vice Patron of the Institution.

Melford Rectory, Suffolk, 4th April 1877.

THE DRAMA.

Easter Novelties.—The Olympic.—Prince of Wales's.—Gaiety.

NOVELTY this season is conspicuous by its absence, at least in the dramatic world. The "new and original" drama by Mr. Charles Reade, produced under the title of *The Scuttled Ship*, at the OLYMPIC, can hardly be said to be either the one or the other. Under the title of *Foul Play*, the incidents employed in this production were some years since used by the author in a novel—which was fairly successful—and by Mr. Boucicault in a drama, which was, if we remember rightly, a failure. The present play differs from its predecessor in many respects, not the least of which is its inordinate length. A drama, in six acts, which takes four hours and a half in representation, is surely little short of an anachronism in these days. Yet, although neither new nor original, and too long by at least a third, the play is both interesting and dramatic in a high degree. Mr. Neville as Michael Penfold, and Miss Pateman as Helen Rolleston, appear to great advantage in these important parts, and the other characters are not inadequately represented.

The PRINCE OF WALES'S re-opened with an entirely new programme on Saturday last, but of the two pieces presented, one, *London Assurance*, is familiar to most playgoers, and has been performed at most theatres; whilst the other, under the title of *The Vicarage*, hides the well-remembered features of *The Cosy Couple*, a farce originally played, we believe, by Mr. Charles Mathews, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matthews. The comedy is less successful than might have been expected interpreted as it is by the full strength of Mrs. Bancroft's excellent company. Neither Miss Madge Robertson as Lady Gay Spanker, nor Mr. Bancroft as Dazzle are as effective as we have been accustomed to see them in other *roles*. Mrs. Bancroft, as Pert, is, of course, all that could be wished, and not even Mrs. Keeley, in her best day's, could have rendered the part better. As Grace Harkaway, that somewhat over-rated actress, Miss Carlotta Addison was of a commonplace order of excellence, whilst Mr. Kendal as Charles Courtley, and Mr. Sugden as Carl, were fairly successful. *The Vicarage* is capitally played throughout by Mr. Arthur Cecil, Mrs. Bancroft and Mr. Kendal.

The Babes in the Wood; or, the Orphans Released, by Mr. Burnand, is the holiday production at the GAIETY, and is both a humorous piece in itself, and capitally acted by Mr. Hollingshead's company. Mr. Toole and Miss Farren as the two "babes," assisted by Mr. Royce, Miss Emily Muir, and Miss Kate Vaughan, trip merrily through their parts, and the general hilarity of the audience testifies to the success of their endeavours. This (Saturday) evening, sees a new programme at the HAYMARKET, consisting of a new Robertsonian comedy, entitled *Fame*, by C. M. Rae, a comedietta called *A Fair Encounter*, by the same author, and that capital farce, *Tom Noddy's Secret*, which has not been performed on the London stage for some years past.

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

THE GRAND FESTIVAL will be held on Wednesday, 25th April 1877, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London.

Tickets may be obtained of the Grand Stewards, but no tickets will be issued after 4 o'clock on the day preceding the Festival.

Dinner at half-past six o'clock precisely.

The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. Kuhe, G. Org.

Brethren must appear in full Masonic Craft Clothing.

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

A QUARTERLY General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Saturday, the 14th day of April 1877, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution; to consider Notices of Motion as follows, and to elect Thirteen Girls into the School by ballot from a list of Fifty-four 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. H. G. Warren—

That, having regard to the increased income of the Institution and the altered position of the Secretary and Collector, it is expedient that Rules 74 and 76 shall be so amended as to provide that the Secretary shall give security for £1000, the Secretary's Chief Clerk £500, and any other Clerks £250 each. Such security to be provided through an Approved Guarantee Society, and the premiums paid by this Institution, so as not to be a burthen on the officials.

By Bro. F. W. H. Ramsay, M.D.—

That the proposition of Bro. Warren, as to the Guarantees, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Bros. Col. Creaton and Col. Burdett, *Trustees*; W. Hyde Pullen, Wm. Roebuck, D.M. Dewar, Raynham W. Stewart, John Mason, and Dr. Ramsay, with power to add to their number.

By Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., V.P.—

That the Quarterly Courts in January and July shall be held in future at Four o'clock instead of Twelve o'clock.

R. WENTWORTH LITTLE,
D. Prov. G.M. Middx., *Secretary.*

THE EIGHTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on 9th May 1877, on which occasion the Right Hon. the Lord Suffield, K.C.B., R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk, has kindly consented to preside.

Names of Stewards will be thankfully received by the Secretary, and as the School is now being enlarged to accommodate 60 additional Girls, the Craft are earnestly urged to support this Institution.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen, with the Princess Beatrice and Prince Leopold, is spending Easter at Osborne. On Wednesday, the Princess of Wales left London *en route* for Athens, in order to visit her brother, King George, and the Queen of Greece. The journey was *viâ* Paris and Brindisi, at which latter place it is expected she will arrive this day. Here the Royal yacht Osborne will be in readiness to convey her to Athens, where it is expected she will make a stay for some little time. Meanwhile, the Prince of Wales's health is steadily improving, and we trust he will soon be able to set out upon his projected trip to the Mediterranean. The Duke of Cambridge has returned to town from Portsmouth, whither he had gone for the benefit of his health. On Tuesday he visited the Prince and Princess of Wales at Marlborough House.

As regards weather, the holiday folk have fared better than might have been anticipated. Both Good Friday and the Bank Holiday were fine; consequently the various places of amusement in and near London were pretty well thronged with visitors, while not a few ventured on an excursion to this or that favourite sea-side resort. As usual, the Cumberland and Westmoreland Wrestling Society held its annual fête at Lillie Bridge on Good Friday. The entries for the several contests were numerous, and the large assemblage of spectators which had gathered in this popular resort of athleticism were highly gratified with the sport. The prize for London men, not exceeding eleven stone, was won by Atkinson. There were fifty-three entries for the All-comers' Prize, same weight, and in the final rounds, two out of three, R. Pooley threw W. Matthews the first and third, while the latter won the intermediate. For the Championship Prize, open to all weights, the entries were more numerous still. After a good display of strength and skill, G. Steadman was proclaimed the winner. The wrestling was followed by pole-leaping, which excited a considerable amount of interest, and a Quarter Mile Handicap. W. Barrow, of Keswick, won the first prize in the former with a leap of 10 ft., but the second prize was divided among W. Robson, T. Atkinson, and J. Scott, who severally cleared 9 ft. 3 in. The handicap was won by W. Arthur in 48 sec. On Monday, throngs of sight-seers were to be seen in all parts of London, in the neighbourhood of those resorts where sight-seers most do congregate. The Enfield Steeplechases was one of the principal attractions, and, of course, drew a large concourse of spectators. The Crystal Palace, which is always known to provide plenty of amusement on our public holidays, was nearly as well filled as it was last year, the number of visitors being about 58,000, against 60,000 in 1876. The attraction at the Royal Albert Hall was a Grand Miscellaneous Concert, in aid of the Cheesemongers' Benevolent Institution. Madame Lemmens-Sherrington, Madame Patey, Mr. Vernon Rigby, and Signor Foli were among the principal *artistes* engaged for the occasion. Nor was the Royal Aquarium, Westminster, behindhand in its endeavours to attract visitors. There were two performances in the theatre, and two concerts in the main hall, besides a variety of other entertainments. The Zoological Gardens, the Polytechnic, and the British Museum were among the most popular of the places which offer instructive entertainment. In the evening the theatres were well attended, so that, on the whole, people must have been very hard indeed to please if they were unable to spend their holidays agreeably.

The revival of the Easter Monday Review, which was held this year at Dunstable, appears to have given general satisfaction. At all events over 13,000 men appeared on the field, the arrangements having been under the direct supervision of the War Office, while the railways were able to despatch the men promptly, so that little, if any, delay occurred on the journey either going or returning. General Stephenson was in command of the entire force, which, as usual, was divided into two armies, of attack and defence respectively, the former being under the command of Colonel Sargent, C.B., and the latter under that of Lord Abinger. The defence was presumed to have been successful, and after the mimic battle, the whole of the force marched past the general, and then left the ground on their return to London, the first detachment reaching King's Cross at 5.30 p.m.

On Tuesday the operatic season opened at the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden, with the performance of Verdi's opera, *Un Ballo in Maschera*. The artistes included Mdlle. D'Angéri as Amelia, Madame Scalchi as Ulrica, Mdlle. Bianchi as Oscar, and Signors Graziani, Capponi, Rossi, and Manfredi. On Thursday was given Auber's *Fra Diavolo*, with Mdlle. Bianchi, Madame Scalchi, Signori Ciampi, Tagliafico, and Capponi, and M. Capoul.

The Agricultural Hall is again the scene of one of those great walking matches with which the name of Weston is so intimately associated. On the present occasion, however, Weston is not matched against time, but against another long distance walker, who, in America at least, enjoys almost as high a reputation, namely, D. O'Leary. The men began walking at five minutes past midnight on Sunday-Monday night, Weston starting on his journey about a minute earlier than his rival. The two walked on steadily at the rate of about five miles an hour. O'Leary took his first rest a little after noon, when he had covered a little

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more than 63 miles. Weston continued walking for over two hours more, and then rested for some seventeen minutes. By midnight Weston had walked over 116 miles, and O'Leary over 114 miles. At the end of the second day, however, the position of the men was greatly changed in favour of the latter. When the second twenty-four was completed, O'Leary had retired to rest some time, having walked 208 miles, while Weston, at the same time, had gone over 194 miles. O'Leary covered his first 200 miles in the unprecedented time of 45hrs. 21min. 33sec., or less by 1hr. 13min. 57 sec. than the fastest time hitherto on record. At the end of the third day, O'Leary had done 294 miles, and Weston nearly 275. Further details must be reserved for next week.

We are sorry to see that the present holiday season has not passed without some fatal casualties. On the afternoon of Good Friday a party of three excursionists from Liverpool went for a row on the Dee, near Chester. On returning, either through carelessness or other cause, the boat was upset and the occupants were precipitated into the water. One of them, a woman, named Mary McCutchon was gallantly rescued by a soldier of the 106th Regiment, but the two others, who were men, were both drowned. On Saturday afternoon, a somewhat similar and equally fatal accident occurred on the Thames at Teddington Weir. Two young gentlemen had hired a boat from Richmond and rowed up the river; when near the Weir, just above Teddington Lock, they met a steam launch, when, owing to some cause, as yet unexplained, the occupants of the boat were soon overpowered, and as the tide was on the ebb, the boat was drawn through the puddles of the weir and instantly smashed to pieces. Several attempts were made to rescue the unfortunate gentlemen. Joe Sadler and others put off in boats from Messenger's Ferry, but accomplished nothing, owing to the rapidity of the current. A young gentleman named Chappell and a Mr. Wilkinson, who were on the lawn of a house abutting on Weir-bank, plunged unhesitatingly into the water, when they heard cries for help, but they were unable to do anything, and were themselves able to return to land only after great difficulty, and thoroughly exhausted.

The Eastern Question seems but very little nearer solution than it was last week. True, the Protocol on which Russia appears to have set her heart has been signed by all the Great Powers, provisionally by England, and it is said likewise by Austria. This, in the opinion of many people, was to determine the whole difficulty, but diplomatic difficulties are unlike others. No sooner has that happened which we are given to understand will set matters right, than some fresh obstacle presents itself, and the end appears to be as far removed as ever. This appears to be the case in the present instance. Everything depended on the Protocol being signed. It has been signed, and *when* Turkey and Montenegro have settled the terms of peace between them; *when* Russia and Turkey are agreed to a mutual disarmament; *when* the former is satisfied that Turkey is serious in the reforms she is introducing; and *when* Turkey is able to satisfy Russia that no more outbreaks will occur, either in the provinces now disaffected or in any others, then, it seems, but not till then, there is a prospect that war will not ensue. This is not exactly reassuring, but we cannot say it is entirely unsatisfactory. It is impossible we can continue much longer without gathering the real character of Russia's designs. She it is who has been throughout the main obstacle to a settlement. We are not hazarding any opinion in writing this, but stating a simple fact with which the whole world is acquainted. Her anxiety is for peace, while her acts are warlike. But she cannot continue fooling the rest of Europe for ever. If she is sincere in her desire for peace, the peace of Europe may be assured to-morrow, and the world generally is beginning to recognise this fact. Turkey may be as black as she is painted, but this is doubtful. Russia is not as honourable as she would have us believe she is. This is not doubtful, though some may have elected to think so in the days of the "atrocities."

In a report on a Widows' and Orphans' Home and Industrial School, which was agreed to at the Annual Communication in Vicksburg, on 7th February, of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, and is appended to the *Masonic Jewel* for last month, we find some very interesting details as to Masonic Institutions established, or in contemplation, in various of the United States, and elsewhere. Connecticut, it seems, is about establishing a Home for Aged and Infirm Masons, their Widows and Orphans, but before any attempt is made at organisation, it is proposed to raise a fund of one hundred thousand dollars by contribution, but whether by voluntary or enforced contributions is not stated. In Kentucky for some years past a Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home has been maintained under the auspices of Grand Lodge. The subscriptions received from the outset from Lodges and the Ladies' Aid Society amount to nearly 149,000 dollars. There is an endowment fund of close on 138,500 dollars, which yields an income of about 10,000 dollars per annum. Since the opening of the Home, a hundred and eighty-five widows and orphans of deceased Kentuckian Freemasons have been admitted, and there are at present one hundred and twenty-eight inmates of the Institution. The expenses for the year ended 31st August 1875 amounted to, in round figures, 39,800 dollars, but of this sum 25,884 dollars were expended for building purposes, so that the actual current expenses of the year were only 13,815 dollars. The Home is governed by a board of fifteen directors, five of whom retire annually. In Missouri, we are told, the Grand Lodge once built and owned a Masonic Orphans' College, but after the lapse of a few years it was abandoned, as it was found that it "cost about four times as much to educate each orphan in the school as it would to pay their tuition in the regular academic and public schools by the Lodges themselves near their own homes." The College was accordingly closed, and presented to the Central Female College, which grants free tuition to thirty orphans if Grand Lodge desire it, but Lodges now attend to their own orphans, and are, in consequence, excused from paying any Charity Fund to Grand Lodge. North Carolina formerly appropriated 2000 dollars annually for the support of two Orphan Asylums—one at Oxford and one at Asheville. At the last Communication of Grand Lodge the latter was incorporated with the former, the annual subvention being continued. The two Institutions since their establishment have fed, clothed, and instructed 145 orphans, taken from the most needy in the State. In Nebraska a fund is being raised for the education of indigent children of deceased Masons, and now in Mississippi it has been determined to erect a Widows' and Orphans' Home and Industrial School. An endowment of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, calculated to yield an annual income of ten thousand dollars, will be raised in the first instance, and then a sum of fifty thousand dollars will be secured for building. The Institution will be governed by a Board, consisting of the Grand Master, Dep. Grand Master, Grand Wardens *ex officio*, and fifteen members, elected at the rate of five annually, each class of five retiring in turn, in order to create the requisite number of vacancies.

We have received copy of a Petition or Memorial which will be presented at the next Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter by the three Principals of Royal Union Chapter, No. 382, Uxbridge. It appears that in the beginning of this year Comp. M. Cooke, M.E.Z. of the Chapter in question, with the other Principals, was summoned to appear before Col. Burdett, Grand Superintendent of Middlesex, to show cause why the Chapter should not be suspended for non-payment of dues to the Provincial Grand Chapter from the year 1872 till the present. Z., H. and J., however, acknowledged the receipt of, but did not obey, the summons, and as a consequence, sentence of suspension was passed against the Chapter, while the Principals were suspended from all their "Royal Arch Masonic Functions." At the last meeting of Grand Chapter an attempt was made by Comp. Cooke to present his memorial, but owing, we presume, to the non-observance of certain formalities, the reception of the memorial was declined. We trust the document in its present form will be found sufficiently formal, and that the appeal will be heard forthwith. It is unsatisfactory to have cases of this kind left unsettled, especially when the important question of jurisdiction has been raised. We reserve our opinion on the case till it has been heard and determined in Grand Chapter.

The General Committee of the Boys' School will meet this afternoon at 4 p.m., when, as we understand, the question of the extension of the School will be taken into consideration.

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Old Warrants.

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No. 62.

No. 49, "Ancients;" No. 69 at the "Union of 1813," No. 61 from A.D. 1832, and No. 53 from A.D. 1863.

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[GRAND LODGE SEAL.] [SEAL OF G.M.]

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six) in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis & Earl of Tullibardine, Strathtay and Strathardale, Viscount Balquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Constable of the Castle of Kinclaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful William Oaks, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Archibald Herron, Esq., Junior Grand Warden (with the Approbation and Consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well beloved brethren, viz., The Right Worshipful Benjamin Plummer one of our Master Masons, & P.S.G.W., The Worshipful John Dixon his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful John Pearson his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Bladnds Head Inn, in the City of Bath, or elsewhere, on the first Monday in every Month, and on all seasonable Times and lawful Occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby farther authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well beloved Brethren Benjamin Plummer, John Dixon and John Pearson (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

No. 49

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Twenty-third day of January, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twelve, and in the Year of Masonry Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Twelve.

ROBT. LESLIE, Grand Secretary.

This Lodge was constituted on Friday, February 1812, & of Masonry 5812.

B. PLUMMER, Past Senr. Grand Warden.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 2, Letter B, fo. 207. Date, 1762.

The present title, No., &c. are, The "Royal Sussex Lodge," No. 53, Bath.

PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E.C.

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The *New Quarterly* offers one of the best programmes we have read for some time. The number opens with an admirable paper by George Meredith, "On the idea of Comedy, and of the Comic Spirit." We advise our readers not simply to read, but to study it likewise. "The Tourist in Portugal" is next in order, and when we say it is from the pen of Mr. John Latouche, we think we have said enough to secure for it the attention it deserves. Mr. Latouche has already distinguished himself by a series of articles, entitled "Travels in Portugal," which appeared in the earlier numbers of this periodical, and we are promised that, from time to time, further papers will appear with the heading of the present paper. We are glad of this, for the author is quite equal to the task, having been evidently at much pains to acquaint himself with Portuguese habits and customs and with the capabilities, agricultural, industrial, and otherwise, of the country. He writes, moreover, in an easy fluent style, without the slightest care to misrepresent or exaggerate. "The Art of Lying," by C. Elliott Browne, is most interesting. Travellers are great adepts in the art, the instances adduced in the course of this essay, of their marvellous ability in the art of lying are both numerous and entertaining. The amateur of music will rejoice in the article on "Musical Expression and the Composers of the Eighteenth Century," while the man of science will derive equal pleasure from taking "A Glance at the Comets," under the guidance of Mr. E. V. Heward. The fiction is contributed by writers whose names are familar to readers of the *New Quarterly*, Mrs. Jack; a Story," being from the pen of Frances Eleanor Trollope, and "The Mystic; or, a Journey to Edinburgh," from that of Mr. John Dangerfield. This completes the list of contents, and we fancy our readers will admit that a better has seldom been furnished even by the *New Quarterly*.

Our friends will find that *Cassell's Family Magazine* is full of sound practical information. In addition to the usual light entertaining stories, Mr. Harwood's tale of "Paul Knox, Pitman," and Miss Ada Cambridge's "My Guardian" are admirably told. The characters are generally well drawn, and most of the scenes are as interesting as they are vivid. The short stories are "Told by her Sister," "Our Mistaken Generosity," and "What he lost by it." The practical papers tell us "How to Write a Good Letter," about "Popular Science Schools and Classes," and "The County Schools and Cavendish College," and "How to Build Cities of Health," of which last our old familiar friend "A Family Doctor" is the contributor. The article on "Gardening in April" is a model of what such papers should be. "Art Needlework," "Some Rules of Neatness," and our Paris correspondent's "Chit-Chat on Dress" will prove especially interesting to ladies, while "The Gatherer" furnishes an *omnium gatherum* in the way of notes generally useful. The poetical contributions are, if anything, above the average, and the frontispiece by E. Wagner, "John Maynard, Pilot," does great credit to the artist's powers, both conceptive and executive. We have omitted one paper, but inadvertently. There are many who hardly know what to do with themselves when they have a holiday, and we advise all such to study the advice of A. Heward, in his paper headed "Your Bank Holiday." Whit Monday is not very far off. Let them test his counsel, and we doubt not they will be all the better for it.

In *The Countries of the World* we hardly know which to praise most, the illustrations or Dr. Brown's narrative. At all events, both are praiseworthy, and that cannot be said of all illustrated periodicals. The engravings include one of "Cod Fishing on the Great Bank of Newfoundland," a "View of Montreal from the St. Lawrence," "Flowers of Canada," a "View of Halifax, Nova Scotia," the "Canadian Primeval Forest, Birch Bark Canoe, and Indian Lodges," "View of Westminster, British Columbia (looking up Fraser River)," and "Saw-Mills in a Forest of Pines." As may be imagined, the narrative is somewhat short, but Dr. Brown has compressed into it as much valuable information as his space would permit.

"A Young Wife's Story" is continued through the present number of the *Leisure Hour*, and there are Chapters V. and VI. of Miss I. Bird's exceedingly graphic account of "Australia Felix: Impressions of Victoria." No. II. of "New Helps for Hospitals" contains a mass of interesting statistical information. The following, relating to St. George's Hospital, will probably surprise many of our readers:—"In the ten years ending in 1765 its subscriptions amounted to £26,832; in the ten years ending in 1865 they had not doubled." And again, "In 1875 the hospital received only thirty-three more inpatients than it had held in 1865. Nevertheless, the cost of its service, exclusive of board, had risen 119 per cent., of its nursing, also exclusive of board, 97 per cent., of light and gas 113 per cent., of milk 101, of bread and flour 31½, of fish 75, of butter and eggs 97, grocery 35, vegetables 66, extra diets 33, washing 62, bedding and furniture 27, coals 36, fire insurance 110, instruments, &c., 34, drugs 24, and salaries and wages 7 per cent." Meat, also, has only risen 7 per cent.; but in 1865 the nurses and servants were allowed a shilling a day for meat, and this was reckoned in the accounts of meat. A description of "Upsala," a good paper on "The Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts," a biographical sketch of "the late Sir William Fairbarn," "the Story of a Greek Merchant," and last, but very far from being the least entertaining of all, "An Ingenious Defence," derived from Mr. James Grant's work, *The Bench and the Bar*. The illustrations are good, while the "Varieties" and "Natural History Anecdotes" are interesting and pleasant reading.

We need say but little of *Sunday at Home*. What we have to say is almost a repetition of former remarks. The second of the series of J. T. Wood's articles on "Ephesus and the Temple of Diana," the fourth of J. Alexander's "Pictures of Jewish Life," the account of "Destructive Earthquakes in Palestine in Scripture Times," and No. IV. of the late Rev. R. Demaus's account of "The English Bible," are among the chief contributions. There is likewise an admirable paper on "Dr. Livingstone." Most of the other contents are suited to the special character of the periodical. In this case, likewise, the illustrations are, as usual, to be commended.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism or Neuralgic Affections.—No diseases are more frequent, painful, or difficult to cure than these. From their attack no tissue of the human body is exempt, no age, sex, or calling secure. It is a blessing, however, to know that all these sufferings may be completely and expeditiously subdued by Holloway's remedies. The Pills much assist in banishing the tendency to rheumatism and similar painful disorders; whilst the Ointment cures the local ailments, the Pills remove the constitutional disturbance and regulate the impaired function of every organ throughout the human body. The cure is neither temporary nor superficial, but permanent and complete, and the disease rarely recurs, so perfect has been the purification performed by these searching preparations.

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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 APRIL.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
199—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1323—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

MONDAY, 9th APRIL.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 13 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
90—St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (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 o'clock.

75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
161—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
263—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
293—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 23 Hope-street, Liverpool.
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
503—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby.
508—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
580—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
808—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindpool-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1353—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
1368—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1449—Royal Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury.
1502—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Micklegate, York.
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.

TUESDAY, 10th APRIL.

55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
199—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
226—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
869—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instructio n.)
1471—Islington, Coopers Arms, Silver-street, Falcon-square, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 249 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-street, E.C.
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R. A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
184—United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
273—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
636—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
802—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1130—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.

WEDNESDAY, 11th APRIL.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, 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.)
1286—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1534—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1565—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
235—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
281—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
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—Lewisee, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1346—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1363—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.
1434—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1454—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1493—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
1530—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannoc, Staffs.
1562—Llanidloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.

THURSDAY, 12th APRIL.

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. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.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.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

THURSDAY—continued.

26—Medina, 86 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
336—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, Carolina-street, Longton, Stafford.
723—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
730—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.
1036—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1064—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1096—St. George's, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1204—Boyd's Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1360—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1439—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1467—Bagshaw, Bald Faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill.

FRIDAY, 13th APRIL.

706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (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.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1296—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1305—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1443—Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne Road, North Kensington, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1239—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
1436—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.
R. A. 601—Eyton, Wrexin Hotel, Wellington.

SATURDAY, 14th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
199—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
1613—West Middlesex Institute, Ealing.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

206—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1231—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
R. A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
R. A. 606—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.

TUESDAY.

606—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
623—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
1533—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
R. A. 256—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.

THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

FRIDAY.

458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

SATURDAY.

R. A. 308—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—146—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.
TUESDAY—1—Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.
WEDNESDAY—3—Canongate, Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.
" R.A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.
THURSDAY—8—Journeymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.
FRIDAY—36—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—102—St. Mark's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 219—Star, 13 Trongate, Glasgow.
" 301—Union and Crown, Freemasons' Hall, Barrhead.
" 362—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
" 541—Marie Stuart, Freemasons' Hall, Crosshill, Glasgow.
" R. A. 76—Abbey, 8 High-street, Paisley.

TUESDAY—413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 419—Neptune, 35 St. James's-street, Glasgow.
" 441—Glasgow, 24 Struthers-street, Glasgow.
" 543—St. John Dalmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Dalmuir.
" 579—St. Brydes, Freemasons Hall, Udderstone.
" R. A. 69—St. Andrew's, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.

WEDNESDAY—178—Scotia, 13 Trongate, Glasgow.
" 333—St. George, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 510—Maryhill, 170 Main-street, Maryhill.
" R. A. 113—Partick, School-room, Douglas-street, Partick.

THURSDAY—570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, Glasgow.
" R. A. 50—Glasgow, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

FRIDAY—153—Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, Logan-st., Pollockshaw.
" R. A. 79—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.

SATURDAY—4—St. John Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.
" 39—St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Visitations of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow.—Bro. Colonel W. Montgomery Neilson, accompanied by a deputation of nine of his officers, visited the Plantation Lodge 581, and congratulated Bro. Stobo on the great success that had thus far attended them as a young Lodge. He hoped they would be very careful of the character of those whom they initiated into the Order. Bro. Stobo thanked him for his kind remarks, and said he wished to rule over a good Lodge rather than a large one. The deputation then visited the Union Lodge 332, and were able to give Bro. J. McKirdy and his officers a clean bill of health, and also congratulated them on their financial and moral prosperity. On Tuesday the oldest Lodge in the Province, St. John No. 3 bis, was visited, and with the like satisfactory result. Bro. Kyle R.W.M. promised that it should not deteriorate during his term of office. The deputation then crossed the passage to Lodge Thistle and Rose No. 78, where Bro. Kinnaird and his officers were warmly commended for the work done during the past year by their predecessors in office. The good effected by the Provincial Lodge of Benevolence was also ably spoken of by Bro. G. Sinclair, Treasurer of that Fund. Bro. Kinnaird thanked the P.G.M. and the deputation for the visit, and said he would take care that 78 maintained its old prestige, and would be second to none in the Province.

Visitations of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Lanarkshire.—Comp. F. A. Barrow P.G. Superintendent for Lanarkshire, accompanied by Comps. Thos. Halket P.G.T., Jas. Balfour P.G. Scribe E., G. W. Wheeler P.G. Scribe N., T. M. Campbell P.G. 1st Soj., G. MacDonald P.G. 3rd S., J. Duthie P.G.S. of W. and J. M. Oliver P.G.S.B., visited the Govan Chapter 117, on Thursday 29th March. The Chapter was opened by Comps. R. Muir Z., J. Sutherland H., J. Miller J., Allen Scribe E., C. McKenzie J. of 50, acting as 1st S., Bailie McFarlane P.Z., officiating as Treasurer. The P.G. Superintendent, after seeing the Chapter opened, and the books thoroughly examined, expressed his gratification at finding the Chapter in such a satisfactory condition. At one time they had fallen into bad hands, and ceased working for a time, but he was glad to find that the efforts of Bailie McFarlane to reconcitate it had been so successful, and that he had got such a worthy successor as Comp. Muir. If they only persevered, no doubt they would soon raise the status of Masonry in Govan. Comps. Muir and McFarlane both acknowledged the compliments that had been paid them, and proposed that the members of the deputation from P.G.C. should be affiliated as honorary members. Bailie McFarlane having performed this ceremony, Comp. Wheeler, on behalf of the deputation, returned thanks for the honours thus conferred on them, and promised to do all in his power to assist this Chapter in its working. On Saturday, the 31st ult., the same deputation, accompanied by Comp. W. Smith P.G.H., went over to Holytown to visit the Robert Burns Chapter 143, and saw the Chapter opened by Comps. D. Baker Z., J. Nimson H., R. Reid J., Wm. McMurdo P.Z. Scribe E., J. Naismith S.N., H. Dyer Treas., J. Menzie 1st Soj. After a few remarks from the P.G. Scribe E., in reference to the books, the Superintendent highly complimented the Chapter on the status they had attained in so short a time, and situated as they were in an isolated position, it was highly satisfactory to find that in three years they had had fifty exaltations; that the work was so creditably performed, and the books so well kept. In Glasgow, where there were so many Masons, they had larger sources from which to draw their supplies, and could also get more assistance in performing the ceremonies, so that it was really gratifying to find them in such a state. He was sorry to hear that their 1st Principal Comp. was leaving for England, and would wish him prosperity in his new sphere of usefulness. He had no doubt that their P.Z. Comp. W. W. McMurdo would carry on the affairs of the Chapter till the next annual election with credit to himself and to the good of the Chapter. Comp. Baker thanked the P.G.S. for his kind remarks, and also the rest of the Officers of the P.G.C., for coming so far out to see them. He trusted they would allow themselves to be enrolled as honorary members. Comp. W. Smith P.G.H. returned thanks. They were pleased with what they had seen of the working of the Chapter, and duly appreciated the honour of becoming members. In addition to the deputation some visitors from Glasgow were present.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 29th of March, at Bro. Hallows, The Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. Franklin, W.M., Appleby S.W., F. Hallows J.W., Christian acting Sec., Pinder P.M., Groome S.D., Mumford J.D., Claridge I.G.; also Bros. W. G. Hallows, Hunt, Clark, Brown. The Lodge was opened in due form. Ceremony of initiation rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Hunt acting as candidate. Bro. Christian worked the ceremony of passing, Bro. Franklin candidate. Bro. Appleby was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. It was proposed that the following committee be appointed to take the necessary steps for forming a Masonic Charitable Association in connection with this Lodge of Instruction:—Bros. Christian President, W. G. Hallows Treasurer, Pinder Sec., and Bros. Appleby, Groome, Badkin, Mumford, Claridge, and Franklin. It was further resolved that it be called the Walthamstow Masonic Charitable Association, and that the meetings should be on the third Thursday in every month. A vote of thanks was recorded upon the minutes to the W.M., for the able and efficient manner in which he performed the duties of W.M. Lodge was then closed.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—Brethren are reminded that the anniversary banquet will take place at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday evening next, 12th April, at 7 o'clock. Application for tickets (price 4s. each) should be made to Bro. Maidwell at once, as the number is limited.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on 3rd instant. Present—Bros. Powell W.M., Daniel S.W., Hewlett J.W., Baxter S.D., Lees J.D., Hill I.G., Ellis, Holloway, Walker, Hollands, Rudderforth, Sayer, Cay, Lipscombe. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sayer candidate. Bro. Walker, Hill, and Powell, assisted Bro. Hewlett in working the first, second, and third sections of the lecture. Bro. Rudderforth assisted Bro. Hewlett in working the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seven sections of the lecture. Bro. Holloway, of the Kent Lodge, was elected a member. Bro. Daniel was chosen as W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. In the absence of Bro. Daniel, Bro. Baxter responded. It was proposed by Bro. Rudderforth, seconded by the J.W., that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Powell for the able manner in which he filled the chair for the first time in this Lodge. Carried unanimously.

Cathedral Chapter, No. 67 Glasgow.—At the regular meeting on Tuesday, 27th March, the Chapter was opened by Comp. David Ronald Z., assisted by Comps. J. Duthie P.Z. as H., Wm. Bilsland as J., J. Wood T., J. Mason Scribe E., J. Goldie S.N., N. Trumer 1st S., W. Neville 2nd, J. Muir 3rd, and H. Crawford Janitor, after which a deputation from the P.G.C., consisting of Comps. W. Smith P.G.H., Acting P.G. Superintendents, J. Halket P.G.T., Jas. Balfour P.G. Scribe E., G. W. Wheeler P.G. Scribe N., T. M. Campbell P.G.P.S. G. McDonald 3rd S., J. Duthie P.G.S. of W., and J. M. Oliver P.G. St. B. The G.S.E. having read a report of the examination of books, &c., the Acting Grand Superintendent congratulated the Chapter on having exalted 14 Companions in the past year, and also for the way the business of the Chapter was conducted, but advised them to hold some instruction meetings to get the members posted up, and enable them to fill any office that might be temporarily vacant. Comp. Ronald thanked the deputation for their visit, and the Grand Scribe E. and Superintendents for their favourable report, hoping he might get as good next year.

Caledonian of Unity Chapter, No. 73, Glasgow.—Was visited by the P.G. Superintendent and his officers on Wednesday, 28th March. The Z., Comp. G. W. Wheeler, opened his Chapter, with J. Kinnaird H., W. Gunn J., J. Bannerman T., J. Balfour S.E., J. Youle S.N., William Hoy 1st S., J. Jackson 2nd, and the rest of the officers. From the report it appeared that there had been 21 exaltations during the past year, and the Superintendent was able to report that not only were the books admirably kept, but the whole of the working of the Chapter was in a highly satisfactory state, and reflected credit upon all its officers. Comp. Wheeler thanked the P.G.S. and the deputation for their visit, and also his own officers, by whose assistance they had been able to obtain so favourable a report.

Doric Lodge, No. 81.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Private Rooms, Doric-place, Woodbridge, Suffolk. Present—Bros. Alfred Barnes W.M., E. C. Moor S.W., C. F. Brown J.W., W. Wilmshurst Sec., B. D. Gall Treas., T. Grimwood *pro. tem.* S.D., F. Bradbrook J.D., E. Fitzgerald P.M. P.P.G.S.B. D.C., Richard Allen I.G., George Hall Tyler. Past Masters Bros. B. Gall and Phillips. Visitors—Bros. E. Row, of Lodge 555, and E. Holmes P.M. 114. Business—The minutes of the previous Lodge read and confirmed. Bros. Ernest St. George and Cobbold were raised; Goodwin, Samuel, and Johnson passed, and Mr. Henry Rowe, of Wickham Market, initiated. £5 granted from the Lodge Funds for the relief of a member of this Lodge, who has lately become insolvent. The Lodge members were summoned for 6 o'clock p.m., and the Lodge was closed at 9.30, when some of the brethren adjourned to Bro. T. Grimwood's, Crown Hotel, to supper, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

Hawton Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 100, Ivybridge.—The annual meeting was held on Wednesday, 28th March, when Bro. James H. Toms P.P.G.S.B. was installed W. Master, the ceremony being efficiently performed by W. Bro. J. B. Gover P.M. 50 and 66, P.P.G.T., assisted by W. Bros. W. Boxall P.P.G.P., E. A. Davies P.M. P.P.G.M.O., James Gidley, and J. Y. Avery. The following were the officers appointed:—Bros. W. Boxall I.P.M., S. Sandover S.W., T. Searle J.W., J. P. Sawyer M.O., T. E. Scobell S.O., M. Patterson J.O., H. Cole Treas., T. Searle Sec. and R.M., F. E. Pearce S.D., J. S. Short J.D., J. Meathrel I.G., Thos. B. Ford Tyler. Four brethren were proposed for advancement, and it was announced that the affairs of the Lodge were in a very satisfactory state. The Rt. Wor. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Tanner Davey J.P., was unexpectedly prevented from attending to instal the W. Master.

Royal Arch Lodge, No. 116, Rutherglen.—Celebrated their 108th anniversary by a supper, concert and ball, on Friday last. There were about 200 present, J. Hunter R.W.M. in the chair; the Croupiers were the Wardens, Bros. J. Stone and J. D. Montgomery. Amongst the visitors were Masters of St. John, Rutherglen, The Thorntree, and R. Nisbett, of the Albert Edward, Polmode, and his Treasurer, J. C. Shand S.D. of the Provincial Lodge of Renfrewshire East. The proceedings were of an interesting character.

Thetis Chapter, No. 122, Glasgow.—Held its usual meeting on Monday, 26th ult, and received a visit from the Provincial Grand Chapter of Lanarkshire, consisting of Comps. F. A. Barrow P.G. Superintendent, T. Halket P.G.T., James Balfour P.G. Scribe E., G. W. Wheeler P.G. Scribe N., T. M. Campbell P.G. 1st Soj., G.

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Mc Donald P.G. 3rd S. J., J. M. Oliver P.G. St.B., and J. B. Hardie P. G. Janitor. The Chapter having been opened by the Z., Comp. De Neef, with Comp. Wm. McAlister H., A. Love J., Wm. Gunn T., J. Quigley Scribe E., and other Officers; there being also present J. O. Scott Past Z.'s. The P.G. Superintendent congratulated them on the state of the books, and the general work of the Chapter; they had exalted seven Companions, not so many as in former years, but he looked to the quality of the members rather than to their numbers, and it was pleasant to find the Chapter working so harmoniously and well. Comp. De Neef thanked the P.G.S. and his Officers for their visit, and also for the kind words he had spoken to them; they would try in the next year, if possible, to do better than in the past. Comps. H. and J. Park J.S. proposed that those of the deputation not already members should be made honorary members. Comp. J. O. Park P.Z., at the request of the Z., then conferred that honour on Comps. S. McDonald P.Z. of 73, and J. M. Oliver S.E. of 79.

Scotia Lodge, No. 178.—Celebrated their 86th anniversary on Friday. Bro. Wm. Hart R.W.M. presiding, assisted by his principal officers. Amongst the visitors were the Masters of the following Lodges, accompanied by a deputation—D. Ronald 275, J. McInnis 406, J. B. McNaught 556. Bro. Hart gave an interesting synopsis of the history of the Lodge, which is now in a highly flourishing state. He feelingly alluded to the death of Bro. Joseph Singleton, their late P.M., stating that the monument to his memory, subscribed for by the brethren, was now nearly completed. The Rev. J. C. Stewart Chaplain, also addressed the meeting at some length, with good effect.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, on Saturday, 31st March. Bro. Ansbell W.M., Halford S.W., Brasted J.W., Fenner S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Baxter I.G. The Lodge was opened in the usual manner, the minutes of previous meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hewlett as candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Killick, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Bedwell candidate. The W.M. resumed the chair, and closed down. Bro. J. Hill W.M. 228 was elected a member, and Bro. Halford chosen as W.M. for the ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked by Bro. Hewlett on the 28th of April, further particulars of which will duly appear. A vote of thanks to the W.M. (this being the first occasion on which he had presided) brought the proceedings to a close.

Rosslyn Chapter, No. 199.—At the regular meeting on 2nd April, Comp. G. Thallon opened in the Mark degree, with Comps. Hogg as S.W., and Wm. Dobbie as J.W. Comp. Wheeler Z. 73 asked the Chapter to kindly exalt a Companion for them, as the gentleman was leaving for America before his Chapter would meet. This was readily granted, and Comp. Thallon, having illness at home, vacated the chair, asking Comp. Wheeler to preside, which he did, and gave the Mark degree to Bro. Jas. Davison, of the Union Lodge 332. He then opened a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters, and requested Comp. T. M. Campbell Z. of 69 to work that degree, which he did in his usual excellent style. The Chapter was then opened by G. W. Wheeler as Z., J. Hogg H., and T. M. Campbell Z. 69 as J., W. Dobbie P.Z. acting Scribe E., R. Tranven 1st S. of 67 1st S., J. McInnis 1st S. of 69 as 2nd, and J. Brand 3rd. After the close of the proceedings, Comp. Wheeler returned the thanks of Chapter 73 to the Rosslyn for their kindness in allowing him to exalt his member in their Chapter.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. Wallington W.M., Lovelook S.W., Barker J.W., E. T. Worsley Secretary and J.D., Dallas S.D., and Bonner I.G. Visitors—Bros. Saunders, Christian, Defries, &c. The Lodge was opened. The minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Defries acting as candidate. Bro. Worsley worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Haines, of Euphrates Lodge 212 was unanimously elected a member. Several of the regular attendants were absent, we suppose in consequence of its being holiday time. Bro. Wallington will go through the installation ceremony on Tuesday next, previous to his installing the W.M. in his mother Lodge on the 12th instant. We hope there will be a good muster present, as his rendering is very perfect and pleasing. The Secretary stated that P.M. Bro. T. J. Barnes had kindly undertaken to work the Fifteen Sections on the 24th instant; he will be assisted by P.M. Bro. Thomas Austin as S.W. and P.M. Bro. W. H. Wallington as J.W. A full list of the brethren who will work the sections will be given in this paper the week previous.

Erme Lodge, Ivybridge, No. 1091.—This Lodge held its annual meeting at the Masonic Rooms, Erme House, on Wednesday, 28th March, amongst those present being W. Bro. J. H. Toms W.M., W. Boxall I.P.M., Henry Cole P.M. and T., S. Sandover S.W., T. Searle J.W., J. P. Sawyer J.D., Coleman, Grills, Scobell, Arthurs, Mackay, Lasens, and Ford. Visitors—W. Bros. E. A. Davies P.M. 1099, P.P. G. S. Works, J. B. Gover P.M. 70, P.P.G.A.D.C., R. Rodd P.M. 189, P.P.G.R., H. W. Thomas P.M. 70, J. Y. Avery W.M. 156, Jas. Gidley P.M. 1205, J. Hill 1205. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. S. Sandover, Master Elect, was presented for installation. This ceremony was admirably conducted by W. Bro. H. W. Thomas, ably assisted by W. Bros. J. Y. Avery, Gidley, and Gover. The following officers were appointed:—Bros. James Toms I.P.M., Thos. Searle S.W., J. P. Sawyer J.W., H. Cole P.M. Treas., John P. Sawyer Sec., W. H. Mackay S.D., R. Lavers J.D., T. Barons D.C., M. Bager A.D.C., W. Arthurs O., G. Grills I.G., W. Tremeran S.S., R. King jun. J.S., Thos. Ford Tyler, H. Cole Representative Com. Petitions. Some routine business having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to Bro. Tom's, King's Arms Hotel. After the banquet (which was an excellent one), the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and heartily responded to. Bro. Toms I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. He said he possessed the entire confidence of the Lodge, was worthy of his position, and predicted for him a very successful year of office. Bro. Sandover, in reply, said he should constantly endeavour to merit their good opinion by doing his duty faithfully and to the best of his ability. He thanked them most cordially for the way in which they had always received him, and more especially for the proud position he now occupied. Bro. J. Y. Avery proposed the healths of the I. P. Master, Treasurer, and late Secretary. The Lodge was much indebted to these officers for their energy and perseverance when it was not so prosperous, and they were respected and esteemed for their valued services. Bros. Toms, H. Cole, and Boxall replied in suitable terms. The W.M., in proposing the healths of the Senior and Junior Wardens, expressed his conviction that from their known ability, and love of Masonry, he should receive valuable aid from them during the year. Bros. Searle and Sawyer thanked the W.M. for their positions, and the brethren for their kind reception, as did also the Assistant Officers, whose healths were proposed by Bro. Gover. Bro. Cole proposed the Visitors, saying how glad they were to receive them at all times, and thanking them for their assistance. Bros. H. W. Thomas, R. R. Rodd, and E. A. Davies eloquently replied. Bro. Gover, in a speech full of humour, introduced the important toast of the Ladies, making especial reference to the kind attention and thoughtful catering of the hostess, Mrs. Toms, to whom they had been indebted on many occasions for their comfortable and enjoyable social comforts. Bros. Toms and Sawyer having responded, the Tyler's Toast was given, and brought a profitable and pleasurable day to a happy conclusion.

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WISDOM, strength and beauty are the supports of the Masonic institutions. Wisdom may design, strength may establish; there remains beauty to adorn. Wisdom may suggest never so wisely; strength may support never so firmly, but without beauty to attract, both are voiceless and silent. The pillars of the inner porch of the Temple, constructed with skill, designed after the strictest principles of geometry or architecture, strong in their might to sustain the vast weight resting upon them, would—and rightly, too—have been lost to tradition if wisdom and strength were their only attributes.

The soul of the thoughtful Mason warms as he contemplates the chapiters crowned with lily-work, net-work and pomegranates. These strike a chord responsive in his heart of hearts. These, wrought by the graving-tool of the cunning artisan, carry him beyond the master whose wisdom contrived, and link him with the humble fellow-craft whose name is long ago lost. In fancy he revives the memory of the faithful workman, who, from the rough ashlar, surmounted the columns of strength and establishment, and with his chisel and mallet wrought images of beauty that speak lessons of joy and gladness to the succeeding ages.

There is within us a certain awe of the wisdom of our ancient Grand Masters. There is a certain admiration for the genius of those who set up the tabernacle, and placed the Ark of the Covenant in the Holy Seat, for those who built and afterwards rebuilt the Temple. Both Ark and Temple live in the dim shadows of history. But the blue, the purple, the scarlet, the fine twined linen—the tessellated floor—the costly, because beautiful ornaments of Temple and tabernacle are a gracious remembrance—a sweet-smelling incense which time only deepens and intensifies.

It is well that it is so. Our lives are far too short to be wasted on wisdom and strength alone. Neither of these elements, nor both of them, can do that for human character which the Supreme Grand Master has designed. Fill the mind with all science, if that be possible, at least let a perfect knowledge of some one division of some one of the sciences be achieved. Let there be strength, force, material, moral, mental and spiritual, and the outgrowth is but a miserable abortion of character, apart from a just appreciation of beauty. That element of attraction towards symmetry, form, colour, harmony and taste, is what makes human character perfect.

The chemist who does not revel with delight in the shapes, lights, shadows, proportions and even the seeming irregularities of the products of his magic art is not half a man, though he have boundless knowledge of the material substance in the universe. The mechanic who fails to see and to cultivate the beautiful in the work of his hand, is but a machine having strength and endowed with wisdom. The farmer who looks out upon his fields, green, or golden, or tinged with many coloured hues, as the representative of so many dollars and cents only, is not far removed from the cattle that feed at his crib, in every element of perfected character. The mason who works in the quarries and has wisdom and strength to earn his bread, unless he may read "Sermons in Stones," unless he may see the beauty of harmony that lies lurking everywhere about him, is but little more conscious of the bright, though buried glories of his own existence, than is the fossil which is exposed by his drill. The good and zealous craftsman as he performs his labour in the broad field of speculative Masonry may have all ritualistic knowledge; but it is "sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal" if he has failed to drink in and appropriate the enrapturing beauty that everywhere reveals itself to the eye which is open and ready to see.

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Every kingdom and every family of nature is overflowing with beauty. Go abroad upon the paths of nature, and when all

"Its voices whisper and all its silent things
Are breathing the deep beauty of the world,
Kneel at the simple altar, and the God
Who hath the living waters, shall be there."

On the face of the heavens are painted the unapproachable glories of the rainbow, and the varied and ever varying shadows, forms and colours that mark the rising, the course, and the setting of the sun. No less is this beauty stamped on each one of the one hundred thousand beetles described, than on the vaulted canopy of the sky. The grass of the field which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, is so clothed with beauty that all earthly attempts at rivalry are but wretched counterfeits. Even those living beings that repel the unthinking who regard them with aversion or terror are the best representative of the ideal of perfection of form and harmony of proportion. Even serpents are of matchless grace and beauty; they are the living design on the trestle-board of the "line of beauty," immortalised by painter and sculptor. Their varied blending of colours sparkling in the sun, their graceful, gliding motion conspire to convert this despised race into a fit subject of the highest admiration. Our Grand Master Solomon, King of Israel, found "four things" in all the world of matter and of mind that "were too wonderful for him" among them. "The way of a serpent upon a rock." Had he possessed the same love of the beautiful in nature which he so sedulously cultivated in art, his wonder would have been swallowed up in regard, and his loftiest tribute would have been paid to its peerless symmetry.

The clouds and tempests and lightnings have a grandeur of beauty that is felt by all reverent souls, even while they terrify. The rugged mountains, capped with snow, and their sides clothed with verdure and instinct with life, stand out against the sky, revealing forms and shadows and and glimpses and beauties that, above any other property, speak the divinity of their Maker. The snow covers the earth; its whiteness soon dissolves away; but every flake, be it ever so small, is the perfection of attractive form, as if moulded, chiseled, fashioned and shaped by the hand of a cunning artificer for duration throughout eternity. Birds sing in the forests, fly in the air, swim in the waters, and they are garnished all over with beauty. The endless variety of form, of motion, of plumage, of colour, attract the dullest sense, make the rude ploughboy halt in his heated work, and force from him a glad exclamation of pleasure, no less than when

"Forgetful of his toils
And due repose, he loiters to behold
The sunshine gleaming as through amber clouds
O'er all the western sky."

Some one has written that beauty was not necessary to the existence of plant or animal; that beauty was an added element for the gratification of sentient beings. Form, colour, tints could have been made inattractive: there might have been repelling distortions; or an entire absence of the endless varieties of shadings, shape and symmetries, and yet plant and animal could have lived.

Such a proposition needs no response in the mind of him who sees God everywhere and talks with Him as a man talks with his friend. Beauty is indispensable to the very existence—nay to the very desire to exist—if we may so speak—of plant and animal. What! Who "causes it to rain in the wilderness . . . where no man is . . . to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?" What! Who paints the prairies with manifold hues, tinges the ocean with green, clothes the island with bright and beautiful garments, fills the tropics with life and the perfection of form and motion and brightness, and the frozen circles of the North with lines and images of gigantic beauty and proportions. He can do all things, but he cannot make a flower, create a bird, give wings to the tiniest insect, scales to the fish, leaves to the trees, fruit that may propagate its kind, and not at the same act of creation, make them beautiful.

When the "Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, he made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food." He made them first of all beautiful, and afterwards "good for food."

There is nothing uncomely, nothing misshapen, nothing unattractive, in the whole realm of God's universe. With the telescope, sweep the vast extents of space, and find beauty everywhere. With the microscope, unfold the minutest atoms that together make up the globe, and find beauty, symmetry, perfection of form everywhere.

Thus finding this element all-pervading, it must be a condition necessary to existence, and if so, the deduction is natural that we should cultivate the love of the beautiful. To study and admire that which is beautiful is to strengthen and esteem that which is good and true. From all forms and lines and shadings that add attraction to utility, there go forth the spirit of truth and goodness, and God is goodness. From all that is deformed, and hideous, and repulsive, in art or in perverted lives, there goes forth the spirit of error and wrong. Light, grace, beauty, fitness, taste in things material, grow into love, peace, honour and happiness in things spiritual. Darkness, uncomeliness, squalor, and unfitness in things earthly, grow into vice, hatred, meanness and misery in things heavenly.

It is a token of good when costly pictures and statuary adorn the dwellings of the rich, for these are silent teachers training the soul to the higher life. It is an equal token of good that the cheap print ornaments the rough wall of the cabin or shanty of the pioneer or coy labourer. It is a potent educator. It breathes a benison upon the heart of the worn toiler as he crosses the threshold at the close of the day. It is a noble inspiration to the humble wife as she performs her ceaseless round of duty. It is a delight to the children God has sent to their home, and is leading all, as the years are added, to seek the best gifts that the Omnipotent may bestow. It is a token of good when cities are beautified with all the adornments of art. When cemeteries blossom with flowers, when they are fresh with evergreens, when sparkling fountains, artistic monuments, beautiful hedges, shady walks, all bathed in the perfume of fragrance, glad incense to deity, then the city of the dead is the expression of the character of the city of the living. When churches rear their lofty spires, when porch and turret, and column beautify, when the lights through the windows are shaded by many coloured rays, when altar, aisle, pew and wall are touched by the magic wand of beauty and taste, then the glory of the house reflects the mind of a people worshipping in the "beauty of holiness."

And where, among all the associations of man, are there like grand opportunity and invitation to cultivate this element, as in the time honoured institution of Freemasonry? In its several orders, its varieties of shades and forms and proportions are almost numberless. Some of these have origin long anterior to the days of Zerubabel. Ancient heathen symbolism was caught up by Greek and Roman of later days, incorporated by Hebrew, and adopted by Christianity—drawn, attracted irresistibly by the power of beauty. Those forms were made by worshippers in very remote times, the symbols of faith, and their significance lost to history and tradition, has been read engraven in lines of beauty upon the solid rocks. But for their attractiveness of form they would long ago have perished, never to be restored. Buried for ages, the dead marble speaks. Science and learning drawn with magnetic force by symmetry, and order and adornment, the wondrous lines of beauty that everywhere united all the past, unlock the mystery, and bring us face to face with our brethren who taught Moses the lesson, and gave him the learning not only to give the law, but to erect the tabernacle, construct the ark, and prepare all appropriate things to establish the worship of Almighty God. Read in the trefoil of the church the triangle and triple tau of the Craft, the square, the gavel of the Lodge, the symbolism that gave to Ashtaroth the worship and adoration of the mighty nation of the earth. The Cross! emblem of the gallant and magnanimous Knights! What has not this symbol done for men? It was a "sign of faith as ancient as Homeric Troy." "It was used by the Phœnicians before the Jews had existence as a people." Ages before the "Man of Sorrows" was nailed to its rugged limbs, it was the representative of the noblest conception of mortal or immortal minds. Engraven upon tomb, and chapel, and pillar, and column, it is the silent, glorious evidence that nowhere in all the dim ages of the past has God "left himself without a witness" of his unquenchable love. This emblem led thousands to the grave, who left all to rescue the Holy Sepulchre from the infidel conquerors. So great, so irresistible is the power of beauty; beauty in the very form and symbolism of the Cross; beautiful in its rugged simplicity as it stands by the dusty wayside, on the mountain pass, in cemetery, in church, in lodge, in the cottage of the lowly. Beautiful when adorned with all the cunning skill of the most refined taste and knowledge, and this supplemented with the richest treasures that earth and ocean can yield; beautiful in the faith it represented to Ayrian, and Hindoo, and Etruscan; beautiful in the pathetic, the sublime and simple story of the despised and rejected Nazarine.

Holding these views, feebly expressed and but faintly illustrated, yet firm in the conviction of their truth, you may well be prepared for words of the highest commendation of all that has been done in clothing this hall with beauty, elegance and taste. Dedicated to-day to the uses of the craft, let its beauty shine, together with the wisdom that designed and the strength which endows with establishment. Hold not back in your hearts any regret for the sacrifice of money which has illumined its altar and stations, and all its parts with a radiance of light, glory, and beauty. Be not regretful that you have called to your aid culture, refinement, the best graces of art, to make this Lodge the abode of beauty, the resting place of attractive lines, and forms and colours. Should the Pharisee find fault and ask, "Why was this waste made? for these might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and given to the poor," rebuke him in love, and with the Master say, "These have wrought a good work"—a good work whose influence shall never die, but shall rather increase in the widening circle of its power till the love of the beautiful shall fill all hearts, and transform all homes into images of the paradise of God.

Going forth from these enchanting scenes, let us carry the lessons of beauty with us to our homes, to our places of business, to our houses of worship, and let their rejoicing and purifying influence permeate all our lives, and bring our characters nearer and nearer to perfection. So shall we and our children, so shall the generations following, drinking inspiration from the love of the beautiful, be the better prepared and fitted for those immortal—those imperishable beauties that deck the chambers of the skies.—*Weekly Constitution.*

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We understand that a Warrant has been granted by the Supreme Grand Council for a Conclave of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine to be called the Eboracum Conclave, No. 137, to be held at York, and that the Consecration ceremony will probably take place next month.

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THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

WE cannot say we are altogether surprised at the result of Saturday's meeting. The report of the House Committee as to the extension of the School came under consideration, and the General Committee have postponed offering any opinion upon its merits till their next monthly meeting. Our readers may take this either as evidence of hesitation to contract a greater amount of obligation, or as showing a determination not to commit themselves to any scheme, however well considered, till a way was seen to carry it fully and permanently into execution. We incline to accept the latter alternative, and are of opinion that the Committee are exercising a wise discretion in not committing themselves to any plan of operations, till they are tolerably well assured of its success. But we are hurrying onward too fast. We have not yet placed before our readers the suggestions of the House Committee. Having done this, we will again consider the action of the General Committee.

The report which was submitted for the consideration admitted virtually, and, indeed, in precise terms, that an enlargement of the School must be made sooner or later. The number of applicants at each successive election is far in excess of the number of vacancies. The School is numerically stronger now than at any previous period of its history, there being, we believe, no less than one hundred and eighty-four boys on the establishment, all of whom are clothed, fed and liberally educated out of the resources of the Institution. But Freemasonry is increasing annually in point of numbers, and the question now exercising the minds of all genuine Craftsmen is—What shall be done under the circumstances? Shall the School be limited to its present strength, or shall it be increased? The latter opinion, as we have seen, finds favour with the majority, and a determined attempt is being made to solve the difficulty in a broad and liberal fashion. The House Committee at their different meetings have had submitted to them a variety of plans, all more or less calculated to meet the requirements of the case, and the one they have thought proper to recommend has certainly the merit of comprehensiveness. This contemplates the erection on the site of the present laundry and drying ground of a new and spacious hall, one hundred feet in length by fifty feet in breadth and extending from East to West, access to which would be obtained through the present western or kitchen corridor by means of a covered way leading from the School and class rooms in the main building. One special advantage in connection with this arrangement would be the propinquity to the Hall of the present kitchen, which, with the adjoining scullery annexed, would prove amply sufficient for the needful cooking and supplies. A new scullery-room would be obtained by re-arranging the present store-room and offices. It is a further part of this scheme to erect, in addition, an entirely new block of buildings, measuring one hundred and ten feet by fifty-five, and having three floors, such block to start in a line from the east end of the new Dining Hall, and extend northwards. On the ground floor there would be four commodious class-rooms, with Assistant Masters' sitting-room, lavatory, cap-room and other requisite premises, with convenient exit to closets, &c., &c. On the second and third floors there would be six dormitories, each large enough to accommodate twenty boys, and assistant masters' bed-rooms, together with the assistant matron's and servants' rooms, isolated and accessible by a separate staircase. So much as regards the new premises. The question of annual maintenance has not been overlooked, and it is estimated that when the building is ready, then, if all the one hundred and twenty boys were added to the strength of the School, the annual cost would be about £12,000, while the average special expenditure per annum would amount to about £1,000. The Committee, however, are of opinion that it would not be necessary to take in the whole of the proposed addition at once, but that an increase of sixty would suffice for the increasing wants of the present generation. Moreover, they point out that it would be in the highest degree inexpedient to elect all eligible candidates who might present themselves, and so make admission to the benefits of the Institution too easy. The cost of this enlargement is set down at £22,000, which, with due allowance for fittings and the like, would probably reach £25,000. Accommodation for an addition of seventy boys, instead of one hundred and twenty, it is reckoned, would cost only £3,000. The Committee close their report by stating that (1) they recognise fully the legitimacy of the demands for further accommodation, and (2) they have ascertained the feasibility of carrying out such extension; but (3) the issue—shall such extension be proceeded with?—they leave entirely in the hands of the Fraternity.

We imagine our readers will admit that the foregoing plan is, as we have stated, sufficiently comprehensive. At the same time the General Committee were justified in not accepting it on the instant. Objection was taken by Bro. Snow to the cost of the enlargement, on the ground that an outlay of £200 per boy for mere building purposes would be excessive. Considering the few data before us, it would be extremely unwise to enter upon the discussion of a point of so much importance. It may be Bro. Snow's objection was well taken, but at all events, the estimate is not widely different from that already approved in the case of the Girls' School. There is almost an exact proportion between an outlay of about £10,000 for providing accommodation for some fifty girls, and one of about £25,000 for erecting premises large enough to accommodate a hundred and twenty boys. However, we need not pause to consider this now. The General Committee will arrive at no decision for the present. The whole subject has been postponed till the next monthly meeting, and even in the event of its being decided then, there is still a final court of reference in the Quarterly General Court. And when the plan of action, if any, has been determined, the issue—shall such extension be proceeded with?—rests entirely with the Fraternity. While then we are most anxious the question should be considered from every imaginable point of view, while we fully recognise the necessity for making some further provision for the education and maintenance of our boys, we do not for one moment imagine the authorities will rashly commit themselves to any scheme, until they have first satisfied themselves they will have the co-operation of the whole Craft. Unlike our other Institutions, the Boys' School has no, or, at all events, but a very modest amount of invested property, amounting only to £5,000. Moreover, it is only recently the Institution has been enabled to relieve itself of the balance of debt remaining from the cost of the present premises. No enlargement, therefore, is possible, unless the Craft is prepared to furnish the necessary ways and means. That these ways and means will be forthcoming under the circumstances we do not doubt. Have we not been told, if the Boys' School needed funds they had nothing to do but to appeal to the Craft for what they wanted?

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THE CONDUCT OF A LODGE.

SEVERAL of our correspondents have kindly expressed the pleasure they have derived from reading our recent articles on the "Rights and Privileges of Worshipful Masters." One of them has gone even further, and propounded a series of elaborate questions, which we shall endeavour, to the best of our humble ability, to answer.

The first question in the series is as follows:—"Can a Warden, in the absence of the W.M. and P.M.'s open a Lodge?" As our readers are aware, the Constitutions lay it down that, "in the Master's absence, the immediate Past Master, or, if he be absent, the Senior Past Master of the Lodge present, shall take the chair. And if no Past Master of the Lodge be present, then the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden, shall *rule* the Lodge." Our first care appears to be to determine the force of the expression, "*rule* the Lodge." It is obvious that the word Lodge is applicable in this case to a body of Freemasons, not only incorporated together by virtue of the Warrant issued by the Grand Lodge to which they owe obedience, but likewise to such corporate body assembled according to law at a stated time to fulfil Masonic duties. In order to fulfil those duties at least a certain number of brethren must be present. When this is found to be the case, the Lodge may then be opened and proceed to business. It will be obvious, we think, to our readers that this opening of the Lodge is the act of constituting it, and nothing more. Till this ceremony has been completed, the brethren assembled together are merely individual Freemasons, not members of a constituent Masonic body: exactly in the same sense that a number of officers, non-commissioned officers, and private soldiers, though assembled on the parade-ground, do not constitute a battalion of soldiers for military duty, until the officers and the rest have taken up their proper positions in the companies to which they severally belong, and the companies have been formed up into line in the order of their sequence. When all this is done, and the commanding officer has called his battallion to "attention," then it becomes a constituent body of soldiers in condition for military duty. Similarly, when the officers and members of a Lodge of Freemasons have arranged themselves in due form, and the Worshipful Master has called them to attention, then the formal ceremony of opening is proceeded with, and the Lodge is ready for the discharge of business. This being so—and at the risk of being thought prolix, we have dwelt at length on these preliminaries—we have next to consider what *ruling* a Lodge means. The Constitutions provide that, in the event of the death, removal, and incapacity of the Master, the Senior Warden shall summon the Lodge, and, in his absence, the Junior Warden; in their absence the I.P.M. and P.M. When the Lodge is met together in the absence of the Master, the I P.M. or other P.M. shall take the chair; in the absence of P.M.'s, the Senior, and in his absence the Junior Warden, shall rule the Lodge. Here then we have the position and duties of a Warden in the absence both of the W.M. and P.M.'s very clearly defined. He may summon his Lodge, and he may rule his Lodge in certain eventualities, but he must not occupy the chair. He must occupy a seat in *front* or to the *right* of it, and thence enact such duties as belong to a ruler who is not competent to fill the chair. But how can a ruler rule his Lodge until the Lodge has been duly opened? It is not, in fact, a Lodge at all, as we have already indicated, till this is done. The mere act of summoning a number of persons to meet together does not constitute a meeting; and when they have assembled, the meeting is not formally constituted until some one of those present has been appointed to preside and open the proceedings. We say then a Warden takes priority of P.M.'s in summoning a Lodge, and, in certain cases, he rules it. And, as it is impossible to rule a Lodge unless it has been formally constituted or opened, we include the opening of the Lodge among the rights and privileges of a Warden.

We come now to the question whether the work must be done by a member of the Lodge. As regards the opening of the Lodge, a visiting brother manifestly has no *locus standi* until it has been opened or constituted. Even when this has been done, a visiting P.M. has no claim to take any part in the government or business of the Lodge. As an act of courtesy, the principal ruling officer, not being the Master, will probably invite such stranger P.M. to occupy the chair, but he has no right to complain if this act of courtesy is not shown him. In the absence of Installed Masters, the P.M. is of superior rank to the Warden and members among whom he is visiting, but he is, so to speak, off duty. Taking the recent exposition of the Grand Registrar for our guide, we are inclined to lay down the following as applicable to a Lodge in which no installed Master happens to be present. The Warden is Master *pro tem.*, but disqualified from, and therefore incapable of occupying the chair or fulfilling its special duties. He may, however, invite any qualified brother to do the work of the Master, such invitation being an act of courtesy, not compulsory. The law is very precise. The words are "the Immediate Past Master," or in his absence, "the Senior Past Master of *the Lodge* present." The words we have italicised indicate most clearly that Past or Installed Masters of other Lodges have, as we have said, no *locus standi* whatever.

We shall deal next with the question as to the eligibility of a Warden who attended on the day of installation and received his collar, but has only attended two Lodges. Here again the law is singularly clear as to what constitutes eligibility in a Warden to fill the Master's Chair. "Every Lodge shall annually elect its Master and Treasurer by ballot, such Master having regularly served as a Warden of a Warranted Lodge for one year." The words are "*regularly* served;" if, therefore, a Warden has deliberately absented himself from his post, he cannot be said to have served his office for one year. If he were not present the night of installation, and did not, therefore, receive his collar, he cannot be said to have completed his full term of service. In both cases, he becomes ineligible for election as Master, and that through his own default. In the case of occasional absence, through illness or other valid cause, we consider he does not forfeit his right to be elected Master, nor if he has filled the office during two consecutive Masterships, provided, however, such service has been continuous. We do not think a brother who has served the office of Warden for say eight months, and is subsequently, after a greater or less interval of time, appointed Warden a second time, becomes eligible for the chair, even though the two broken periods of service taken together may exceed the prescribed period of a Warden's service.

Lastly, is a W.M. responsible for the correctness of the minutes? The constitutions enact that "the Master is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to private Lodges, and is bound to produce all books, minutes, and accounts when required by lawful authority." Nothing whatever is said about his preparing the minutes, or being responsible for their correctness. This, we take it, is the duty of the Secretary. Oliver, in reference to this latter officer, says: "His" (the Secretary's) "duty is to issue the summonses; and he is expected to attend the Lodge punctually, that he may enter the proceedings on the minutes, and read them at all meetings of the brethren, whether regular or emergent." It is the Master's duty to see that the proceedings are entered on the minutes, or, in other words, to take care the Secretary fulfils his duty. But the Master has nothing whatever to do with the preparation of the minutes, and cannot, therefore, be held *specially* responsible for their correctness. These minutes, it must be remembered, are not the official record of the Lodge proceedings until they have been read and confirmed in open Lodge. One of our constitutions provides that "a book shall be kept in every Lodge, in which shall be entered the names of its members, and of all persons admitted therein . . . . . together with such other transactions of the Lodge as are proper to be written. The Master is responsible for the observance of this law." It is the duty of the Secretary to keep this book, and the duty of the Master to see that it is properly kept. In a general sense, of course, the latter is responsible for the correctness of the minutes, as, indeed, he is responsible for everything that happens in the Lodge during his tenure of the Mastership. There is in his case, however, no *special* responsibility attaching to this particular duty apart from his other duties.

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SERMON.

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"The people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy for the noise of the weeping."—EZRA iii., 13.

It is always so in this old world. The weeping overcomes the joy. The day of happiness is overshadowed by a thought of sorrow. The cries and lamentations over blessings forfeited by sin are more prominent than grateful praise. The gloomy past damps and disfigures the bright present and hopeful future. These old men of whom we read in this chapter as outdoing in their wailing the joyful shout of the young had good cause for sorrow. They remembered, as we are told, the old temple, the greatest glory of their greatest prosperity, a wonder to the whole world, a monument of past history. They remembered a glorious building, where they had assembled for their daily devotions, full of treasures, replete with symbols of the Divine Presence, rich in all the appurtenances of their religion. Yet they knew how the gold and silver sanctified to their God had been carried off by a foreign conqueror, God having fulfilled his terrible judgment of profaning his sanctuary. The golden candlestick of 7 branches, the cherubims of the Mercy Seat, pillars inlaid with gold and silver, all had been lost in the common ruin of the nation. Nothing could replace them to the old men. The liberal grants of Cyrus, the special effort of their nation, were as nothing compared to the past, when the preparations of mighty David were taken up and enhanced by Solomon, his mightier Son. The loss of these outward glories, this tangible wealth of the old Temple, doubtless weighed upon the minds of the old men, but there was more than this. It was not only in size and splendour that it fell short, for it was of the same dimensions, and, though not as gorgeous, it was very rich and beautiful. What the old men missed now, was that which constituted the main glory of Solomon's Temple, apart from external splendour. There was now no Shekinah, or visible glory of Divine Presence on the Mercy Seat. There was now no altar of undying fire; for that fire had been quenched. Doubtless the presence of the Almighty seemed less real to them now. No Shekinah; no holy fire; no Urim and Thummim. Those very things by which God's presence had been shown most were gone. They had even now evidence of His being with them, but the special marks of His favour were missing. This second Temple was, indeed, to be more honoured by His presence, for when Christ in human form came into it the glory of the latter house did indeed far exceed the glory of the former, and the loss of prestige and its comparative poverty were more than compensated. But the old men saw only the bitter past, not the bright future. They thought of those days of captivity, when their harps hung idle on the willows of Babylon. Had they not hushed the Lord's song in a strange land, and wept in a foreign country at the remembrance of Jerusalem? These old men did well to weep. There was also a shout of joy. The young, who had seen no better, were glad to see these goodly preparations—glad to be restored to their national worship, which was the very life of their land. They were all energy and hopefulness. They knew now that it was not for their destruction or embitterment that they had been cut off from the blessings of the true worship of the true God, but that it was a chastening, and that it was now over—the clouds of captivity were blown away, and the full sun of Divine favour was shining upon them. His restored people. Their first care was to build an altar; the school of sorrow had taught them to begin with God. The forced want of the blessings of religion had shown their value. So their joy found its outlet, not only in shouting, but in building and worshipping. They were anxious to confirm and strengthen the blessings of their restoration in that one way which could preserve them; by binding them up in Divine worship, by glorifying His holy name in works begun, continued, and ended in Him. Weeping, then, and rejoicing—there was cause for both—but the weeping prevailed. The cause of the captivity over which those elders wept had been sin, separation from God; God's favour forfeited by unholy kings and disobedient people. Strange gods—Baal and Ashtaroth—gods of the heathen, gods of their own making, had usurped the place of the one true God. Kings had done evil in the sight of God, despite the warnings of His prophets. Holy places had been defiled, and the true worship dishonoured. Perhaps, too, these elders had been themselves good and faithful, and yet unable to avert the responsibility of the times they lived in, and that made their cup even more bitter. They had seen the forefathers of these young men as glad, as hopeful, as energetically devotional as they. Would it not soon die away? Would there not be another destruction, another captivity, despite present ardour and exultation? Often too, old and experienced men, who look upon the world, as it were, from a standpoint outside, and see the ebb and flow of its cares and joys. Things do not present the same aspect as to those who are carried along in the rush of the times. Their eyes fixed on some near object, their ears filled with the turmoil around them. The neutral looker on may see cause for weeping—some seem always to see it. The whole earth is a mere lazaretto to them, full of despair and hopeless misery. We cannot but think that it is presumption to take this view of God's bright creation. Doubtless God's creatures, created for good and blessed, do not fulfil the divine ends for which they were created. The discordant voice of sin mars the harmony of creation. The whole creation in one sense groans and travails. Yet these words are not spoken of the mind, which is itself its own tormentor, or of that distorted vision which makes all views of comfort hideous and unreal. "A merry heart," says the wise man, "doeth good like a medicine, but a wounded spirit drieth the bones." There is a duty of cheerfulness which is too often neglected; there are impulses and motives of joy which are not to be stifled and smothered. Yet there is cause for weeping, and these old men had a cause. God was not so near them. What was the new building worth without his sanctifying presence? To the young it was something to be allowed to return to God's worship, however shorn of its glory—they felt less the past. Let our lesson to-day be this: The presence of God, however manifested, means, and alone means, happiness. We, weak and fallible as we are, find ourselves helped in religion and in Masonry by the use of sign and symbol, and we cannot afford to despise these aids. It is true that God dwelleth not in Temples made by hands, yet He has, in one sense, His habitation and His house. There is a place where His honour abideth. As we associate the most sacred blessings of home, its love and endearments, with places and things, so too with the far more sacred blessings of religion. Some places, some things, call more vividly to the mind the presence of God. Let those who have never known such associations go their way and shout over each new attraction. But let us who feel the special significance of certain places, forms and things, be jealous of their being disparaged; and not let ourselves be carried away by something more new, more exciting, perhaps more attractive. Let it be something sad and sorrowful for us to see some great element of holiness wanting in our religion, or in our Craft. Let what we miss be what these old men missed, the assuring sign of God's presence. We shall do well to copy both the young men and the old—the old who wept over the deficiency of the worship, the young who spent their energies in his service, labouring with gavel, and square, and compasses, and plumb-line, to build His temple. It may be that now or sometime the weeping will prevail over the joy shout, but let the glory of God be the cause of either. Not selfish sorrow, not the pang caused by a taste not flattered, or a whim not gratified, but God first and last, God first to be worshipped, God first to be worked for, God first to be missed.—*South Wales Daily News.*

The Dublin *Freeman's Journal*, whose care for the welfare of mankind in general, and Freemasonry in particular, is well known, has the following:—

"Royalty and Masonry are becoming great friends. The *Whitehall Review* tells us that on the 25th of the present month the Grand Lodge of England will proceed to elect its officers for the new Masonic year. The Prince of Wales will, of course, be re-elected Grand Master, and we have reason to believe that his Royal Highness will nominate, either personally or through the Earl of Carnarvon (Pro Grand Master) H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as Senior Grand Warden and H.R.H. Prince Leopold as Junior Grand Warden. Three of the Queen's sons, one of them being the future Ruler of the United Kingdom, will be members of a secret society if this programme be carried out. We lament this abuse of privilege in the interests of morality and society. The Royal family can have no need for the sort of work which chiefly occupies Masonic intelligence, but the society is undoubtedly strengthened by the addition of such disciples. We know quite well that a Prince of the blood in England has perhaps less power than any ordinary peer of the realm: but the Prince of Wales is a notable exception to this rule. In time he will be a factor of incomparable influence in the State; and if he is to do his duty even-handedly to all his subjects, he had need to be free from trammels of which his subjects at large cannot know the grip. We have had too many cases in which Masonry had been employed for something more and something less than fraternity, and in high places. The Christian religion includes all the laws which can make men brothers; and if it be insufficient for this purpose, in view of certain mental developments, we hardly think the gap can be filled by the puissance of a secret oath, a bounteous guxledom, a morality which maintains an inner society by feeding on society at large, and a supply of millinery and gimcrackery worthy of the middle ages."

The *Morning Advertiser* states:—The assertion that Herr-Von-Dachroeden, the Master of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Prussia (Grosse Landeslogs) who is at Rome, has become a convert to Roman Catholicism is declared by his deputy in office, Herr Gaarts, on the authority of a telegram received by him from Herr-Von-Dachroeden, to be an infamous falsehood.

The members of the Neville Dramatic School will give a performance in aid of the funds of the Newport Market Refuge and Industrial School, on Saturday morning, 28th April. On which occasion will be performed the celebrated play, by J. Sheridan Knowles, of the "Hunchback."

PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E.C.

No. 14 of *Picturesque Europe*, is richer than usual in the quality of its engravings. Only two or three relate to English scenery, and these two or three suffice to complete the portion of the work devoted to Old English Homes. The rest of the number is descriptive of scenery on the West Coast of Ireland. Among the best of the illustrations in this section of the work, are the engravings of "Rocks near Kilkee," two views of the "Giants Causeway," "the Subterranean Passage of the Mask," "Carrigan Head," "View from Moyne Abbey," "'One Man's Pass' Donegal," and "Dunluce Castle." The principal engraving is the work of R. Hensbel Wood, from a picture by H. Fenn, of "Rock at Ross." We may add that the Title and Index to volume are now ready, price sixpence, and also cloth cases for binding, price 5s.

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APPROACHING ELECTION FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I fully sympathise with the case of George Samuel Cox, now a candidate for the *seventh* time for admission into the Boys' School, and rejoice to see his cause so strenuously advocated by our Rev. Bros. Dr. Ace and C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. for Suffolk. I do not think the adoption of such a rule as the former proposes would be wise, and for this reason. I can only account for so deserving a candidate obtaining so little support, by supposing that those who have had charge of his case have not set to work in the proper manner. I assume that every brother who has backed the candidature of young Cox has not only canvassed for him, but likewise given him his own votes. But what do I find when I turn to the list of subscribers to the Boys' School? The Province of Devon, from which the case emanated, has, I believe, 289 votes at command, while those whom "the case is known to, and recommended by" muster among them other 78. These, added to the Provincial votes, make a total of 367. Multiply this result by 6, and we have a total of 2202. The following is the lowest number of votes which sufficed at the last four elections to secure admission into the School. In April 1875, the last successful candidate polled 1554 votes. There were forty-eight candidates, but only eight vacancies, and therefore the votes were not so widely distributed. In October of the same year there were fifty-eight candidates for ten vacancies. The last of those elected polled 1676 votes. In April 1876, there were fifty-nine candidates for sixteen vacancies, and No. 16 on the poll carried his election with 1272 votes. As this was young Cox's fifth application, there is no apparent reason why his Province and backers should not have secured for him the fifth place with 1835 votes. Last October, fifteen out of fifty-seven candidates obtained admission into the School, the lowest with only 1217 votes, while No. 1 obtained 2008, or less by only a few short of 200 than the 2202, which, as I have already pointed out, might, and, in my humble judgment, ought to have been polled for Cox. I fancy I remember to have read in a former article of yours—I believe it was in one of your periodical analyses—a suggestion that brethren should not permit an applicant's name to be placed on the list of candidates unless they are prepared to support him (or her as the case may be) thoroughly.

I know there have been other cases emanating from Devonshire, and these may have commanded, and no doubt justly commanded, most of the support at the disposal, directly or indirectly, of the Province. Many of young Cox's present supporters may not have been in a position to help him at previous elections. Be this as it may, it seems inexplicable that a boy should now be offering himself as a candidate for the seventh time with only 381 votes standing to his credit.

Yours fraternally,

FRATER LONDONENSIS.

THE EXCLUSION OF JEWS IN GERMANY.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The letters and inquiries as to what proceedings the "Joppa Committee" intend taking in this matter are so numerous, that I find it impossible to answer them separately. I beg to inform those brethren who show so much sympathy, through your kindness by inserting this letter, that the Committee are taking for the present only the proper steps *to inquire*, but will do nothing which might prejudice the Montefiore petition now circulating, and patiently wait, for the disposal of the same.

I beg to remain, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

MAURICE SPIEGEL.

30 Tavistock-crescent, Westbourne-park, W., April 11, 1877.

QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There seems to have been a direct violation of the law in the case referred to in the letter of your correspondent, who signs himself "A BURMAH MASON." Nothing can be more explicit than the statement in our Constitutions: "Previous to his initiation, he must subscribe his name at full length to a declaration of the following import," &c., &c. It is added in a footnote in reference hereto, "Any individual who cannot write is, consequently, ineligible to be admitted into the Order." Oliver, in his "Jurisprudence," remarking on this stringency of our Constitutions, says, "that all illiterate persons are pronounced ineligible for initiation," and he adds, "No one who is incapable of signing his name at full length to the declaration can be legally admitted as a candidate." This, of course, is nothing more than a repetition in another form of words of the law itself. He then states the penalty. "Any Lodge guilty of violating this regulation is subject to erasure, and he goes on to mention a case which had been "brought before the Grand Lodge some few years" previously, and "in which this law was fully recognised. It having been represented that certain brethren of a Lodge were unable to write, inasmuch as their marks only were affixed against their names, amongst whom was the Junior Warden; and as the Constitutions declare such persons ineligible for initiation, it was resolved that after this notice all such offences shall be brought under the cognisance of the Grand Lodge, and shall subject the offending Lodge to erasure." Oliver then cites another and corresponding case which "was reported by the Board of General Purposes to the Grand Lodge in 1844, where a party joining a Lodge at the recommendation of the Worshipful Master, was unable to write, and it was further given in evidence that the Worshipful Master had literally guided his hand to enable him to sign his name to the usual document. That officer, however, having declared his ignorance of the law until it was too late to repair the evil, he was admonished to be more careful in future." The latter is almost a complete parallel to the case mentioned by your correspondent.

The grounds on which "the compromise" was arrived at are not given. There may have been extenuating circumstances, and these might have the effect of altering or modifying one's judgment. But I repeat, on the faith of "A BURMAH MASON'S" exposition of the facts, a serious mistake has been committed. By whom, I leave it for others to decide.

Fraternally yours,

L.P.T.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

ON Wednesday, 4th inst., the annual meeting of this Province was held at the Church Institute, Bradford, under the banner of the Pentalpha Lodge, No. 974, when about 200 brethren assembled. The customary salutations having been heartily accorded to the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, Sir H. Edwards, Bart., and to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Tew, the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master in reply, said: Brethren of West Yorkshire, we have assembled, by the generous invitation of the Rev. R. W. Loosemore W.M., and the Officers and Members of the Pentalpha Lodge, No. 974, for our annual meeting, in the centre of one of the greatest industries of the North of England. Amongst the marvellous towns of the West Riding of Yorkshire, Bradford has a remarkable commercial history as interesting as either that of Sheffield, Leeds, Batley or Dewsbury. Certainly with these the town in which we met to-day has had a developement equally rapid, and in a very brief period of time its inhabitants have done as much as those of any other town in the province to increase the wealth of the nation. In 1811 Bradford had a population of 7,767, in 1871 of 146,000, and this population has unquestionably conferred a boon even upon the world at large. Development has succeeded to development; improvement has been made upon improvement, until to-day its commercial importance and magnificence are concurrent with the gigantic prosperity of its trade and the tastes of the times. Let us hope that the present suspension of the intense activity of its pursuits is due not to a diplomatic postponement of painful eventualities in the last, but to the simple awaiting the commencement of a settled basis of affairs, and that Bradford will start again on a course of development as brilliant in the future as in the past. (Applause.) As is recorded in its history since 1811, Freemasonry in Bradford has developed with its commercial developments. Under two previous chairmen of our Charity Committee—Bros. Manoah Rhodes and Thomas Hill, names brilliant in Yorkshire Freemasonry (applause)—a policy of Masonic prosperity and success has been built up, which has placed the Freemasonry of West Yorkshire on an influential footing, unsurpassed by any other provinces in the Grand Lodge of England. Pentalpha Lodge is an offspring of the famous Lodge of Hope, No. 302, and it has striven to emulate in charitable deeds the efforts of its munificent parent. The Pentalpha was established in 1863; in 1864 it was consecrated by Bro. Bentley Shaw, and has now sixty active members. Since its establishment, up to this day, it has liberally contributed to our Charities. We thank Pentalpha for this day's invitation, for its support of our Institutions, and Bradford for its fraternal welcome accorded to the Provincial Grand Lodge. Called, myself, by our Royal Grand Master to the government of this great province, I have now to observe that this day's ceremonial closes another year of my occupancy of this chair, and the commencement of another period of its tenancy. Therefore, in accordance with a practice of my illustrious predecessors, I shall trespass upon your attention with some comments upon the more prominent features of interest to the Craft in this province during the past year. Without flattery to the province, I may venture to say, this perhaps, is the only province in England containing a like number of Lodges—sixty-three—of which it could be said that every Lodge has made its annual returns for the past year, and thus enables me to put before you its position in the Craft. The income from quarterage fees has been £357 6s 6d, and we have a balance in hand of £921 2s 3d to the credit of next year. But the balance for charitable purposes will be at least six times the amount. I shall be able to say more on that subject at our July meeting. The number of active members returned for this province is 3,065. During the past year, the Lodges have enrolled 250 new members. Fifty-three members have died, and in some of them valuable charitable votes have lapsed, thus increasing the difficulties of the Charity Committee with regard to voting powers. Let me earnestly impress upon Worshipful Masters and Treasurers the importance that subscriptions should be applied for and paid at the commencement of each year instead of at the end of the year, and thus the list of arrears would probably be reduced to insignificant proportions, and many excellent, but negligent brethren would be retained on the muster-roll of this province. I have made a written communication to Lord Carnarvon that one of the Masonic Lifeboats (in commemoration of the Prince of Wales's safe return from India) should be placed on the Yorkshire coast, and have pressed the special claim of Robin Hood's Bay upon the attention of his Lordship, and am glad to inform this Provincial Grand

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Lodge that, assisted by the co-operation of North and East Yorkshire, the Pro Grand Master has said the application shall have the fullest consideration of himself and the committee. (Applause.) I cannot allow the retiring Provincial Grand Officers to vacate their chairs without expressing to them the obligations of the province for their zealous and able services. To the Mayor of Wakefield and to the Provincial Grand Junior Warden my sentiments towards them are those of unbounded gratitude for the time and ability they devoted in the performance of their executive responsibilities. In the nomination of officers to fill their places, I feel myself confronted with the grave and difficult task of selection of a few from a band of brethren of exalted merit, and to entrust these few new officers with the practical administration of the government of this province for the ensuing twelve months, viz., to carry out the duties of a well-organised Provincial Grand Lodge, whose ruling and guiding principles alone are framed and directed on the written as well as the unwritten laws of the Craft, and which all thoughtful and patriotic Provincial Grand Officers regard as of supreme importance. Whatever difference of opinion may exist as to the discrimination of this selection, I feel sure you will one and all recognise the justice of the claims of the brethren it is my duty to appoint to office, and that you will give them loyal and hearty Masonic support, and obey faithfully our Prov. Grand Lodge bye-laws, accepting my prerogative and resting your approval in accordance with my own upon the sure and solid foundation of that beneficent self-government the superstructure of which has been built up by the letter and spirit of fidelity to the Book of Constitutions. (Hear, hear.) I call, therefore, upon the old and new officers to unite with the brethren in unselfish efforts to secure, as heretofore, to our province, under the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, the faithful development of justice, piety and virtue, and the practice of a liberal charity, the principles upon which Freemasonry is founded, that we may exhibit to the outside world that amongst us we fervently decree:—That all things may be ordered and settled upon the best and surest foundation; that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established amongst us for all generations. After the usual preliminary routine business had been gone through, the officers for the ensuing year were invested as follow:—Bros. I. Booth 61 Halifax, Prov. S.G.W., J. Hurst jun., 337 Uppermill, Prov. J.G.W., Rev. R. Oldfield 275 Huddersfield, Prov. G. Chap., Rev. H. J. Day 1513 Barnsley, Prov. G. Chap., R. I. Critchley 208 Dewsbury, Prov. G. Treas., J. G. Hutchinson 1034 Bradford, Prov. G. Reg., H. Smith 387 Wakefield, Prov. G. Sec., J. F. Moss 296 Sheffield, Prov. S.G.D., S. Summerscales 265 Keighley, Prov. J.G.D., J. Simpson 910 Castleford, Prov. G.S. of W., T. Collinson 139 Sheffield, Prov. G.D. of C., G. Haigh 149 Meltham, Prov. G.A.D. of C., E. Walshaw 448 Halifax, Prov. G.S.B., W. Glover 1221 Leeds, Prov. G. Org., W. Shofield 290 Huddersfield, Prov. G. Purs., T. E. Yates 750 Cleckheaton, P.G.A. Purs., J. C. Malcolm 306 Leeds, T. Ruddock 276 Huddersfield, C. L. Mason 304 Leeds, A. H. Kirk 208 Dewsbury, T. M. Tindall 1239 Sheffield, W. B. Alderson 498 Wakefield, Prov. G. Stewards, Lee 290 Huddersfield, Prov. G. Tyler, J. Sheard 208 Batley, Prov. G.A. Tyler. The report of the Charity Committee was then read and received, and the Lodge was closed. The July meeting will be held at Sheffield, and the Lodge will take part in opening the new Masonic Hall there.—*Bradford Observer.*

CONSECRATIONS.

PHŒNIX CHAPTER, No. 173.

THIS Chapter was consecrated on Saturday, the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. J. D. Massey W.M. 173 was the M.E.Z. designate, G. Wilson H., and G. R. Green J. The M.E.Z.'s chair was taken by Comp. Jas. Terry P.Z. 554 as H., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. as J. The regular consecration ceremony having been performed, the three principals were installed. The M.E.Z. then invested his officers—C. J. J. Salmon S.E., F. R. Vine S.N., J. Blyth P.S., G. H. Humphreys 1st A.S., Wiles 2nd A.S., J. Burford Treas., Speight Janitor. A letter was read from Comp. John Hervey G.S.E. regretting his absence, and wishing the Chapter prosperity. Propositions for joining and exaltation were handed in to the S.E. for balloting on the next meeting, comprising Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., James Terry P.Z., P.P.G.S.B. Herts, G. W. Verry P.Z., and W. Watson P.Z. were unanimously elected honorary members. The Chapter was then closed until the 23rd of April, and the companions, thirty-four in number, sat down to a banquet. Grace having been sung by Comps. Thos. Distin, Carter and Cozens, The toast of the Queen and R.A. Masonry was given, and the National Anthem sung. The toast of the G.Z., H.R.H. The Prince of Wales., was given and enthusiastically received, as also those of the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers. Comp. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, in a very excellent speech, returned thanks; he said he was not fully conversant with the working of Royal Arch Masonry, but was pleased to return thanks for those noble Companions. He thanked the companions for their kindness in receiving him. Comp. Terry said, in the absence of the P.Z. I am pleased, as Consecrating Officer, to be allowed to propose the next toast; I must say you have an efficient officer to preside over you. He has been only six months a R.A. Mason, but you know his capabilities in the Lodge; we shall see what he will do here; on this occasion there are 22 propositions for joining and exaltation. He would ask them with all sincerity to drink the health of the M.E.Z. of the Chapter. The toast was received with great cheers. The M.E.Z. said he would endeavour to do his duty, he hoped, to their satisfaction, while in the occupation of the chair, and while he had his health and strength his services would always be at their command, he had to propose the toast of the H. and J. They were old Past Masters, and they would, he was sure, do their duty. His excellent Companion on his right had performed the duties in another Chapter, and he, as well as the J., would give every satisfaction by their working. Comps. H. and J. responded to the toast. The former said he must compliment the 1st M.E.Z. for his energy in getting up the Chapter. The Parent Lodge had been in existence for many years, but never had a Master like the present one. He now shewed his enthusiasm by forming this Chapter. He had worked very assiduously, and we, as his assistants, feel great pleasure in rendering any duties required of us. We work, and hope to see the Chapter flourish. Comp. Green, J., followed. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the Consecrating Officer. He was one who was a true and trusty friend, and was well known and respected; he would ask them with all heartiness to drink to his health. Comp. J. Terry responded in a very excellent speech, and complimented the M.E.Z. on his able and genial presidency. The toast of the Visitors was next given; they would always be welcome. Comp. Buss, in reply, said that he regretted he could say but few words where such an army of visitors was present. It was a source of great gratification to see the manner the Chapter had been consecrated, and great credit is due to the M.E.Z. for his energy in getting up the Chapter. On the first night they had seen how admirably everything had been arranged; he trusted the Phœnix Chapter would be the largest and most successful in the Craft. Comp. Carter then sang "Sweethearts." The M.E.Z. proposed the toast of the Officers. They would, on a future occasion, have an opportunity of seeing how they could perform the duties required of them. Comp. Cozens then sang "Tom Bowling." The toast of the Officers was responded to, and the Janitor's toast was given. The companions then separated. The Visitors present were Comps. D. Witts H. 527, H. G. Buss P.Z. 177, G. Carter, J. L. Mather H. 174, C. A. Woods 145, G. W. Verry P.Z. 554, H. Simpson, J. Middleton No. 22, T. Distin, F. H. Cozens 1216, W. Watson P.Z., F. B. Davadge 185, H. Cormick 753, H. M. Levy P.Z. 188, Frampton P.Z. 749, Hilton P.Z., H. Massey P.Z. 619, Parker P.Z., Baker P.Z., Bowyer 174, Banson 174, Walls, Killick 749, Steedman 174, Betts 607.

ROYAL LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1669.

THE above Lodge was consecrated at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, S.E., on Saturday, 7th inst., being the anniversary of H.R.H. Prince Leopold's birth, by Bro. J. Hervey, V.W. Grand Secretary of England, assisted by Bro. Richard C. Else, D.P.G.M. of Somersetshire. Bro. the Rev. J. H. Gandy, M.A., Vicar of St. John's, Brixton, officiated as Chaplain, and during the ceremonies of consecration and installation, the Senior Warden's chair was occupied by Bro. Baxter W.M. Grand Steward's Lodge, while that of Junior Warden was filled by Bro. Lartham W.M. 1216, P.M. 1539, Bro. Hastie I.P.M. 1216 acted as I.G.

The beautiful and impressive ceremony of Consecration was ably performed by the Consecrating Officers, and the V.W. Grand Secretary, in a short address, gave much sound and excellent counsel and advice to the brethren of the new Lodge, with regard to their duties and privileges as Masons.

Bro. Else thereafter installed Bro. G. Newington Bridges P.M. 135 and 1216 as first W.M. of the Royal Leopold Lodge, and he in turn appointed his officers. Bro. W. H. Thomas was invested as S.W., Bro. T. Edmondston J.W., and Bro. T. Preston Hon. Secretary. Bro. Dakers, P.P.G. Treasurer of South Australia, was nominated by Bro. Woodcock (Founder) as Treasurer of the Lodge, and unanimously elected to that office. H.R.H. Prince Leopold having graciously signified his willingness to accept honorary membership of the Lodge, was elected thereto on the motion of the W.M. Bros. Hervey, Else and Sandy were also elected honorary members, in token of the brethren's appreciation of their services as Consecrating and Installing Officers.

The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren dined together in the banquet room.

Amongst those present, in addition to the names already mentioned, there were—Bros. Headon P.M. 1426, Colls P.M. 1, Moody P.M. 1426, Bradley, Woodcock, Wilkins, Jarman and Cranch, Founders; Bros. P. Nairne W.M. 1329, P.M. 176, J. Stevens P.M. 720, 1216 and 1426, S. Wagstaffe P.M. 1216, G. Waterall P.M. 1216, Messenger P.M. 1216, J. Dann P.M. 72, J. I. Harvey W.M. 1658, &c.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS, &c.

The Studholme Lodge of Mark Master Masons met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, on Thursday, 5th April, at 4.45. Bro. Lieut.-General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., as W.M. Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg as S.W., Raphael Costa as J.W., Dr. Robert Hamilton as M.O., Major George Barlow as S.O., Samuel Rawson as J.O., Colonel Randolph and Lieut.-Colonel Somerville Burney as Deacons, Captain Portlock Dadson D.C. as I.G.; also Bros. Captain N. G. Philips, W. Hyde Pullen, W. Bezly Thorne, C. E. Willing, James Keene, Charles Grillion, &c., &c. Bro. W. R. G. Farmer, Matthew Clark, and Caulfeild were duly admitted to the Degree of Mark Master Masons.

The White Horse of Kent Lodge, No. 1506, met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, on Monday, 9th April.

The Grand Metropolitan Chapter Rose Croix met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, on Wednesday, 11th April. Ill. Bro. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall 30° M.W.S. Present—Ill. Bro. Captain N. G. Philips 33°, Ill. Bro. Nunn 33° of Georgia, U.S. America, Ill. Pro. W. H. Pullen 33° Ill. Bro. Lieut.-General J. Studholme Brownrigg C.B. 32°, Ill. Bro. Captain Portlock Dadson 32°, Ill. Bros. Charles Grillion, Raymond H. Thrupp, and J. Lambert Sim, 31°, Ill. Bros. Frank Richardson 30°, R. Clutton 30°, T. Fenn 30°, F. W. Ramsay 30°, Rudolph G. Glover 30°, J. Kuke 30°, R. E. Goolden 30°, and John Read 30°, Bros. F. Smith, Bristow, &c., &c. Two candidates

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were duly perfected in the 18°, and sums of ten guineas voted each to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The Bard of Avon Chapter Rose Croix will meet on Wednesday, 18th April, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

The Invicta Chapter Rose Croix will meet on Friday, 20th April, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

The St. George Chapter Rose Croix will meet on Monday, 23rd April, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, for the installation of the M.W. Sov. Elect, Ex Bro. E. J. Castle, 18°, and the appointment of officers and perfection of candidates.

The Studholme Chapter Rose Croix will meet on Tuesday, 24th April, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square. Ill. Bro. Colonel Randolph, 30°, M.W. Sov.

The Canterbury Lodge, No. 1635 will hold a meeting of Emergency on Tuesday, 1st May, at 4.30 p.m., at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square. W. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Robbins W.M.

The Holy Sanctuary Preceptory, K.T. will meet at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, on Monday, 16th April, at 3 p.m., when a Priory of the Order of Knights of Malta will be held, E. Sir Knight the Rev. F. Kill Harford M.A. Preceptor. The E. Preceptor Elect, E. Sir Knight the Rev. Dr. John Robbins M.A. will be installed, as well as several candidates for the degree of Knight Templars.

The Victoria Chapter Rose Croix met at Ipswich on Monday, 9th April. Ill. Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson M.A. 30° was installed as M.W.S. for the ensuing year by E. Bro. W. Partridge Mills M.D. 18°, and appointed his officers. Bros. Arthur J. Grimwade and Frederick Long were duly perfected in the 18°.

The Vigne Chapter Rose Croix met at Bournemouth on Wednesday, 4th April. E. Bro. S. G. Kirchhoffer, 18°, M.W. Sov. Bros. Thomas Arthur Burton and Henry Vassall d'Esterre were duly perfected in the 18°, and Bro. Alexander Reid as Serving Brother.

Bank of England Lodge, No. 263.—Met at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on the evening of the 12th inst. Bro. Windus jun. was raised to the 3rd degree in a most efficient manner by W. Bro. Morton I.P.M. Visitors—Bros. Cooper, Preston and Chatto.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860.—This Lodge held its installation meeting on Thursday, the 12th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. Present—Bros. H. W. Dalwood W.M., J. C. White S.W., T. B. Dodson J.W., L. F. Littell P.M. Secretary, W. H. Wallington P.M. Treasurer, G. F. Weige S.D., E. T. Worsley J.D., R. Cull D.C., S. Smith Organist, W. G. Dickins I.G., W. J. Smith Steward, Gilchrist Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. R. Senecal jun., W. Underwood, R. Thomson, John C. Bates. Visitors—Bros. J. Hassell 779, L. Duke 813, C. Gross 1067, J. Paget 829, L. M. Bederell 861, C. Rayder 73, A. Wagstaff 188, H. W. Alford 228, F. Driscoll 30, G. Perry 1110, J. I. Ashburner 1275, E. Harding 1524, J. R. Bowen 65, W. C. Roberts 16, C. S. Jekyll, J. Hunt, W. W. Morgan jun., &c. The Lodge having been opened, and the usual formalities disposed of, Bro. Shore was raised, Bros. Gordin, Wade and Sanders passed, and Mr. Walter Johnson initiated. The Lodge Bye-laws having been read, the Auditors' report received and unanimously adopted, Bro. J. C. White was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Wallington, in a perfect and faultless manner for which the thanks of the Lodge were voted to him, and a record of the fact placed on the minutes. The W.M. promoted all of the officers one step, and re-appointed Bros. Littell, Wallington and Gilchrist as Secretary, Treasurer and Tyler respectively. This ending the business portion of the evening's proceedings, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. After the toasts of the Queen, the M.W.G.M., the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers had been disposed of, Bro. Dalwood I.P.M. rose to propose the health of the W.M., Bro. White. He considered it a very important toast. He was sure that no brother was more respected than the one they had in the chair. From the time he was initiated he had quietly plodded on, and had earned the reputation of being a good and popular Mason. Whenever a brother worked, he considered he was entitled to their respect. He hoped that the brethren would rally round and support their Master. No one had ever spoken ill of him in the Dalhousie, and he was sure the members would never regret having elected him to fill the chair, where he would do honour and be a credit to the Lodge. They had seen him through all the varied offices. He had served the post of Steward to two of our Institutions, and had taken up a goodly sum on each occasion. He considered that he really deserved the support of the brethren, and he hoped on the present occasion they would give the toast a hearty reception. The W.M. heartily thanked the brethren; he would endeavour to work, during his year of office, to their satisfaction, and let none of the lustre be dimmed by the way he would transact the affairs of the Lodge. He had good officers, and hoped with their assistance to keep up the prestige of the Lodge, if he could not enhance it. The next toast the W.M. said, was one that was everywhere received with pleasure, but particularly so at the Dalhousie. They were always glad to have new members, and he hoped the brethren would welcome their initiate, who had seen part of what he has to go through. He hoped he would persevere, and become a worthy brother. Bro. Johnson, in reply, said: Brethren, you can scarcely conceive the magic of that word. It has been my hope and aspiration for years to address a meeting by that term. I scarcely expected to have been received with such enthusiasm, and hope you will accept the few words in which I thank you as coming with a feeling it is difficult to express. I hope to be able to show I am a worthy member, and be some little credit to so worthy an assemblage. The W.M. in introducing the Visitors, said it was a toast very much appreciated throughout the Craft. They had seventeen visitors among them. He was grateful to them for coming to see how the work was performed at the Dalhousie, and hoped they were pleased with what they had seen. He specially referred to the rendering of the Installation ceremony by P.M. Bro Wallington, which he felt sure all present had appreciated. He hoped the visitors would make a point of again coming to see them. Bro. Driscoll was the first to reply. It had been his especial good fortune, he said, to attend on the installation evening for several years; in fact, with the exception of two, he had seen all the Past Masters who were present placed into the chair of the Lodge. He hoped to be able, by the kindness of his friends, to see several others. He considered he was a judge of good working, having seen the various ceremonies frequently worked, but he had never been so impressed as on that evening, when Bro. Wallington so ably installed the Master. He hoped the present Master would have a successful year, and that the Lodge would continue to prosper. Bro. Hunt P.M. followed. When he was asked to attend by a friend, he little knew that the brother to be installed was a very old friend of his. When he was installed Master of his Lodge, at Manchester, seventeen years ago, he well remembered their present Master, in fact, he had known him from his childhood. He could only reiterate the statements of the brother who had preceded him, as to the working of the various offices, but was especially pleased at the working of Bro. Wallington. The W.M. then, in the name of the Lodge, presented the retiring Master with a ring, which it had been decided was the best form of showing the esteem of the brethren—our respected Bro. Dallwood having already received a Past Master's jewel—in addition to the ring, a bar was added to the jewel. Bro. Clark, in affixing these marks of the brethren's appreciation, hoped they would long have the pleasure of seeing Bro. Dallwood among them; he was universally respected, and he might say beloved by every brother of the Dalhousie. Bro. Dallwood said he had been so used to thanking the brethren, for during his two years' term of office he had received nothing but kindness, that he hardly knew what to say. He very much appreciated their kind gifts. During his term of office everything had been done to make them enjoy themselves and make enjoyment for others. He heartily thanked them for every kindness he had received at their hands, and hoped that their present Master would leave the chair at the end of his term with the same expressions on the part of the members. The P.M.'s was next given; without them the W.M. considered no Lodge could be efficient. They had some good Masons among their number. Bro. Wallington, whose name was coupled with the toast, replied. He supposed the reason for calling on him was because they all knew he could not say anything. He felt like a fish out of water, as he had "nothing to do." He would work hard, and endeavour not only to keep up the good name of the Lodge, but if possible to enhance it. He considered the officers were all able and ready to work. Most of them were workers in the Lodge of Instruction, and their attendance there had brought them up to their present high standard. The W.M. had also mentioned Bro. P.M. Bates in connection with the toast, and as all knew he was a good hand at talking, he should leave him to finish thanking the brethren for the kind way in which they had been referred to. Bro. Bates did not know what to say, and even if he did, he should have been obliged to forego it in consequence of the late hour. The Lodge was established under good auspices, and it had certainly not degenerated. The first W.M. was a good Mason. Bro. Underwood was the second, and himself the third. He had seen better meetings than their present one on the occasion of the Installations, they had had as many as thirty visitors. He hoped the good feeling which now existed among the members would continue. He was pleased at the unanimity in which the W.M. had been elected. He must bear in mind that the duties of a Master do not cease at the door of the Lodge; he must be always at work for the good of his Lodge; ever on the look-out for something to improve and strengthen it. The Secretary and Treasurer were next referred to by the W.M. They were grateful for the way both of those officers had performed their duty, which was no light labour. Bro. Wallington (Treasurer) said the few remarks of the W.M. had reminded him that he had had something to do, but it was, during the past year, a very easy task; if a Treasurer has plenty of money his work is very light. He hoped next year would be a better one for the Lodge and for himself too. They could now hold their own, and still have a good balance sheet. They had voted £10 to one of the Charities, and he wished them to become Life Governor of all three. He hoped to remain Treasurer for many years to come. Bro. Littell was very pleased Bro. Wallington could now answer for himself. Hitherto, in consequence of his being the I.P.M., the duty of replying for both Secretary and Treasurer had devolved on himself. It was a much easier task to reply for one than for two, although when it became a question of speaking of oneself it was difficult. He could only repeat what he had so often said in reply to their kind expressions, that he most heartily thanked them. He would continue to discharge the duties to the best of his abilities. Their present W.M. was one of his initiates, and he was pleased to see him in that position. The officers were then toasted. The W.M. considered that no one need be ashamed of such a body. Bro. S.W. thanked the W.M. and brethren. It was a great pleasure to him to be appointed to the office; he would do all in his power to make it pleasant in the Lodge. Bro. Weige J.W. also thanked the brethren. He would act up to the advice given him that evening, and make himself proficient to fill any office he might be called upon to fulfil. He hoped some day to be in the chair now occupied by the W.M. The Tyler's toast followed, and brought a very lengthy meeting to a close. Bros. S. Smith, W. T. Smith, Wallington, Giblin and Weige sung some capital songs.

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Hervey Lodge, No. 1260.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 11th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The Lodge room was adorned by the portrait of the worthy Grand Sec. Bro. John Hervey, which was presented to the Lodge by Bro. J. H. Southwood S.W. and W.M. elect, painted by Bro. Baron Tittenborn. The W.M. Bro. G. Harrison occupied the chair, supported by Bro. J. H. Southwood S.W., J. S. Ward J.W., G. King Sec., Jabez Hogg P.M. P.G.D. Treas., E. J. Goodman J.D., Shalding I.G., and Bros. Foot, Burley, Robbins, Hooper, Butter, Mansell, Bigwood, Condy, Elis, H. B. Condy, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the regular meeting, with those of an emergency meeting, were confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read, showing the Lodge was in a flourishing condition. Mr. G. Reason being in attendance, was initiated into the Order by the W.M. A board of installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. J. H. Southwood was presented by Bro. Jabez Hogg P.M. He was duly installed into the chair by Bro. G. King P.M. perfectly and impressively. On the conclusion of the ceremony he was warmly congratulated by the brethren and visitors. Bro. Seymour Smith played effectively on the organ. The newly-installed W.M. having been saluted in due form invested his officers:—Bros. J. S. Ward S.W., Goodacre J.W., Jabez Hogg P.G.D. Treasurer, G. King P.M. Sec., in the absence of Bro. G. King jun., Spalding S.D., Birley J.D., Rubens I.G., J. R. Cook and, Foot Steward, Speight P.M. Tyler. The W.M. then said it was a pleasing duty he had to perform, and that was to present to the retiring W.M. Bro. G. Harrison a very elegant Past Master's jewel. In placing it on his breast he said it was one voted unanimously by the Lodge, and he hoped he might live long to wear it. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. G. King for the manner he had performed the ceremony of installation, for which he suitably replied. The W.M. then read a letter from Bro. G. King jun. on the eve of his going to Natal, thanking the Lodge for the very handsome testimonial presented to him previously to his leaving England, and hoping that his health might be restored to enable him to be among them again. He wished the W.M. a successful year of office. It was proposed and seconded that the letter of thanks should be entered on the minutes. Several letters of apology were read from brethren, regretting their absence. Bro. Czarnecki gave notice of motion, that from the 1st of October the subscriptions be increased to five guineas, and the initiation and joining fees to ten guineas. Bro. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., proposed that the sum of ten guineas be placed on the list of the W.M., who is a steward for the Boys' Festival in June. The brethren liberally subscribed the sum of £40 in addition. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, 66 in number, adjourned to the Inns of Court Hotel, where a very excellent banquet and dessert was served. The W.M. provided some very artistic menu's, with list of toasts and songs. Grace having been sung, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. The National Anthem was sung, Miss Lincoln singing the solo. The toast of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, was given, and Bro. Frank Elmore, Miss Lincoln, and Seymour Smith sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales," which was enthusiastically received. The W.M., in very eulogistic terms, proposed the toast of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present. All who attend Grand Lodge see how the Pro G.M. and Lord Skelmersdale do their duties; but to-night we have one distinguished brother with us, and whom we are always pleased to see, not only as a Grand Officer, but one who, as a member of this Lodge, we are proud of, but we have also another Grand Officer, viz., Bro. T. Cubitt, Past G. Pursuivant. He is not only known to us in Grand Lodge, but also in many Lodges, and in connection with the charities, as Bro. Hogg will reply in another capacity. I shall call on my worthy friend, Bro. T. Cubitt, to respond to the toast. Bro. T. Davey played a cornet solo. Bro. T. Cubitt was pleased to respond. The example the Grand Officers set had done good to Freemasonry. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the initiates, one of whom was initiated to-night, and the other on the emergency meeting. He was sure they would never regret being initiated into our ancient and honourable Order. The E.A. song was then sung by Bro. Seymour Smith. Bro. O. L. M. Latreille returned thanks. It would always be a source of pleasure to be among them. He would be proud to attend to the duties, and hoped to become one whom they would never regret having accepted. Bro. Raison also responded. Bro. J. Hogg P.G. D.P.M., was proud to be called on to propose a very gratifying toast—one that he felt a very great pleasure in proposing—it was that of the W.M. He is one who had in every respect done his duty. Every one who has met him knows what he has done for the Lodge. He hoped he might be spared for many years to be among them. Bro. Seymour Smith then sung a new humourous song. The W.M. returned thanks for the eloquent manner in which Bro. Jabez Hogg had proposed his health. By an accidental visit to the Hervey Lodge five years since, he joined, and was put into office; now he had attained to the proud position of W.M. He hoped when he left the chair he should do so with the satisfaction of every brother. He regretted the worthy founder of the Hervey Lodge, Bro. John Hervey, was not present. They would commence a new era in the Lodge, and follow out the good name of the one whom the Lodge was named after. (Cheers.) The W.M. then proposed the toast of the visitors. He mentioned their names seriatim. He would call on Bro. H. G. Buss P.J.G.W. for Middlesex to respond to the toast, and he, in a very excellent speech, returned thanks for the numerous visitors. He hoped he would embody their sentiments in saying that it was with feelings of deep regret he had not visited the Lodge since its consecration. He hoped the W.M., on the conclusion of his year of office, would follow out the principles and tenets laid down. Miss Lincoln sang "It was a Dream," which was loudly applauded and re-demanded. The W.M. then proposed the Past Masters. We are a young Lodge. We regret the absence of the working P.M. and Sec., who is so ill that he is now on his way in search of health. He hoped he might be spared to return to them in renewed health and vigour. He also brought forward the I.P.M., who had done his duty, although under domestic affliction. He had done everything required of him. He called on Bro. G. Hampson I.P.M. to respond. Bro. Frank Elmore then sang "The Woodmanns Son." The I.P.M. responded to the toast. He hoped he had given satisfaction as W.M. Bro. G. King P.M. followed. He hoped to see many of the brethren among them at the Hervey Lodge of Instruction, which meets every Friday evening at the Punch's Tavern, Fleet-street. The toast of the Wardens and Officers was then given. Bro. Davy then sang "The Exile's Lament." Bro. Ward S.W. returned thanks in a very eloquent speech. They were pleased to accept office under such a W.M., and he hoped at a future time to occupy the chair now so worthily filled. The Tyler's toast followed. The visitors were Bros. Thos. Cubitt P.G.P., Baron Tittenborn 943 and 1507, Chitty 1551, G. Mitchell 490, N. Y. United States, Lough P.M. 59, J. W. Legge 15, Heaton 583, C. Atkins P.M. 27, E. Powell 723, W. T. Howe P.P.G.P. Middlesex, Hollis P.M. 169, H. G. Buss P.M. 27 P.J.G.W. Middlesex, J. Green P.M. 27, Augh 49, Defriez 45, Heaton 353, Wells 15, Davis 1218, Bryant 1107, Mallon 1288, T. Morgan 1572, J. Sheppard 27, H. M Levy P.M. 188.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction, No. 179.—Held at the Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square. The fifteen sections were worked in this Lodge on Saturday evening, the 7th inst. Bro P. M. and Preceptor Koester 435 in the chair. P.M. Wereat S.W., Long J.W., Blackmore S.D., Dairy J.D., Dickinson J.G. There were also present Bros. Davis P.M. 382, Baker P.M. 167, Golding P.M., Fahrenbach P.M. 382, Sedgwick P.M. 180, Coulton P.M. 382, Belfrage S.D. 179, W. Cooper S.D. 538, S. A. Cooper W.S. 1637, Phillips, Cook 435, Martin 382, Lovett, Carter S.W. 212, &c. It was proposed by Bro. Baker P.M. 67, and seconded by Bro. C. W. Davis P.M. 382, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the very able manner the worthy Preceptor had discharged the duties of the chair. He returned thanks. He also had to thank Bro. Weist P.M. for his able support, and the brethren for their efficient working and kind attention during the performance of the ceremony. The Lodge of Instruction was then closed until the next Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

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1. By Bro. Raynham W. Stewart:—

That the meetings of the Quarterly General Courts, in January and July, be held at 4 p.m. instead of 12 noon.

2. By Bro. H. G. Warren:—

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

The ballot for the election of candidates will commence at 1 o'clock, and will close at 3 o'clock, or earlier, should the general business be completed before that hour.

By order,

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE House of Commons reassembled after the Easter recess on Thursday, the 5th instant. Public business, however, does not seem to have progressed as rapidly as could be wished. In Committee of Supply several of the Civil Service Estimates have been voted, not always, however, without opposition. Matters connected with the Eastern Question have occupied no little share of attention. Several questions have been asked, the inquisitors of the Government being chiefly Messrs. E. Jenkins, Rylands and W. E. Forster. A bold attempt was made on Tuesday by Mr. P. A. Taylor to abolish flogging in the navy. His motion was opposed by the Government, and on division, the honourable member for Leicester was defeated by 164 to 102. The announcement of the numbers was received with considerable cheering by the minority. When this question had been disposed of, Sir R. Anstruther moved, and Mr. Walpole seconded, a motion for a committee of inquiry into the petition of Lord Cochrane, grandson of the late Earl of Dundonald. The object of this petition is to induce the House of Commons to vote the half-pay which his grandfather would have been entitled to had he not been dismissed the Service for alleged participation in certain Stock Exchange frauds. The dismissal occurred in 1814, and the late Earl was not restored to his place in the Navy List till 1832, when the bitterness of political rancour had passed away, and it was known that one of our most gallant officers had been treated most shamefully. But though restored to rank, the late Earl did not receive the half-pay he would have received in the eighteen years between 1814 and 1832, had he been retained in the Navy. The old sea-wolf, as he was called, is long since dead and gone, and now his grandson is seeking to recover these moneys, less on account of their value than because, if they are voted, the reparation made to his grandfather's honour will be complete. It would have been a graceful as well as a prudent act on the part of the Chancellor of the Exchequer had he accepted the motion. Instead of this he opposed it on technical grounds, and then, feeling that the House was not with him, he, as it were, let judgment go by default, or, in other words, he declined to carry his opposition to the length of a division. This is not creditable to Sir Stafford Northcote's business habits. On Wednesday afternoon, a Newspaper Registration Bill was rejected on its second reading by 149 to 69 votes. In the course of the debate Mr. Sullivan delivered a very impassioned speech against the further progress of the Bill, in the course of which he denounced a certain infamous publication. Though its name was never even mentioned, the House very keenly appreciated the honourable gentleman's emphatic utterances. What may fairly be described as a scene was the consequence of this speech. When the result of the voting had been announced, Mr. Sullivan rose, and informed Mr. Speaker that, while the division was taking place, Dr. Kenealy had approached him and called him a liar. Having thus placed the matter in his hands, Mr. Speaker rose, and pointed out that such language had been very properly brought under his notice, and he left it to the house to determine its course of action in the matter. Dr. Kenealy having risen and offered certain explanations, withdrew; whereupon Mr. Forster proposed, and the Home Secretary seconded, a motion to the effect that Dr. Kenealy should withdraw the offensive expressions, and apologise to the House for having used them. Dr. Kenealy shortly reappeared, and at once withdrew the words and tendered the required apology. On Thursday the House resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means, and the Chancellor of Exchequer delivered his annual financial statement, there being, as usual, a very full house to hear it. Yesterday evening was fixed for an exciting debate on the Eastern Question, the Marquis of Hartington having given notice on Monday of his intention to ask for certain papers relating to the Protocol and a Russian despatch of the 19th January. Whether the debate came off or not, and, if so, with what result, our readers will learn as soon as we shall.

The Prince of Wales, we rejoice to say, has sufficiently recovered to be enabled to start on his visit to the Continent. His Royal Highness left Marlborough House on Wednesday evening for Paris and the South of France, *vid* Folkestone and Boulogne. At the Charing-cross Station Prince Christian, the Russian, Danish, Portuguese, and Spanish Ambassadors, with other gentlemen, were assembled to bid farewell to the Prince, who reached Folkestone shortly after 10 P.M., and immediately went on board the steamer Victoria. It was expected he would have reached Boulogne shortly after midnight, whence, after a brief rest, he would continue his journey to Paris. Here apartments have been engaged for him. On Thursday evening or Friday morning he was to leave for the South of France. The Princess of Wales reached Brindisi on Sunday evening, and left at midnight on board the Royal Yacht Osborne for

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Athens. The Osborne was expected to reach Corinth on Tuesday. The Duchess of Edinburgh left Malta on Monday morning, for Villafranca, on board H.M.S. Sultan, Captain the Duke of Edinburgh. Her Royal Highness's suite were on board the Antelope, which accompanied her husband's ship.

It is stated that Her Majesty's birthday, which falls on the 24th May, will be publicly celebrated on the 2nd June instead of on the 26th May, as originally announced.

During the whole of last week the Agricultural Hall was thronged with spectators eager to watch the progress of the great match between Weston and O'Leary for stakes amounting to £1,000. It is stated there were no less than 35,000 present on Saturday. We gave some particulars of the earlier days' performances. By the end of the third day O'Leary had walked 294 miles to Weston's 275. The advantage the former had gained thus far was maintained without material variation till the end, and O'Leary, in the course of Saturday afternoon, was proclaimed winner, as soon as Weston's backer, Sir John Ashtey, saw that no amount of exertion on the part of his *protége* could by any possibility destroy the advantage which O'Leary had gained. The latter covered 520 miles, with several hours to spare, and it is stated, with some show of reason, that had he been pushed he might have accomplished another ten miles. Weston walked 510 miles, or ten miles short of his opponent, and the pluck he exhibited in continuing his journey hours after the victory of his opponent had been conceded, elicited the warmest and most enthusiastic cheers of the multitude. Suffice it to say that both men exhibited astonishing powers of endurance, no such feat having, as far as we know, been previously accomplished. Weston was none the worse on Sunday for his exertions, but O'Leary had a sore place on one of his feet, and was obliged, therefore, to rest on a sofa. The difference in the styles of walking in the two men was very marked. O'Leary walked in a soldierly manner, while Weston's was careless, not to say ungraceful. Further exhibitions of speed and endurance are likely to follow, as Crossland, a well-known long distance walker, has challenged all the world to walk him for a stake of £1,000 a side.

Mr. Roebuck, the veteran M.P. for Sheffield, is a common-sensible speaker. On Monday evening, he "assisted" at the opening of the first cocoa and coffee-house established in Sheffield. The Mayor, Mr. Alderman Barrett, presided, and among the principal persons present were Sir Harcourt Johnstone and Mr. Mundella. Mr. Roebuck, in the course of his address, pointed out how desirable it was that people should live temperately. At the same time he ridiculed the idea that men would not get drunk if they wished it. Intemperance would not be put down by intemperate means, and by endeavouring to force the principle of teetotalism down people's throats. He therefore explained why it was so many working men were driven to the public-house and gin palace, and showed that if the men had home comforts and respectable institutions like the new coffee-house, they would very soon forsake the former. The new institution has been erected through the generosity of Mr. F. T. Mappin, and has likewise been furnished throughout by the same gentleman.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Andrew Halliday who was so long connected with literature and the drama. Mr. Halliday, whose full name was Andrew Halliday Duff, was born in 1830. He was educated at Marischal College and University, Aberdeen. He came to London at an early age, and soon found occupation as a journalist on the *Morning Chronicle*. He also contributed to the *Leader*, and subsequently to the *Cornhill Magazine* and *All the Year Round*. His skill in dramatic literature as an adaptor of plays was acknowledged on all hands, and many were the successes he achieved in burlesque, comedy, farce, and melodrama. He will, however, be best remembered by his Essays contributed to the *Cornhill* and *All the Year Round*. Mr. Halliday had, for months past, been in failing health, but though it was generally anticipated that his days were numbered, his death, which took place on Tuesday, was a painful surprise to his large circle of friends. He leaves a widow to lament his early loss, but no children.

Though the Eastern Question is fraught with the most serious difficulties, and though every one is aware that if war breaks out, there is no knowing how long the rest of Europe may be able to stand aloof, we believe there is hardly an Englishman who is not utterly weary of hearing the subject discussed. Those whose duty it is to watch the ever-varying phases of this momentous struggle must be well nigh worn out with anxiety when they find that no sooner is one obstacle to a peaceful solution removed, than another, and even a greater perhaps, is conjured up. If we look the difficulty fully and fairly in the face, there appears no valid reason why it should not be arranged speedily. Europe is anxious to be free, for a season at least, from threats of war. Turkey expresses her readiness to improve her internal administration, but very properly resents interference with her domestic government. Her sovereign is not the only ruler who has entrusted to him the destinies of people of different races and creeds. The Turk is not naturally cruel. When his blood is up, and he feels that he has been wrongfully dealt with, he lashes out viciously, and woe betide those who cross his path. But his wrath is never cold-blooded. It must be the extreme of indignity and persecution which drives him to turn at bay and retaliate fiercely to the best of his ability. It has been the fashion in England for many months to speak harsh untruths of a people who have acted, on the whole, fairly and squarely towards others. The Turk has no idea of government according to our Western ideas. But he is courteous, affable to strangers, and, above all things, most hospitable. He may be wasteful and extravagant. He may incline to fanaticism in religious matters. He has, in short, his good qualities as well as his bad. His neighbour, the Russian, is hardly so enlightened or so polished; while, in the matter of common honesty, we prefer the Turk to the Russian a thousand times over. In fact, as we have said more than once, the disturbances which have at length brought about the present grave conjuncture of affairs are due to Russian agency. It was Russian, or, at all events, Panslavist agents who excited the insurrection in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Servia would never have rushed voluntarily to her own doom, had she not been almost forced to do so by Russian intrigues. It is well known that the Prince of Montenegro is merely a protégé of the Czar, and will declare war or make peace exactly as he is bidden. And now the Protocol has been signed by all the Great Powers, conditionally by two, unconditionally by the others, when Russia can withdraw from her position, demobilise her armies, and boast of a diplomatic triumph, she is said to be acting towards Turkey more peremptorily than ever. She declares it is impossible for her to support the present uncertainty any longer, but if she is acting sincerely, she has the power of determining the uncertainty *instanter*. Turkey will be only too glad to be left alone, in order that she may set her house in order, dismiss her troops to their quarters, and enter upon a policy of retrenchment. In saying this much, we are indulging in no predilections for this or that political power. We are, indeed, but repeating what nearly the whole of the English Press has been saying for months past. We have no sympathy for the individuals who committed such barbarities in Bulgaria during the summer of last year, but the Sultan is no more responsible for their foul acts than is our Queen for the atrocious outrages perpetrated by English ruffians. Those who goad a man into anger, which is a passing madness, must not blame him, but themselves, for the excesses which may follow.

At the General Committee Meeting of the Boys' School on Saturday last, at Freemason's Hall, after the report of the House Committee on the enlargement of the Institution had been discussed, it was reported by Bro. Dr. Morris that of the twenty-eight boys who had submitted themselves for examination at the recent Cambridge local examination, twenty-six had passed the ordeal. Of these fourteen took honours and twelve obtained certificates. Several applicants were placed on the list of candidates for the October election. Bro. Benjamin Head took the chair, and there were present Bros. Captain Phillips, Hyde Pullen, G. Snow, Browse, Paas, C. F. Matier, J. Constable, H. Massey, and a numerous attendance of those entitled to be present.

The *Freemasons' Repository* announces the re-election, at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island on the 13th ult., of Comp. Wm. T. C. Wardell as Grand High Priest. The Grand Chapter dinner was excellent, as usual, and was "well appreciated by the large company gathered around the inviting tables." We learn from the same source that a Special Communication of the

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Grand Lodge of the same jurisdiction was held on the 22nd February—the anniversary of Washington's birthday—for the purpose of exemplifying the three degrees of Freemasonry. The occasion excited more than ordinary interest, as it had been arranged that the only son of the Grand Master, Bro. Van Slyck, should figure as the candidate in the ceremony of initiation, and would subsequently receive, by virtue of a special dispensation granted for the purpose, the second and third degrees the same evening. The following Lodges worked the ceremonies incidental to the several degrees—namely, Corinthian Lodge, No. 27, that of the first degree, Union, No. 10, that of passing, and after a brief adjournment for refreshment, Adelphoi No. 33, that of raising. A cordial vote of thanks to these Lodges was passed unanimously, and after brief addresses from Past Grand Master Doyle, W. Bros. Arlington and Knapp, and a few chosen words from Grand Master Van Slyck, the Lodge was closed. There was a numerous attendance of brethren, nearly all the Lodges in the State being represented.

A Benevolent Fund having been established in connection with the Upper Norwood Lodge, No. 1586, an evening concert will be held in aid of its funds, in the Opera Theatre of the Crystal Palace, on the 23rd inst. Amongst the vocalists will be Bros. George Perren, Barton Mc Guckin, George Stedman, and George Fox, together with Madame Worrell-Duval and Miss Frances Brooke. Among the instrumentalists are the names of Bro. Dubruck, solo oboe, and Bro. Henry Gadsby, who will preside at the pianoforte. Bros. Henry Gadsby and James Coward and Mr. L. C. Venables will be the conductors. Bro. Aug. Manns, musical director at the Crystal Palace, has kindly undertaken to superintend the whole of the musical arrangements. The programme will be in two parts, one classical and the other miscellaneous, and will include a quintet by Beethoven for pianoforte, clarionet, oboe, bassoon, and horn, one of Reicha's quintets for flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and horn, a new serenade from Hiawatha by Bro. H. Gadsby, with accompaniments for piano, wood-wind, and horn, and a new Shakespearian song by Bro. George Fox. Among the stewards occur the names of Bros. F. Binckes, Secretary Boys' School, J. Bertram, William Bertram, R. Wentworth Little, Secretary Girls' School, Magnus Ohren, Rev. R. J. Simpson, Tattershall, James Terry, Secretary R.M.B.I., E. Cox, James Stevens, Thiellay, Frances, Coward, Fox, &c., &c., &c. Tickets, including admission to the Palace after 7 p.m., as follows:—Numbered stalls, 5s and 2s 6d; unnumbered reserved seat tickets 1s. The concert has our heartiest good wishes, and we doubt not, will materially assist the Benevolent Fund in whose behalf it has been prepared.

The first number of *Touchstone* fully realises the expectations we had formed of it. Music and the drama receive the chief share of attention, and the criticisms, freely interspersed among the notices of different theatres and concerts, metropolitan, provincial, and foreign, are written carefully and with great judgment. Social questions are also treated both ably and impartially. The columns devoted to "Varieties, or What you Will" are highly interesting, while the portion set apart for "Field Sports" is entirely free from that obnoxious slang which is considered by so many a necessary element in sporting chronicles. A page is devoted to Masonic intelligence, but of this we leave our readers to form their own opinion. In fine, the general tone of the paper is excellent, and we heartily wish our new contemporary a long and prosperous career.

Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627.—This Lodge held its last regular meeting for the season on Friday, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Present—Bros. Hyde Pullen Treas. as W.M., Chas. E. Soppet S.W., W. E. G. Leith J.W., Donald M. Dewar Secretary, B. F. Cramer J.D., H. M. Sydney I.G., Potter Tyler; and Bros. Steele, Dunning, Wainright, Robinson, Gass, Tustin, &c., &c. Visitors—Bros. Henry A. Lee, Lodge No. 50 I.C., C. H. Paine, Cadogan Lodge 162, and Chas. Taylor, Great City Lodge 1426. Business—Lodge opened by Bro. Hyde Pullen, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. After the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, Mr. D. N. Easlea was initiated, Bros. Steele and Wainwright passed, and Bro. Tustin was raised, the whole of the ceremonies being performed by Bro. Pullen in his usual able and impressive manner. The petition to the M.W.G.M. on the subject of the exclusion of Jews from the benefits of Freemasonry by certain Grand Lodges in Germany having been approved and ordered to be signed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, and passed a most enjoyable evening.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS.

It is announced that the sections will be worked at the following Lodges of Instruction:—

On Monday the 16th inst., at the Hyde Park, No. 1425. Westbourne Restaurant, 1 Craven-road, Paddington W., at 7. Bro. Reed P.M. 511 as W.M.*

On Tuesday the 24th inst., at the Dalhousie, No. 860, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. T. J. Barnes as W.M., Thomas Austin S.W., W. H. Wallington J.W.

On Friday the 27th inst., at the Royal Standard, No. 1298, Castle, Holloway, at 7. Bro. Cull as W.M.

On Saturday the 28th inst., at the Percy, No. 198, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, at 7. Bro. Hewlett 141 as W.M., Austin S.W., Pearcy J.W., Musto I.P.M.*

On Wednesday the 2nd May, at the Confidence, No. 193, Whittington, Moor-lane, E.C. Bro. Turquand as W.M.

* The following are the brethren who will work the various sections at the Hyde Park and Percy Lodges, on the days referred to above.

		Hyde Park Lodge.	Percy Lodge.
		1st Lecture.	
1st	Section	Bro. Walker 733.	Bro. Holford J.W. 228.
2nd	"	Stiles I.G. 1507.	Fenner 1227.
3rd	"	Powel 753.	Powell S.D. 186.
4th	"	Side J.D. 1507.	H. P. Isaac D.C. 188
5th	"	Savage P.M. 1425.	Killick 228 & D.C. 1580.
6th	"	Baker P.M. 753.	Webb J.W. 1607, &c
7th	"	Davis I.G. 167.	Rudderforth D.C. 12
		2nd Lecture.	
8th	"	Wilkins W.M. 59.	Brasted 1524.
9th	"	Cull J.D. 1446.	Macarthy S.W. 1613.
10th	"	Rudderforth D.C. 12.	Job I.G. 1076.
11th	"	Cole W.S. 511.	Myers P.M. 820 & 1445
12th	"	Smith 1425.	Baxter 174.
		3rd Lecture.	
13th	"	Gellion J.W. 1425.	Stock S.D. 1178
14th	"	Sones S.W. 1425.	Pearcy S.D. 228.
15th	"	Mickleburgh 1425.	Trewinnard 228.

THE DRAMA.

The new bill at the Haymarket.

"A Fair Encounter," "Fame," and "Tom Noddy's Secret, constitute the present bill of fare at the Haymarket. The first is a pleasantly written one-act piece by Mr. C. M. Rae, delightfully acted by Miss Kathleen Irwin and Miss Ella Dietz, and containing a pretty song, warbled with characteristic effect by Miss Irwin. The second is a new three act comedy, also by Mr. Rae; and the third is a capital old farce by Mr. T. H. Bailey. With regard to "Fame," we fear we can only describe it as a failure. Destitute of plot, with a singular paucity of incident and situation, unenlivened by brilliant or amusing dialogue, and, by at least some members of the cast, indifferently acted, its success on the night of its production seemed doubtful from the first, and when the curtain fell over the final tableau, but one opinion was expressed by all present, capable of judging. Miss Annie Lafontaine, to whom the chief part had been allotted, acted like an uneducated novice, and failed throughout to obtain the sympathies of the audience. To be sure the character was an unpleasant one, but in the hands of an *artiste* it might have been made effective. Miss Marion Terry was fairly successful in a small part, but Miss Harris was altogether unsuited to the character she was cast for. Mr. Buckstone gave a droll representation of an impecunious speculator who was anxious to float a company for "milking cows by machinery," Mr. Howe, Mr. Herbert, and Mr. Clarke sustained effectively the characters they assumed, and Mr. Kyrle deserves a special tribute of praise for the quiet humour with which he endowed the character of a stuttering baronet. The play was decidedly a poor one, and we prophesy for it a short and melancholy career. The real hit of the evening was the revival of "Tom Noddy's Secret," which had not been played in London for many years before. The complications, cross purposes, and genuine fun in this piece, would suffice for twenty such plays as "Fame." Those capital actors Messrs. Everill and Clarke were quite in their element here and their performance of the parts of Tom Noddy and Inkpen, elicited roars of laughter from the audience, as have not been heard in this theatre for years past. As Gabrielle, Miss Kathleen Irwin looked and acted to perfection. Nothing could be more becoming than the Cavalier uniform she wore during part of the performance; whilst the general sprightliness and vivacity of her acting were delightful to witness. Mr. Herbert and Miss Dietz also contributed to the general success of the revival. If "Fame" could be replaced by another good revival, say even Mr. Gilbert's "Palace of Truth," the programme we are persuaded might remain unaltered, and bring crowds to the theatre for many months.

The members of the Peckham Lodge, No. 1475, have promoted a Masonic Ball, which will take place on Monday, the 23rd inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. As the proceeds are to be devoted to the Charities, we hope the Craft will support the committee on this occasion.

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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 APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
1613—West Middlesex Institute, Ealing.

MONDAY, 16th APRIL.

Quarterly Meeting of Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
46—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 13 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
185—Tranquillity, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, at 8.
1158—Marquess of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street.
1206—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
1635—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
633—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
756—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
966—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1087—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1190—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1403—Israel, 23 Hope-street, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 17th APRIL.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
96—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
194—St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Coopers Arms, Silver-street, Falcon-square, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1473—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1807—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
346—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
860—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.
1008—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefin.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
R. A. 463—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.

WEDNESDAY, 18th APRIL.

General Committee, Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. at 6.
Grand Steward's Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
183—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
861—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, 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.)
1286—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1434—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (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.)

121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
221—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
823—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
863—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
869—Doble, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
909—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1065—Walton, St. Lawrence Boys' School, Kirkdale.
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1154—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.

THURSDAY, 19th APRIL.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
16—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
1257—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

1453—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.
1513—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. (Emergency.)
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

FRIDAY, 20th APRIL.

House Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1327—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1360—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 6. (Instruction.)
1378—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1396—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1643—Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne Road, North Kensington, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.

SATURDAY, 21st APRIL.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—44—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.
" 406—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—160—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 82 Nicolson-street.
THURSDAY—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
" R. A. 153—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 96 Constitution-street.
FRIDAY—R.A. 82—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.
R. A. 136—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

WEDNESDAY.
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.

THURSDAY.
800—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

FRIDAY.
R. A. 321—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 337—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

SATURDAY.
308—Prince George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—129—St. Mirren's, 5 Moss-street, Paisley.
" 333—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 581—Plantation, 207 Craighall-street.
TUESDAY—3 bis.—St. John's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 73—Thistle and Rose, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 97—Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, Cathedral-street, Glasgow.
" 427—Govandale, Partland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow.
" 506—Clydesdale, 106 Rose-street, Glasgow.
WEDNESDAY— 4—Kilwinning, 241 Dumbarton-road, Glasgow.
" 117—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Douglas-street, Partick.
" 128—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.
" 364—Caledonian Railway, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" R.A. 150—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Shettlestons.
" K. T.—St. Mungo Encampment, 213 Buchanan-street.
THURSDAY—27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 465—St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-rd., Glasgow. 7.30
" 570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, Glasgow.
" 570—Renfrew, Co. Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall, High-st., Paisley.
FRIDAY—360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" 406—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 553—St. Vincent, Freemasons' Hall, Dumbarton-road.
SATURDAY—671—Dramatic, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, at 3 p.m.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Thistle Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 8.—The members of this Lodge met at No. 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., on Friday, the 6th inst. Bro. Chas. Lacy P.M. occupied the chair. Bros. E. Gotthiel W.M. 173, a visitor, was S.W., Mander J.W., Figg P.M. Treas., Cottebrune P.G.S.B. and P.M. Sec., and acting M.O., Swallow S.O., Farwig J.O., Hart Org., Leggett S.D., Burrell J.D., Reed I.G., and Woodstock Tyler. The Lodge having been opened, and minutes read and confirmed, Bros. George Allen, George Evans, and Forscut were regularly advanced to this degree, the ceremony being very ably rendered by Bro. Lacy. After an ample and highly satisfactory repast, the usual toasts were proposed and responded to. In returning thanks for the Grand Officers, Bro. W. Mann remarked that upon his first entrance into this degree he had a great hope and desire to see it acknowledged in Craft Grand Lodge. Indeed, he never could form a conception as to why it should not be so acknowledged, seeing that the most eminent Past and Present Grand Officers in Craft Masonry have not hesitated to occupy similar positions in the Mark Grand Lodge. But matters have considerably altered since that time, it being now sixteen years ago, and the Mark Grand Lodge, being fully competent to hold its own, would strenuously oppose any attempt which might be made to bring about a union of the two bodies. Responding to the toast of the W.M., which Bro. Cottebrune had proposed in highly flattering terms, Bro. Lacy expressed his thanks, and stated that he had done no more than his duty, and that it should always be his endeavour to serve the Lodge with such ability as he possessed. Bro. Gotthiel replied for the visitors. He was grateful to the W.M. for his courteous invitation, and to the brethren for the

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kindness in which his name had been received. As a general rule, responding to these toasts is a difficult task, unless one is possessed of a conscience capable of being stretched. For it frequently happens that you must either hold your tongue altogether respecting the working in the Lodge or indulge in a system of flattery which has no foundation in truth. In this instance, however, it is gratifying to be able, conscientiously, to give praise for the smoothness and ability with which the work was done, especially when it is considered that the officers labour under the disadvantage of having no Lodges of Instruction in which to rehearse and practice, for it is well understood, that although a ritual may be possessed in manuscript or print, still without practice no one can hope to work efficiently. It is, therefore, highly creditable to the W.M. and officers that the business was carried out so well. Regarding the hospitality, nothing could have been more satisfactory. He (Bro. Gottheil) has always held that a plain repast is very much to be preferred, and for many very sound reasons, to the elaborate banquets which include costly wines, and which bring in their wake sleeplessness, discomfort and indigestion. Bros. Cottebrune, Mann, Dawson and Mortlock, responded for the Past Masters. Bros. Dr. Shiemann, Henley, Mander and Mortlock sang, and Mortlock and Hurley whistled their famous duet.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 12th of April, at Bro. Hallows', The Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. Groome W.M., W. G. Hallows S.W., F. Hallows J.W., Saunders Secretary, Franklin S.D., Bell J.D., Upward Organist, Oldroyd I.G., Pinder Preceptor; also Bros. Field, Badkin, E. Trebeck and Clark. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Saunders acting as candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Pinder, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. W. G. Hallows worked the first section of the lecture, and Bro. Pinder the second and third sections, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. G. Hallows was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 9th inst. Present—Bros. Isaac W.M., Stock S.W., Millward J.W., Brasted S.D., Powell J.D., Tolmie Acting Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, R. Pearcy I.G., Ross, Weedon and Killick. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes read and confirmed, after which the Lodge was opened in 2nd degree. The W.M. worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was then resumed to 1st degree. Bro. Ross answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge was again resumed to the 2nd degree, when the ceremony of passing was very ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Ross acting as candidate; the W.M. worked the 2nd, Bro. Saul the 3rd, and Bro. Tolmie the 4th and 5th sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree, when Bro. Brasted of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, 1524, and Bro. Ross of Salisbury Lodge 435, were duly elected members. Bro. Stock was chosen W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

Fortitude Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 66, Plymouth.—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple on Monday, the 2nd inst., when, after confirmation of the minutes, the W. Brother John Jackson Avery P.P.G.R. was duly installed. The ceremony was most efficiently and impressively performed by Bro. Charles Godtschalk, in the presence of a large board of Installed Masters. The following were the officers elected or appointed:—Bros. Isaac Latimer P.P.G.J.W. I.P.M., Henry W. Thomas P.P.G.D.C. S.W., C. Godtschalk P.M. P.P.G.D.C. J.W., H. Ferry P.P.G.S. M.O., W. H. Crimp P.G.S. S.O., H. F. Hearle P.P.G.M.O. J.O., V. Bird P.M.O. Eng. P.G. Secretary, and Chaplain, S. Jew P.P.G.M.O. Treasurer, J. B. Gover P.P.G.T. Sec., Geo. Emery P.P.G.O. S.D., J. Gover P.P.G.A.D.C. I.G., Thomas Smith P.G.A.T. Tyler. The W.M. having received the congratulations of the assembled brethren, returned thanks for the honour conferred on him, he remarked that it was a proud position to preside over such a Lodge as the Fortitude, every member of which was either a present or Past Grand or Provincial Grand Officer. The Provincial Grand Master and Deputy P. Grand Master being numbered amongst them. He regretted much that his distant residence would prevent his being with them so much as he desired, but having regard to the status in the order of his officers he was confident the Lodge would not suffer should he be at any time unavoidably absent. The brethren having spent a short time in social chat, separated, highly gratified with the proceedings.

Prudent Brethren Chapter, No. 145.—The regular convocation of this Chapter, which now ranks as one of the best working in the Order, was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Comp. T. Bull M.E.Z., E. Moody H., J. Boyd P.Z. as J., J. Last Treasurer, G. S. States P.Z. S.E., Belfrage as S.N., Manby assist. S.E., J. Cox P.S., H. Venn 1st Assist., D. Haslett 2nd Assist.; P.Z. H. Dicketts; and Comps. Headon, Purkess, J. Chinnery, Braine, Leggott, Moon, J. Boyd jun., W. Platt, W. C. Davis, Rance, Moult, Woods, Biggs, H. Dowding, Masters, F. Godfrey, &c. The Chapter was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bros. Waugh, of Nos. 177 and 1563, and T. A. De Leliva having been ballotted for, were duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The election of principals then took place, and Comps. E. Moody was elected M.E.Z., E. H. Thiellay H., J. Cox J., G. S. States S.E., Venn S.N., Haslett 1st Assist., Biggs 2nd Assist., and J. Last Treasurer. The election of the latter Comp. was received with approbation. Comp. J. Boyd P.Z. said he regretted the lateness of the evening prevented him giving the company the lecture on Royal Arch Masonry, but he would, with pleasure, do so on the next occasion. Comp. Bently was elected Janitor. The Chapter was closed until December, and the Companions, 39 in number, sat down to a very sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Dawkins. Comp. J. Boyd P.Z. said he regretted he had not the time to eulogise the M.E.Z. He could say he was a good worker in Craft and Royal Arch Masonry, he is one whom to know is to respect, and he hoped all would cordially drink his health. The M.E.Z., in reply, thanked Comp. Boyd for his kind expressions, and his multum in parvo remarks. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the newly-exalted Companions. Comp. Baugh was one whom he had been acquainted with for many years. Comp. De Leliva, in a very excellent speech, thanked the M.E.Z. for the perfect and impressive manner he had exalted him. The ceremony was so ably rendered by the other two Companions, that it would never be effaced from his memory. Comp. Waugh briefly responded. The M.E.Z. then proposed the health of the Visitors. Comp. H. M. Levy returned thanks for the toast, and complimented the Z. on his excellent working, also for the manner he had discharged the duties of the Z. chair; he regretted there was not time for Bro. Boyd to give the lecture which he considered was a great Masonic treat. Comp. J. Boyd said he took a great interest in the welfare of the Chapter; he, as well as all the Past Principals, endeavoured to make it one of the best in Masonry; they had elected Companions to fill the chair who could work well, and his ardent wish was to further the interest of the Chapter. The toast of the H. and J. was then proposed. Comp. E. Moody as M.E.Z. elect, said it was the proudest moment of his Masonic life, and he felt it a great honour to follow those who have preceded him. Comp. E. H. Thiellay followed as H. elect, and said he should only be too happy to render any assistance to the Chapter. The M.E.Z. then said he had with pleasure, to propose the toast of Comps. Cox, Venn and Haslett, who had ably performed their duties. The Janitor's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close. The visitors were:—E. Hopwood 141, J. Greir 975, J. R. Gallant, C. Martin 25, A. M. Lewis P.Z. 188, J. W. Klenk 1339.

Joppa Lodge, No. 188.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., in lieu of the regular meeting, which fell on the Bank Holiday, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bros. L. Lazarus W.M., Miller S.W., M. Speigel J.W., L. M. Anerhaan Treasurer, H. Hymans as Secretary, in the absence of Bro. E. P. Albert G.P., Campion J.D., R. Baker I.G., H. P. Isaac Steward; and Past Masters L. Alexander, H. Berkowitz, H. M. Levy, I. Abrahams, A. G. Dodson, Rosier; and Bros. Bean, Emanuel, Cohen, Botibol, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bros. Osborne, Blanks, and Lenzburg were raised. Mr. Burrows was balloted for, and duly initiated into the Order. Bro. Israel Abrahams proposed, and Bro. A. G. Dodson seconded, that a letter of condolence be sent to Bro. E. P. Albert P.M. and G.P., sympathising with him on his recent bereavement, occasioned by the loss of a dear member of his family, which was carried unanimously, amidst feelings of deep regret from every member of the Lodge. A sum of five guineas was placed on the List of Bro. C. Davis, who is a Steward for the next Festival of the R. M. Institution for Girls. A letter was read from Bro. M. Levy, of the Montefiore Lodge 1017, on behalf of the Committee, respecting the non-admission of members of the Hebrew Faith into certain German Lodges, which stated that they would be pleased to meet not only the Joppa Lodge Committee, but any other Lodge, and also that they had taken active steps in the matter, and hoped that an early meeting would be convened. Other Lodges have also sent letters co-operating. Three propositions were handed in for initiation, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to slight refreshment. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The toast of the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge was responded to by Bro. L. Alexander P.M., the President, who informed the brethren that the newly initiated brother, and Bro. Lenzberg, had each given 21s to the fund. The W.M. proposed the toast of the newly initiated, who was one in every way entitled to their respect. The toast was responded to briefly and appropriately. Bro. A. G. Dodson I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., who, in reply said, during the period he occupied the chair, his services would always be at their command; his endeavours to give them satisfaction would, he hoped, be successful. The toast of the visitors was responded to by Bros. J. Lazarus P.M. 205, and J.W. 1017, followed by Bros. R. J. Tolmie 861, and M. Moseley. To the toast of the P.M.'s, Bros. Dodson, L. Alexander, I. Abrahams, and H. M. Levy, returned thanks. They felt proud to respond to it. They could not have a better W.M. to do the duties, and hoped he would be for many years among them as a P.M. Bros. Miller and Speigel replied for the Wardens, after which the toast of the Treas. and officers was given, Bro. L. M. Anerhaan responding. The Tyler's toast concluded the evening. Bros. Benjamin Rosier and Miller contributed to the harmony.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—The meeting of this Lodge, which was held at the Whittington, Moor-lane E.C., on Wednesday, the 11th instant, was presided over by Bro. D. Posener, who rehearsed the ceremony of the second degree, having Bro. F. Crosker acting as candidate. By a vote of the Lodge to suspend the standing order, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. B. Loewenstark P.M., who gave a rendering of the ceremony of installation, Bro. M. D. Loewenstark acting as Master elect. Subsequently the second section of the second lecture was worked by Bro. E. Gottheil, assisted by the brethren under the dictation of Bro. Turquand. It was announced that the Fifteen Sections would be worked in this Lodge on Wednesday, the 25th, but as that is the day on which the Grand Festival will be held, it has since been thought desirable to postpone the working of the sections until the following Wednesday, the 2nd of May, Bro. Turquand will preside on that occasion. Several brethren inscribed their names to

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a number of sections, but many of them are still open, and brethren desirous of assisting are requested to make their wishes known by Wednesday next at the latest. The officers present were—Bros. Fenner S.W., Ager J.W., J. Constable Treas., Turquand acting Sec., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, Jessie S.D., Polton J.D., Sadleir I.G., Christopher Tyler. The Lodge was well attended by a number of diligent brethren, who were unanimous in their praise of the convenience and comfort of its present quarters. Bro. Fenner was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

Croydon Mark Lodge, No. 198.—An emergency meeting of this Mark Lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Friday, 6th inst., when there were present W. Bros. Geo. Yaxley W.M., J. K. Pitt J.W., W. J. Nicholls S.O., R. W. Brown J.O., H. A. Pocock Sec., Samuel Griffiths S.D., W. J. Purvis J.D., Geo. Haddock D.C., A. Long I.G., and Wm. Grant Tyler; also the V.W. Bros. Stevens P.G.J.O., Byron Ridge, G. Grossmith, Thos. P. Dickin, and A. Haynes. Visitors—Bro. A. J. Thomas, of the Mallet and Chisel Lodge, and Bro. Sneadd. The Lodge was opened by Bros. Stevens as W.M., Bro. Yaxley acting as P.M., Sheadd S.W., Nicholls M.O., Griffiths S.O., Haynes J.O., and Thomas Organist. The minutes of the consecration meeting were read and confirmed, and ballots taken for brethren proposed at that meeting for advancement, and also for Bros. Haynes, of St. Andrews, No. 63, and Wohlgemuth of Fowke, No. 19, as joining members. Bros. Dickin, Ridge, and Grossmith were then admitted and advanced to the honourable degree. Subsequently Bro. Dickin was elected as Treasurer, and the W.M. then appointed and invested Bro. Ridge as Organist and Bro. Grossmith as W.S. Propositions were taken for two candidates for advancement to be balloted for at the next meeting, and after some further routine business the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, separating at an early hour.

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. Bros. W. Monday W.M., R. Knox I.P.M., T. Halliday S.W., T. Armstrong J.W., R. L. Armstrong Secretary and Treasurer, J. S. Bell as S.D., R. Samon J.D., G. Lain I.G., G. Lox and S. M. Harris Stewards, G. J. Lines Tyler, G. Kepperd Organist. P.M.'s Bros. Troulstom, W. S. Hugh, and Ryedive. The ballot was taken for four gentlemen, which proved successful, and they were then initiated. The Lodge being opened in the second degree, one brother was passed. The Lodge was then opened in the third, and four brethren raised, all three degrees being most excellently rendered by the W.M. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with; it proved successful for Bro. J. Halliday S.W., who was declared unanimously elected W.M. Bro. Punchion P.M. was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Lines Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed with acclamation to Bro. R. L. Armstrong, Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, the same being ordered to be put on the minutes. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshments, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, those of the W.M. and the W.M. elect being most heartily responded to. Some capital harmony was also rendered by several of the brethren. The Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close. Amongst the visitors were Bros. H. T. Sewell W.M. 451, G. Loads W.M. 24, Mein W.M. 541, H. C. Martin P.M. 481, &c.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street. Present—Bros. Wray W.M., Shand S.W., Belfrage J.W., T. Cull Sec., Bentley S.D., Docker J.D., Atkins I.G.; also Bros. G. Davis, W. Smith, Pearce, Smith, Giles, Smith, Willis. Business—The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. then worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Giles being the candidate. The first, second, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh sections were worked by the W.M., and Bros. Davis and Cull. Bros. Atkins, Lodge 890, and Bro. Smith, Lodge 1425, were elected members. Bro. Shand S.W. was chosen W.M. for the ensuing week. The votes of the Lodge were given to Bro. Cull, for the case of Jessie Langley. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned to 12th April.

Star in the East Lodge, No. 650.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Pier Hotel, Harwich, Essex, on Tuesday last, and was rendered specially interesting by the introduction for the first time, of an excellent harmonium, which had been purchased by subscription among the members. The popular W.M. Bro. G. Gard Pye, occupied the chair of K.S., and worked the three degees with his accustomed ability. At the close of business, the brethren sat down to the festive board, and much harmony prevailed. The recently appointed acting P.G. Sec., Bro. T. J. Ralling, was present, and his health was warmly received. Lodge Star in the East is now in a very flourishing condition; it has a goodly array of members, and, through the exertions of its indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Basham, not only has it now become possessed of an harmonium, but its furniture has recently been renewed.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. George Tribbel W.M., S. Godden S.W., Geo. West J.W., Aug. Braun Sec., Rudderforth Treas., Nichols S.D., Hayes J.D., Reid I.G. Also present Bros. Hill, Kennard, &c., &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Hill being candidate. Bro. Hill then answered the questions for passing in a most exemplary manner. Bro. Preceptor Rudderforth asked the questions in the first section, likewise the fourth section. In the course of the latter Bro. G. West answered the whole of the questions most satisfactorily. Bro. Godden was elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday. Lodge was then closed in due form. The ballot for the first life subscribership in the William Preston Lodge of Instruction Benevolent Association resulted in favour of Bro. Tribbel.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. Lovelock W.M., Barker S.W., Weige J.W., E. T. Worsley Secretary, Dallas S.D., Perry J.D., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, Smith I.G.; Past Master Bro. Ashburner; Bros. Johnson, Watkins, Perrin, Macklin, Hewlett, Pavitt, Webb, Crouch, Christian 1278, Pinder, Morgan jun., Davies, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. Wallington worked the the installation ceremony and installed the above officers to their respective offices. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hewlett acting as candidate. Bro. Webb worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Barker was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. was highly complimented on his working, he is a very young member, but perfect and has a very pleasing style in his rendering.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 6th instant. Present—Bros. A. W. Fenner W.M., Crouch S.W., Smith J.W., Lane S.D., Simpson J.D., Townend I.G., R. W. Pearcy and Bolton. The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed, Bro. Townsend acting as candidate; after this the W.M. worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting at the Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, on Friday, the 6th inst. Present—Bros. Geo. Perry W.M., Toye S.W., Allen J.W., Ashburner P.M., Finch S.D., Witherick J.D., Loveday I.G. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Witherick as candidate. The 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Allen. Bros. Toye, Allen, and Finch were appointed auditors. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Perry for the very able and careful manner in which he worked the ceremony for the first time, a record to that effect to be placed in the minute book. The death of Bro. Thos. Lloyd sen., one of the founders of the Mother Lodge, was announced, and received with sorrowful expressions by the brethren present, as he was very much respected in the Parent Lodge. Bro. Toye was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Castle Tavern, Holloway. Present—Bros. Hunter W.M., Sparrow S.W., Chant J.W., Dickinson Secretary, Wright S.D., Ager J.D., Eldridge I.G., T. Cull Preceptor; also Bros. Wright, Yeomans, Rowe, Shackle, Humphries, Mash, Coughtrey, Demits, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Demits being the candidate. The first five sections were then worked by Bro. Cull. Bro. Swallow was unanimously elected W.M. for next week, and the Lodge was closed.

Asaph Lodge, No. 1319.—This Lodge held its meeting on Monday, the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, W.C. Present—Bros. W. A. Linney W.M., G. Buckland J.W., C. Stanton Jones Secretary, E. Swanborough S.D., Wellard J.D., Delavanti Organist, H. Cox I.G., J. Gilbert Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. C. Coote, J. M. Chamberlin, J. Weaver, E. Frewin, J. Read. Visitor—Bro. T. Lowe, St. Dunstan's Lodge, and several others. Business—Minutes confirmed, including proposition of Bro. Chamberlin that, considering the prosperous state of the Lodge, the sum of fifty pounds should be given as a donation to the Benevolent Fund. Mr. P. C. Castell, Mr. Powell and Mr. C. Linney (brother to the W.M.), were initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Bro. Gulton was raised to the degree of a M.M. Bro. Lionel Brough, comedian, was unanimously elected a joining member, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

Falcon Lodge, No. 1416.—The Archæological Section of this Lodge, accompanied by Bros. Rev. W. C. Lukes M.A. F.A.S., Rev. A. T. Atwood M.A. Rural Dean, and Rev. E. C. Camidge M.A., on Saturday visited the curious old church at Sand Hutton, and were most cordially received by the Rev. J. Reace and Mr. W. Small. They afterwards proceeded to inspect the the neighbouring churches of Kirby Wiske and Carlton Miniott, the Rev. J. J. Pulleine M.A. and the Rev. R. D. Jackson respectively pointed out matters of interest connected with each.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—A meeting was held at the Metropolitan Club, King's-cross, on Tuesday, 10th instant. Present—Bros. Hingham W.M., Side S.W., Stiles J.W., Scales S.D., Smith J.D., Trotman I.G., Adams P.G.P. Preceptor, and several other brethren. The Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising were very ably rehearsed

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by the W.M. The first sections of the first and second lectures worked by the Preceptor, Bro. Adams P.G.P., to whose kind instruction may be justly attributed the excellent working of the officers of this Lodge. Bro. Side was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and the Lodge closed in due form.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday last at the Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York, when there was a very large attendance of brethren. The W.M. Bro. Thos. Cooper P.M. P.P.G.D.C., was in the chair, and the whole of the officers were in their places. The business consisted of an initiation and a passing, which were thoroughly well worked, and a successful ballot was taken for two candidates. The names of four gentlemen were proposed and seconded as candidates for Freemasonry. Just before the closing of the Lodge, Bro. M. Millington rose, and said that he had a pleasing duty to perform, which was to hand over to the W.M. a cheque for ten guineas for the purpose of endowing the Master's chair in perpetuity with one vote in one of the Masonic Charities. He said that since the Lodge was consecrated last August, up to the end of the year 1876, there had been fourteen initiations, and it had been the wish of those fourteen brethren to join together in some movement which should show to the Lodge the satisfaction which they felt at having been admitted into Masonry, and the admiration which they cherished for its teachings, but especially as a kind of testimony to the gratitude which they felt towards the W.M., whose uniform kindness had been thoroughly appreciated, and whose excellence as a man and a Mason was so universally acknowledged. Bro. J. Morgan, Bro. T. A. B. Turner, and Bro. T. T. Smith, all subscribers to the fund, added some remarks, all dwelling upon the warm fraternal feeling with which they regarded their excellent W.M., who was ever found so kind and ready, and who was so bright a Mason. The W.M. replied, thanking the fourteen brethren, in the name of the Lodge, and on behalf of himself, and moved that the gift be accepted, and that a record thereof, and of the names of the brethren, be placed on the minutes. This was seconded by the Treasurer (Bro. G. Balenford P.M.), and carried by acclamation. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren, numbering nearly forty, met at refreshment, there being present numerous visitors from the York Lodge, 236, Stockport, Selby, Newcastle, and from the Regiment of the 6th Carabineers, quartered in York Barracks. A very pleasant and social evening was spent.

Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656, Hampton Wick.—This Lodge held an emergency meeting, at the White Hart Hotel, on Monday, the 9th inst. The chair was taken shortly after 5 o'clock by Bro. W. Hammond P.M. 201, 1326, 1512, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, and he was supported by Bros. B. Sharp P.M. 84 S.W., J. Bond P.M. 889 J.W., A. Nuthall Treasurer, F. T. V. Honeywell P.M. 889 Hon. Organist, T. W. Ockenden Secretary, R. R. Aston S.D., J. Hurst W.M. 1512 J.D., T. C. Walls I.G., and E. Andrews. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the ballot taken and declared unanimous for the admission of Bro. A. Hindson Miller, of the Ivy Lodge, 1441, as a joining member. A ballot was taken, and with a similar result, in favour of the initiation of Messrs. Jackson, Pinto, and Forge. These gentlemen, with another, Mr. Taylor (balloted for at the last meeting) were then solemnly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. W. Carwin, Scott, Bicher and Featherstone having satisfactorily passed the necessary examination were entrusted and retired. After the opening of the Lodge to the second degree, these brethren were re-admitted, and the ceremony of passing them as Fellow Crafts was performed. Bro. John Hammond, the Hon. P.M., was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge. Letters of apology for absence were received from the R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett, Prov. G. Master, Middlesex, P.G.W., Bro. the Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny P.M. 708 and Chaplain, Bro. John Hammond P.M. 201, Bro. Jeffreys, A. H. Miller and others. All business being concluded, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. After the Loyal and Masonic toasts, the health of the Worshipful Master was proposed by Bro. Hill in his usual style, and was most heartily responded to. This young Lodge is fortunate in having so able and experienced a Mason as Bro. W. Hammond for W.M., and with the officers at his command there is no reason whatever why the working throughout should ever leave anything to be desired. The toast of the Visitors was warmly received, and several of the brethren acknowledged the compliment. The health of the Initiates was responded to by Bros. Taylor, Jackson, Pinto and Forge. The brethren then separated, after having spent a very pleasant evening. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. S. Hill P.M., Stammwitz P.M., Hiscox 1512, Kracutler J.W. 1903, Sexton 889, Stevens 141, Green 435, Bowra 889, Kent 1512, and Tagg 1512.

Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 7th inst., at The Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. W. T. Christian W.M., W. Groome S.W., W. B. Brand J.W., J. Pinder P.M., F. Hallows Hon. Sec., C. T. Saunders S.D., T. Franklin J.D., A. Oldroyd I.G., T. Upward Organist, J. H. Cambridge W.S., W. Gilchrist Tyler; and Bros. W. G. Hallows, H. Field, &c. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the 2nd degree, and the following brethren were passed. Bros. Dendy, Carter, Hunt, Delvallé and Clark. The Lodge was then resumed in the 1st degree, and the ballot taken for Mr. W. Moffatt, which proved unanimous in his favour, and he being present, was initiated into Freemasonry, according to ancient rite and custom. The Bye-Laws were then submitted to the Lodge by the W.M. and carried unanimously. The Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until Saturday, the 5th May. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Crouch W.M. 1297, R. Allison 1602, B. Blimson 742, J. J. Bere 1178, E. Brown 1598, C. Carter 1607, E. A. Trebeck 1445, &c., &c.

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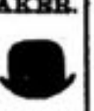
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THE GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

ON Saturday, at the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, fifty-four Candidates presented themselves in competition one with another to fill the thirteen vacancies. As we recently pointed out, London furnished twenty candidates, Lincolnshire and West Yorkshire four each; Devonshire, and Hants and Isle of Wight three each; Kent, the District of Bengal and East Lancashire two each; the remaining fourteen coming from as many provinces or districts. Three London candidates were successful, namely, Clara Kingcombe, who stood first on the list, with 1,603 votes, Alice Warburton Cecil, who was fifth, with 1,339 votes, and Jessie Langley, eleventh, with 1,027 votes. Hertfordshire sent only one candidate, Hannah Mabel Ward, who obtained the second place, with 1,522 votes, and Wilts, which had likewise only a single representative, secured her election; Mary Jane Feltham, the girl in question, being third, with 1,487 votes. The District of Bengal had two candidates, both of whom were successful, namely, Kate Isabel Mills, for whom 1,355 votes were polled, and Kathleen Isabella Alicia Collins, who was thirteenth, with 896 votes. Ada Huyshe Clase, one of the Devonian candidates, polled 1,332 votes, and obtained the sixth place. She was immediately followed by Maria Edith Gregory, hailing from Kent, with 1,269 votes. One of the three Hants and Isle of Wight candidates, namely, Eleanor Amy I. Ludlow, stood eighth, with 1,233 votes. Then came two of the four West Yorkshire candidates, Ada Hartley Healey, ninth, with 1,162 votes, and Mary Ellin White, with 1,106 votes. The remaining successful candidate was from Lincolnshire, Mary Anne Johnson, who scored 916 votes, and so obtained the twelfth vacancy. The twenty-eight candidates who had already made one or more applications for admission brought forward among them an aggregate of 8,199 votes, ranging from Clara Kingcombe, who had standing to her credit as many as 1,220 votes down to Gertrude Henrietta Mey, who stood twenty-eighth on the list, and had as few as 7 to the good. Of the 17,409 votes cast on Saturday, 9,783 were given to old candidates, and 7,726 among the twenty-six new ones, or rather to twenty-three of the number, for there were three candidates who polled no votes at all, while one obtained only ten, another three, and a third two only. Of the applicants for the fifth time, one succeeded in obtaining the sixth place. No. 3 on the list, who had tried on three previous occasions, and is now ineligible to compete, only added 20 to her previous 209 votes, and drops from the list. Of thirteen candidates who were applicants for the third time, five were successful; a piece of good fortune in one case, seeing that age would have been an obstacle to her standing again. The twelve next on the list had made one previous attempt. Three succeeded, of whom one was ineligible to make further trial; while of the nine unsuccessful, one was similarly circumstanced, and will be excluded from the list in future. Of the twenty-six new candidates, four obtained places, and in one instance this was her last as well as her first chance. The friends of one of these four fought so gallant a battle as to secure for her the second place. Among the unsuccessful candidates, No. 16 stood highest, with 870 votes, of which 746 were polled on Saturday, No. 12 came next, with 838 votes, then No. 1, with 707, of which 107 were polled on Saturday, and then No. 28, with 697 votes, all but seven of which were given at this election. There is then a wide gap until we come to two candidates, Nos. 13 and 15, who obtained each 477 votes, followed by No. 40, a new applicant, with 466. In all, and including the 8199 brought forward, the total votes distributed among the candidates amounted to 25,708, the thirteen successful ones scoring among themselves 16,247 of them, so that 9461 remain to be carried to the October election, or would so remain were the whole forty-one who failed eligible to try again. Two, however, will have no further opportunity, and therefore the 576 votes cast for them will disappear, and leave only 8886 to go forward for next October. Taking the thirteen successful candidates, a reference to the list will show that one has both parents living, one has lost both, ten have lost their father, and one her mother. In three cases the father had contributed to or served the office of Steward for one or more of our Institutions. The same remark applies to eight of the unsuccessful candidates. It should likewise be mentioned that among the successful is one girl who has had two sisters in the Institution (one was by purchase), and a third is in now. Appropriately enough, the title of the father's Lodge was True Friendship, No. 218, of Calcutta. In this instance, the widow has had tangible evidence of the *true friendship* of the Craft towards her fatherless offspring. To sum up the results. Twenty candidates hailed from the metropolis, of whom three were successful; thirty-one from the Provinces, of whom eight succeeded; and three from Districts abroad, of whom two have obtained admission. We subjoin a complete list of the candidates, showing the order in which they stood at the declaration of the poll.

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on Poll.	No. on List.	NAMES.	Votes forward.	Votes to-day.	Total.
1	10	Kingcombe, Clara	1220	383	1603
2	44	*Ward, Hannah Mabel ...	—	1522	1522
3	14	Feltham, Mary Jane	893	594	1487
4	20	Mills, Kate Isabel (*last*) ...	345	1010	1355
5	27	Cecil, Alice Warburton ...	705	634	1339
6	2	Clase, Ada Huyshe	443	889	1332
7	50	*Gregory, Maria Edith ...	—	1269	1269
8	7	Ludlow, Eleanor Amy I. ...	316	917	1233
9	37	*Healey, Ada Hartley (*last*) ...	—	1162	1162
10	35	*White, Mary Ellin	—	1106	1106
11	6	Langley, Jessie (*last*) ...	314	713	1027
12	5	Johnson, Mary Anne ...	498	418	916
13	22	Collins, Kathleen Isabella Alicia	365	531	896

UNSUCCESSFUL.

	16	Nichols, Annie	124	746	870
	12	Tanare, Ada Blyth	310	528	838
	1	Morris, Diana Gordon ...	600	107	707
	28	Mey, Gertrude Henrietta ...	7	690	697
	13	Cates, Annie Susannah ...	205	272	477
	15	Hughes, Rosa Marian ...	282	195	477
	40	*Cowley, Maud Mary ...	—	466	466
	43	*Kirke, Amy Laura ...	—	384	384
	11	Smith, Mary Mildred C. ...	221	141	362
	24	Goddin, Maria Gertrude (*last*)	252	94	346
	9	Fordham, Amelia Anne ...	180	143	323
	17	Skeates, Agnes Martha ...	105	218	323
	32	*Peele, Eleanor Margaret ...	—	255	255
	38	*Potter, Annie	—	248	248
	3	Lindeman, Alice Eveline (*last*)	209	20	229
	19	Priestley, Emily Jane ...	44	180	224
	25	Scott, Dorah	93	124	217
	49	*Busher, Lucy Jane ...	—	214	214
	41	*Carter, Ada ...	—	211	211
	51	*Line, Amelia ...	—	—	198
	52	*Corney, Annie Edith ...	—	190	190
	4	Parker, Kate Louisa	160	18	178
	47	*Pelham, Eveline Edith ...	—	173	173
	8	Jay, Gertrude Alice	131	29	160
	21	Spurgeg, Eleanor Elisabeth...	31	112	143
	23	Hood, Harriet Emily	47	52	99

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No. on List.	NAMES.	Votes forward.	Votes to-day.	Total.
29	*Reed, Bessie	—	85	85
46	*Wright, Clarissa Elizabeth ...	—	63	63
18	Thomson, Lucius Marion ...	50	12	62
26	Moore, Emily Alice Gertrude	49	13	62
31	*Wilton, Florrance Eliza ...	—	57	57
39	*Weston, Florence	—	35	35
34	*Daly, Gertrude Annie ...	—	25	25
42	*Cooper, Marion Selina ...	—	25	25
36	*Piddock, Helena	—	23	23
54	*Hopkins, Florence Annie ...	—	10	10
45	*Hill, Evalina Mary ...	—	3	3
30	*Chrimes, Harriett	—	2	2
33	*Whyatt, Marion	—	—	—
43	*Nettle, Alvena ...	—	—	—
53	*Stephenson, Lilian ...	—	—	—

* Denotes first application.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly General Court of this Institution was held on Monday, at the usual hour. When the minutes of the previous Court had been read and confirmed, the regular business was rapidly disposed of. On the motion of Dr. Ramsay, seconded by the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, it was resolved that it be an instruction to the General Committee to take the necessary steps for calling a special meeting, for the purpose of taking into consideration the report of the House Committee as to the enlargement of the School. It was subsequently stated by the Secretary that a letter had been received from Bro. Monckton, announcing that an amateur performance would be held at the Opera Comique, on the afternoon of Saturday, the 5th prox., the proceeds of which would be divided equally between the Boys' and Girls' Schools. The poll was then opened, and, in due course, the result was declared, fourteen of the fifty-nine candidates being elected. The number of vacancies was originally twelve, but at the last moment had been increased to thirteen, and as Nos. 2 and 6 on the list obtained exactly the same number of votes, it was unanimously resolved by the Court that both of the boys should be admitted. We have already stated that London furnished twenty-one of the fifty-nine candidates, that five hailed from Warwickshire, that Devonshire, North Wales and Salop, and East Lancashire, sent three each, while the rest were distributed, in two's or singly, among nineteen other provinces and districts. The result of the election is as follows:—London secured the first four places on the poll. Herbert Pattison Wisby, the highest unsuccessful candidate last October, obtained the first place with 2,129 votes, 1,198 of which were cast on the occasion of his first candidature. The friends of Clifton Sparks and Henry John Owens, being aware this was the last chance their respective *protéges* had of being admitted, worked hard to secure success. Their labours were rewarded, for Sparks was a capital second with 2,100 votes, out of which no less than 1,690 were polled on Monday, while Owens stood third with 1,895, 798 of which were obtained at his two previous applications, and 1,097 on this occasion. No. 4 was William Glen Barnet, who has been a candidate at three previous elections, and had 985 votes already to his credit. This number was increased to 1,755, and so obtained for him the fourth place. A provincial candidate, hailing from North Wales and Salop, stood fifth with 1,706 votes, and then came another Londoner, whose credit of 1,102 votes from two previous trials was now increased to 1,620. West Yorkshire had two candidates in the field, of whom William Arthur Sutton, an applicant for the first time, obtained 1,571 votes, and the seventh place on the poll. East Lancashire sent up three—William Emmott and two others, of whom Emmott, also an applicant for the first time, succeeded in securing the eighth place with 1,563 votes. Next in order was another London boy, for whom his friends worked hard, and successfully, to the extent of obtaining for him 1,553 votes, otherwise, the name of Batley would have disappeared from the list. One of the Dorset and Gloucestershire candidates stood tenth, the whole of his 1,549 votes being the result of one application only. The next candidate was Hatton J. H. Edwards, the only one of the five Warwickshire candidates who obtained admission, his votes amounting to 1,523, of which 163 were cast in October last. The solitary candidate hailing from Cambridgeshire, who had figured in four previous lists, and whose name would have been removed if unsuccessful on this occasion, was placed twelfth, with 1,497 votes. A second North Wales and Salop candidate, by name Richard George Head, and an applicant for the sixth time, tied with John Butterwith, of the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, for the thirteenth place, the number of votes cast for each being 1,491. Butterwith had made four previous attempts, and secured 651 votes in so doing. It will be noticed that the contest among the last eight candidates was a very close one, there being only eighty votes between No. 7, who scored 1,571, and Nos. 13 and 14, who scored 1,491 each, while the first of the unsuccessful candidates only lost his election by nine, the number polled for him being 1,482. The total number of votes declared for fifty-eight out of the fifty-nine candidates was 37,564, of which 12,529 were already distributed among the forty candidates, who had made one or more applications, while the votes polled on Monday were 25,035. Only one candidate obtained no votes whatever, though there were three old candidates for whom no fresh votes were cast. One of these has been on the list at three previous elections, yet the number of votes now standing to his credit is *eight*. There were as many as nine boys for whom ten or less than ten votes were recorded. The highest number recorded on Monday for any single candidate was 1,690, and next to this came the votes polled by three of the successful candidates who were applicants for the first time, they obtaining respectively 1,571, 1,563, and 1,549. Previous to the election it was announced that, by the operation of Law 52, which fixes eleven years as the maximum limit of age for candidates, nine names should be removed from the list if they were unsuccessful this time. Four of these nine were elected. Of the other five, one increased his score from 115 to 196, another from 103 to 155; a third, by obtaining eight additional votes, raised his total from 137 to 145, the fourth just exceeded his century, having obtained 84 votes at three previous trials, and increasing this number to 102. The remaining one obtained *two* votes.

As usual, we feel it incumbent on us to offer one or two remarks on the results we have noted or omitted. George Samuel Cox, whose name headed the list as an applicant for the seventh time, increased his total from 381 to 551—that is, by 170 votes. Fortunately Cox has one more opportunity, and we trust, as his case is spoken of so highly, that he will obtain the requisite addition to his score, and find himself among the elect in October next. We have further to ask why brethren will go through the farce of putting a boy's name on the list of candidates when they can only obtain for him two votes at his one and only chance of admission? This was the case of Sam Woodhouse. It is also worthy of record that a Cambridgeshire boy is, or will shortly be, a pupil in the School. Is it asking or expecting too much of Cambridgeshire that, as she has gone the length of patronising the Institution by obtaining its benefits for one of her own boys, she will now reciprocate the kindness and contribute handsomely to its funds. We know the Province has only four Lodges on its roll, but they are neither the least wealthy nor the least influential in the kingdom. To speak, *more Hibernico*, the reciprocity must not be all on one side. Subjoined is a complete list of the candidates, both successful and unsuccessful, showing the order in which they stood when the poll was declared.

No. on Poll.	No on List.	NAMES.	Votes forward.	Votes to-day.	Total.
		SUCCESSFUL.			
1	40	Wisby, Herbert Pattison ...	1198	931	2129
2	22	Sparks, Clifton	410	1690	2100
3	19	Owens, Henry John ...	798	1097	1895
4	9	Barnet, William Glen ...	985	770	1755
5	34	Cuneah, Edward Shaw ...	706	1000	1706
6	17	Pow, Frederick Wildman ...	1102	518	1620
7	55	*Sutton, William Arthur ...	—	1571	1571
8	56	*Emmott, William ...	—	1563	1563
9	18	Batley, James Henry ...	229	1324	1553
10	49	*Percy, Hugh Joscelyn	—	1549	1549
11	38	Edwards, Hatton Josiah Henry	163	1360	1523
12	5	Bryant, Wrightson Robert ...	166	1331	1497
13	2	Head, Richard George ...	814	677	1491
	6	Butterwith, John	651	840	1491
		UNSUCCESSFUL.			
	24	Stevens, Alfred	415	1067	1482
	16	Searle, Harry Bulmer ...	691	450	1141
	39	Stanton, William ...	382	667	1049
	12	Shury, Solomon Hiram ...	641	356	997
	59	*Waddington, Thomas Herbert	—	940	940
	50	*Dyer, Frederick ...	—	726	726

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No. on List.	NAMES.	Votes forward.	Votes to-day.	Total.
58	*Shrapnel, Harold Vivian N. S.	—	701	701
32	Johnston, William Studer	40	562	602
1	Cox, George Samuel ...	381	170	551
23	Sharp, Colin Bell	354	141	495
21	Mackay, Jas. Montague Hele	373	75	448
30	Crew, Frederick Alt ...	167	239	406
44	*Fairman, William Harry	—	399	399
4	Gurney, John Henry ...	321	39	360
33	Wilkinson, Percy Charles ...	154	204	358
36	Wait, Emanuel ...	121	217	338
8	Day, Arthur Harris	262	47	309
52	*Watkin, Hugh Robert ...	—	249	249
42	*Deeley, Richard Percy Francis	—	238	238
48	*Taylor, Ernest George Wm. J.	—	237	237
53	*Busher, Samuel Longton ...	—	230	230
43	*Ceeley, John Robert Gordon	—	215	215
26	Watkins, Alfred Charles ...	115	81	196
28	Green, Charles William ...	116	71	187
31	Rogers, Gordon	77	92	169
13	Furse, William Ernest ...	105	58	163
29	Tippler, Leonard Charles ...	103	52	155
3	Slate, James Thomas London	137	8	145
11	Williams, George Alfred ...	128	—	128
14	Johnson, Arthur Edwin ...	84	18	102
37	Ridpeth, Lovell Hope ...	31	62	93
57	*Barclay, Henry Gavin Hacket	—	93	93
47	*Denton, Herbert ...	—	46	46
35	Marshall, Robert James ...	38	—	38
7	Gover, Joseph	29	4	33
20	Newboult, Harry	3	24	27
10	Evans, John McMillan ...	21	5	26
27	Cole, Alfred Thomas ...	10	10	20
46	*Frost, Christian Frederic ...	—	10	10
15	Morley, William Moore ...	8	—	8
51	*Allin, Charles James Fox ...	—	4	4
25	Edmonds, Richard Herbert...	—	3	3
45	*Woodhouse, Sam ...	—	2	2
41	*Matthews, Robert ...	—	2	2
54	*Minshull, Sam Bradford ...	—	—	—

* Denotes first application.

THE CHESHIRE EDUCATIONAL MASONIC INSTITUTION.

THIS Institution was founded in the year 1863, and the report for the year 1876 presents several features which are eminently satisfactory. The cash account opens with a balance brought forward of £388 11s 7d. Including this, the total receipts from all sources—donations from Masonic Ball at Stockport, Amateur Performance at Birkenhead, and Lodges, Chapters, and Brethren; subscriptions, fees, interest on invested moneys—amount to £923 12s 10d. The expenditure reached only £447 6s 10d. Of this £122 17s 1d was expended for the education of nineteen children, and £18 13s 11d for the advancement of four. £270 was invested on mortgage of two houses, at 5 per cent., and there were sundry items for stationery, printing, &c., amounting together to £35 15s 10d. Thus there remains a balance of £476 6s, of which £345 11s 9d is in the North and South Wales Bank, and the remaining £130 14s 3d in Treasurer's hands. The funds of the Institution consist of invested moneys to the extent of £2858 13s 10d; this being an increase over the amount at the corresponding period of the previous year of very nearly £358. On glancing over the list of donors and subscribers for the year, we find that, with hardly an exception, the Lodges and Chapters in the Province figure for sums more or less considerable. This indicates an advance on the year 1875; and though the Committee still earnestly impress on the Craft the necessity for contributing liberally, and likewise call attention to the Provincial Grand Master's recommendation, — that a certain amount out of every initiation and exaltation fee should be appropriated to this charity, it is obvious that with so considerable an addition as £358 in one year, our Cheshire brethren must have been working very strenuously, and are becoming less and less open to the charge contained in the Report for 1875, to the effect that "there is much laxity on the part of some Lodges and Chapters in forwarding their annual returns, and in collecting subscriptions from the brethren." This, of course, may still apply in some cases, but the increase in donations, fees, and subscriptions, from Lodges, Chapters, and brethren, shows a substantial gain last year as against 1875. The income from this source was £384 5s in 1876 as against £268 3s 6d in 1875, though the casual donations in the latter were £72 5s 2d as against £35 15s in the former. If we compare the expenditure for education and advancement during the two years, we find that in 1875 a sum of £128 13s 4d was spent in educating twenty-one children, in 1876 a sum of £122 17s 1d on nineteen children. On the other hand the sums expended in advancement were in the one case only four guineas, and last year £18 13s 11d. The sums invested in the two years were as nearly as possible equal, and so were the amounts expended in printing and the like. The closing balance in Treasurer's hands is larger in this than in the former account.

Not only does the establishment of such an institution as this reflect the greatest credit on the Province of Cheshire, it is likewise of great service in relieving our central establishments of at least a portion of the pressure to which they are becoming more liable with each succeeding year. For instance, if we turn to the lists of candidates at the recent elections, we find that only one boy hailed from Cheshire, and not a single girl; while the report we have been analysing contains evidence that there are several children of brethren in the Province who are in need of educational assistance, and that some of these require further help in order to start them fairly on the journey of life. It is obvious that a Province which does this out of its own funds lightens *pro tanto* the difficulties which our Boys' and Girls' Schools experience in meeting the heavy demands upon their resources. At the same time, Cheshire is not unmindful of the claims of the latter institutions on their support, as will be seen on reference to their respective lists of subscribers and governors.

It remains for us to add that an annual contribution of five shillings constitutes the subscriber an annual Governor with one vote, and an additional vote for every additional five shillings. A donation of five guineas or upwards in one or more payments within the twelve months constitutes the donor a Governor for life, with one vote for each guinea contributed; and a donation of twenty guineas in two or more payments within two years, entitles the donor to be a Vice-President. If a Lodge or Chapter contribute the latter sum at one time, or in several payments within three years, it becomes entitled to twenty votes during its existence. The limits of age for the admission of candidates to the benefits of the Institution are seven and fifteen, or in the case of a child who has lost both parents six years. After sixteen, the child ceases to be a recipient of such benefits. The father must have been a subscribing member for at least three years to a Lodge or Lodges in the Province. The children are sent to some educational establishment in their immediate neighbourhood, and the Institution defrays the annual charges. Candidates for the benefits of advancement must not be under twelve or over eighteen years. At the last meeting of the Governors, held at Crewe, on the 29th March, two candidates were admitted to the benefits of education, and two were "advanced." It has given us great pleasure to detail these particulars, for the information of our readers, and we trust the Institution at no distant date may be able to realise its hopes, and that the interest on its investments will suffice to meet its expenditure.

The Duke of Connaught Lodge of M.M. Masons will be consecrated on Friday the 27th inst., at the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, by the V. W. Bro. Frederick Binckes Grand Sec. M.M.M. Bro. J. B. Shackleton Prov. G. D. of C., Middlesex and Surrey is the W.M. Designate. Special permission has been given to advance candidates on that occasion.

On Thursday last, the 12th inst., at the Metropolitan Club, No. 1 Minories, Bro. G. R. Innes jun. in the chair, Bro. L. H. Phillips, C.C., No. 205, was presented with a very elegant and valuable testimonial, in the shape of a silver claret jug, on a stand of silver three feet in heighth. The following was the inscription:—

"Presented to L. H. Phillips, Esq., by a number of his friends in Portsoken and Aldgate Wards."

La Tolérance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, meets at the Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, W., every Wednesday evening, at 7.45. Bros. T. A. Adams P.M. P.G.P. Preceptor, J. Hurdell Hon. Secretary. At a meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, it was unanimously agreed that members of the late Royal Union Lodge of Instruction be admitted as members without any joining fee.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A QUARTERLY General Court of the Governors and Subscribers was held on Saturday, the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. Col. Creaton, Vice-President, in the chair. Bro. R. W. Little, Sec., read the minutes of the former court, which were confirmed. Bro. S. Rawson, D.G.M. China, proposed, and Bro. R. W. Stewart P.G.D. seconded, the re-election of Bro. Samuel Tomkins G.T. as Treasurer of the Institution. This was carried unanimously. Twelve members were elected on the Committee of the Institution, and Scrutineers were appointed for the election.

Bro. H. G. Warren proposed:—

"That, having regard to the increased income of the Institution and the altered position of the Secretary and Collector, it is expedient that Rules 74 and 75 shall be so amended as to provide that the Secretary shall give security for £1,000, the Secretary's Chief Clerk £500, and any other Clerks £250 each; such security to be provided through an approved Guarantee Society, and the premiums paid by this Institution, so as not to be a burthen on the officials."

There being no seconder, the motion fell to the ground.

The motion of Bro. F. W. H. Ramsay, M.D.:—

"That the proposition of Bro. Warren, as to the Guarantees, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of:—Col. Creaton and Col. Burdett, Trustees, Bros. W. Hyde Pullen, Wm. Roebuck, D. M. Dewar, Raynham W. Stewart, John Mason, Dr. Ramsay, with power to add to their number,"—was withdrawn.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. V.P. proposed, and Bro. H. A. Dubois seconded,

"That the Quarterly Courts in January and July shall be held in future at Four o'clock, instead of Twelve o'clock."

An amendment was proposed by Bro. H. G. Warren, that the hour remain as hitherto, and after some remarks from Bros. Bodenham, John Symonds, J. Smith and Col. Burney, the amendment was carried.

The election of 13 Girls into the School from a list of 24 candidates was then proceeded with. Full particulars of the ballot appear on another page.

There were present Bros. S. Rawson, R. W. Stewart, L. Ruff, E. H. Finney, T. W. White, Griffiths Smith, Symonds, G. Bolton, W. Stephens, H. A. Dubois, A. H. Tattershall, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, H. Massey, G. Kenning, Jas. Terry, Hyde Pullen, A. D. Loewenstark, H. Potter, F. Adlard, J. Smith, Warner, Dr. Ramsay, T. Cubitt, T. Sabine, H. Browse, H. M. Levy, T. Bull, B. Swallow, C. W. Davis, H. Dicksette, A. L. Lains, &c.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, on Monday, the 16th day of April 1877, Bro. J. Symonds P.G.D. in the chair.

Bro. G. Pluckett was unanimously elected Treasurer.

The notice of motion given by Bro. H. G. Warren:—

"That, having regard to the increased income of the Institution, and the altered position of Secretary and Collector, it is expedient that Rules 74 and 75 should be so amended as to provide that the Secretary shall give security for £1,000, the Secretary's Chief Clerk £500, and any other clerk £250 each; such security to be provided through an approved Guarantee Society, and the premiums paid by this Institution, so as not to be a burthen on the officials,"—was withdrawn.

The following notice of motion by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart:—

"That the meetings of the Quarterly General Courts in January and July be held at 4 p.m. instead of 12 noon,"—was also withdrawn.

Bro. Dr. Ramsay gave notice of motion:—

"That it be an instruction to the General Committee from this Quarterly Court to consider the propriety of convening a Special General Court of the Institution, at which the Report of the House Committee, together with the architect's reports and plans, and a detailed estimate of the proposed expenditure, may be fully and carefully considered."

Twelve brethren were elected members of the General Committee, to represent the life and annual subscribers. Scrutineers were appointed, and the election for 12 boys from an approved list of 59 candidates was then proceeded with. Full particulars of the ballot appear on another page.

The Chairman announced that 12 boys had been elected, but No. 2 on the list, Richard George Head, and No. 6, John Butterworth, had each polled 1491 votes. It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried that both lads should be declared elected, a decision that gave great satisfaction.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Scrutineers for their arduous duties.

Bro. R. J. Webster returned thanks.

Bro. Boddington proposed, and Bro. H. M. Levy seconded, that a vote of thanks be accorded to the Chairman, Bro. John Symonds P.G.D., for his able and impartial presidency.

This also was carried unanimously.

CONSECRATION OF THE SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

UNDER most promising auspices, this new Lodge was consecrated on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. At the appointed hour, the assembled brethren, members and visitors, entered the Lodge-room in procession, when Bro. H. Muggeridge P.M., whom the M.W.G.M. had appointed to act as his deputy on this occasion, positioned himself in the east, and appointed Bros. Cottebrune P.G.P. as P.M., Albert P.M. G.P. S.W., E. Gottheil P.M. J.W., Lazarus W.M. 180 I.G., John Constable P.M. 185 D.C., and S. Hickman P.M. 180 as acting G.S. *pro. tem.* The Lodge having been formally opened in the three degrees and the Warrant read, the Consecrating Master proceeded to deliver an oration on the utility, advantages and privileges of Freemasonry. Forcibly and most eloquently were pointed out the principles which should guide every true Mason, and the zeal and fidelity with which the important duties of the Order should be performed. The speaker aptly illustrated the outward life of men by the degrees of the Order, and urged his hearers to be earnest, faithful and diligent in building the spiritual temple higher and higher until the topmost stone reached the heavens. The venerable orator, though greatly suffering from indisposition, spoke with fervency and considerable power, and was listened to with breathless attention by the assembly, who manifested their appreciation by a burst of applause at the end of the discourse. The Lodge was then duly consecrated in accordance with prescribed form, Bro. Bilby P.M. 185 conducting the musical portion with well-known ability. Bro. Muggeridge then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. D. Loewenstark P.M., father of the W.M. designate, to whom the duty of installation had been assigned. Bro. M. D. Loewenstark having been presented and duly installed W.M. of the new Lodge, appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. J. D. Barnett P.M. S.W., W. H. G. Rudderforth J.W., A. D. Loewenstark I.P.M. and Treasurer, Charles Ochse S.D., Baron D. Barnett J.D. and Secretary, Lever I.G., and Oberdorfer Tyler. Bro. Muggeridge received the compliment of honorary membership, and thanks were voted to the brethren who assisted in the duties of the proceedings. Next followed a *réchérche* banquet, and the customary toasts were given and responded to. The W.M. gave the health of the Queen, and said Loyalty and Freemasonry have ever gone hand in hand. none are more devoted to the Throne than members of the Order. He next submitted the name of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., and went on to descant upon the virtues of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Present and Past Grand Officers. Bro. Albert G.P., whose name was coupled with the toast, and of whom the W.M. spoke in the most flattering terms, pointing out the great services that Brother had rendered to the Craft, and whose worth had been recognised by Grand Lodge in electing him for the office he now holds, expressed his thanks, and said, let unity and concord be your watchword and the Lodge's prosperity is secure. Bro. Muggeridge proposed the health of the W.M. It was a most pleasing duty; having known the father intimately for the last 30 years, and the son ever since he was a child, it may be well imagined how gratifying it was to him to have consecrated the Samson Lodge, in which the latter presides as the first Master. From his knowledge of the W.M. he had no doubt all the duties of his office would be performed to the satisfaction of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master, in his reply, observed, that he really could not find words sufficiently expressive of his gratitude for the manner in which his name has been submitted and received. As first Master of the Samson Lodge, it would be his aim to lay a foundation which should make it what the name implies, a fabric of strength, not only in respect to the number of its members, but the quality of those who may hereafter be enrolled. With the assistance of his officers, he would endeavour to secure for it a standing A 1 in the Craft. The W.M. next gave the Consecrating Officer, who, in his response, regretted that the delicate state of his health precluded the idea of having performed the duties with the amount of satisfaction he could have desired; at the same time he was pleased to find the brethren were kind enough to be contented. He would take this opportunity to inform the meeting that the Stability Lodge of Instruction, in which he had been Preceptor for thirty-eight years, will hold its anniversary at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Friday, the 27th inst., on which occasion he hoped to meet some of those who were then around him. Seven of the sections will be worked by competent brethren, and they may be sure of a pleasant evening, as a banquet will follow, at which Bros. Fred. Cousins, Chaplin Henry and Symonds, of the Temple Choir, will give their musical services. The W.M. then proposed the Recommending Lodge, to which Bro. John Peartree W.M. 185, responded, and in his speech referred to the gratification he had experienced that evening in witnessing for the first time, though a Mason for over 27 years, the ceremony of consecrating a Lodge. In despotic countries, Freemasonry is discouraged and often persecuted, in this land of freedom its growth is fostered, hence the great increase in the number of Lodges, of which this is youngest on the roll. With the best wishes for its prosperity and success, he trusted they would meet in happiness and unity until time shall be no more. Bro. D. Posener, the Senior Warden of the Recommending Lodge, said he signed the petition with the conviction that the names of the petitioners were sufficiently distinguished in the Craft to induce the Grand Master to grant a warrant without any other recommendation at all. The Visitors' toast was replied to by Bros. Cottebrune and Gottheil. In proposing prosperity to the Charities, the W.M. said that this Lodge had been established not only for the purpose of Instruction and enjoyment, but with the special view of rendering assistance to the Institutions. Masonry teaches that men should not exist for themselves alone, but for the support of others, and therefore the Charities should be nobly supported. Previous to this toast, the ladies, who most kindly assisted in the musical part of the programme, had been admitted, Bro. F. Binckes therefore replied as follows: Ladies and Brethren, I have to offer a word of apology for my seeming neglect in failing to reply to the invitation you so kindly sent me, but when you consider my numerous engagements, and if I give expression of sincere regret for my shortcoming I am sure you will grant me full and unconditional absolution. I value very highly the compliments the W.M. was good enough to express, and am rejoiced to see the ladies amongst us, they charm with their presence as well as with their voices and talent. The delightful melody of "Home sweet home," which has been so well rendered, must have impressed

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every individual present, as containing sentiments evoking our nearest and dearest sympathies. Masonry is home, emphatically for us all. The analogy is complete in the unity of our sentiments, and the care bestowed on the aged and orphan. The name of this Lodge is Samson, which means strength. I therefore trust it will prove a strenuous and strong supporter of the Charities. After all said and done, the great aim and end of our efforts, and that which interests us most, is the practice of charity in its most comprehensive sense, the encouragement of congenial feelings of sympathy, the promotion of love from one towards another, and the kindling of generous impulses and kindly thoughts. While this is the case, we can afford to laugh at the anathemas of foreign Priests or any other opponents who are absolutely ignorant of our purposes, and the high aims towards which all our efforts are directed. They may ridicule as much as they like, and the outer world may indulge in their sneers. We can afford to be forbearing, for they know nothing of the ties which bind us together, or the organization which produces such practical results as that of the last year's subscriptions—no less a sum than £35,000. We despise their malice, and point to the fact, that from 500 to 600 aged widows and orphans are cared for, fed, clothed, and educated with the most generous liberality. Here I must not omit to mention that brethren professing a certain faith, are among the most liberal, and at the same time disinterested donors and contributors, although their aged and offspring are unable to participate to any great extent in the benefits. This is indicative of the beneficent influence of Masonry dispensing blessings irrespective of any distinction of religious creed. Bro. Binckes concluded a lengthy and interesting speech amidst great cheering. The ladies who honoured the Lodge with their presence, and who contributed in no small degree towards the enjoyment of the evening, were Mrs. M. D. Loewenstark, wife of the Worshipful Master, who played and sang with much taste and proficiency; Misses Eugene and Ida Samuel, sisters of the last-named lady, Miss Loewenstark, sister of the W.M.; several other ladies were present. Bros. J. Barnett and Rudderforth distinguished themselves by the excellence of their vocal efforts. The Visitors were Bros. E. P. Albert G.P., G. Cottebrune P.G.P., Raynham Stewart P.G.P., F. Binckes P.G.S., B. Harris 13, John Dyce P.M. 25, A. H. Tattershall P.M. 140, Charles Payne P.M. 27, J. Terry P.M. R.M.B.I., Chas. Hogard P.M. 205, John Pearless W.M. 185, I. P. Cohen W.M. 206, D. Posener W.M. 1227, R. Z. Bloomfield P.M. 185, Charles Adkins P.M. 27, &c.

THE LONDON MASONIC CLUB.

ONE of those charming re-unions of this club, which have helped so much to consolidate it, took place on Thursday, the 12th April. The guests were invited to meet the Lord Mayor of London, and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, Bros. Alderman Hadley and Quartermaine East, and covers were laid for 85. The dinner was presided over by Bro. Joseph Langton, Chairman of the Committee, assisted by Messrs. F. C. Dobbing and Thos. Lane as Vice-Chairmen. After a musical grace, the usual Loyal toasts were proposed, in brief but appropriate terms, by the Chairman. The next toast was that of Lord Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past. The Chairman said that although some of the gentlemen present were not members of the Masonic body, still he had no reluctance in proposing this toast for their acceptance, as he was sure they would all appreciate their public good qualities as statesmen and members of the great Commonwealth of England. He had much pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of one who was highly appreciated among Masons,—Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary of England.

Bro. Hervey said he was beyond measure honoured by the compliment paid him. He had great satisfaction in stating that for many years he had known one of the distinguished guests as a Past Grand Officer of England (Bro. Ald. and Sheriff Hadley P.G.A.D.C.), and had equal pleasure in discovering that the other Sheriff, Mr. Quartermaine East, was also one of the Fraternity. He thanked the gentlemen very heartily for the enthusiastic manner in which they had drunk the toast.

The next toast was the Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces, which was coupled with the name of Lieut.-Col. Burdett, who, on rising to reply, was received with cheers. He said the military and naval forces of Great Britain had always done their duty, and he trusted they would ever be found to give satisfaction to this great country, which depended on them for defence and protection.

The Chairman then rose to give the toast of the evening,—The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex. He regretted to inform the members of the Club and visitors that, at the last moment (5 p.m.), the Lord Mayor had written him to say that, by the strict injunctions of his medical attendant, he was obliged to decline an invitation to which he had looked forward with much pleasure, and requested the Committee to believe that the only reason that prevented him discharging this engagement was the consideration of his health. The Chairman said they would all deeply regret this; but they had present to-night the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, known to them not only as Masons, but as high officers of the Corporation of the chief city of the British Empire, and it was a matter for which Masons might fairly take credit, that the three great magnates of the Corporation were all members of the Masonic body. After the visit of the Sheriffs, he thought the London Masonic Club might be fairly looked upon as an institution of the City of London. He had much pleasure in asking Mr. Alderman and Sheriff Hadley to reply.

The worthy Alderman said he was sure no one regretted the absence of the Lord Mayor more than his Lordship himself. During the term of his Mayoralty at present expired, the Lord Mayor was only actuated by one desire,—that the citizens of London should not suffer through their interests being placed in his hands. The Sheriffs had many disagreeable duties to perform, but the pleasure of meetings such as these, made ample amends for much that was unpleasant. Certainly he must consider this dinner one of the happiest during his official year, because he not only met those who knew him in his official capacity, but brethren with whom he had associated for years in Freemasonry. He had known his colleague for twenty years, and he considered his auditors fortunate in having such a Lord Mayor, and—such Sheriffs." (Great laughter.) Bro. Hadley concluded by asking those present to drink the health of the Chairman with three times three.

Bro. Langton thanked the members and guests for the hearty way in which his health had been drank.

The toast of the London Masonic Club was proposed by Mr. Sheriff Q. East, and coupled with the name of Bro. F. J. Smith, who made a suitable reply.

A charming selection of songs was sung by Bros. George Perrin, Edwin Moss, S. Fox, Musgrave, and Burgess Perry. Bro. Walter Pelham gave one of his inimitable readings, which convulsed the audience. We can only say, in the words of Bro. E. Harrodine the Toast Master:—Prosperity to the London Masonic Club, root and branch, and may it flourish for ever and ever.

Besides the distinguished visitors we have mentioned, we observed Messrs. G. C. Boor, F. Flint, T. A. A. Rumpff, G. R. Steel, G. T. Thornes, S. White, F. G. Wood, Binckes, Little, Terry, C. F. Matier, Stuart, Barker, and many others, whose names space alone prevents our inserting.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS.

It is announced that the sections will be worked at the following Lodges of Instruction:—

On Tuesday, the 24th inst., at the Dalhousie, No. 860, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. Bro. T. J. Barnes as W.M., T. Austin S.W., W. H. Wallington J.W.†

On Wednesday, the 25th inst., at the La Tolerance, No. 538, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, W., at 6.45. Bro. T. A. Adams P.G.P. as W.M., C. Koester S.W., J. Kench J.W.†

On Friday, the 27th inst., at the Royal Standard, No. 1298, Castle, Holloway, at 7. Bros. T. Cull W.M., J. Mander S.W., W. S. Lee J.W.

On Saturday, the 28th inst., at the Percy, No. 198, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, at 7. Bro. Hewlett 141 as W.M., Austin S.W., Pearcy J.W., Musto I.P.M.*

On Monday, 30th inst., at the Strong Man, No. 45, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, E.C. Bro. Tolmie as W.M.

On Wednesday, the 2nd May, at the Confidence, No. 193, Whittington, Moor-lane, E.C., at 7. Bro. Turquand as W.M., T. J. Barnes S.W., J. Constable J.W., E. Gottheil P.M.†

On Friday, the 25th May, at the Victoria (Metropolitan), No. 1056, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., at 6. Bro. C. A. Woods as W.M.

* The names of the brethren who will work the various sections at the Percy Lodge were given in our issue of 14th inst.

† The following are the brethren who will work the various sections at the La Tolerance, Dalhousie, Confidence and Royal Standard Lodges, on the days referred to above.

		La Tolerance Lodge.	Dalhousie Lodge.
		1st Lecture.	
1st	Sect.	Bro. E. Child Sec. 538.	Bro. Dallas 860.
2nd	,,	C. Davis P.M. 382.	W. J. Smith I.G. 860.
3rd	,,	T. Cooper S.D. 538.	E. T. Worsley S.D. 860.
4th	,,	D. Belfrage S.D. 179.	Wallington P.M. 860.
5th	,,	T. Stanton P.M. 1287.	J. Berry P.M. 554.
6th	,,	A. Christie S.W. 1287.	Webb J.W. 1607, &c.
7th	,,	J. Kench P.M. 1269.	Pinder W.M. 15.
		2nd Lecture	
8th	,,	S. Cooper W.S. 1637.	Lovelock S.D. 212
9th	,,	J. Hurdell 1305.	Musto P.M. 1349.
10th	,,	Forbes P.M. 1287.	Defries W.M. 45, &c.
11th	,,	W. Ferguson P.M. 177	Austin P.M. 933.
12th	,,	Sedgwick P.M. 180.	Hewlett 141.
		3rd Lecture.	
13th	,,	Ernest Busch 1366.	Barker 860.
14th	,,	W. Neighbour 179.	Ashburner P.M. 1278.
15th	,,	Lancaster P.M. 1287.	Perrin W.M. 1056.

		Confidence Lodge.	Royal Standard Lodge.
		1st Lecture.	
1st	Sect.	Bro. Jesse 1556.	Bro. Passingham 193.
2nd	,,	Fenner 1227.	Simson 349.
3rd	,,	Croaker J.W. 185.	Sparrow 192.
4th	,,	Andrews 1227.	Dunn 1288.
5th	,,	L. Turquand 1556.	Wright P.M. 1298.
6th	,,	Yetton P.M. 933.	Farwig S.D. 180.
7th	,,	Rudderforth J.W. 1668.	Davis I.G. 167.
		2nd Lecture.	
8th	,,	Posener W.M. 1227.	Hunter J.W. 1298.
9th	,,	Constable P.M. 185.	Dickinson W.M. 1298.
10th	,,	Walker 429.	Shackle P.M. 193.
11th	,,	Barnes P.M. 554 & 933.	Lee S.D. 1201.
12th	,,	Defries W.M. 1278.	Chant 193.
		3rd Lecture.	
13th	,,	Loewenstark W.M. 1668.	Brown S.W. 1607.
14th	,,	Hewlett 141.	Saul J.W. 1201.
15th	,,	Perrin W.M. 1056.	Yeomans J.W. 167.

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ANNIVERSARY OF THE INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The second anniversary of our Grand Master's installation being close upon us, the occasion is an opportune one whereupon to jog the memories of the brethren who served as special Stewards in 1875, and to put forward a suggestion, that in some shape or form, either by the institution of a Lodge, or by an annual dinner, or otherwise, they should aid in keeping alive the pleasant recollections which are inseparably connected with the 28th April 1875.

Yours fraternally,

ONE OF THEM.

19th April 1877.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you have the kindness to allow me a small space in your valuable paper to express my extreme regret that the candidate, Maria Gertrude Goddin (No. 24 on the list), was not elected, in consequence of the unfortunate and helpless condition the mother was placed in for want of a little more aid.

I feel it my duty, as one who assisted the candidature of this case, that some explanation is due to those friends and subscribers who assisted to make up a total of nearly 700 votes, including 252 already polled at the previous election, and to state how the votes were disposed of. Finding there was not sufficient votes in hand to poll with the slightest chance of success (900 being necessary), there was no alternative but to make the best use of what votes were available—namely, to assist some other case, this one being hopeless. I am truly sorry that the poor mother's hopes should have been raised and encouraged, and end in her being sent away disappointed. That the case was a deserving one I am satisfied of, the candidate being one of seven orphans totally unprovided for. I believe it is the intention of the mother to endeavour to get placed on the list of candidates for next election a younger child, and I trust, with the kind assistance and support of the subscribers, the mother may be successful in obtaining, for one of the seven, admission into the Girls' School.

Believe me, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

CHARLES LACEY P.M. 174.

THE RECENT ELECTION FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Usually, I do not enter a rejoinder to an anonymous writer; but, this exceptional case of the deserted orphan, Cox, may prove the rule. Your correspondent has written nothing relevant to the case, his remarks seem only to be vituperative. It is an easy reply to any case of distress, that there is something wrong; but that is neither charitable nor relieving. My suggestion seems now to be the only chance the poor orphan has of not being thrown overboard. Frater Londoniensis says, that my proposal is "not wise;" but assertion is no proof. It would, nevertheless, be, in my humble judgement, *very wise*, both for the destitute orphan's relief, and for the committee to adopt, with a view to increase their revenue.

Again, the writer proceeds to give a reason, not, I venture to think, very conclusively, for his assertion, this reason apparently, I will not write pretext, is a vote of censure on the Devonshire brethren, as I suspect, very undeservedly; and on myself and others he seems to cast not very encouraging laudation, on our support of the case of a suffering widow and forlorn orphan.

The petitio principii, or begging the question lies in the assumption that all who know a Masonic case of woe, and recommend it for relief, must necessarily confine their votes to their specific object of charity, and extend them to no other. We are not always in a position to do this; for there may be other paramount claims we cannot abandon.

I have given my votes for the lad Cox this year, as I have done once previously, although I am told I shall throw them away, and no distressing case is to be placed on the list of the committee, unless the parties to the recommendation are prepared to carry their candidate successfully. I am really almost inclined to ask is this Masonry? Such a proposal would be treated with indignant scorn by other charitable societies.

I am also informed that there are no less than half-a-dozen distressing cases in Devonshire; but it would be very illogical to argue that the Devonshire brethren must not take up one, or any of them, because they cannot, by their own exclusive energies, carry the whole of their candidates to a successful issue. Is then the election of candidates solely dependent on the rich and powerful, apart from all considerations of necessity and work?

If not, then, the relaxation or adoption of a rule, as I have suggested, admitted by other societies, and some Masonic, is feasible.

Bro. Terry, the indefatigable Secretary of the Annuitant Masonic Fund, submitted to the consideration of his committee a somewhat analagous, or similar proposal in principle, viz., that aged female candidates, exceeding 70 years from their birth, and having *twice* unsuccessfully contested for an annuity, should be placed on the list without the ordeal of a future election. This proposal was adopted, and, as I well know, the blessing of two widows ready to perish has been richly his, with an abundant increase to the funds of the Annuitant Society.

I have always stood hitherto as an humble champion in favour of the committee for the administration of the funds of the Masonic Boys' School. I believe the excellent Secretary has been treated with much undeserved obloquy. But it will soon become a serious consideration, if a lad, an orphan, destitute, ready to perish is thrown overboard, for want of support, when, it is said, thousands upon thousands of pounds, are locked up as funded property, although only *five* thousand invested for the Boys' School, and we are at the same time informed that the *plethora* of our wealth, as Masons, is our perplexity as to its distribution.

As a Life Governor of the Boys' Masonic Institution I, *for the last time*, cry for help for this destitute lad; and beg to state that I will join in any plan, and assist in any way I can, to place this destitute orphan in the Boys' Masonic School. He ought to be admitted there, if destitution and work entitles the admission of any forlorn orphan.

It will not add to our reputation for Masonic charity if it be known as a *matter of fact* that a poor orphan is not to be aided on the merits of his case, but solely on account of his being the protégé of the influential and wealthy.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Your very faithful servant,

DANIEL ACE, D.D.,

P.M. 1232, and P.P.G.C. for Lincolnshire.

Laughton Vicarage, near Gainsborough, 16th April 1877.

MACDONALD LODGE, 1216, MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A Report has been issued by the Honorary Secretary of the above Association, by direction of the Committee, and some of its features are deserving of notice. The Association is not of very old date, having been originated in January of last year, mainly through the zealous efforts of Bro. S. J. Wagstaffe, Past Master of the Lodge from whence its name is derived. Yet, notwithstanding the short period of time within which its operations have been confined, the Society numbers nearly seventy members, has raised £165, and balloted for and distributed sixteen Life-Governorships in the various Masonic Charities. This result cannot be regarded as other than highly satisfactory, not only by members of the Association, but also by many others in the Craft who take a kindly interest in all that conduces to the support of our Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institutions.

The system pursued in this and in other Associations of like nature is very simple. A subscription of 1s a week, or 4s a month is paid by each member; and when the balance in hands of the Treasurer reaches £10, a "drawing" takes place, and the winner of the prize is entitled to select any one of the three Institutions which he may prefer as recipients of the donation. The money is then paid over by the Treasurer in name of the winner, who thus becomes a Life Governor of the Institution, and possesses all the privileges of such, subject of course to the condition that his weekly or monthly payments be continued until the full amount of ten guineas (the cost of a Life-Governorship) has been contributed by him. In this way every member will become a Life-Governor of one or other of the Masonic Institutions within four years from the commencement of the Association, and by such easy and gradual payments as not to be felt.

There are many such Associations amongst us, but their number might be increased a hundred-fold, and the benefit to our deserving Charities enhanced in like proportion. Such things only want a beginning, and when the interest of a dozen or a score of brethren is enlisted in them, their success becomes a perfect certainty.

Yours fraternally, T. E.

[We are always pleased to record the successful efforts of our brethren to raise funds for our Charities, and are fully alive to the vast amounts that are being obtained by means of these Charitable Associations. We hope shortly to be able to refer to the subject more fully.—ED. F. C.]

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS, &c.

The Holy Sanctuary Preceptory K.T. met on Monday, 16th April, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W. V.E. Sir Knt. the Rev. Fred. Kill Harford M.A. Preceptor. A Priory of the Order of Knights of Malta was held, V.E. Sir Knt. Major Shadwell H. Clarke, Grand Sub Prior of England, presiding, and seven Knights Templar were admitted into the Order. The Great Prior of England and Wales, Sir Knt. the Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, was received under the Arch of Steel, and saluted with due honours. Companions the Rev. and Hon. Francis E. C. Byng M.A., Chaplain to the Queen and to the House of Commons, General Sir William Wyllie K.C.B., Colonel of the 103rd Royal Bombay Fusiliers, Deputy Inspector-General Thomas B. Parchas M.D. Royal Navy, Major Francis Charteris Wemyss, Royal Body Guard, and Wilfred Haughton Hodgkin, having been elected, were duly installed as Knights Templar, and knighted by the Great Prior. Sir Knt. the Rev. Dr. John Robbins M.A. was then installed in due form as the Eminent Preceptor for the ensuing year, and appointed his officers. Among the Knights present were Captain N. G. Philips P.P. of Suffolk and Cambridge, Sir Patrick de Colquhoun Q.C., Preceptor of the Faith and Fidelity Preceptory, Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney, Preceptor of the Kemeys Tynte Preceptory, Lord De Clifford, Colonel A. W. Adair, Dr. R. J. Nunn of Georgia, Charles Horsley, Captain Portlock Dadson P.E.P., J. Lewis Thomas, William Beattie, and F. J. Macaulay, of the Kemeys Tynte Preceptory, Dr. F. H. Woodforde P.E.P. P.P. 1st Captain Somerset, Walter Spencer St. George Preceptory, the Rev. Thomas Cochrane E.P. Cœur de Lion Preceptory, S. Lloyd Foster, R. Blount Lewis, C. Hampden, J. Brend Batten, Charles Grillion, James Keene, C. S. Jeykll, the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall M.A., George B. Brodie M.D., T. Holme Davis, J. Chynoweth, and many other Knights.

The Bard of Avon Chapter Rose Croix met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Wednesday, 18th inst. Ill. Bro. J. Lambert Sim 31° M.W.S. There were also present Ill. Bro. R. J. Nunn M.D. 33°, of Georgia, W. Hyde Pullen 33°, Captain Portlock Dadson 32°, Charles Grillion 31°, R. G. Glover 30°, John Read 30°, Thomas Fenn 30°, Webb 30°, Major Harding 30°, the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall M.A. 30°, E. Latchworth 18°, H. Hansard 18°, E. H. Barrell 18°, C. E. Hollingsworth 18°, Percy Tatham 18°, Lord De Clifford 18°, &c., &c. Bro. Thomas George Bullen was perfected in the 18°, and a donation of ten guineas voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The St. Peter's Chapter Rose Croix met at the Freemason's Hall, Bolton, on Saturday, 14th April. E. Bro. Robert Harwood M.W.S. Bros. William A. Byrom, and James H. Bell, were duly perfected in the 18°.

The Royal Naval Chapter Rose Croix met at Portsmouth on Wednesday, 18th April. E. Bro George F. Lancaster M.W.S. Several brethren were duly perfected in the 18°.

The Invicta Chapter Rose Croix met at the Masonic Hall 33 Golden-square W., on Friday, 20th April, for the perfection of candidates. Ill. Bro. T. J. Hughes M.D., 30°, M. W. Sov.

The Apollo University Lodge will meet at the Masonic Hall, Oxford, on Tuesday, 24th April, at 7 p.m. Bro. Lieut-Colonel the Hon. W. K. Sackville-West M.A. Ch. Ch., P. Prov. G. Supt. W. Oxon, W. Master. It will be proposed to present a Past Master's jewel to H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., D.C.L. of Ch.Ch., Prov. G.M. of Oxfordshire, I.P.M., in recognition of his services in Freemasonry in general, and to the Apollo University Lodge in particular, during the year ending February 1877, and also to present a P.M. jewel to Bro. the Rev. R. W. M. Pope B.D., of Worcester College, in recognition of the services rendered by him to the Lodge as W. Deputy Master for H.R.H. Prince Leopold.

The Studholme Chapter Rose Croix will meet at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square W., on Tuesday, 24th April, at 4.15, for the perfection of candidates. Ill. Bro. Colonel Randolph 30°, M.W.S.

The Sussex Preceptory, K.T., will meet at the Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne, on Friday, 27th April, at 6 p.m. Sir Knt. Bransby Roberts E. Preceptor.

The St. George Chapter Rose Croix will meet on St. George's Day, 23rd instant, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square W., at 4 p.m., for the perfection of candidates and the installation of the M.W. Sov. Elect, Bro. E. J. Castle, 18°.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at Bro. Allen, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. Barker W.M., Weige S.W., Dallas J.W., E. T. Worsley Secretary, Perry S.D., Smith J.D., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, Johnson I.G.; and Bros. Perrin W.M. 1056, Lovebuck, Hewlett, Christian W.M. 15, Pullen, Christian 860, Watkins, Williams, Pavett, Saunders Sec. 15, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes read. The Lodge opened in the 2nd degree. Bro. Christian 15, having answered the necessary questions, the Lodge was opened in the 3rd, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Bro. Wallington gave the traditional history. Bro. Perrin worked the Installation ceremony, and also assisted Bro. Wallington in working the 3rd section of the lecture. The Lodge was closed to the 1st degree. Bro. Weige was unanimously elected W.M. for next Tuesday week, 1st May, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Pullen, Lodge Elliott 1567, was elected a member. The Lodge was closed in due form. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on Tuesday next, the 24th inst. A full list of the brethren who will work the sections will be found on another page.

Era Lodge, No. 1423.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on the 14th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court, Middlesex. Present—Bros. Frederick Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex P.M. and Secretary, who acted as W.M., T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex P.M. S.W., E. W. Devereux J.W., H. A. Dubois P.G.S.D. Middlesex P.M. Treasurer, B. Wright Assistant Secretary, S. Wolff S.D., A. F. Loos J.D., J. Johnson I.G., J. Faulkner W. Steward, J. H. Pearson C. Steward, J. Gilbert P.G. Tyler Middlesex, Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. J. W. Baldwin A.G.P. Middlesex, T. H. Miller P.P.G. Organist, J. B. Langley. Visitors—Bros. S. Frankenberg 73, F. W. Hartley P.M. 25, George Dore 376. Business—Bro. F. Walters, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., opened the Lodge, after which the minutes were unanimously confirmed. A ballot for joining was unanimous in favour of Bro. Thomas Fenn 1288. Bros. Emil Woeluke and W. Swindlehurst were passed. Bro. T. J. Sabine proposed to alter the bye-laws as follows: That the future meetings of the Lodge should be held at Bro. Tagg's, Island Hotel, Hampton Ait, and this was eventually agreed to. The Lodge was then closed. Bro. H. A. Dubois P.G.S.D. Middlesex presided at the festive board, in his usual genial manner.

Warrants have been granted for the constitution of two new Lodges, to be known respectively by the style and title of the "Robert Wentworth" Lodge, and the "Henry Muggeridge." Bro. "Old Mug" himself is the W.M. designate of the latter, which will be located at Dalston.

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AT a Quarterly General Court of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., on Saturday, 14th April 1877.

COLONEL JOHN CREATON, Trustee and Vice-Patron, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by ballot, of thirteen Children into the Institution, from a list of fifty-four approved Candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

No. on list		Votes polled	No. on list		Votes polled
10	Kingcombe, Clara	1,903	7	Lodlow, Eleanor Amy L. ...	1,333
44	Ward, Hannah Mabel ...	1,522	37	Healey, Ada Hartley ...	1,163
14	Feltham, Mary Jane ...	1,497	35	White, Mary Eilin	1,106
20	Mills, Kate Isabel	1,356	6	Langley, Jessie	1,027
27	Cecil, Alice Warburton ...	1,339	5	Johnson, Mary Anne ...	916
2	Clase, Ada Hayabe ...	1,333	22	Collins, Kathleen I. A. ...	896
30	Gregory, Maria Edith ...	1,309			

The number of votes recorded for unsuccessful candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's Office, and will be duly carried forward at the next election; if eligible.

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AT a Quarterly General Court, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Monday, 16th April 1877, Bro. JOHN SYMONDS, Vice-Patron and Trustee, in the chair, a Ballot took place for the election of thirteen Boys from an approved list of fifty-nine candidates. The following were successful:—

1	40	Wisby, Herbert P. ...	2,129	8	56	Emmott, William ... 1,543
2	22	Sparks, Clifton	2,100	9	18	Bailey James Hy. ... 1,553
3	10	Owens, Henry John ...	1,895	10	49	Percy, Hugh Joscelyn 1,540
4	9	Barnett, Wm. Glen ...	1,755	11	38	Edwards, Hatton J. ... 1,533
5	34	Cunnah, E. Shaw ...	1,708	12	5	Bryant, W. R. 1,497
6	17	Pow, Frederick W. ...	1,630	13	3	Head, Richd. Geo. ... 1,491
7	55	Sutton, Wm. Arthur ...	1,571		6	Butterworth, John ... 1,491

*** By unanimous resolution of the Court, in consequence of Nos. 3 and 6 having polled an equal number of votes, both candidates were declared duly elected.

The number in the second column is in each case that of the candidate on the list.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE House of Lords met for the first time after the Easter recess on Friday the 13th inst., and have since dealt with several measures of importance. The day of their reassembling, the Supreme Court of Judicature Bill received a second reading, and the Justices' Clerks' Bill passed through Committee. Earl Granville had previously given notice of his intention to move an important resolution when the Burial Acts Consolidation Bill come on for second reading. On Monday nearly the whole of the sitting was devoted to a discussion of certain phases of the Eastern Question. Earl Granville led the way. The Earl of Derby gave, as far as he could, the needful explanation. The Marquis of Lansdowne and the Earl of Dudley offered some remarks, and the subject then dropped. On Tuesday, the Bankruptcy Bill passed through Committee, and Lord Selborne moved the second reading of the Inns of Court Bill, which was agreed to after a debate, in which several noble and learned lords took part.

The financial statement of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to which we briefly referred last week, offered no especial features. The right honourable gentleman was in a position to announce that the surplus for last year amounted to £443,000. He reckoned the expenditure for the current year would reach the sum of £78,794,000, of which £28,000,000 would be for the permanent charge on debt, £14,538,700 for army, £10,979,300 for the navy, and £13,726,000 for the Civil Service. The Revenue he estimated would yield £79,020,000, so that he anticipated a small surplus of £226,000. No alteration whatever was proposed in the taxation of the country, and consequently Customs and Excise, Stamps and Taxes remain exactly the same. Considering the troubled period through which the country in common with the rest of Europe has passed, there is reason for being satisfied with the statement we have just outlined. Our hope is that nothing may happen during the present financial year to disturb the expectations of the Government. On Friday, the Marquis of Hartington brought forward his motion for certain papers connected with the famous Protocol, and in doing so, critised very freely the conduct of the Government throughout the whole course of the negociations. Mr. Hardy followed with a very fervid speech in defence of ministers. Sir W. Harcourt, Mr. Fowgyth, Sir C. Dilke, Mr. Roebuck, Mr. Goschen, and Sir Stafford Northcote, joined in the debate; the one notable feature in connection with their speeches being the very outspoken language of the honourable member for Sheffield, who accorded his free and unhesitating support to the Government. In the end, the motion of the noble Marquis was withdrawn. On Monday, the Mutiny and Marine Mutiny Bills passed through Committee, but the divisions on certain of the clauses were very numerous, a section of the Home Rule party doing their best to obstruct the progress of these necessary measures. To such an extent, indeed, has this spirit of obstructiveness been carried, that Mr. Butt, who is the leader of the party, disclaimed all sympathy with the action of certain of his followers. On Tuesday the House discussed the question of the Railway Passenger Duty, and on Wednesday afternoon the Territorial Waters' Jurisdiction Bill was withdrawn, at the earnest desire of the Government, while the Married Women's Property (Scotland) Bill was read a second time.

Her Majesty is expected to arrive this day at Windsor from the Isle of Wight. The Prince of Wales reached Cannes on Monday, having made a longer stay at Paris than was expected. We trust the rest he will enjoy during his present excursion will restore him completely to his normal state of health.

A marriage was celebrated in Westminster Abbey on Tuesday, in the presence of a numerous fashionable gathering. The bridegroom was Mr. Reginald McLeod, second son of McLeod of McLeod, and the bride Miss Agnes C. Northcote, the eldest daughter of Sir Stafford and Lady Northcote. The service was a full choral one. There were present in the Abbey the Princess Louise and Marquis of Lorne, the Princess Mary of Cambridge, Duchess, and the Duke of Teck, the Marquis of Salisbury and daughters, the Earl of Beaconsfield, the Earl of Carnarvon, Mr. and Mrs. Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Gathorne Hardy, Lord and Lady John Manners, the Earl and Countess of Derby. Mr. Arthur J. Balfour M.P. was best man, and the bride, who had a numerous attendance of bridesmaids, was given away by her father. After the service, the bridal party left the Abbey for the Chancellor of the Exchequer's residence in Downing-street. Here the guests, to the number of close on three hundred, were entertained at breakfast. Shortly after two o'clock the newly married pair left for Warwickshire, to spend the honeymoon. The presents were very

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numerous and costly, among them being a superb Indian shawl, given by the Queen.

Mr. Layard, who has been appointed temporarily, during the absence on leave of Sir Henry Elliott, to be our ambassador to the Porte, reached Brindisi on Tuesday morning, and left immediately in the Royal Yacht Osborne for Constantinople, where it was expected he would arrive yesterday. It is satisfactory to know that, at this critical time, the important interests of Great Britain will be entrusted to a diplomatist of recognised ability, who has such knowledge as Mr. Layard possesses of eastern peoples, and in whom the Sultan and his Ministers are likely to repose such confidence.

We are enduring the pleasures of a second March. Keen winds and clouds of dust welcome those whom duty requires them to move about through London streets. People, indeed, are beginning to look miserable against the prospect of Spring having put off its visit until later in the year. It were well, perhaps, if their passing discomforts represented the full extent of the misery we have had to endure this week. There has been more than one gale attended with serious loss of life, and there is no apparent prospect of any immediate improvement.

In South Wales a very serious calamity happened to some colliers in one of the Collieries in the neighbourhood of Pontypridd. On Wednesday of last week some men at work in one part of the mine were suddenly overtaken by a flood of water, so that egress from the cutting was out of all question. It was determined, however, to spare no effort to rescue these imprisoned colliers, and at the moment of writing the good news reaches us, that communication has been established with the men, and they have been released from their fearful situation.

The proposed demonstration on behalf of the convict Orton came off in Hyde Park, on Tuesday, but the proposed invasion of the House of Commons was summarily stopped. The police had taken all needful precautions to prevent the approach of the demonstrators, but ten of the principals were permitted to pass into Westminster Hall, where, after a brief interval, they were received by Mr. Whalley, and entertained by him in the Tea-room of the House of Commons. The following day, Mr. Cross, the Home Secretary, considerately permitted the same ten leaders to have an interview, but as the right honourable gentleman very properly refused to discuss with them the case of the convict, we cannot see what advantage was gained from the interview. Mr. De Morgan will now, perhaps, be pleased to permit the worthy people of London to enjoy their walks in Hyde Park, and not to have their leading thoroughfares obstructed by stupid demonstrations, which are intended as a menace to law and order, but which invariably, as in this particular instance, turn out to be miserable *fiascos*. We have no sympathy whatever with such as Mr. De Morgan, who threaten to break the law, in order, as they say, to vindicate the pure administration of justice. In no other city in the world would such demonstrations be permitted. We should like to see a law passed forbidding the use of our parks for any purposes other than those of peaceful recreation. The majority of the men who assembled on Tuesday, in Hyde Park, were of the ruffian class, who indulged in hunting quiet and inoffensive people out of the park, bonneting and otherwise maltreating all who had about them an appearance of respectability. That such a state of things should have been allowable is not creditable to the country.

A spring flower show was held in the grounds of the Royal Botanical Society on Wednesday afternoon. The weather was none of the kindest, but the gathering was nevertheless both numerous and fashionable. The band of the Royal Horse Guards was present, and made the time pass agreeably. Among the winners of principal prizes must be mentioned the names of Mr. Charles Turner, Messrs. Paul and Son, Mr. Terry, of Fulham, Mr. Thornton, of Sydenham-hill, and Mr. Watson, of Isleworth. The same afternoon a similar exhibition was held in the garden at South Kensington, but in this instance a new feature was introduced, a portion of the space set apart for exhibits being devoted to a display of produce by the growers and salesmen of Covent Garden market. The Duke and Duchess of Bedford arrived early in the day for the purpose of opening this portion of the exhibition. They were received by Lord Alfred Churchill, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Royal Horticultural Society, Dr. Hogg, the Secretary, and some of their Grace's tenants. Later in the day the Duke and Duchess of Teck honoured the gardens with their presence. The principal prizes among the nurserymen were carried off by Messrs. B. S. Williams, Upper Holloway, J. Wills, South Kensington, Barr and Sugden, and Hooper and Co., of Covent Garden. For Covent Garden produce the chief prize winners were Messrs. Beckwith and Son, Messrs. Hawkins and Burnett, Messrs. Webber and Co., and Mr. Poupart, of Twickenham. The band of the Artists' Rifle Volunteers attended during the day and performed a choice selection of music.

The annual dinner of the Institution of Civil Engineers was held on Wednesday evening at Willis's Rooms, St. James's. Among the more distinguished guests assembled to do honour to the occasion, were H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke of Teck, Sir C. Adderley, Sir R. Baggallay, the Earl of Carnarvon, Mr. Lowe, Admiral Sir A. Milne, Professor Owen, Professor Huxley, and nearly every member of eminence in the profession. The chair was occupied by Mr. George R. Stephenson, and a very agreeable evening was spent. The Duke of Cambridge returned thanks for the army, and Sir A. Milne for the navy. The Earl of Carnarvon acknowledged the toast of Her Majesty's Ministers, while Lord Halifax and Mr. Lowe replied for the Houses of Lords and Commons, respectively. The same day, the one hundred and thirty-ninth anniversary of the Royal Society of Musicians was celebrated at Freemasons' Hall. About two hundred guests were present, and the chair was occupied by Lord Skelmersdale. The Earl of Dudley, Lord Hampton, Sir Julius Benedict, Professor Macfarren, Mr. Walter Macfarren, Mr. Otto Goldschmidt, and Mr. Carrodus were among the more eminent of the guests. The result of the evening's contributions was stated by the honorary treasurer, Mr. Cummings, to be over £1,400, including a donation of £100 from the chairman. Yet a third banquet was held the same day—at Fishmongers' Hall, where about one hundred-and-fifty guests were entertained at dinner, among them being Mr. Edward Pierrepoint, the United States Minister, and Lord Hatherley. The former made a very amusing speech in response to the toast of his health.

"I confess that it makes me sick when I hear of the Emperor's desire for peace. If he desires peace, why does he not make it?" These words will be found in an extract from a private letter written by the great Duke of Wellington to the late Lord Aberdeen in 1829, when Nicholas was Czar of all the Russias, and his army under Diebitsch had penetrated as far into Turkey as Adrianople. History, it has been said, repeats itself. We are on the eve of another Russo-Turkish war, and the son of Nicholas does little else than declare his desire for peace, all the while that 500,000 of his troops are assembled as near the borders of Turkey as possible, and preparations for an attack on the latter power are being pressed forward with all diligence. Europe is most anxious for peace. Turkey desires nothing more than to be left alone to carry out her scheme of reform. The Czar declares he is desirous of peace, and yet the one question which is agitating the whole of Europe is, when will hostilities commence, and what result will attend the onslaught of Russia on her ancient rival? There is no one driving Russia to pursue her present policy—she is too powerful to be driven, except, as she gives us to understand, by motives of religion and humanity. All the civilised nations of Europe are actuated by the same motives, but they do not think they best exhibit their sense of religion and humanity by assembling huge armies and fleets, and threatening to carry slaughter and devastation into the heart of a neighbouring country. It was once said that Providence was on the side of the big battalions, and this, perhaps, may enable us to understand why it is that Russia so piously invokes the aid of Providence in her plans of slaughter and spoliation. Be this as it may, given that the whole of Europe, and especially Russia is sincerely desirous of peace, how comes it that we are on the eve of a war, which is likely to prove the most terrible of our time? No war is so fearful as a religious one. Russia is exciting the fanaticism of her people, and Turkey will do the same in order to defend the integrity of her Empire. Nor is this all. It is impossible to say how long the war may be confined to these two powers. Russia may over-whelm the Turks in one short campaign. Will she then grant terms of peace likely to be acceptable to the other European powers, especially to Austria and this country? Or it may be the Turk may offer a decided resistance and repel with more or less success the assault of Russia. This contingency certainly offers a fairer pros-

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pect, but even so, we doubt if the conflict will be strictly limited to these two combatants—for any length of time. As in the last struggle between them, little more than half a year elapsed, when France and England took part in the conflict. Russia invaded the Principalities in the autumn of 1853, and in March 1854 war with Russia was declared by the Emperor Napoleon and Queen Victoria. This is not exactly a good omen. We would far rather overlook it, but this is impossible. A day may come when the true designs of Russia will be more apparent, and England will find it necessary to see that her important interests in the East are not imperilled. All of us are anxious that the war may be localised, but just as all the efforts of the Great Powers have been powerless to prevent the armies of Russia and Turkey from confronting each other, so when the sword has been drawn, and the struggle between them is raging furiously, it may be impossible to avoid engaging in it. Cassandra was not a very popular personage, but it was right she should utter her warnings, though they boded no good to her country. We are happily outside the arena in which the contest, now imminent, must take place. How long we may be able to remain outside is a question which, however unpleasant it may be, cannot be omitted from the reckoning.

Thanks to Bro. Dr. Strong's kindness, "our Patriarchs" had the opportunity afforded them of spending a most agreeable evening on Wednesday. A concert was given on that occasion, in the Hall of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, by the Croydon Symphonic Septett Society, assisted by the Amateur Glee Society. The instrumentalists included Mr. Viotti Collins, and Bro. Dr. Strong as first violins, Messrs. James and Johns, second violins, Messrs. Bartlett and Tinson, tenors, Mr. W. Owen, violoncello, Mr. W. O. Strong, double bass, Messrs. De Vine and Hatchwell, flutes, and Mrs. Dubois, pianoforte. Mr. Viotti Collins conducted. The Programme was in two parts, and was most successfully rendered. Under these circumstances, it may seem invidious, perhaps to select any for special notice, but we imagine even the *artistes* themselves will admit that Mr. Viotti Collins's selection from "Il Trovatore" was splendidly rendered, that Mesdames Strong and Dubois sang the familiar duet "I know a bank" with exquisite taste and feeling, and that Mr. Maitland Gard'ner's interpretation of the well-known Buffo Song "Largo al factotum," was beyond praise. At intervals during the evening, light refreshments were handed round, and when the entertainment was ended, Bro. Terry rose and briefly proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Dr. Strong for his kindness. The vote was carried by acclamation and suitably acknowledged. Among the guests of the evening were Bro. and Mrs Terry, Miss and Master Terry, Bro. and Mrs. Pearcy, and Bro. and Mrs. E. G. Legge, Miss Strong very kindly charged herself with the task of distributing the programmes.

On Monday, Stratford-on-Avon will be the scene of an interesting Masonic ceremonial. Our readers are possibly aware that the day in question is the anniversary of Shakspeare's birth, and it has been resolved, in honour of the immortal Bard of Avon, to erect to his memory a block of buildings, which shall include a theatre, library, and picture gallery. Accordingly, Lord Leigh will hold a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire, at the Corn Exchange, Stratford, at one p.m. on the day named. After the necessary preliminary business, and a collection has been made towards the building fund, a procession will be formed, and the brethren will march to the site of the Memorial Building, where Bro. Lord Leigh P.G.M. will lay the north-east corner stone with the customary Masonic rites. Bro. the Rev. F. M. Beaumont Pro. G. Chaplain, and Bro. Creswick will then deliver addresses, at the termination of which the procession will reform, and return to the Corn Exchange where the P.G. Lodge will be closed. A cold collation is fixed for 3·15, price of tickets five shillings each. A programme of the order of procession has been issued, and special arrangements, as will be seen in our advertisement columns, has been made by the North Western Railway Company for the conveyance of visitors from the metropolis to the neighbourhood of Stratford. The ceremony cannot fail to be an interesting one, and we doubt not will be successfully carried out. We shall give a full report of the ceremony in our next issue.

The 16th anniversary of the Lodge of Instruction which meets under the sanction of the Lodge of Stability, No. 217, will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, on the 27th inst., at half past 5 o'clock. Selections from the Lectures will be worked by the following brethren:—1st Lecture—1st Section by Bro. E. H. Hewett S.W. 235; 2nd by Bro. J. W. Clever J.W. 171; 3rd by Bro. E. F. Storr W.M. 22; 7th by Bro. A. H. Diaper P.M. 5. 2nd Lecture—Bro. H. Muggeridge will lecture on the six Grand Periods, and the moral advantages of Geometry. 3rd Lecture—Bro. J. B. Scriven will lecture on the Lodge Board of the degree. A banquet will take place at 8 o'clock; tickets, 5s each. The attendance of the brethren is requested. Masonic Craft costume will be worn.

A new Lodge, the Mornington, No. 1672, will be consecrated at the Eagle Tavern, Snaresbrook, on Monday, the 30th inst. The names of the officers given in the Warrant are Bros. William Robert Marsh P.M. 9, 993, 1000 W.M. designate, J. Edward Cockett 1364 S.W., George Blackman 9 J.W. The Consecrating Officer will be the V.W. Bro. John Hervey P.G.D. Grand Secretary. The brethren will assemble at 3 o'clock p.m. punctually.

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No. 63.

No. 5, "Ancients" (A.D. 1774); No. 9 from the Union of A.D. 1813 to the present time.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

LAU. DERMOTT, D.G.M.

JOHN CHRISTIAN, S.G.W. PETER SHATWELL, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six) in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful and most Noble Prince John, Duke and Marquis of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Captain and Constable of the Castle and Constabulary of Kincleaven, one of the Sixteen Peers of Scotland, Knight of the most Noble and most Ancient Order of the Thistle, and in that part of Great Britain called England and Masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Laurence Dermott, Esq^r., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful John Christian, Esq^r., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Peter Shatwell, Esq^r., Junior Grand Warden (with the Approbation and Consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities No. 5 and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well beloved brethren, viz., The Worshipful Edward Williams one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful John Jones his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful James Cooke his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Castle Eating House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill (or elsewhere), in London, upon the Second and Fourth Wednesday of each Kalender Month, and on all seasonable Times and lawful Occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And We do hereby farther authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren Edward Williams, John Jones and James Cooke (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Thirtieth day of June, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-four, and in the Year of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-four.

WM. DICKEY, Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 1, Letter A, and bears date, July 17th 1751—5751.

The present No., title, &c. are, No. 9, Albion Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, London.

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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 APRIL.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 23rd APRIL.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (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 o'clock.

113—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street-hill, Exeter.
888—St. Botolph, Corn-exchange, Sleaford.
1378—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.

TUESDAY, 24th APRIL.

Audit Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
186—Industry, The Restaurant, 3 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
1471—Islington, Coopers Arms, Silver-street, Falcon-square, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1607—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
233—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
810—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
873—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1016—Elkington, Masonic rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1368—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.

WEDNESDAY, 25th APRIL.

Installation and Grand Festival of Grand Lodge, at Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, 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.)
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.)
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.)

117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury.
606—Segontium, Masonic Hall, Carnarvon Castle.
681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons Hall, Llandudno.
996—Soudes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.

THURSDAY, 26th APRIL.

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. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1436—The Great City, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

907—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
965—St. Edward's, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1343—St. John's King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex.

FRIDAY, 27th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
349—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Kaneiagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Leon Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, at 8. (Instruction.)
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1257—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1276—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1299—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1443—Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne Road, North Kensington, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston. (Consec.)

1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh.
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts.

SATURDAY, 28th APRIL.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

806—Prince George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.

MONDAY.

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
406—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
R. A. 827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

TUESDAY.

1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

WEDNESDAY.

258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Pontefract.
1305—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby-bridge.
1445—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

THURSDAY.

306—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
375—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
537—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
906—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.

FRIDAY.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
653—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
1034—Ecclesbill, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclesbill.
R. A. 343—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Masonic Rooms, Meltham.
1403—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—349—St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—141—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, Cockburn-street.
" R. A. 40—Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—113—St. John, Fisher-row, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.
THURSDAY—302—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.
FRIDAY—323—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-street, Leith.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—102—St. Mark's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 319—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
" 362—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
" 541—Marie Stuart, Freemasons' Hall, Crosshill, Glasgow.
TUESDAY—413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 419—Neptune, 55 St. James's-street, Glasgow.
" 548—St. John Dalmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Dalmuir.
" 579—St. Brydes, Freemasons Hall, Udderstone.
" R. A. 67—Cathedral, P.G. Visitation, 22 Struthes-street.
WEDNESDAY—510—Maryhill, 170 Main-street, Maryhill.
" R. A. 75—Caledonian of Unity, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
THURSDAY—570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, Glasgow.
" R. A. 117—Govan, Partland Hall, Govan.
FRIDAY—153—Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, Cogan-st., Pollockshaw.
" 347—St. John, Operative, Freemasons' Hall, Cathcart-st., Rutherglen.
SATURDAY—R. A. 143—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Bellahill, Holytown
" 29—St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Was held at the Old Rodney Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, 16th inst. Present—Bros. Stock W.M., Powell S.W., R. Pearcey J.W., Stead S.D., Tolmie acting Precept., Feaner Secretary, Crawley J.D., Robison I.G., Christopher Tyler, S. Rowley, Read, Isaac, Hunter, Haines, Cook, &c. Lodge opened in due form. Minutes of last meeting confirmed. Lodge opened in 2nd degree, when Bro. Read answered the usual questions leading to the 3rd degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the 3rd, when the ceremony of raising was excellently rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Read acting as candidate. After which the W.M. worked the 1st, Bro. Saul the 2nd, and the W.M. the 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed to 1st degree, and Bro. Stead, of New Concord Lodge 813, was elected a member. Bro. Tolmie will work the 15 sections on the last Monday in the present month. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 19th inst., at Bro. Hallows, the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present — Bros. W. G. Hallows W.M., F. Hallows S.W., Franklin J.W., Christian acting Secretary, Pinder Preceptor, Bell S.D., Upward J.D., Cambridge I.G. also Bros. Claridge, Dendy, Delvalli, Groome, Hunt, Blunsom, Pullin, C. Carter, C. B. Carter, E. Brown, and Field. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer. Minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Claridge acting as candidate. Bro. Christian worked the 1st section of the lecture assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree, Bro. Christian worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Pullin, of Lodge No. 1567, and Blunsom, of Lodge 742, were elected members, Bro. F. Hallows was chosen W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form with solemn prayer. The first meeting of the Walthamstow Masonic Charitable Association was held immediately after the closing of the Lodge, and the names of thirty-three subscribers were enrolled. A ballot took place for a life governorship, which fell to Bro. W. B. Brand, the J.W. of 1662, who decided to send the amount to the R.M.I. for Girls, to be placed on Bro. Pinder's list.

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Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73.—Held its installation meeting on Thursday, 12th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge. Present—Comps. H. A. Dubois M.E.Z., J. W. Baldwin H., John Mason J., T. J. Sabine P.G.S. Middlesex P.Z. Treas., Frederick Walters P.P. 1st A.G.S. Middlesex P.Z. S.E., J. C. Mason S.N., B. Isaacs P.S., J. T. Moss P.P.G.R. Middlesex P.Z., E. Harris P.Z., J. H. Spencer, T. W. Clark, W. Dunham, and others. Visitors—Comps. T. Kingston, W. Porter, and W. T. Lover 176. The Chapter was opened by the Principals and Past Principals, and the minutes confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee showed a good balance in hand. Ballots were unanimous in favour of Bros. S. Barney 1567, T. Lamb 1567, L. Samuels 1531. Bro. L. Samuels was exalted. Comp. W. Smeed P.Z. P.P.G.J. Middlesex, installed Comps. J. W. Baldwin Z., John Mason H., James Cattley Mason J. The officers invested were Comps. T. J. Sabine P.Z. Treasurer, for third time, F. Walters P.Z. S.E., for fifteenth time, M. D. Loewenstark S.N. third time, B. Isaacs P.S. third time, W. A Maloney 1st A.S., T. W. Adams 2nd A.S., W. Y. Laing Janitor. Vote of thanks were given to Comp. W. Smeed for the able manner in which he worked the ceremonies. The usual five guinea P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Comp. H. A. Dubois, the I.P.Z. The Chapter was then closed, and a banquet followed. The usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were given.

Caledoni an of Unity Chapter, No. 78.—An emergency meeting was held on 18th April, at 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow. A Mark Lodge was opened by Comp. G. W. Wheeler, assisted by Comps. G. McDonald S.W., J. M. Oliver J.W. Propositions were read from Bros. Colonel Robson, the American Consul, Canongate Kilwinning No. 2, R. Wylie P.G.S. Ayrshire Mother Kilwinning No. 0, J. McCrow No. 0, and J. McWaters No. 17. They were introduced and took that degree. A Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was opened, and the same gentlemen duly passed. The Chapter was then opened by Comps. Wheeler Z., W. Shaw H., J. Tweed J., J. Balfour S.E., S. B. Hardie, J. Fergerson, and J. Bowers Sojourners, and the same four gentlemen were introduced and duly exalted. Comp. Balfour performed the duties of 1st Sojourner in his usual faultless style. Visitors—Comps. J. M. Oliver S.E. of 79, and J. Lloyd of 87.

Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.—This Lodge held its last regular meeting of the session, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday, 16th inst. An average number of members attended, and the business was conducted by the following officers:—Bros. John Peartree W.M., D. Posener S.W., G. Pare J.W., J. D. Barnett I.P.M., John Constable P.M. Treas., P. Levy Sec., W. D. Bayley S.D., F. Croaker J.D., Digby Sadlier as I.G. The Past Masters present were Bros. Harfeld, S. Moss, M. Harris, N. Gluckstein, and E. Gottheil. The Visitors were Bros. C. D. Taylor 925, S. N. Lamble P.M. 27, and I. P. Cohen W.M. 205. The Lodge having been opened with the accustomed formalities and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to confer the third degree upon Bros. Cohen and Toms, to pass Bro. Vogl to the second, and initiate Messrs. Charles Harris and S. Barnett into the novitiate of the Order. Upon the conclusion of the Lodge business, an excellent supper was served, after which the customary toasts were given and responded to. In proposing the health of the Queen, the W.M. adverted to the threatening aspect of the political horizon, and to the anxiety which must be felt by the head of the State. At such a time as the present Masons are bound to entertain feelings of redoubled loyalty towards the gracious Lady who presides over the destinies of the State. A hearty response followed. The Initiates severally replied after their names had been submitted. Addressing the Visitors, the W.M. gave them hearty welcome, and assured them that the Tranquillity Lodge is never better pleased than when brethren from other Lodges honoured them with their presence. The visitors gave suitable responses. Bro. J. D. Barnett I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. He did so with feelings of the utmost pleasure. Bro. Peartree did not look particularly promising at the time of his election, and it was whispered that the new Master would be quite incapable as regards the working of the ceremonies, however efficient he might prove in other respects. But to the great and very agreeable surprise of all, he shows as much proficiency, and presides with even greater *éclat* than many of his predecessors. To listen to his exposition of our beautiful ritual was indeed an intellectual treat, and all must admit him to be the right man in the right place. The services Bro. Peartree has rendered to the Lodge, sixteen years as Treasurer and now as Worshipful Master, must claim our sincerest gratitude. The W.M. expressed his thanks, and said he felt very grateful for the kind words that had been said about him, but he did not like to be praised. It had the curious effect of making him feel awkward. It is, of course, highly gratifying to give satisfaction, and the Lodge may always calculate upon his small services while health and strength lasted. The vacation having now arrived he trusted they might all be spared to meet again at the beginning of next term in health and prosperity. He would now say a few words about the Benevolent Fund attached to the Lodge, being one of its founders. The fund was established about 20 years ago and possesses at present a sum of £700. They therefore did not ask for subscriptions, indeed they were not wanted, but initiates, actuated, no doubt, by the dictates of their benevolent dispositions, very kindly subscribed one guinea each. It may be interesting to them to be informed that many a one who used to sit amongst them prosperous and light of heart, had found himself suddenly reduced and without means. An emergency of this kind will occur. But the timely help this fund was enabled to render had the effect, not only of immediate relief, but frequently became the starting point of renewed prosperity. It may also be mentioned as a creditable feature of the laws regulating the dispensing of its privileges that the name of the recipient never transpires, and is only known to the Committee. He would therefore propose prosperity to the Tranquillity Benevolent Fund, and may the sum be doubled and even trebled, and may no one ever have occasion to require its assistance. Bro. S. Moss P.M. endorsed the remarks of the W.M. respecting the Benevolent Fund, he being also one of the founders. They had that evening confirmed a grant of a small sum (£20), but in this case, more had not been asked or required, else a larger amount would have been cheerfully given. Responding to the toast of Treasurer, Bro. J. Constable said, the high encomiums passed upon him by the W.M. were very flattering, he trusted he might be deserving of them to some extent. His best energies would always be employed, not only in the interests of the Lodge, but for the Order at large. He thanked the brethren for the good feelings and fraternal sentiments as exemplified by the hearty manner in which his name has been received. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Officers, and congratulated the Lodge upon having such thoroughly capable men occupying important positions, upon whom depended the efficient working of the ceremonies, and the carrying out of all the various duties in a proper and satisfactory manner. Bro. D. Posener as S.W. responded, and assured the W.M. of the gratification felt by the Officers for being praised for their humble services. Their only fear being that to follow creditably the bright example of the W.M., who, to the surprise of everybody, has outdone them all in every way, would not be an easy task. It was thought that by placing him in the Master's chair great honour would be conferred upon Bro. Peartree as a slight acknowledgement of his long and faithful services. By his skill in the work and ability in the direction of the business, he really confers honour upon the Lodge in accepting the position. The brethren, however, may rest assured that the Officers will use every effort to attain proficiency in order to uphold the high degree of efficiency with which the work of the Lodge has always been conducted. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. In the course of the evening Bros. Child, Bayley, Constable and Barnett, sang some excellent songs, which were received with well deserved applause.

Union Lodge, No. 414.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 17th of April, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present: Bros. Stephen A. Pocock W.M., Edward Baker S.W., Robert Bradley P.M. acting J.W., N. T. Garry Chaplain, J. Leaver Secretary, George Bothy P.M. Treasurer, Samuel Bradley S.D., F. J. Ferguson D.C. acting J.D., F. Davis Organist, Samual Wheeler and Charles Sprent Stewards, R. C. Mount I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Yetts I.P.M., J. Morris, Weightman, Strachan; and Bros. Nash, C. Butler, A. Mitchell, D. Witherington, Moffatt, Ayres, Higgs, Hawkes, Parry, Martin, Blackwell, Albury, Withers. Visitors—Bros. G. W. Webb 494, W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary 1101, Hunt 1101, J. T. Brown P.M. 1101. Business—Minutes read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second degree, and Bros. Martin and Hawkes, having proved their efficiency, retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, Bros. Martin and Hawkes were raised. The beautiful ceremony was conducted by the W.M. in a most correct and impressive manner, he being well supported by his officers. The Lodge was closed down to the first degree. The report of the Permanent Committee upon the Jewish question and the appointment of new trustees was brought up, and produced an interesting discussion on both subjects, which resulted in an unanimous vote in favour of the memorial to Grand Lodge and the appointment of six new trustees. The W.M. announced that, this being the first time his predecessor had attended the Lodge since his very sincere illness, he had much pleasure in congratulating him on his restoration to health, in which he was certain all the members coincided, he had great pleasure in presenting him with a Past Master's Jewel in recognition of his services, and the excellent working of his year of office, he also begged to thank him in the name of the Lodge for the handsome present of a case of working tools which would be most useful in conducting the ceremonies. The I.P.M. Bro. Yetts expressed his gratitude for the present, and for the kind remarks with which it was conveyed to him, he was much pleased that the working tools were appreciated, and he hoped they would be frequently used. After receiving nominations the Lodge was closed and adjourned according to ancient form.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W. Present—Bros. Shand W.M. Belfrage S.W., T. O. Davis J.W., T. Cull Secretary, Wray S.D., Solomons J.D., Corner I.G.; also Bros. Mander (Preceptor), Docker, Farwig, Collens, W. J. Hall, T. Lloyd, E. Toms and Dairy. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The 1st and 5th sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Farwig, and the 2nd, 3rd and 4th by Bro. Mander. The Lodge was resumed to the 1st, and Bros. Hall 193 and E. Toms 185 were elected members. Bro. Belfrage S.W. was then unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes, for the able manner in which the W.M. had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

Polish National Lodge, No. 534.—This Lodge held its Installation Meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 12th instant. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed. The W.M. Bro. F. Ráth then advanced the Lodge to the second degree, and passed Bro. J. J. Rüntz. The S.W. Bro. J. H. Cumming was duly presented as the W.M. elect. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the ceremony of Installation performed by the outgoing Master in a most impressive manner. The newly-installed Master then invested the I.P.M. Bro. Rath with the collar of his office. On the return of the brethren the W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. J. F. Ebner S.W., J. Aspinall J.W., J. Boyd P.M. Treasurer, W. Paas P.M. Sec., J. Taylor S.D., Dr. A. V. Jagielski J.D., Dr.

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Corrie Jackson I.G., J. Lancaster D.C. The first duty that fell to the W.M. to perform was the presenting, in the name of the Lodge, to the I.P.M., a splendid jewel, as a token of the esteem in which Bro. Ráth was held by the brethren, and for the admirable manner he had carried out the duties of the chair. Bro. Ráth, in acknowledging the gift said,—Brethren, you have been pleased to confer on me an honour by the presentation of the P.M.'s jewel, which I receive with deep emotion. Generally, when you have been striving with all your might, and when you have given up your nights and your days, and all your thoughts to the one object which you wished to attain, you find that, at the moment when all your most ardent wishes are fulfilled and gratified, you are smitten with a feeling of surfeit and reaction. I said generally, because I mean to point out one exception at least to the general rule, and that exception is myself in the present instance. I feel that I have worked with my head, as well as with my heart, for the higher ends of our great Brotherhood, and that I am ready to work on to the end of my powers. The testimonial which you have been good enough to give me as a mark of your recognition of the few services that I might have been able to render you in my place in the chair I accept as such. It shall ever live with me, and the pleasing recollection of this evening, as also of your kind affection, shall last, like the precious metal the token is made of,—for ever. A petition was then presented on behalf of a distressed brother, and duly signed by the W.M., and the brethren of the Lodge present. We are glad to state that the Lodge of Benevolence has since granted £50 in this case. Thus the commencement of the W.M.'s year of office was marked by a pleasant act of duty. The Lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet at the Freemasons' Tavern. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M., Bro. Cumming, proposed the Loyal toasts, which were received in the usual enthusiastic manner. The gavel having been placed in the hands of the I.P.M., he said, Brethren,—It is by sanction of the W.M. that I rise to address you on the present occasion, that I may, according to ancient custom, bring a sentiment under your notice which must, by reason of its great importance, with reference to the position and the welfare of the Lodge, occupy a prominent place in our social gatherings, particularly on the evening which is devoted to so solemn a rite as that of the installation of the eminent Brother whom your flattering suffrages have elevated into the high position of the ruler of the Lodge for the ensuing twelve months. It is a well known axiom of the Constitution of this country, that "The King cannot do wrong," and, if that is true, the converse of it must equally be true, viz., that he who is placed upon the throne can do an immense deal of good. We must assume, and we gladly assume, that this rule holds equally good in the case of the individual Brother who occupies the Masonic throne of the Lodge. There is but a very little goodwill, amiability and diligence required to make things pleasant in a circle like ours, where everybody is so well disposed to meet the W.M. of the time with affection and submission, and unless we are greatly mistaken, the qualities which we have a right to look forward to in the elect of our confidence, are not missing in him whom we this evening delight to honour, thus prognosticating a pleasant and happy year of office for all of us. (Cheers). We cannot, however, disguise from ourselves the fact that the possession of such unlimited power, for good or for evil, as is constitutionally vested in the W.M. of the Lodge may make of him a being quite different from what we thought him when he was yet only an aspirant to that high office. We trust, however, that he will not be unmindful of the fact that it is a "fierce light that beats upon a throne," that his every word and deed is watched and judged by the brethren, and that he will therefore pass through that ordeal with firmness and grace. He has every advantage given him by nature; he has youth, suavity of manners, ease of address, and kindness of heart, and whilst, therefore, we are thus gladly rendering him homage, we humbly wish him success and prosperity. The W.M. suitably replied, and gave the toast of the I.P.M., Bro. Ráth, who spoke as follows: Brethren,—You have done me too much honour in dwelling upon my short activity in the Lodge, and upon what you very indulgently call my merits. We have but few opportunities given us, beyond the periodically returning meetings, to see one another, and to exchange ideas, and very few are even then the moments allotted to anything but well worn routine work. A man like myself, naturally anxious to see moral good emanating from such a huge machinery as that of our Confederation, is not slow to seize upon every opportunity, if ever so slight, to throw out such sparks as will ignite the sacred flame of humanity latent in every heart, thereby to unite the brethren more by the instantaneous contagion of the sublime thought than by the clumsy instrument of the tongue, in such sentiment as will make them feel proud to belong to us. Yes, the good that Freemasonry might do in a thousand directions, if only initiated with modest beginnings, is incalculable. Who has done more to exemplify small beginnings than the Apostles of the Faith? And why should we, who hold the world like in a net, not be following in the same direction? We must either do our allotted duty right manfully or die—die the death of decay and oblivion, and the sooner we begin to bestir ourselves the better. The W.M. next gave the health of the P.M.'s, and this the I.P.M. acknowledged in the following terms:—It was a wise man who first said, "Speech is silvern, but silence is golden." I only hope that you will believe me when I assure you that I would very gladly have availed myself of your permission to carry this wise saying into practice on the present occasion, had not the turn of fortune's wheel placed me first among the P.M.'s. A friend of mine was in the habit of saying, "Here I am, in a state of betweenity." And so am I, for I find myself placed between two chairs—the one which just gave me up as a bad job, and the other, viz., the P.M.'s, in which I do not feel quite at home. I am as yet not sufficiently a P.M. to be able to sing the praises of this most coveted resting-place of ambition. There is, however, no rest for the wicked, and so I must perforce inflict a few minutes torture on your long-suffering ears. When Sir Robert Peel made his famous speech on the Bank Charter, he began, as everybody knows, by asking a question. He said, "What is a Pound?" I am inclined to follow the same tactics, and to ask what is a P.M.? Before, however, Sir Robert Peel had finished his speech he came to a most practical conclusion, inasmuch as he founded a place of worship and pilgrimage, before which kings and peoples, the wise and the foolish, the young and the old, all equally bend their knee. If you feel inclined to doubt this, you need only pay a visit to the Old Lady in Threadneedle-street, and you will see how fervently she is worshipped. I am afraid, however, that the answer to my own question will have quite a different sound, for is not a P.M. a satellite around the sun, or a sort of moon? And is not his existence all moonshine? However, brethren, moonshine or not, we must rest and be contented in whatever position we are placed, and if we succeed in reflecting, albeit in pale and soft silence, the shining virtues of the sun in the east, our place will always be an enviable one. P.M. Szulcewski, the founder of the Lodge, also responded, in glowing terms. Bro. Saegert, P.M. Wellington Lodge 548, and Bro. Taylor, from the United States, thanked the brethren for drinking their health, as visitors. The W.M., in giving the toast of the Officers, stated how proud he was in possessing such an excellent staff, and trusted they would support him well during his year of office. The Officers severally thanked the brethren, promising to do all in their power to promote the interests of the "Polish National Lodge." After the Tyler's toast, the brethren separated.

Ranelagh Lodge, No. 884.—On Tuesday, the 10th inst., the installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Bell and Anchor Hotel, West Kensington Gardens. After the confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was taken for the admission of Sir C. W. Dilke, M.P. for Chelsea. The Lodge was then opened in the 2nd degree, and Bro. Josey passed. The W.M. immediately proceeded with the ceremony of installation. This, it is almost needless to state, was performed in that perfect manner for which Bro. Knowles is so noted, and has always marked his working during his year of office. The good judgment of the brethren in selecting such a worthy and efficient Master as Bro. Fisher was soon displayed in the admirable way in which he proceeded to invest his officers, as follows:—Bros. Baker S.W., Watson J.W., Thompson P.M. Treas., Worthington P.M. Sec., Middleton S.D., Shaw J.D., Warner I.G., Bryett D.C., Elkington S.S., Webb J.S. Sir C. W. Dilke was then initiated, and appeared greatly impressed by the eloquent manner in which the beautiful ceremony was delivered. The W.M. then, in the name of the Lodge, presented the I.P.M. with a gold Past Master's jewel of very artistic design. On the proposition of the I.P.M., the sum of ten guineas was voted to two of the Institutions. All business being ended, the Lodge adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Millis P.M.

Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday last. Among those present were the following:—Bros. P. Cooke W.M., J. G. Carter P.M., G. Howick P.M., F. H. Newens P.M., J. Kewney P.M., E. H. Boddy P.M., H. R. Jones S.W., W. A. Morgan J.W., J. Frost Secretary, W. Huntley I.G., A. N. Newens S.D., J. B. Walker J.D., J. J. Holland Wine Steward, and Bro. T. Steed Tyler. There was also the following visitors:—Bros. Dr. Hugh Mackintosh 4, G. W. Usil 1·6, E. Swanborough 1319, F. Mead 1420, and W. F. Pether 179. Bro. A. A. Denham was raised to the second degree, and Mr. Robert Walker was impressively initiated by Bro. Boddy P.M. The Lodge then proceeded to elect a W.M., Treasurer and Tyler for the ensuing year. Bro. H. R. Jones was unanimously elected W.M., and Bros. H. Wilson and S. Steed re-elected as Treasurer and Tyler respectively. Bro. P. Cooke W.M. said he should resign the chair with both regret and pleasure—regret, because he knew he had not had sufficient leisure to attend to his Masonic duties as he should have liked; and pleasure, because he knew that a very worthy successor would be found in Bro. Jones. Bro. Jones ably and feelingly replied. Upon the motion of Bro. Boddy, a jewel to the value of five guineas was unanimously accorded to Bro. Cooke, the retiring W.M. A banquet followed. "The Queen and Craft," and other Masonic toasts having been given, "The health of the Initiate" followed. Bro. R. Walker replied in a humorous speech. The Lodge was in mourning for Bro. Robert McRae, and it was decided that a letter of condolence be sent to his widow and family.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. E. Margrett W.M., A. Welch S.W., J. E. Danks S.D. acting J.W., W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, W. Ferguson acting S.D., W. W. Ridley D.C., Thomas Newman Steward, E. J. Blackwell I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Hurley and Egginton, and Bros. Pulley, Hawkes, Creed, Rose, Bailey, Hunt, Rolfe, Hilder, Howlett, Robinson, Simonds. Business—Minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Ferguson J.D. presented to the Lodge a handsome Tyler's sword, for which a vote of thanks was carried by acclamation. A letter to the I.P.M. of 414, Bro. Yetts, congratulating him on his recovery from sickness, and his reply were read. The Secretary was ordered to write to those brethren who were in arrears with their subscriptions, requiring immediate payment, after which the Lodge was closed according to ancient form.

Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159.—On the 16th inst., a meeting of this steadily progressing Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of the new and esteemed W.M., Bro. Henry J. Moxon, who was supported by the following officers:—Bros. Reeve S.W., C. Cheston J.W., Arthur Le Neve Foster S.D., Kelly J.D., Cama P.M. I.G., and Wood P.M. Sec. The Lodge having been opened according to ancient form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for the admis-

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sion of Bro. K. C. Krikorian, Dekran Lodge, 1014, Turkey, as a joining member, and it being unanimous in his favour, he was declared elected. Bro. Krikorian was then raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and Bro. E. C. Cheston passed to that of a Fellow Craft, the W.M. rendering the ceremony in a perfect and impressive manner. The Lodge having been resumed to the first degree, the W.M. congratulated the brethren on the success of the last meeting, and alluded to the efficient manner in which the installation ceremony was worked by Bro. Wood P.M., dwelling at some length upon his energy and ability. The W.M. then briefly referred to his forthcoming Stewardship, as representing the Lodge at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, expressing his satisfaction with the support already given, and his anticipations with regard to further additions to his list. Hearty good wishes having been tendered by the visitors, and the business of the evening completed, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—This Lodge held its meeting at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 13th inst. Present—Bros. Hewlett W.M., Crouch S.W., Lane J.W., Kent S.D., Townsend J.D., Simpson I.G., Bolton, Pearcy and A. W. Fenner. Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of last meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was excellently rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Fenner acting as candidate. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture were worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hewlett, of Lodge 141, was unanimously elected an honorary member. Bro. Hewlett being requested to take the Preceptorship of the Lodge, declined doing so, but kindly agreed to become acting Preceptor until another brother was permanently elected to the office. Bro. Crouch was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. This being the first time of the W.M. occupying the chair of K.S., a vote of thanks was awarded him for the able manner he had fulfilled the duties of the same. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Friday, the 13th of April, at the Castle Tavern, Holloway, N. Present—Bros. Sparrow W.M., Chant S.W., Agar J.W., Dickinson Sec., Eldridge Treas., Yeomans S.D., Rowe J.D., Humphries I.G.; also Bros. Mash, Coughtrey, Wright, Shackle, Hunter, Powell, Passingham, T. Call Preceptor, and other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Powell being the candidate. The 1st and 4th sections were worked by the brethren, the 2nd by Bro. Dickinson, the 3rd by Bro. Shackle, and the 5th by Bro. Chant, Bro. Call putting the questions. The Lodge was closed down, and Bro. Chant elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Sparrow for so ably presiding as W.M. for the first time in the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

Wanderer's Lodge, No. 1604.—This flourishing Lodge, exclusively established for the purpose of diffusing Masonic knowledge amongst the military brethren stationed in London, met to celebrate their first anniversary on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at Freemason's Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. S. H. Meredith P.M. (in the absence of the W.M., who is stationed in Cork) opened the Lodge punctually at three o'clock, and in a very perfect and impressive manner raised three brethren, passed two, and initiated five candidates into the Order. Bro. Quartermaster Sergeant W. J. Parish was then presented to the Lodge. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and he was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Meredith, who rendered the ceremony. He was ably assisted by Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., who acted as D.C. On the admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to antient custom, and he appointed and invested his officers:—Batt. Serg. Maj. A. Brookson R.A. S.W., Cr. Serg. F. J. Wray Cold. Gds. J.W., T. H. Meredith I.P.M. and Treasurer, Rev. R. C. Halpin M.A. Chaplain, Qr.-Mr. Serg. R. J. Scott R.E. Sec., Geo. Boulton S.D., Cr. Serg. C. Fuller Cold. Gds. J.D., Serg. Maj. T. Ross Scots Gds. I.G., Serg. Maj. W. Gordon Scots Gds. D. of C., Corp. Maj. R. Hornblower 2nd Life Gds. A.D. of C., Qr.Mr. Serg. T. White A.S. Corps Steward, Reg. Drill Serg. W. J. Hancock Gren. Gds. Steward, Bomb. J. Lockland R.A. Tyler. Bros. W. H. Bird, Schoolmaster, R. T. Kenny Cold. Gds. and Serg. Maj. B. Barton A. H. Corps, were appointed members of the Reference Committee. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a very *recherche* banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Dawkins. The room presented an elegant appearance. The uniforms of the brethren were adorned with well-earned medals and orders, while several wore Provincial Grand clothing. The W.M., who ably presided, proposed the usual Loyal toasts, which were duly responded to. The health of the W.M. was proposed in a very excellent speech. Bro. Parish thanked the brethren for their kind expressions, and the hearty response given to the toast. He was fully sensible of the honour conferred on him in placing him in the chair, and he was deeply impressed with the responsibilities attached to the office. He would always have the interest of the Lodge at heart, and hoped, during his period of office, to give the members satisfaction. He was proud of the prosperous condition of the Lodge, which now numbered one hundred members, representing nearly every corps in H.M. service. He referred to the balance-sheet, which showed a balance of £36, after repaying a loan of £75, purchasing £52 worth of furniture, giving £11 to the Masonic charities, and paying Grand Lodge dues, &c., to the amount of £124. He hoped he might show as good a balance at the expiration of his year of office. This he would endeavour to do by strict economy. In conclusion, he hoped that peace and harmony would reign supreme among them. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiates. Twelve brethren had been received amongst them since the 6th of July last, and he made some very excellent remarks on the duties incumbent on them as Masons. The toast of the Visitors followed, and these brethren, in returning thanks for the toast, paid great compliments to the admirable manner in which Bro. Meredith rendered the ceremony, which included that of the installation. The toast of the Installing Master was given and responded to. Bro. Brookson, in a very humourous and talented manner, responded to the toast of the Officers. After the toast of the Ladies had been given, that of the Tyler brought a very agreeable and harmonious evening to a close. Lieut. General Brownrigg C.B., Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, expressed his pleasure and satisfaction of the working of the Lodge, and honoured the brethren by accepting an honorary membership. The Visitors were Bro. John Hervey G.S., Lieut. Gen. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.M. for Surrey, Capt. Cole P.M., C. J. F. Burmeister P.M. Salisbury Lodge, Sergeant Major Cotterell, and several Provincial Grand Officers and Past Masters.

Visitations of Provincial Grand Chapter of Lanarkshire.—On Thursday, 12th April, Comp. F. A. Barrow, P.G. Superintendent of Lanarkshire, accompanied by Comps. J. Mitchell P.G.J., Jas. Balfour P.G. Scribe E., G. W. Wheeler P.G. Scribe N., T. Halket P.G.T., G. MacDonald P.G. 3rd S., and J. M. Oliver P.G.S.B., paid a visit to Chapter 50. The Chapter was opened by the M.E Z., Comp. Wm. Bell, who was ably assisted by Comps. J. Lonttit H., Colin McKenzie J., F. Morrison S.E., P. Agnew T., J. Leeds, R. Trainer and J. Wright Sojourners. The P.G.S.E. reported that they had found all the books admirably kept, and the Chapter in good working order. The P.G. Superintendent said that, not only in his official capacity, but also as an old P.Z. of 50, he was glad to find that his Mother Chapter was continuing to work so satisfactorily. Like many other bodies, it had had its vicissitudes, but it had surmounted them, and if, during the past year, they had had but few exaltations, if the quality of their candidates was considered, he thought they should not repine; still, he was glad to find that, under Comp. Bell, this year would show a large increase in membership, and he trusted, indeed, in the quality of the material, for that, after all, was the test of true prosperity. Comp. Bell thanked the P.G.S., and the deputation for their visit, as well as for the kind words spoken; they were the more valuable coming from the source they did, for they all knew there was not a better working Mason, either in the Craft or Arch, than Comp. Barrow. He was glad to see him at the head of the Red, and if hard work in the Province was deserving of recognition, he should also be at the head of the Blue—a position he yet hoped to see him occupy. Comp. Barrow said he was quite satisfied with the honours he had obtained, and had resigned his office of D.P.G.M. of the Province that he might devote more of his time to the Arch and the other high degrees of Masonry. Comp. J. M. Oliver, the only member of the deputation not already an honorary member of 50, was then affiliated, and the deputation withdrew. A Mark Lodge was thereafter opened, and C. MacKenzie J. conferred that degree on Bro. J. Higgins, M.M. of Lodge 73. On Friday, the 13th, Comp. Barrow, with his officers, visited the Commercial Chapter No. 79. In the absence of Comp. D. Lamb 1st Principal, the Chapter was opened by his Deputy, Comp. J. Munro, Comps. J. Duthie P.Z. of 69 as H., A. Brodie J., J. M. Oliver Scribe E., R. Reid T., with C. Mackenzie, R. Trainer, and Capt. Duncan as Sojourners. The P.G.S.E. reported the state of the books as being faultless. Comp. Barrow congratulated the Comps. on getting this clear bill of health, but it was what he expected from what he knew of Comp. Oliver as an office-bearer in P.G.C.; and although he was sorry for the absence of the 1st Principal, still while he had so good a Deputy as Comp. Munro, whose work in the Commercial Lodge was well known, the Chapter would not suffer much. They had only latterly been re-constituted, and he believed that Comp. Munro had done much, not only to get the Chapter re-opened, but also to secure its prosperity when open. Comp. Munro thanked the P.G. Superintendent for his kind remarks; it was true he had taken some interest in the Chapter, but if they had known beforehand how little assistance they should get from the old members, they might have hesitated; but, thanks to the deputation, and especially Comps. Duthie and Wheeler, they had never wanted assistance when there was work to be done, and he thought they now stood in a very proud position. He thanked the P.G.S. and his officers for their visit, and their kind expressions towards himself and the Chapter. After the deputation retired, Comp. Duthie opened a Mark Lodge, and conferred that degree in his usual able style. On Tuesday, the Superintendent and his officers visited the St. Andrew Chapter, No. 69, and highly eulogised the working of Comp. T. M. Campbell and his officers. The Chapter had been in a low state, but since Comp. Campbell had again assumed the 1st Principal's chair, their success had been very marked, proving that good work will surely raise the Order and secure members. On Wednesday, the Shamrock and Thistle, No. 87, was visited, and Comp. George Muir its Z. was complimented on the progress the Chapter had made. There had been 19 exaltations last year, and the present one promises to be equally successful. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. Patrick Chapter, 113, was visited on Wednesday, the 5th, and the deputation was received by Comp. J. Halket Z. The examination of the books was satisfactory, but the attendance of the members was but small. This is the more to be regretted, as Comp. Halket, P.G. Treas., its Z., is one of the best working Arch Masons in the Province.

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THE MASONIC CEREMONIAL AT STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

THE Masonic ceremony at Stratford-on-Avon on Monday, was worthy of the occasion and the Craft. Lord Leigh is justly popular in the Province he has ruled for so many years with such ability. Moreover, he is Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Warwickshire. There was therefore, a two-fold propriety in his presiding at so interesting a ceremonial. All the arrangements were carried out most efficiently, and we must congratulate our brethren of Warwickshire on the success of the day's proceedings. As previously announced, the brethren met in considerable force at the Corn Exchange at the hour of 1 p.m., the officers of Shakespeare Lodge, No. 284, Warwick, very appropriately presiding. The Masonic contingent having arrived from Birmingham, the Lodge was opened by Bro. S. E. Smith in the usual manner, shortly after which the Mayor was received and presented the mallet. Provincial Grand Lodge was then admitted with the usual formalities. When the roll had been called, a collection in aid of the Building Fund of the Memorial Buildings was made, and a considerable sum was realised. Provincial Grand Lodge then adjourned, and the procession was formed. A posse of police led the way, followed by two Tylers with drawn swords. Then followed the 1st Administrative Battalion of the Warwickshire Rifle Volunteers, preceded by their band, and then the invited guests not members of the Fraternity, marching two and two. Brethren unattached to any of the provincial Lodges followed next in order, and then the several Lodges of Warwickshire in numerical order, commencing with the junior Lodge. Next to these was the Provincial Tyler, and then, between two Stewards, four Masters of Lodges bearing corn, wine, oil, and salt, followed by the members of Provincial Grand Lodge in their order of precedence, but *juniores priores*, Lord Leigh as P.G.M., preceded by the P.G. Sword-bearer, between two Stewards, and supported by the P.G.S.D. and a P.G. Tyler, closing the procession. On arriving at the site, which is on the margin of the Avon, and close to the church where Shakespeare lies, the brethren divided left and right for the purpose of enabling Lord Leigh to advance to the north-east corner, where lay the foundation-stone. Here his Lordship and the Provincial Grand Officers and officiating brethren, having taken up their several stations, the Mayor of Stratford, in the name of the Shakespeare Memorial Association, addressed to him a few hearty words of welcome. The Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. J. M. Beaumont having invoked the Divine blessing, then addressed the meeting, playfully suggesting, in the course of his remarks, that Shakespeare must have been himself a Freemason. All Freemasons keep their secrets, and Shakespeare nowhere mentions Freemasonry in his works. The usual preliminary forms having been observed, Lord Leigh addressed the assemblage according to ancient custom, and then called upon the several officiating brethren to fulfil their duties. These were faithfully discharged accordingly, and then the Dep. Prov. G. Master having presented the mallet, his Lordship completed the ceremony, and the corner stone of the new building was laid. Lord Leigh then added a few words as to the circumstances which had led him to undertake this duty. He referred to previous celebrations in connection with the illustrious poet and dramatist whom they were that day assembled to honour, explained the nature of the buildings about to be erected, and the financial condition of the association, and in calling on Bro. Creswick to deliver an address, mentioned incidentally that the mallet with which he had laid the stone was made of a piece of oak cut from a beam in Shakespeare's own house, and had been most kindly presented by the trustees of the house; he considered it would be a most interesting relic to be preserved for generations to come in the Museum of the Shakespeare Theatre.

Bro. Creswick, on rising, was received with great cordiality. In the course of his address, he expressed his belief that Masons could not have been engaged in a more profitable work than in laying the first stone of this truly Masonic temple, in which, when ready for its legitimate uses, order and harmony would prevail, instruction, alternating with amusement and labour, being cheered and lightened by the prospect of refreshment, all tending to that refinement, moral elevation, and high intellectual culture, which it is the aim and desire of Freemasonry to promote. He considered the work commenced that day was in every way worthy of the place and him in whose honour it was intended. He further expressed his belief that, as a memorial theatre implies a school of dramatic art, the stigma under which England rests at the present moment of having no dramatic schools, will be swept away, and the new theatre will thus form the incentive and nucleus of such schools, the influence of which will be beneficially felt through all time. Bro. Creswick having concluded his address amid the heartiest applause, the National Anthem (Masonic version) was sung, and the procession having been re-formed, returned to the Corn Exchange, where Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in the usual manner. A collation followed, at which the Mayor presided, and was supported by Lord and Lady Leigh, the Earl of Yarmouth, Sir J. E. Eardley Wilmot, Mr. Creswick, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Martin, and other gentlemen and ladies.

The following is a copy of the inscription on the stone:—

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ANTIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF WARWICKSHIRE.

At a SPECIAL MEETING of the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE held at the CORN EXCHANGE, STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, on MONDAY, the 23rd April 1877, in the 41st year of the Reign of Her Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria,

THIS, THE NORTH EAST CORNER STONE
OF
THE SHAKESPEARE MEMORIAL BUILDING,
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON,
WAS LAID
In solemn form and according to Antient Usage, by the
Right Honourable William Henry Lord Leigh,
Lord Lieutenant,
and
Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire,
assisted by
The Worshipful Brother Colonel Macbean, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire.
The Worshipful Brother John Vaughan, Esq., Pro Senior Grand Warden.
The Worshipful Brother Edmund Worrall, Pro Junior Grand Warden.
The Worshipful Brother the Rev. F. M. Beaumont. } P. Grand
The Worshipful Brother the Rev. T. N. Rigby. } Chaplains.
The Worshipful Brother J. T. Collins, P. G. Treasurer.
The Worshipful Brother George Beach, Provincial Grand Secretary.
And in the presence of a numerous body of P. Grand Officers, Past P. Grand Officers, and Brethren of the Province of Warwickshire, and the Worshipful the Mayor, J. J. Nason, Esq., and the Corporation of Stratford-upon-Avon, and Charles E. Flower, Esq., Chairman, and the Governors of the Shakespeare Memorial Association.

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LODGE ORION IN THE WEST, No. 415.

A REFERENCE to Grand Lodge Calendar will show that the oldest Lodge in the District of Bombay is Lodge Orion in the West, No. 415, which received its Warrant of Constitution in the year 1833. The *Standard* (Bombay) for last month contains the first part of an elaborate history of this Masonic body, many of the particulars being of so interesting a character that we have thought it worth while to reproduce, in outline, some of the incidents in its career, as well as some peculiarities in its earlier constitution.

We have said this Lodge figures in our G.L. Calendar as having been constituted in the year 1833, but we must go back another decade of years in order to obtain a complete summary of its history. On the 8th April 1823, then, an application, dated Poona, 29th March 1823, was presented to Bro. Captain Peile, Provincial Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Coromandel, for a warrant of Constitution for Lodge Orion in the West, No. 415, in the registry of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the said Coast, to be held in the regiment of Bombay Artillery. This application was signed by Lieut. Col. F. H. Pierce, Royal Arch Companion; Captain F. F. Schuyler, Royal Arch Companion; Lieut. G. R. Lyons, Royal Arch Companion; Captain W. G. White, 4th degree; Major R. Macintosh, 4th degree; and Captain J. Lawrie, 2nd degree. The presentation was made to Captain Peile, at a meeting of Lodge Perfect Unanimity, No. 1, on Coast Coromandel, now No. 150 on Grand Lodge Roll, and then, as now, held at Madras, he being at the time W.M. of the Lodge. As the Provincial Grand Master was present, the application was at once handed to him and favourably discussed. It was only signed by six brethren, and was returned, therefore, for an additional signature, and also for a recommendation by the Masters of three regular Lodges. In due time a recommendation was obtained from Lodge St. John, No. 13, Secunderabad, and transmitted to the Provincial Grand Lodge, together with a letter from the Commandant of the Bombay Artillery conveying his approbation for a Lodge to be held in the regiment. Two further signatures were appended to the petition, namely, those of Lieut. J. C. Peyton, and Surgeon F. C. Trash, both of No. 361, E.C. (now extinct). There is evidence that Lodge Perfect Unanimity backed up the application, but the name of the third recommending Lodge is not given. On the 14th August 1823, the Prov. Grand Secretary intimated to the petitioning brethren that "a warrant of constitution had that day been despatched, for the assembling, holding, and opening a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the Bombay Regiment of Artillery, under the style and title of 'Orion in the West,' No. 15, in the register of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Coast of Coromandel." The Warrant was signed by the Acting Provincial G.M., Bro. George Lys, the officers named thereon being Bros. Robert Macintosh W.M., Lyons S.W., White J.W. Accompanying the Warrant, were the Bye-laws, duly confirmed by the Provincial Grand Master, together with a copy of the Bye-laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the Act of Union between the two Grand Lodges of England. The Lodge met on 15th November 1823, in the mess-room of the second troop of the Bombay Horse Artillery, at Poona, "for the purpose of installing the Warrant of the Lodge as 'Orion in the West,' No. 15, in the registry," &c., &c. There was present on this occasion Bros. Major R. Macintosh, Commanding Horse Artillery, St. John's, No. 13 E.C., Lieut.-Colonel Fortunatus H. Pierce, R.A., No. 361 E.C., Surgeon F. C. Trash, R.A., No. 361 E.C., and Visitors—Bros. T. Tiernan, T. Cain, J. Hughston, R. E. Willock, J. Clifford, No. 361 E.C., and T. Torr, No. 94 I.C., held at Kaira in H.M.'s 17th Dragoons.

The Bye-laws contain some noteworthy points. The meetings are to be held on the first and third Monday in each month, but only one of them is to be devoted to initiating, passing or raising. Those who are absent without explanation are to be admonished from the chair for the first offence, to have their non-attendance noted on the proceedings for the second offence, punished at the discretion of the Lodge for the third offence, while for the fourth successive absence, the name is to be struck off the roll of members. Article 4 lays down "that, at the first sound of the Worshipful Master's *Hiram*, always to be repeated by his Wardens, there shall be a general silence," the penalty for non-compliance being a public reprimand. Under Article 6, no member under the degree of M.M. was allowed to vote except for a new Master, new Treasurer, a candidate, the expulsion of a member, or on points connected with the rules and regulations of the Lodge. By Article 8, the election of W.M. and Treasurer is fixed to take place half yearly, at the Lodges preceding the Festivals of the Saints John respectively, and the installation at the festival next evening after the election. By Article 9, a P.M. who has served the regular period is not required to take the chair, or hold any office, unless there be not a sufficient number of M.M.'s to hold the Lodge, but no M.M. may refuse except for reasons that may be deemed satisfactory. In the absence of the W.M. and P.M., the S.W. to take the chair, the J.W. to act as S.W., and the S.W. to appoint a brother to act as J.W. By Article 15, those only who are initiated in the Lodge, or belong to the regiment, to be admitted members, all others to be honorary members. By Article 17, "every Mason desirous of becoming a member or honorary member," to produce a certificate from his former Lodge or, be "well recommended by a *member* being a Master Mason." Having undergone a strict examination, "he shall then be balloted for, and if admitted, he shall pay the sum of two gold mohurs," about £2 17s, "to the Lodge fund. Article 18 provides that for a "Certificate of a member's rank in Masonry there shall be paid two gold mohurs to the Lodge Fund, and one rupee to the Tyler. Article 19, regulates the admission of candidates who must be proposed by members who are M.M.'s, producing the applications, and declarations of the candidates "agreeable to form (*vide* Preston)." "If, after due inquiry into his moral character and circumstances," he is admitted at the next regular meeting, the candidate to pay three gold mohurs (about £4 5s 6d) to the Lodge fund and one rupee to the Tyler. By Article 20, an E.A. to attend "*two* regular meetings," before he can be passed to the second degree, and a F.C. "*for the like period*, before he can be raised to the sublime degree." The fee for *passing* is two, and for raising three, gold mohurs. No brother to be promoted till, after due examination, he has been found qualified. Article 21, provides as penalty for non-attendance, after summons and non-payment of Lodge dues, erasure from the Lodge list. By Article 23, a Mason residing in the vicinity of the Lodge, is not to visit the Lodge twice, "without becoming a member or honorary member," except for reasons approved on ballot. "No visitor, however skilled in Masonry, shall be admitted into the Lodge, unless he is personally known to, or well vouched and recommended by one of the members of the Lodge then present, and with the consent of all the brethren then present." By Article 25 a monthly sum of five rupees (10s) was fixed to be paid by every brother of the Lodge present to defray the current expenses.

We omit, for the present, all comments on the foregoing Laws, and pass to the historical details. A just tribute of praise is awarded to Bro. Macintosh, the first W.M., for his zeal in the cause of Masonry, and also to the brethren of the 17th Dragoons for attending from their quarters at Kaira at the consecration of the Lodge. The first Initiate was William Fleetwood, Captain in the Artillery, who received the degree the evening the Lodge was opened, Bros. Trash and Cain officiating as S.W. and J.W. respectively in the absence of the brethren named in the Warrant. On the same occasion, Captain Thomas Jane (?) Groundwater, Lieut. John Sackville Leeson, of the Artillery, and Captain W. Donald Robertson, 4th Reg. N.I., were proposed as candidates. These, with Lieut.-Col. W. Gilbert, Native Infantry, were balloted for at the meeting on the 1st December, a ballot being also taken for Bros. Turnan, Cain, and Willock, "as respectable Masons, for admission as brethren visitors until further resolutions." On the next day, the four candidates, named above, were initiated, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Gilbert leaving for England the same evening. It was voted at this Lodge that "all resolutions of the Lodge involving pecuniary expense to the brethren beyond the customary entertainments on the Festivals of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist be defrayed by those composing the majority who vote for such." On the 24th of the same month, Bro. Macintosh was re-elected W.M. Bro. Captain Groundwater, Initiate, was chosen by a majority the first Treasurer and Secretary of the Lodge. On the 27th Bro. Macintosh was installed, and Bros. Trash and White appointed S.W. and J.W. respectively. On the 24th Jan. 1824, Serjeant Wm. Clinch and Bombardier George Cormack were admitted into the Lodge as serving brethren. On this occasion

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it was resolved that one-third of all fees should be devoted to such charity as might afterwards be determined, and that a Charitable Fund be organised and kept by the Treasurer. It was further determined that 50 rupees annually be sent, on St. John the Evangelist's Day, to the "Bombay Education Society," to continue during the period the Lodge may work.

In the description of the brethren who signed the application for the warrant, our readers must have noticed that two were stated to have been of the "4th degree." The writer in the *Standard* presumes this to have been the same as the present Installed Master's Degree. At all events, it was regularly worked in a similar way to the other degrees, for it is found that Bro. Groundwater, the second Initiate in the Lodge, together with Bro. Iredell, of the 8th N.I., a member of Lodge "Esperanza," Cape of Good Hope, who had subsequently joined it, were examined in the Third Degree, and passed into the chair of the Fourth Degree, on the 24th April 1824. It is also noticed that the Lodge Warrant was deemed sufficient for working the Royal Arch in accordance with the practice in the Lodge attached to the 17th Dragoons, and also in Lodge No. 88, I.C., then working in Poona. In this opinion they were further confirmed by the Constitutions of Freemasonry—*Ahiman-Rezon*—published by Bro. Harper, with the authority of the Duke of Atholl, the "Laed Laws and Regulations for the Government of Royal Arch Chapters," and also by Art. XI. of the Act of Union, which states that "pure Freemasonry 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*." It is also mentioned that no brother was advanced to a higher degree until he had been regularly proposed, seconded, and balloted for. On the 24th June of the same year, Bro. Captain Robert Mansfield, Madras Cavalry, of Lodge No. 456 E.C., was admitted a member of the Lodge. On the 24th of the month, Bro. Macintosh was re-elected W.M., and appointed Bro. White as S.W., and Bro. Groundwater as J.W. The first Deacons were also appointed at this meeting, namely, Bro. Peyton S.D. and Bro. Iredell J.D.

(To be continued.)

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE Annual Installation Meeting of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday last at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and was very numerously attended by London and Provincial brethren. Grand Lodge was opened by the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, who was supported by the Deputy Grand Master and the other Grand Officers, there being likewise a strong muster of Past Grand Officers on the dais. After the usual formal business, the Pro Grand Master, in the absence of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, announced that he had been re-appointed Pro Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale Deputy Grand Master, and that the other Grand Officers for the ensuing year were as follows:—

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught ...	Senior Grand Warden.
H.R.H. Prince Leopold	Junior Grand Warden.
The Rev. Charles W. Arnold	Grand Chaplains.
The Rev. W. Onslow.....	
Samuel Tomkins	Grand Treasurer.
Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C.	Grand Registrar.
John Hervey	Grand Secretary.
H. G. Buss	Assistant Grand Secretary.
Ernst Emil Wendt.....	Grand Secretary for German Correspondence.
Capt. N. G. Philips	Senior Grand Deacons.
Peter de Lande Long	
H. C. Tombs	Junior Grand Deacons.
E. J. Morris (Swansea).....	
Frederick Pepys Cockerell	Grand Superintendent of Works.
Sir A. W. Woods, Garter, P.G.W....	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
F. Robinson P.G.S.	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
G. Toller, jun. (Leicester)	Grand Sword Bearer.
C. E. Willing 30°	Grand Organist.
S. G. Foxall	Grand Pursuivant.
W. T. Howe	Assistant Grand Pursuivant.
C. B Payne	Grand Tyler.

and the following as Grand Stewards:—C. E. Smith 58, A. J. Bristow 14, Charles O. Barker 29, Ralph Gooding 1, Edward Parker Deacon 2, Henry Anthony Bennett 4, Major Horace Scriven 5, Christopher Jas. F. Fawcett 6, John Phillip Probert 8, Thomas Adair Masey 21, Charles Martin 23, Arthur Horsenden Henry 26, George Henry Savage 46, Capt. John Wordsworth 60, Watson Surr 91, Alexander Bell 99, Thos. Donnithorne 197, Fred. Hastings Goldney 259.

In the absence of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and H.R.H. Prince Leopold, the Earl of Donoughmore was invested with the collar and badge of the office of S.G.W. and the Hon. William Warren Vernon with those of J.G.W. The Pro Grand Master announced that Bro. E. P. Albert had been appointed by His Royal Highness to the rank of Past G. Pars. and that he would be entitled to wear the clothing of that rank. At the moment of closing Grand Lodge, the Earl of Carnarvon regretted his official duties would prevent his staying with the brethren to the Festival. After the banquet which followed, the Deputy Grand Master, who occupied the chair, proposed the toast of the Queen. Little commendation was required from him in introducing it; Her Majesty is our Patroness, and always acts up to our watchword, Charity. Witness the late accident in South Wales, when she displayed the greatest anxiety for the sufferers. The next toast was that of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family. With this the noble Chairman coupled that of H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master. He took this liberty, not because he wished to shorten the time occupied in giving the toasts, but because the present was the first occasion they were enabled to mention members of the Royal Family other than the Prince of Wales as officers of Grand Lodge. H.R.H. very much regretted that he was not with them that evening, but as his journey abroad is for the benefit of his health, he hoped the brethren would not regret his absence. The Princess is also abroad, and he hoped her journey would be for her good also. He considered it a great day for Freemasonry when they had members of the Royal Family occupying the three chairs in Grand Lodge. Their being absent was not their fault. The Duke of Connaught was in Ireland, and the ill-health of Prince Leopold kept him away, but both had Freemasonry at heart. The Pro. Grand Master was next given. All must regret his absence from the Festival, no better Mason is to be found in England. He has Freemasonry thoroughly at heart, and ever wishes it success. He (Lord Skelmersdale) would not dilate on his virtues, as they were sufficiently well known to all present. Lord De Tabley proposed the health of the Chairman. He felt it presumption on his part to refer to the D.G.M., but was sure the honour of the toast would justify it. Lord Skelmersdale thanked the brethren most heartily for the compliment. He felt great pleasure and also pain in presiding; he had made up his mind for once to have nothing to say, he hoped the brethren would forgive any faults, as his sudden call to the chair had found him quite unprepared. He congratulated the Craft on their prosperity, it is flourishing and increasing throughout the country. In his own Province he was glad to say it was becoming almost unwieldly. Their grand gift to the Lifeboat Institution would be an everlasting record of the gratitude of Freemasons. He was happy to be able to inform them that the committee would soon report as to the places selected for the boats. He hoped their Charity would increase in like proportion to their numbers, for without Charity Masonry was worth nothing. With the next toast, that of the Sister Grand Lodges, he coupled the name of Bro. Colonel Laurie, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, who he was pleased to see present. Bro. Laurie, who said he was an old English Mason, and had gone abroad in course of business, at the request of a large number of friends, had accepted the position of G.M. Their chairman had spoken of the increase of Freemasonry at home; he could say the same with respect to the colonies. He had seen in one State of America as many as 25,000 Masons assemble to dedicate a Masonic Temple. He could assure the brethren that in America the Lodges which were warranted from England ever clung to the old country. They preferred the old English number in place of the one they occupied on the roll of their respective Grand Lodges. Bro. W. W. B. Beach M.P., Prov. G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, proposed the Grand Wardens and other Grand Officers past and present. Two Royal Princes, he said, have been appointed to the position of Grand Wardens, he hoped the high office to which they have been appointed would be an incentive to them to work harder in Masonry; he hoped the outer world, especially those who were continually attacking us, would be convinced, by the connection we now have with the Royal Family, that there is nothing mischievous in the Society. In the unfortunate absence of the two Princes, he would couple the toast with the name of the Earl of Donoughmore Past G.W. Such is his enthusiasm for Masonry, that in addition to his connection with the Sister Isle, he presides with marked ability over a Lodge in the metropolis. The Earl of Donoughmore in replying said, he found it rather difficult to say anything now, he felt very much like the old year, but was proud of being able to resign his office in favour of such brethren as those now appointed. He was a very young Past Grand Officer, and doubted whether the number of brethren who were present, bearing that rank would care about leaving their ideas in his hands, but on behalf of them all, he would thank the brethren. The toast of the Prov. Grand Masters was next given from the chair. The Pro G.M. looked upon them as the generals of the Order, without them the Grand Master would be powerless, they bring the whole system of Freemasonry together. He had intended to have coupled the name of the Senior Prov. G.M. with the toast, but found he was not among them, he would therefore call upon the Junior one (Bro. Montague Guest), who had only been appointed to the Mastership of Dorsetshire during the past few days. Brother Guest was sure several Prov. G.M.'s present were better able than he to respond to the toast. So far as he could see, the duties of the office were to promote peace and harmony, and this would ever be his desire. If all the work was as pleasant as that in which he was then engaged, he felt sure that he should find the position of Provincial Grand Master an extremely pleasant one. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., Deputy Prov. G.M. of Suffolk, proposed the Masonic Charities. He hoped the coming Festivals of the Schools would be as successful as that of the Benevolent Institution, where the splendid amount of £12,000 was realised. Bro. Binckes (R.M.I.B.) replied. He considered the brethren were justified in pressing the claims of the Charities on every occasion, notwithstanding the remarks of some who considered they were mentioned too often. The Grand Stewards of the year was next given, and was responded to by Bro. Felix Sumner Knyvett, the President, after which the brethren dispersed, many of them joining the ladies in the Temple, where a concert was performed under the conductorship of Bros. W. Kuhe and W. Ganz P.G. Organists.

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THE SECTARIAN QUESTION IN PRUSSIA.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In 1845, during a visit to England by the Crown Prince of Prussia, Protector of Freemasonry in Prussia, a motion was brought forward in the G.L. of England to vote an address to the said exalted personage. My esteemed friend, the late Bro. Henry Faudel, opposed the motion, on the ground of the refusal of admission by Prussian Lodges to Masons of the Hebrew faith. Bro. Faudel was, however, prevailed upon to suffer the motion to pass unanimously: but the Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, assured the G.L. that he would endeavour to induce the Grand Lodges in Prussia to bring Prussian Freemasonry into harmony with the principle of universality. When the Earl of Zetland found that his efforts were fruitless, he caused, in 1846, the withdrawal of the English representative in Prussia, and the Prussian representative from Grand Lodge, England.

While these efforts were being made by the G.M. of England, and, I may add, by the Grand Orient of France and other Grand Lodges in Europe and America, a letter, signed *Sit Lux* appeared in the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*. The writer began by stating that the subject he was about to discuss would require a series of papers; and, at the conclusion, he promised to continue the series. The *subject* implied danger to the Craft, because the Catholic and Protestant clergy were opposed to Freemasonry. The writer referred to an article by Bro. Oliver about a crusade against Masonry by the Anglo-Indian clergy. The Bishop of Exeter, and Mr. Blunt in England, were also hostile to the brotherhood, all which threatening trouble *Sit Lux* attributed to the heresy of the Duke of Sussex and other Grand Officers, who sanctioned alterations in the Masonic ritual in 1815 or thereabouts, when the St. Johns were removed from the Lodge work, &c. The writer quoted a long paragraph from a speech made "by our distinguished Bro. Dr. Oliver," showing that Masonry was full of Christian types, &c., &c. *Sit Lux* then went on after the following strain:—

"If the original plan of Freemasonry is a Christian institution, as it undoubtedly is, it is no wonder that the Jews, when they acquire influence in any Lodge, should become dissenters from the original plan, and use that influence to endeavour to withdraw from the lectures every reference to Christianity. But it is an abused attempt. Can any man possessing common sense suppose that, if every reference to the sublime plan of human redemption were to be withdrawn from our "pure and unsullied system," it would be any longer called a system of light. Impossible! It would then become a system of the purest darkness—of that darkness which once covered all the nations of earth; but, in a greater degree of grossness than the once favoured people of God, which was only dispelled by the rising of the Sun of Righteousness. No wonder that the Grand Lodge of Prussia—if they are aware of the innovations above alluded to—should feel jealous about admitting among them those who have been exerting themselves to introduce such innovations. The Jews should remember that it is not many years since they were first admitted into our Order in England, but were looked upon as aliens and outcasts, both in civil and religious society. If, then, we admit them to an equality with ourselves, it is very ungracious on their part to aim at ascendency. However, they are not so much to blame as the Grand Master and his Officers, who preside over the Order, who are morally responsible to the fraternity for preservation of the ancient landmarks which are committed to their care, and whether they have taken an active or passive part in the innovations which have been introduced during the late Grand Mastership of thirty years, their responsibility is the same."

The Masonic system advocated by *Sit Lux* is in full blast in American Lodges. Jews are initiated here under the solemn assurance by the W.M. "on the word and honour of a gentleman and Mason" that there is nothing in the institution to interfere with any one's religion or political opinions, and that men of all religions enjoy the same privileges, etc., but it is all a *sham*; no Israelite can take the office of W.M. without having to use phrases which go against his grain. Our Masons are in harmony with the teachings of the old saintly bigots, viz., "It is a virtue to be and deceive when the good of the church can be promoted thereby." At first our Masonic luminaries defended their inconsistency under the plea of *ancient landmarks*, which amounts to this, "if our ancient brethren were unjust, and resorted to lying in behalf of the church, we must therefore continue to lie and be unjust." But since the "ancient landmark," superstition has been exploded, they answer with an indignant air, "Do you expect that we are going to eliminate all allusions to the truth of Christianity from our Lodge work." Now, let me distinctly state, that I regard the American Masonic practice as more offensive and blameworthy than that of the Prussians; the misconduct of the latter is open and above board, but that of the former is simply Jesuitical. And now I will go back to *Sit Lux*.

In 1845 the late C. W. Moore G.S. of Massachusetts, called my attention to that very *Sit Lux* letter, but he could not inform me the real name of its author. Recently I had occasion to borrow several volumes of the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review* from the Masonic Library, at the Temple, when I came across the very same *Sit Lux* letter, and after a careful perusal of it, notwithstanding the writer refers to "our distinguished brother, Dr. Oliver," I came to the conclusion that Dr. Oliver himself was the author of the *Sit Lux* letter.

One of the replies to *Sit Lux* in the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review* in 1846, was by the Rev. Bro. Slade D.D. Bro. Slade was a genuine-hearted Freemason, and his defence of unsectarian Freemasonry will be as welcome and seasonable now as it was then. The Prussian Grand Lodge, which still sticks to Zinnendorf's corrupt Masonic system, will doubtless be compelled to yield ere long to the pressure brought against it from without as well as within. It will doubtless ere long consent to modify its constitution by removing the Jewish disabilities. But that is not enough. It will have to adapt its ritual to the standard of Masonic universality; otherwise they will have in Prussia a similar kind of a Masonic mongrel to what we have in America. Bro. Slade's letter, which I will send you, and which I hope will be reprinted in your valuable journal, will show our deluded bigots in Prussia, as well as in America, the honest opinion as to the true aim and intent of Freemasonry of an English clergyman of thirty-two years ago, and I have no doubt that there are many distinguished clerical brethren in England now who would cheerfully endorse Bro. Slade's opinion on Freemasonry.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

Boston, U.S., 13th April 1877. JACOB NORTON.

[We have felt it our duty to elide the reasons of our fraternal correspondent. He is a most painstaking searcher after truth, but occasionally *brusque* in delivering his opinions. Dr. Oliver is dead, but respect for his memory is almost a landmark among English Freemasons.—ED. F. C.]

THE RECENT ELECTION FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I really am very sorry my harmless letter, inserted in your issue of the 14th instant, should have given so much offence to our Rev. Bro. Dr. Ace. I trust he will pardon me for saying that, in his very natural anxiety to defend the wisdom of his own proposition, he has hurriedly described my remarks as irrelevant and vituperative, when, in very truth, they were neither the one nor the other.

Permit me to say I have not had the presumption to *assert* that Dr. Ace's proposition was unwise. My words were "I do not *think* the adoption of such a rule as the former" (that is, Dr. Ace) "proposes would be wise, and for this reason." The gist of my reason was as follows:—Here is a very deserving case, emanating from the Province of Devon, which commands a certain number of votes, and likewise known to, and recommended by, certain influential brethren who have at their disposal certain other votes. Yet, after six consecutive attempts to obtain admission into the School, it is found the lad has secured only 381 votes, or less than a third of the number again and again secured at a single trial. My inference is that those who have had charge of the case have either wofully misreckoned or misdirected their efforts, and if so, the adoption of such a rule would not tend to improve matters, and, therefore, would be unwise.

In the second paragraph of his letter, Dr. Ace shifts his ground. Hitherto he has described my opinion as an assertion, now he says, "the writer proceeds to give a reason not, I venture to think, very conclusively for his assertion." At the outset the "assertion" I did not make was no "proof," but here the "reason" for this assertion is not conclusive. I venture to think I convict our Rev. Bro. of a want of logical tact. I fully concede that my opinion may be wrong; but why this confusion between an "assertion" I never made, and a "reason" which is not conclusive. I will further ask him how a reason which is only not conclusive can be irrevelant.

Again, "it is an easy reply to any case of distress that there is something wrong, but that is neither charitable nor relieving." In the next paragraph, my reason is "a vote of censure on the Devonshire brethren, as I suspect, very undeservedly." Can Dr. Ace have read the whole of my letter? I said, towards the end of it, "I know there have been other cases emanating from Devonshire, and these may have commanded, and, no doubt, justly commanded most of the support, directly or indirectly, of the Province." Surely, these words, if they have any meaning at all, do actually furnish the only explanation which is possible of the *apparent* indifference of the Province to this particular case. I fancy, indeed, this explanation is not so uncomplimentary as the suggestion contained in Dr. Ace's letter, published in your columns last October. He then wrote, "Why the Province of Devon has not taken up this deserving case, I know not; except it be that the widowed mother has removed from Devonshire to Glebe Cottage, Stanstead, Sudbury, Suffolk." That is, Devon forgot all about a distressing and deserving case, when the widowed mother removed to another Province.

Will Dr. Ace kindly point out where I have laid it down that "no distressing case is to be placed on the list of the Committee, unless the parties to the recommendation are prepared to carry their candidate successfully." I merely reiterated a suggestion, I fancy I have seen in the columns of your Journal, "that brethren should not permit an applicant's name to be placed on the list of candidates unless they are prepared to support him (or her, as the case may be) thoroughly." I need hardly point out to our reverend and learned brother that there is a wide distinction between *carrying* a candidate *successfully* and *supporting* him *thoroughly*. It is in no man's power to command success, but in every one's to work for it.

I should be trespassing unduly on your valuable space if I followed Dr. Ace through all the points he has raised in his letter of last week. I fully agree with him, that "it will not add to our reputation for Masonic charity if it be known as a *matter of fact* that a poor orphan is not to be aided on the merits of his case, but solely on account of his being the *protégé* of the influential and wealthy." But may I ask what this has to do with the question I have raised? If I have

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said anything at all in this connection—as American writers phrase it—it has been in reproach of brethren—generally and apart from all considerations of influence or wealth—for not supporting by their votes a distressing case they think worthy of recommending. I hold that a brother who backs a case incurs a certain amount of responsibility; and, I ask, has this responsibility been fulfilled in this particular instance? If so, how is it the boy obtained only 381 votes at six, and 550 votes at seven attempts? I confess I do not think that Dr. Aoe's proposal is calculated to strengthen this sense of responsibility.

I will add, for the purpose of showing that what I have written has been written without animus, that the little voting ability at my disposal last October was employed in behalf of this very case.

I cannot see that the revelation of my name will make the slightest difference in the merits or demerits of my argument, and, therefore, I still subscribe myself,

Fraternally yours,

FRATER LONDINENSIS.

EXPULSION OF MEMBERS BY THE GRAND ORIENT OF ITALY.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Having seen, in your issue of 24th of March, a notice to the effect that certain brethren had been deprived of the privileges of the Order by the G.O. of Rome for having gone over to that of Naples, I beg to enclose you translation of two extracts which appear in a pamphlet published by the latter G.O. in 1875. Should you like the entire work, I shall endeavour to get you a copy.

From my own personal experience of Italian Masonry, which extended over a year, I could not fail to see a deal of jealousy and antagonism existing between the different G.O.'s, each claiming the supremacy. There is one in Rome, one in Naples, and one in Palermo working at present. I believe those of Turin and Florence went under that of Rome. Prior to affiliating in Palermo, I wrote to Bro. J. Hervey, G.S. of England, to assure myself of the body being a recognised one, and he replied that the G.O. of Palermo was recognised by the G.L. of England. The legality of the formation of the G.O. of Rome I should consider very doubtful. It certainly sprang directly or indirectly from those of Turin and Florence, and the records of that of Naples are much more ancient than either of them. A sort of amalgamation was formed between the G.O. of Palermo and Naples at the beginning of last year, each retaining distinct powers and holding annual meetings at their respective cities, in which members of each S.C. meet, frame laws and transact the general business of the Order.

The fact of Rome being the capital of Italy would not legalise any spurious body of miscalled Masons into a *bond fide* G.O., and on that ground I am inclined to think their strongest claim will rest. Most of the Lodges in Italy have put themselves on the roll at Rome, but I firmly believe, merely on the grounds above stated, *i.e.*, Rome is the capital. It would certainly be preferable to have one G.O., and that in the capital, but "Italia Unita" does not mean half as much as the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and here we have three G. Lodges. For my own part, I am firmly convinced that both Naples and Palermo are far more ancient than the roots from which Rome sprang. I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

W. T. ALLAN, 18°.

TRANSLATIONS.

"The G.O. of Naples has ever been celebrated in the historical records of Freemasons as the first and most orthodox amongst the G.O.'s of Europe. It claims origin from the most remote times in which Pythagoras flourished in Magna Grecia. The Masons of Naples, not exclusively those of Sicily, have always been in every age the most jealous custodians of the "Most Ancient rite of Misraim," which, in its first series, comprises almost the whole of the degrees which compose the A.A.R."—*Rapon Manuel de l'Initie*, p. 253.

"The Masonic rite of Misraim was propagated in France under the supervision of the Neapolitan brethren, not before the 3rd lustre of the present century. On the 24th December 1813, power was granted to Bro. Joly, signed by President Changeur, G. Chancellor Beobers and G. Seal Bearer Lasalle, to propagate the whole four series in France."—*Idem*.

THE SHAKESPEARE MEMORIAL AT STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

ON Monday the corner stone of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre about to be erected at Stratford-on-Avon was laid, with Masonic ceremonial, by Lord Leigh, Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, in the presence of a very large assemblage of Freemasons, ladies, and visitors from various parts of the country. The inhabitants of Stratford-on-Avon had made ample preparation for the interesting ceremony which was to grace the anniversary of the birthday of the great dramatic poet. The streets were gaily decorated with flags, banners, and evergreens, triumphal arches being erected in conspicuous positions. In addition, expressions of hearty welcome were displayed, and the church bells pealed throughout the day. From an early hour visitors began to arrive, from Birmingham, Warwick, Leamington, and other places in the neighbourhood, and long before the hour announced for the commencement of the official proceedings the streets were well lined with holiday makers. The memorial building is to be erected on the banks of the Avon, at the lower end of the town, on a site generously presented by Mr. C. E. Flower. When completed it will be an imposing and handsome structure, embracing theatre, museum, reading-room, and library. As will be seen, however, in reference to the proceedings reported below, the Memorial Association have not yet sufficient funds to warrant them in even commencing the whole of the work. The theatre itself is first to be completed, and the association hope, in the course of a short time, to receive such additional pecuniary support as will enable them to carry out the entire design of the architects, Messrs. Dodgshun and Unsworth, Buckingham-street, Strand, London. The architecture will combine the Early English and Elizabethan styles, parts being timbered, in order to be in keeping with the ancient buildings of Stratford, of the period in which Shakespeare lived. The wall will be of red brick, with stone dressings, the roof being of green slates. The interior will be decorated with carved panels, illustrative of scenes from Shakespeare's plays. It may incidentally be mentioned that it is intended to build a museum in a more ornate style, but as this is a work of the future, description will be premature. The proceedings commenced at mid-day, with the annual meeting of the Shakespeare Memorial Association, which was held in the Town Hall; Mr. C. E. Flower presiding. The annual report stated that the land for the site of the memorial buildings and gardens was conveyed to the association by Mr. C. E. Flower on the 1st July. The five architects whose sketch designs were selected from those sent in for the first competition submitted more complete plans for the second competition, on the 23rd of May, and the design sent in by Messrs. Dodshun and Unsworth being accepted, they were appointed architects to the association. As the amount subscribed had not yet been sufficient to allow of the whole building being undertaken, the Council decided upon commencing the theatre only, leaving the library and picture gallery to be erected as soon as the funds would allow. The tender of Messrs. Horseman and Co. for the foundations was accepted, and these had now been completed. The appeal made last year to the managers of theatres for a "Shakespeare night," only met with a response from two. The Council learned with extreme regret that many managers had been deterred from giving their aid by a statement which had been industriously circulated that the Shakespeare Memorial was a scheme got up for the benefit of the promoters. The subscriptions to the present date amounted to nearly £8,000. The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, remarked that the Council had had many difficulties to overcome, and expected more, which they would overcome in the same manner. (Hear, hear). Eight tenders had been received for the second contract, including the main portion of the theatre, and the Council had accepted that of Messrs. Lascelles, of London, amounting to £9,256. The Mayor of Stratford (Dr. Nason) seconded the motion, and it was carried. The Council having been re-elected, a vote of thanks was passed to the Mayor and Corporation of Stratford for allowing the use of the room for the meetings of the association, and the proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman. The Masonic part of the ceremony then commenced. Lodge was opened in the Town Hall at 1.15, the officers of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 284, conducting the proceedings, prior to the advent of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Shortly after one o'clock the special train from Birmingham arrived, bringing so large a contingent of members of the Craft that the hall was quickly crowded to a most inconvenient degree. Brother S. E. Smith then duly opened Lodge, and in a few minutes Dr. Nason (Mayor of Stratford) attended to present for use in the ceremony of the day a mallet, made from a piece of oak, forming a portion of a beam in Shakespeare's old house, which had been kindly presented for the occasion by the trustees. Brother Smith suitably acknowledged the gift, and Provincial Grand Lodge was next received in due form. At this time there were present Lord Leigh P.G.M. of Warwickshire; Lieut.-Colonel Machen D. Prov. G.M., Brothers J. Pursall and E. Worrall Prov. G. Wardens, many other officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Masters and members of Lodges of the Province of Warwickshire, visitors, &c. A collection having been made in aid of the memorial funds, a procession was formed, and a start for the site was effected. First marched a body of police, then the band of the Warwickshire Volunteers, and next the Freemasons in proper order, each Lodge being headed by its banner. Finally came the Provincial Grand Lodge, in Masonic order, according to rank; the procession, which was of great length, being closed by a Tyler. Thousands of people had assembled in the streets to witness the pageant, and a very large number had already taken up positions around the stone which was to be laid. On arriving at the site the Freemasons were received by a guard of honour of the Stratford Rifle Volunteers, and the Mayor and Corporation of Stratford also came forward to greet them.

All being assembled within the enclosure, the Mayor, Dr. Nason, in the name of the burgesses of Stratford-on-Avon, and on behalf of the Shakespeare Memorial Association, gave a sincere welcome to Lord Leigh, and the Freemasons present. He felt sure that Lord Leigh would bring to bear upon the duty he was about to perform all the grace and dignity of the ritual of Freemasonry and the splendour which personally and officially he commanded. He was also certain that the Masonic body would wish God speed to the work that their Right Worship ul Provincial Grand Master that day so auspiciously commenced. (Hear, hear.) The Rev. F. M. Beaumont, Provincial Grand Chaplain, then delivered an address. He said they were assembled upon a day of the highest interest connected with the memory of him who had made the town celebrated throughout the world. By a happy chance, the 23rd day of April was connected with the memory of St. George, the patron saint of old England, whilst on that date also William Shakespeare was born in the town, and there, on the anniversary of the same day, the 23rd of April 1616, he was gathered to his rest. He believed he could say that more than mere English interest was felt in the day's proceedings, for if there was one thing more than another which brought together English speaking people throughout the world it was the knowledge that they all shared the inheritance of being the fellow countrymen of Shakespeare. They were erecting, not only a memorial to Shakespeare, but a building which might serve for the

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highest aims of refinement and education in the town which Shakespeare loved so well. The building, on the site upon which they were gathered, was to be not only a library and a museum, but first and foremost a theatre, where they might from time to time witness representations by the highest artists of the country of the dramas which Shakespeare had so lavishly given to the world. He held that the drama, rightly considered, had a great tendency to educate and refine and elevate the mind. There was a day when he, as minister of the Church of England, would scarcely have dared to take part in such proceedings as laying the foundation stone of a theatre. He alluded to the degrading state of the drama fifty years ago, and thanked God that it was now changed. He believed now that the production of a fine drama, not only in the metropolis, but in the country towns, would draw people from many questionable amusements, such as music halls, &c. People sometimes said that they had no proof that Shakespeare was a Freemason. He contended that they had, because in his (Shakespeare's) plays it was exceedingly difficult to find anything whatever about Freemasonry. (Laughter.) The unenlightened people whom he saw around him were aware that Freemasons guarded their secrets most religiously, and he contended, therefore, that they had an evidence that Shakespeare was a Brother. Beyond this, some of the great heroes of Shakespeare's tragedies were Brothers, such as Henry VI., and Cardinal Wolsey, who in their times were Freemasons of England. Again, Freemasonry recognised no sectarian difference, and Shakespeare, they found, was far above any such contemptible feeling; for it was a question to this day whether he was a Roman Catholic or a Protestant. (Laughter.) He contended, therefore, that they, as Freemasons, might fairly claim to do honour and reverence to Shakespeare. In conclusion, he appealed to those present to aid the Memorial Association by increased subscriptions, and mentioned the fact that the Freemasons that day had contributed 50 guineas towards the building fund. Lord Leigh then announced that they were about to lay a memorial stone to the world's greatest poet; and the Provincial Grand Chaplain having invoked a blessing, the P.G. Superintendent of Works presented the plans for the approval of the Provincial Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. Beech) next read a copy of the inscription, which was placed in a phial. This stated the date and by whom the stone was laid, together with the names of the chief officials taking part in the work. The P.G. Treasurer (Bro. Collins), having placed a number of coins in another phial, and several newspapers in a third, the whole were deposited in a cavity under the stone, and the ceremony was proceeded with in the usual form, the band meanwhile playing "God bless the Prince of Wales." On the conclusion of the laying of the stone, Lord Leigh, according to ancient custom, declared that the stone had been laid in accordance with ancient Masonic ceremony, and he prayed that God would prosper the work for the promotion of Godliness, harmony, and brotherly love. Next the stone was proved in the usual manner by officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge; and, finally, Lord Leigh strewed wheat upon the stone, and poured wine and oil upon it, as emblems of plenty, cheerfulness, and prosperity. Salt was also thrown upon the stone, as an emblem of wisdom, fidelity, and perpetuity. The Provincial Grand Master next mounted the stone, and explained that when first asked to conduct the ceremony, he had felt some diffidence in undertaking to do so, as he considered that there were others who had more claims to the honour. It having, however, been represented to him that the council were very anxious to have the stone laid with Masonic ceremony, and he having been Provincial Grand Master of the Freemasons of Warwickshire, Shakespeare's own county, for the long period of twenty-five years, he felt that he could not very well decline, and it was a great satisfaction to him to find that he was assisted by so many distinguished members of the Craft who possessed high literary qualifications. He next mentioned that their Brother Creswick, who thirteen years ago, on that very day, on the occasion of the Tercentenary Festival, took a very prominent part in the proceedings, would deliver an address to them. He congratulated the Council and the Memorial Association upon the commencement of the good work, and reminded them of an effort made in 1864 to gain funds for the erection of a Shakespeare statue. That, however, fell through. For the satisfaction of some people who could not see how a theatre could be supported in Stratford, he might mention that the building was not intended only as a theatre, but it was hoped that a museum and a free library might be attached to it. He had no doubt that the public of Stratford would derive very great benefit from such institutions, for the library, reading-room, and the gardens it was intended should be free to the public except for twenty days in the year. (Applause.) Bro. Creswick, who was received with loud applause, first expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present, and alluded to the reverence he had for the poet, whose works it had been the happy privilege of his life to honour, etc. They had assembled to erect a Temple to Genius and to Art. Such work belonged essentially to the highest culture and the most advanced civilisation. The hero-worship of nations began with the deification of physical force—it culminated in the recognition of intellectual beauty. First the soldier—last the poet—such is the order of appreciation; and Masons could not be engaged in any nobler work than in laying the first stone of that truly Masonic temple, wherein order and harmony would prevail—instruction alternating with amusement, and pleasant labour with cheering refreshment—all tending to social refinement, to moral elevation, and to the highest intellectual culture. (Applause). It was befitting that there should be a Shakespearean theatre in the town which derived its glory from association with the poet's name. The links which bound Shakespeare to Stratford-on-Avon were singularly close. There he drew his first breath and his last. There he mastered that "little Latin and less Greek," by means of which he created the classic poet of Greece and Rome, and gave life to the very bones of the greatest heroes. There also he first acquired that knowledge of history which enabled him to depict so vividly the stormy, turbulent days of this nation's early struggles; and there, amidst the pastoral and pure, he grew up—the wonderful, the witty, and the wise. Above all, it was there that he stamped his genius on those creations which were the priceless heritage of all time. In gaining their end that day they inevitably paved the way to another. They began the temple, but necessarily there must follow provision for the purpose to which it was to be dedicated. A memorial theatre implied a school of dramatic art, and the need for this had become imperative. Loving regard for the great dramatist was a national sentiment; the absence of any due representation of his dramas was a national disgrace. In the absence of schools they would look in vain for scholarly dramatic art. He accepted their work that day as a happy augury that ere long the stigma would be swept away, and that the Memorial Theatre would form the incentive and nucleus of schools of dramatic art, the influence of which would be beneficially felt throughout all time. This was the becoming expression of our love and reverence for Shakespeare. To him and to that art was dedicated that temple—sacred to his name and fame, sacred to the wonders he created, sacred to the pursuit he loved and followed. Might it endure to remotest times, a memorial of his greatness and their love, an incentive to the highest histrionic excellence, and medium for maintaining in its purity the proudest drama of the world—a drama "the applause, delight and wonder of"—mankind. (Applause.) Mr. C. E. Flower briefly acknowledged the kindness of Bro. Creswick in delivering the address; and the proceedings were brought to a termination by the singing of the Masonic National Anthem. The brethren reformed procession, and marched back to the Town Hall, where the Provincial Grand Lodge was duly closed and the assembly dismissed. At the luncheon, which was held in a large marquée, erected in the gardens of New Place, the health of the Queen having been duly honoured, the chairman proposed "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." Having called upon the Freemasons to do especial honour to the toast of The Right Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Prince of Wales, and the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, Prince Leopold, he said he might announce that Prince Leopold had been invited to be present, and he felt sure that his Royal Highness deeply regretted that he was prevented accepting the invitation. He felt himself justified, however, in announcing that he had in his possession documents which would fully lead them to hope that the day was not very distant when they would have associated with them in that undertaking at least one member of the Royal Family. (Applause.) He felt certain that they would give a right loyal welcome in Stratford to any member of the Royal Family who would come amongst them. They could not do too much honour to that wonderful man whose birthday they were celebrating. Shakespeare had raised himself to the highest pinnacle of fame, and "wherever the bright sun of heaven shall shine, his honour and the greatness of his name shall be." This was followed by the toasts of "The Immortal Memory of Shakespeare," proposed by Sir Eardley Wilmot; "Success to the Shakespeare Memorial," proposed by Mr. Tom Taylor, and acknowledged by Mr. C. E. Flower; "The Drama" proposed by Mr. Theodore Martin, &c., &c.—*Birmingham Daily Post.*

DEDICATION OF A MASONIC HALL AT EXETER.

MONDAY last was an epoch in the Masonic history of Exeter. That ancient city contains the oldest Masonic Lodge in the Province, and may thus be deemed to have been the first home of the brethren in the county. The growth of the fraternity has not, however, been so rapid there as in Plymouth and its vicinity. At present Exeter contains three Craft Lodges—St. John the Baptist, No. 39; St. George, No. 112; and Semper Fidelis, No. 1254; one Chapter, St. George, No. 112; one Mark Lodge, St. George, No. 15; one Knights Templar Preceptory, the Union, or Rougemont; one Rose Croix Chapter, the Coryton and Rougemont. Hitherto there had been no building in the city owned by the Masonic body, the Masonic meetings being generally held at Tucker's Hall, Fore-street-hill, hired premises. Of late the inconvenience of that arrangement had been felt by the Exeter brethren, and a Committee of nine members, three from each of the Craft Lodges, was appointed, with Bro. S. Jones as the Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, to endeavour to provide a remedy. To build an entire new Hall, in a suitable manner, in a central part of the city, it was found would incur a larger outlay than was contemplated. It was, therefore, determined to purchase one of those houses, numerous in the city, once the residences of the most prominent citizens and merchants of Exeter, before country residences became so secure, and travelling so easy as at present. The choice fell upon a fine old house in Gandy-street, centrally situated, and once a principal street in the city, and still boasting of considerable importance, where houses may now be seen that were erected under the régime of Henry VIII., of notorious and ecclesiastical reformatory memory, and fine specimens of the style returning to popularity in Queen Anne's time, and erected in that reign. Gandy-street is believed to have derived the name it has borne for several centuries from an ancient Devonshire family, a member of which was for many years the respected vicar of St. Andrew's Plymouth, where a striking life-size effigy of him now stands within the communion rails. The house selected by the Masons stands within a few doors of the offices of the Prov. Grand Sec., Bro. W. G. Rogers, solicitor, P.P.G.S.W. It is of four storeys, and contained eighteen rooms. Its early history is obscure, but the house is known to have been occupied at the beginning of the seventeenth century by the Brake family, then prominent in the city, and one of whom, Thomas Brake, has left several memorials behind of its having been used as a city banquetting hall. At more recent periods it has been occupied by the Fortescue, Granger, Sanders, and Snow families, all leading citizens in their times, and one of whom, Admiral Granger, has left behind many stirring anecdotes of his eccentricity in the memories of aged citizens. The premises under

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their new owners have undergone a thorough renovation, and been converted to their requirements. While the general features remain, the rooms have been re-arranged, and in some instances thrown together, to form larger ones. A grand old moulded oak frame front, filled with pargetting, that was street back from the seet in a small court, and is believed to have been erected about the latter end of the reign of Henry VII., or the beginning of that of Henry VIII., has been covered over with rough cast, it being in the way of the new arrangements. A handsome modern door with Masonic emblems now gives entrance to the premises, and a wide glazed vestibule leads to the entrance hall of the house, on each side of which committee-rooms, a voting-room, lavatory, and other offices fill up the ground floor. A grand wide staircase—the old one—leads to the first floor. Against the wall of the first landing hangs a handsome presentation portrait of the late Rev. Dr. Carwithen, a great light in Devonshire Masonry in former days, and who for many years filled the office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master under the rule of the late Earl Fortescue P.G.M. The picture is nine feet by five, and gives a rather over life-size of the doctor. It is pronounced a striking likeness, and, as a painting, possesses considerable merit. On the first floor is the principal Lodge room, an apartment 33 by 20 ft., and 14 ft. high. It is fitted for comfortably seating seventy brethren, and can accommodate 150 on an emergency. It is for the use of the local lodges, and was not intended to provide for the meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Lodge room door is provided with a specially designed Masonic knocker, and its walls, doors, and windows are so constructed as to prevent all egress of sound, a powerful organ being inaudible outside the premises, which are situated in the immediate proximity of several other buildings. The ventilation of the rooms is carefully arranged, on the syphon principle. The gas fittings are Masonic designs specially cast, and the gas laid down to the candlesticks, while complete provision is made for regulating and lowering the gas during the ceremonies. The grate is an Abbotsford Armstrong ventilator, and the fireplace is provided with a steel shutter for purposes known to the initiated. The brethren are seated around the room on a raised platform, with velvet padded seats. The organ is by Walker, of London, and is fixed in a recess. It was brought from the old Masonic Hall in Fore-street-hill, has been remodelled, had two new stops with improved bellows and swell added, and is a very effective chamber instrument. The walls have been carefully prepared with Keene's cement on selenitic ground, after the patent of General Scott R.E., and have been painted with delicate salmon tints, on which appropriate Masonic devices have been stencilled in carmine. A rich gold cornice adorns the upper part of the walls, also a coloured Dado ornament just above the backs of the seats. The ceiling is a light blue, with the sacred emblem in the centre, surrounded by a five-pointed star, from which radiate gold stars. The carpet is a three-thread Brussels, specially designed with Craft and Royal Arch devices, and has been woven at Kidderminster, where, it is said, the best "Brussels" carpetings are now manufactured. The chimney-piece, a handsome design, is in Corsham stone, with the motto of the Order inscribed along its front. The windows are fitted with double sashes, glazed with brilliant cut devices and border, and fitted with concealed shutters. Adjacent to the principal Lodge room are corresponding, reception, and preparing rooms. On the second floor is a commodious store room for storing the extra furniture, fittings, and paraphernalia of the various branches of the Order, with adjoining closets for similar use. On the third floor is a handsomely fitted-up Lodge room, corresponding in character with the larger Lodge room, and appropriated solely for the use of the Mark and Chivalric Degrees of the Order, all the banners and shields of the Knight's Templar and of the Rose Croix covering its walls. Above the third floor is an attic story, used for various minor purposes. The servants' wing of the old house has been converted into a roomy and convenient residence for the attendant in charge of the premises. At present, that office is filled by the widow of Bro. Gregory, the late P.G. Tyler. A neat garden at the back of the premises opens by a side door also into Gandy-street. That street, not long since, contained two curious relics of antiquity—at its St. Paul's-street end—the famous Jans Cross, and at the other the base of a granite cross that was removed from the centre of the old Exe Bridge. With the innovations of modern improvements the City Council has removed both.

A special Provincial Grand Lodge was convened on Monday, for the purpose of dedicating the premises to the purposes of Freemasonry. The members of the Lodge assembled in the afternoon in the small room of the Victoria Hall, where the Lodge was opened by R.W. Bro. the Rev. J. Huyshe M.A., Prov. G.M. and Past G. Chap., supported by R.W. Bro. G. W. Rogers D. Prov. G.M. *pro tem*, W. Bros. J. E. Curtois S.G.W., Dr. J. Harper J.G.W., the P.G. Chaplain, I. Latimer Prov. G. Sec. *pro tem*, C. Godstchalk, Prov. G.J.D., J. A. Orchard, Prov. G.D.C., F. Day Prov. G.D.C., F. Day Prov. G.R., C. Stribling, J. P. Phillips, G. Evans, J. Watson, and F. J. Pratt, Prov. G. Stewards.

After the usual ceremonies the Lodge was adjourned, and the brethren proceeded in procession in full regalia, with banners displayed, to the new Masonic Hall. There the Lodge was re-opened, and the building dedicated in solemn form to the uses of Freemasonry. Through the absence of R.W. Bro. L. P. Metham, from illness, the oration was given by W. Bro. W. G. Rogers, the D. Prov. G.M. *pro tem*. The address of the W. Bro. was an able disquisition upon the antiquity and present position of Freemasonry, which displayed considerable research. On the antiquity of the Order, Bro. Rogers argued with much force that the attempts recently made at giving Masonry a modern origin were futile. Masonry in former times, he urged, was cultivated with more rigid attention to its training than at present. Brethren were then more closely tested after longer periods of probation before they were allowed to proceed in taking the degrees. At the close of the dedication service the brethren returned in procession to the Victoria Hall, where the Lodge was closed with the usual formula. In the evening a large party of the brethren dined together at the New London Hotel.—*Western Morning News.*

Old Warrants.

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No. 64.

No. 168, "Ancients;" No. 205 at the Union of A.D. 1813, No. 147 A.D. 1832, and No. 125 from A.D. 1863.

No. *168.* *ATHOLL*, GRAND MASTER.

LAU. DERMOTT, D.G.M.

WM. CLARKE, S.G.W. *JOHN CHRISTIAN*, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

We, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six) in ample Form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful and *Most Noble John, Duke and Marquis of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount of Ballquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Capt. and Constable of the Castle and Constabulary of Kinclaven, one of the Sixteen Peers of Scotland, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Thistle, and in that part of Great Britain called England*, Grand Master of Masons! The Worshipful *Lau. Dermott, Esq.*, Deputy Grand Master, The Worshipful *William Clarke, Esq.*, Senior Grand Warden, and the Worshipful *John Christian, Esq.*, Junior Grand Warden (with the Approbation and Consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well beloved Brethren, viz., *Mr. Thomas Schaw* one of our Master Masons, *Mr. Jno. Blackway* his Senior Warden, and *Mr. Wm. McCarthy* his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at *the sign of the Pelican (or elsewhere) in the City of Bath, upon the second and last Monday of each Kalendar Month*, and on all seasonable Times and lawful Occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregrated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby farther authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Messrs. *Thos. Schaw, Jno. Blackway*, and *Wm. McCarthy* (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. John's Day, during the continuance of this Lodge for ever. Providing the above-named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this *Ninth* day of *April*, in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred *seventy* and *one*, and in the year of Masonry Five thousand seven hundred *seventy* and *one*.

WM. DICKEY, Grand Secretary.

Note.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. ..., Letter *E.*

[Seal.]

Endorsements.

Lond^n, 25th Septem. 1773.—The within Warrant I recd. on the twelfth day of July last by Post from Bath, and it has remained in my Possession untill this Day the Twenty-fifth of September, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-three. Therefore, I do hereby certify that all Admissions and Transactions, &c. within the time here specified shall be held good and sufficient as if they had been in Possession of said Warrant. Providing that such Admissions, &c. be conformable in every respect with the Rules and Orders of the Fraternity. By Order,

Wm. Dickey, G. Sec.

Let the within Warrant be Transferred to Brother Abraham Levi, Master, Samuel Hanniford and Simon Gomperts, Sen^r. and Jun^r. Wardens, and their Successors being first duly registered pursuant to the Statute, and to be holden at the Red Lion, or elsewhere, at Hythe. Subject always and nevertheless to the within Proviso and condition, and of due respect to and performance of all and every the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge by whom the within and these presents are granted.

Thos. Harper, D.G.M.

Entered in the Books of the Grand Lodge G. pa. 194.

Rob^t. Leslie, G. Sec.

The present title, No., &c. are, The "Prince Edwin's Lodge," No. 125, Hythe, Kent.

The foregoing transcript has been carefully made by W. Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, *M.A.*, P. Prov. S.G.W. of Kent, &c., &c., the portion in *italics* being written on the original document, and the two endorsements being copied *verbatim et literatim*. The Warrant is curious and valuable on account of the unusual quantity of writing, both on the *obverse* and *reverse* (if I may so say) of the Charter.

John Constable,

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Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

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President of the Board of Stewards: W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D.

Treasurer: W. Bro. W. R. Woodman, M.D., P.G.S.B.

The names of brethren willing to act as Stewards will be gladly received by the Secretary,

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THERE have been evidences this week that the enforced activity of the House of Lords which always marks the early portion of the Session is drawing to a close. Necessarily the War Question has occupied a leading place in the consideration of their lordships, and on each occasion of the House sitting, either some question relating thereto has been asked and answered, or the Foreign Secretary of State has voluntarily furnished some important information. In addition, a question was raised as to the service of Hobart Pasha in the Turkish Navy, the gallant Admiral being likewise borne on our own Navy List. This, of course, was duly explained by the official representative of the Admiralty. On Monday, the South African Bill received a second reading, the Earl of Carnarvon, who moved the question, and the Earl of Kimberley and Earl Grey, both ex-Colonial Secretaries, taking part in the debate. The same evening the Mutiny and Marine Mutiny Bills were read a second time, and, the Standing Orders having been suspended, were then read a third time and passed.

In the House of Commons, the War in the East has received its due share of attention, and Mr. E. Jenkins has been urgent as to certain atrocities in Bulgaria. Great progress, however, has been made with the real business of the year. On Friday, a motion was brought forward by Mr. Hanbury-Tracy, on the subject of Parliamentary Reporting. A long debate ensued, and, in the result, Mr. Hanbury-Tracy was defeated by 152 to 128 votes. On Monday, the debate on the second reading of the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill afforded the House an opportunity of criticising the financial measures of the Government. Mr. Childers led the way, and Mr. Smith, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer defended the measures of Ministers. The Bill was ultimately read a second time. A Public Works Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill was introduced by Mr. Sclater-Booth, and discussed at some length, and, in the end, received its first reading. On Tuesday, Mr. Shaw introduced a motion on the Home Rule question, which engaged the attention of the House for the greater part of the evening. A considerable number of English and Irish members took part in the debate, among them being Mr. I. Butt, Mr. Fawcett, Sir M. Hicks Beach, Chief Secretary for Ireland, and Mr. Gladstone. On a division, the motion was emphatically rejected by 417 to 67 votes, the latter being composed of thirteen English liberals and fifty-four Irish members. On Wednesday, Mr. Hopwood moved the second reading of the Summary Prosecutions Bill. An attempt to adjourn the debate was defeated by 219 to 165, and, on the main question, the numbers were 228 for and 164 against the second reading. The Bill was therefore lost.

The Queen, with the Princess Beatrice and Prince Leopold, returned to Windsor on Saturday. On Sunday, the Prime Minister, the Earl of Beaconsfield, left his residence in Whitehall-gardens for Windsor. On reaching the station a royal carriage was in waiting to convey his lordship to the Castle, where he had a very lengthened interview with Her Majesty, after which he left and returned to town. On Tuesday, the Duchess of Edinburgh reached Windsor Castle on a visit to Her Majesty. The Prince of Wales and the Duke have reached Naples, while the Princess of Wales is at Athens on a visit to her brother, King George of Greece.

The rescue of five of the miners imprisoned in the colliery near Pontypridd has been achieved. The men and boy were utterly exhausted, and were carried to bank. They have since been most kindly attended, and, it is reported, are gradually regaining their strength. The Queen graciously telegraphed to have all the news communicated to her, and has since expressed her wish that the Albert medal, which was instituted some years since for the purpose of rewarding those who save life at sea, should now be extended to those who have saved life on land, and that the gallant fellows to whose exertions the unfortunate five who were imprisoned owe, under Providence, their lives, should be the first recipients under the new regulations. Her Majesty has also contributed £50 towards the fund now being raised to remunerate the rescuers, and relieve the rescued. This fund is now attaining proportions worthy of the case, over £1000 having already been received at the Mansion House alone, while other funds are being raised; so there is no doubt the poor and the gallant fellows together will be well remunerated—in the one case for their sufferings, in the other for their daring and successful courage.

On Saturday Lord Bury presided at the sixty-eighth anniversary festival of the Artists' Benevolent Fund, which was held, as usual, at the Freemasons' Tavern. In the course of his speech, proposing the toast of the evening, the chairman stated that there were fifty-three widows and fourteen orphans on the fund, who received among them the sum of £1,125 in annuities, and that since its establishment there had been distributed among the widows and orphans of deceased artists no less a sum than £38,182 10s. Subsequently the Secretary announced that the list of subscriptions amounted to £600, including one hundred guineas from the Queen.

The same day, at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, Sir J. M. Hogg, M.P., Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works, gave his annual dinner to the members and officers of the Board. A number of distinguished guests were invited to be present, among them being Mr. Gathorne Hardy (Secretary of State for War), the Lord Chancellor, the Marquis of Hertford, Lord Chamberlain, Lord John Manners, the Lord Mayor, Mr. Sheriff East, Admiral Sir John Hay, and Colonel Lloyd-Lindsay, M.P. The Lord Chancellor, in an eloquent speech, proposed the health of the Chairman, who responded very cordially, while the toast of the officers of the Board was acknowledged by Sir Joseph Bazalgette, C.B.

On Tuesday the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress gave a banquet, at the Mansion House, to the bankers and merchants of the City of London. About 250 ladies and gentlemen were present, including the Earl of Jersey, Viscount Midleton, Mr. G. J. Goschen, M.P. and Mrs. Goschen, Mr. Childers, M.P. and Mrs. Childers, the Deputy-Governor of the Bank of England and Mrs. Birch, Sir H. Havelock, M.P., Mr. Ashbury, M.P., and others. The Earl of Jersey responded for the House of Lords, Mr. Goschen for the House of Commons, and Mr. Birch, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, for the merchants and bankers of London. An excellent selection of vocal and instrumental music was performed during the evening.

On Wednesday next, the First Great Summer Show at the Royal Horticultural Gardens, South Kensington, will be graced by the presence of Her Majesty, and it is expected that the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), the Princess Beatrice, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, and the Marquis of Lorne will accompany her. Lord Aberdare, the President of the Society, the Vice-Presidents, and other officials, will receive the Royal party, and will conduct them round the exhibition. The Council, in commemoration of this auspicious event, will present gold, silver, and bronze medals to the different exhibitors, according to their respective merits.

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We are just about entering on the season of Art Exhibitions. On Saturday, both the Society and the Institute of Painters in Water Colours held their private views, while on Saturday next will be held the grand annual banquet of the members of the Royal Academy. Other exhibitions are likewise open, so that London will, as usual, be well furnished with this class of attraction during the height of the season.

The terrible calamity of war has at length overtaken the East of Europe. It was hoping against hope to expect that the Czar, having mobilised his troops, would dismiss them to their homes without endeavouring to secure some return for his expense and trouble. Still there were many who believed in the pacific intentions of Russia, and that she had no intention of going to war, if war were avoidable. The last shadow of hope, however, has departed from us. The Czar has issued his manifesto or Declaration of War, and an address to certain of his officers. He has inspected his troops at Kischeneff, and already detachments of Russian soldiers have invaded the Province of Roumania, while the main body of the army is advancing nearer to the frontier of Turkey. On the other hand, the Turks are believed to be actively organising their defence. It is said the forces of the latter, along the line of the Danube, muster little short of 180,000. As regards position, these enjoy many natural advantages. There is the strong and difficult Danube in front. There are the Balkans behind. Several first class fortresses exist, which have already earned for themselves a great name in the many Russo-Turkish wars of this century, such as Widden, Silistria, Varna, and others. The Turkish fleet under Hobart Pacha is reported to be in magnificent condition, and will, no doubt, play a leading part in the terrible events about to happen. In Asia, movements of Russian troops are reported. It is said they have invaded Armenia, and that the celebrated fortress of Kars, which played so important a part in the war of 1854-6, is the object of their attack. The Montenegrins are about to renew their attacks, while the Miridites who were expected to have given the Turks some trouble are said to have evacuated their positions. Great alarm is said to prevail in Roumania. Indeed, all kinds of rumours are flying about, all more or less portentous. It is said that Austria contemplates the mobilization of her army, that the British Fleet will anchor off Constantinople, that an Italian squadron will sail for Salonica, and that in the event of Servia again being seized with warlike desires, the principality will be occupied by Austrian troops. We must wait many days before any of these rumours can be verified or falsified, or, indeed, before anything authentic can be expected to reach us. Meanwhile, all our Government can do is to watch closely the progress of events, and see that our honour, and our interests are not imperilled. It will be noted that Cabinet Councils are frequently held and, indeed, we believe the country generally reposes the utmost confidence in the ministry, and will implicitly trust the Earl of Derby, our Foreign Secretary, to protect the important destinies which come more immediately under his care.

We must remind our readers that Saturday next is fixed for the amateur dramatic performance at the Opera Comique, in aid of the funds of our Boys' and Girls' Schools. The Prince of Wales is expected to honour the performance with his presence, and we trust there will be an attendance of the Craft and their lady friends worthy of the occasion. Those who may wish to procure tickets should apply to "Acting Manager," 33 Golden-square. It must be borne in mind that our respected Bro. J. B. Monckton, the President of the Board of General Purposes, has guaranteed a hundred guineas to each Institution, and it will be the duty of the Craft to see that the fulfilment of such a task is in no wise a burden to him. We trust the house will be full to overflowing, not only for the sake of our two Institutions, but likewise because it will be the very best compliment which Craftsmen can pay to the gifted lady who will enact the principal part in the performance.

We have received a letter from a West Yorkshire Bro. complaining of a comment of ours in our article of last week, on the recent Election to the Boys' School. We are sorry we cannot compliment our correspondent on the tone of his communication. Had we not known, indeed, that it emanated from a Bro. we must have described it as intemperate, or more fitly still, perhaps, as both impertinent and dictatorial. Under the circumstances, however, we discuss it in a fraternal spirit. The comment objected to is the following:—"We have further to ask why brethren will go through the farce of putting a boy's name on the list of candidates when they can only obtain for him two votes, at his one and only chance of admission? This was the case of Sam Woodhouse." With every respect for the deeply injured feelings of our West Yorkshire brother, we submit, with all humility, that this our comment was a very natural one. We are necessarily indebted to the published lists of candidates for most of the information we possess. It is from them we learn the votes brought forward by a candidate, the number of his applications, whence he comes, &c., and whether or not he will be eligible at a future election. The declaration of the poll generally, though not invariably, completes the information we have to work upon. In the case of Sam Woodhouse, we did not know, and we do not see how, without a knowledge of the boy and his supporters, we could have known, that it was purely a farce having his name entered, or at all events retained, on the list. We are now informed by our fraternal correspondent, in a truly fraternal spirit of correction, that the boy in question will be admitted in June, on the De Grey Presentation. We do not feel called upon to experience any sense of surprise at the receipt of this news, for it merely explains what otherwise was inexplicable. We are pleased for the boy's sake, and trust he may prove an ornament to the School he is about to enter; but we are *surprised* at nothing, not even at the fraternal *brusqueris* of the West Yorkshire brother, who has deigned to honour us with this correction. Lastly, we are always thankful for advice that is *delicately* tendered. We trust our amiable correspondent will be pleased, if not surprised to learn, that in future we shall make it our business, as we have done hitherto as far as possible, "to thoroughly know the merits of the various cases." But with an anxious desire to satisfy everybody, we cannot promise even when this knowledge has been acquired, to "rush into comments which are uncalled for, and quite out of place." We fully recognise the wisdom of our correspondent in not desiring the publication of his letter in these columns.

We extract the following from the *Broad Arrow*:—

Most good men, except the Pope and the Editor of *Truth*, are Freemasons. The Prince of Wales is Grand Master of England, and 'tis said his two brothers are this year to be Grand Wardens. The Craft is prosperous; the Craft is powerful; it is an honour to belong to the Craft; and the world will have it that to be a good Mason you must be a good man. We need not tell our readers, so many of whom belong either to the military or naval service, that, go where they will in either hemisphere, every Mason will find a brother, one not only in name but in fact, one ready to aid him in all his laudable undertakings, and willing to bear his burdens and console him in the hour of his affliction. Now, some Masons are born with silver spoons in their mouths, marked, of course, with armorial bearings and other Masonic signs of material prosperity; but, confound it! there be wooden-ladle babies also in the Craft, and many a poor brother has to work in the quarries, while the chief architects flourish in purple and fine linen in the innermost recesses of the Temple. Among the fortunate there are few whose hearts do not warm to the unfortunate, and even among the easy-going there are few who do not recognise with pride the worth and claims of those who have proved their zeal for the Brotherhood by long and faithful membership, recognised by high esteem and promotion in Masonic rank. A good old friend who had seen everything, been everything, and done everything in Masonry, once remarked, "Well, I can go no further, unless the old Earl makes me Past Deputy Provincial Grand Band of Music," and evidently sighed for more Masonic lands to conquer. "Become a Vice-President of the Boys' School," said we, and straightway he drew a cheque for fifty guineas, and entered on a new era of Masonic interest and usefulness. But we know also a brother who cannot draw a cheque for fifty pounds, and yet has been a very worthy Mason, and after paying seventy-two years' dues to the benevolent funds of his Lodges, now has to seek the benevolence of his brethren to aid in his election to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in May. Brother Richard Barnes has subscribed to one Lodge for forty-one years, has been honorary Secretary to it for thirty-five years, and is now the father of that Lodge. He has subscribed to another Lodge for thirty-one years, and is the father of that Lodge also. He has been thirty years Honorary Secretary of another Masonic body, and is the father of that body. Prosperous and respected as a schoolmaster for many years, he is now, at sixty-three years of age, from failing eyesight and other troubles, deprived of his means of livelihood, and, with a wife and three children to support, is seeking an honourable retreat in the excellent Institution we have named. His case is a very hard and a very deserving one; and the Editor of the *Broad Arrow*, knowing the worth and misfortunes of this worthy Mason, asks that those of his readers who have votes for the Masonic Charities unpromised, will kindly forward them to him to be used for Brother Richard Barnes.

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DOINGS IN PARIS.

[COMMUNICATED.]

ON SUNDAY, the 15th instant, the Lodge "*Les Amis de la Patrie*" gave their first *fête de l'Enseignement*. In the spacious hall of the Grand Orient a large concourse of brethren assembled, with their families and friends, to be present at an entertainment which, if novel in a Masonic way, was all the more attractive, and indeed proved to be a pleasing, instructive, and brilliant affair. In the movement set on foot a year or two ago by the Masons of Paris for the purpose of free and public education, "*Les Amis de la Patrie*" indeed stood prominent. And it must here be admitted that the agitation has already, throughout France, borne satisfactory fruits. Under the auspices and direction of the Grand Orient, evening lectures have been delivered by able professors, while classes have been formed for the study of stenography, geography, literature, French history, and foreign languages. In addition to these evening lectures, on each Sunday at nine and ten o'clock a.m., one has the advantage to hear the worthy Bro. Albert Leroy, in his capacity of a lecturer; a *conférencier* who knows not only how to instruct and enlighten his audience, but also how to charm and amuse it, and that in the most humorous and agreeable manner. Brother Leroy must be looked upon, too, as one of the originators of popular "*conferences*," or public lectures, in this *Capital*, wherein, not long since, little of that kind of public speaking was known, if we except the enunciation of strictly political views. Of late, however, this sound constitutional and beneficent practice, so much the fashion both in England and America, has been adopted here, and widely developed, not merely in politics, but in all cases and for all purposes; insomuch that upon any subject, however insignificant, people are often convened to hear a *lecture*, and sometimes listen with great interest to a "*conférencier*," whose name they have no idea of. The introduction in this country of such public and philanthropic ways of informing and enlightening the public mind has, of course, been the work of many years; it has been often checked, and sometimes stopped rather violently by imperial authority. This Bro. Leroy, to his cost, has experienced. Its practice is still watched with suspicion, even under our Republican Government. However, it may be confidently hoped that the latter will soon give up those legal restrictions which it found in the inheritance of those *régimes* which have long passed away, and have, in fact, ceased to retain any hold upon the vast majority of Frenchmen.

The "*fête*" was organised by Bros. Mention and Lemarignier, both good men and true Masons, highly esteemed by all. The former is now the Immediate P.M. of the Lodge "*Les Amis de la Patrie*," over which he has presided for many years, with true Masonic zeal and ability, and thus contributed to its present high tone and prosperity. Of the latter, who now fills the W.M.'s chair, it may be said, without fear of contradiction, that he is the right man in the right place. Agent General of the "Society for Elementary and Free Teaching"—an institution founded in 1815, to supply a desideratum long required, and which now continues to extend progressively its innumerable benefits upon both children and adults—Bro. Lemarignier may, without doubt, be said to be, both in and out of the Master's chair, a true representative of that popular and Masonic agitation which has raised the cry for more *Education*.

The entertainments consisted partly of a concert, the enjoyment of which was much enhanced by the vocal and instrumental ability of the talented artists engaged, and partly of some scientific demonstrations and chemical experiments, made, with wonderful skill, by Bro. A. Jacquemart, upon the "Origin and Sources of Light," that "Lux" which is so appropriate a symbol in our mystic Order, and which the G.A.O.T.U. so munificently diffuses all over our terrestrial globe, for the enlightenment and delight of mankind.

Still, however delightful and instructive were these parts of the entertainment, to many of those present the most pleasant and interesting portions of it, were the able and well-meant remarks of Bro. Albert Leroy, upon the "*Les nouveaux Dimanches Parisiens*." The lecturer is no Sabbatarian. He has, however, travelled and lived in the very lands of Sabbatarianism; and though much inconvenienced by the strict observance of the day of rest, yet he fully respects the spirit with which people submitted to and honoured the old Judaic precept, especially in Scotland; and on this point he related many old tales about the breach of the Scotch Sabbath. Nothing, however, should tend to stifle that love for freedom of action which is so innate in human nature. Nature herself never rests: her wonderful and mighty work is a constant and unceasing one, for rest is death or nothingness. Contrasting the Parisian with the London Sunday, the lecturer could not help wondering at the fact that three millions and a half of people are, on a certain day each week, *put* to rest by law. He believes that in such a fact there is something mischievous to some and dangerous to others, and fears that it will one day, with the increase of population in the already largest city of the world, prove to be a social evil for the whole community. The masses are never so apt to move themselves to evil doings as when they know not what to do with themselves; where to go for recreation, and how to fill their hands or feed their minds, to while away their time. Hence the shares taken so often by drink and its dreadful accessories in the "days of rest." To labour or work—which in clerical language is called profanation of the Lord's day—is most probably, to a great number of persons, the best preservative from wrongdoing. At the same time the lecturer is no supporter of absolute menial work on Sunday, where such work can be avoided, that is if poverty does not forbid the luxury of a whole day in idleness. His own idea is not for entire cessation from work, but simply for a change of occupation, with a moral and social view of improvement, according to station. The intellects should receive on that day a variety of food. Hence the diversity of ways and means devised and prepared here, and by which the *Parisians* can and *do* spend their *Dimanche*. Why should churches only be within the reach or attainment of the people? Why are those who would gladly go to a museum or a library, who would attend a concert, see a play, or hear a lecture, why should such as these find that they are by law almost forcibly sent to church? Why such encroachments against the liberty of thought and the freedom of action; and that, too, among a nation so justly proud of its liberties, and so jealous of being foremost in the van of liberal and progressive principles?

The sympathy of the lecturer for the English people, whose character he has had occasion of fully appreciating, and of whose feelings for the French he can positively testify, makes him ardently hope that England will soon get rid of these antiquated notions respecting the "day of rest" for the people; and that, proclaiming religious equality and religious independence, they will do so in that broad sense and liberal manner which freedom of thought and action requires to be rightly and entirely unfettered. Thus, Bro. Albert Leroy concluded his remarks, which were followed with interest and pleasure by a crowded audience, whose approbation was evinced by long and hearty applause.

It is in this way that the Freemasons of Paris have laboured, and are still labouring hard, for the good of Masonry in its broadest sense and largest views, viz., the diffusion of *light*, the elevation of the standard of morality for the better perception of right and wrong, and that by waging determined and vigorous war against ignorance and error, under whatever shape or form they may appear. To make so difficult and, at the same time, so highly Masonic a crusade, the French Masons will be too glad to vie, in fraternal rivalry, with their Brethren across the Channel, and over the world, in labour and zeal.

Can it possibly be said that they are not following the right path of true Masonic teaching?

M. B.

BOMBAY.

Eastern Star Lodge, No. 1189, E.C.—A regular monthly meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held in the Freemason's Hall, Mazagon, on Monday, the 19th March last, which was attended by a large number of the Craft, who had been specially invited to meet the R.W. the District Grand Master, and the Officers of the D.G. Lodge, as the Hon. James Gibbs, the D.G.M., had intimated his intention of paying an official visitation to the Lodge on that evening. Amongst those present on this auspicious occasion were—W. Bros. Pirosha w Merwanjee Jeejeebhoy W.M., Sorabjee Navorojee Cooper I.P.M., Dinshaw Dorabjee Mistry P.M., Framjee Kaikhasrav Patuck P.M., Dinshaw Nowrojee Sacklochwalla S.W., Dunjeeshaw M. Capadia J.W., Dhunjeebhoy M. Jeejeebhoy Treas., Nowrojee N. Wadia Sec., Pestonjee M. Narielwalla S.D., Framjee D. Petit J.D., Manockshaw Cavashah I.G., Cowasjee Sorabjee Patel Tyler. The R.W.'s the Hon. James Gibbs, District G.M. of Bombay, Macintosh Balfour D.D.G.M., W. H. Hussey, Manockjee Cursetjee, Khorsetjee Rustomjee Cama, Jamsetjee N. Dady, Rustomjee C. Baderjee, Muncherjee C. Murzban, C. E. Mitchell, Jehangir Gustadjee, H. W. Barrow, W. C. Rowe, W. M. McClumpha, T. Counsell, and many other members and honorary members, including a numerous assemblage of visitors.

The arrangements for the reception of the D. Grand Lodge and the guests of the evening were all that could be desired; and, considering the large and influential body of brethren from the sister Lodges in the Presidency that accepted the invitation of the W.M., it was evident the Officers of "Eastern Star," in the preparations they had so judiciously made, were thoroughly acquainted with their respective duties.

After the Lodge had been opened in the E.A. Degree, and the minutes of the previous regular meeting had been read and confirmed, the arrival of the R.W. the D.G.M. and his Officers was announced. On entering the Lodge in procession, they were received by the assembly present with full Masonic honours. The R.W. the D.G.M. having ascended the dais was welcomed by the W.M., who resigned to him the emblem of his authority, and requested him to be seated in the Chair of K.S. The Hon. Bro. Gibbs having made a few complimentary remarks, the W.M. read a short and clear statement of the present condition of the Lodge and its Funds, at the conclusion of which the R.W. District G.M. congratulated the W.M., Officers and brethren on the harmony that existed, on the efficient working of the Lodge, and the flourishing condition of its finances.

The Lodge was then advanced to the F.C. degree, when Bro. Hirjee Ardaseer Dady was examined as to his progress in the Craft, when, having proved his proficiency, he was passed out, and the Lodge being opened on the Centre, he was duly raised to the sublime degree in a manner that reflected great credit on all who took part in the ceremony.

The Lodge thereafter, having been gradually reduced to the E.A. degree, the most pleasing incident of the evening took place. The W.M. availing himself of the presence of the D.G.M., solicited him, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, to present a testimonial to W. Bro. Sorabjee Navarosjee Cooper, the Immediate P.M., which had been subscribed for by the members of the Lodge, in recognition of the able and valuable services he had rendered it, during his tenure of office, as W.M., in the year 1875-6. The D.G.M. most readily acceded to the request, and expressed the extreme satisfaction it afforded him to undertake the pleasing duty of being the exponent of the brethren's good wishes, and gratitude to their Immediate P.M. who, during the time he ruled the Lodge, had rendered it most valuable services, and was worthily entitled to this substantial acknowledgment of the successful termination of his career as W.M.

The Hon. R.W. Brother Gibbs then decorated W.P. Master S. N. Cooper with a valuable Past Master's gold jewel, and invested him with a handsome suit of P.M.'s clothing, which had been voted to him by the Lodge, at the same time presenting him with an elegantly chased silver cup, and a salver of exquisite Cashmere workmanship, which had been subscribed for by the individual members of the Lodge, as a token of their respect and esteem.

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The presentation being completed, the hall re-echoed with the plaudits of the brethren, evincing, by this demonstration, how heartily they concurred in the interesting ceremony that had just taken place.

W. Brother Sorabjee Navarojee Cooper then rose, evidently intensely affected by the very high honour and rewards that had been conferred upon him, and briefly, but most appropriately, gave feeling expression to the deep and lasting gratitude which he considered he laboured under to the brethren, who had, with one accord, come forward so nobly and so generously to acknowledge and requite the poor services he had, with heart and goodwill, rendered to the Lodge. After which, he said that, as it had lately been brought to his notice that there existed a Benevolent Fund in connection with the District Grand Lodge, he begged to present the Lodge with 100 Rs., to be forwarded to the Treasurer of that fund. On resuming his chair, W. Bro. Cooper received quite an ovation from the brethren, and, to speak the truth, he well deserved it, for he had worked hard and earnestly to promote the prosperity of his Lodge, and to further the best interests of the Craft, and, on the evening in question, he had heartfelt satisfaction in witnessing the successful result of his arduous labours by the admirable manner in which the Lodge was worked by his successor in office, by the large number of members present, and by the high and influential brethren of the Craft belonging to sister Lodges who had met to do him honour.

Bro. Framjee Duishawjee Petit was subsequently nominated Grand Steward, to represent the Lodge in the District Grand Lodge, which is to meet in Quarterly Convocation on the 7th proximo. This terminated the proceedings of the Lodge, which was then closed in peace and harmony.

As "Eastern Star" is proverbial for its hospitality, a magnificent banquet had been prepared, to which the District Grand Master, his officers, and the distinguished company of visitors were invited. The entire space of the capacious hall was filled to overflowing. The Stewards deserve the highest encomiums for the sumptuous fare provided, and the excellent quality of the wines.

The usual conventional toasts followed, and the speech of the D.G. Master, in proposing the health of the W. Master and prosperity to Lodge "Eastern Star," was characterised by that simplicity, grace and elegant expression for which he is so well known and appreciated.

The company broke up before High Twelve, the D.G. Master and his popular Deputy, W. Bro. M. Balfour, having a short time previously taken their departure.

On the whole, the meeting was a great success, and bore testimony to the firm hold which our ancient Craft has taken amongst the first classes of the native community, who vie with each other in observing, in the strictest manner, all those peculiar duties devolving upon them as "Sons of Light."

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, the 26th inst., Bro. B. Head P.G.D. in the chair. The minutes were read and confirmed. Nominations for the House and Audit Committee were handed in. Bro. Dr. Ramsay gave a notice of motion—"That, in the opinion of this Committee, the accommodation for the officials of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in Freemasons' Hall is totally inadequate for the increased and increasing labours which they have to perform, and that it be referred to the Board of General Purposes, to ascertain what accommodation should be provided."

Mrs. Johnson the mother of the girl who gained the 12th place at the recent election for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, desires to express her thanks to those brethren who so kindly supported her.

The Freemason's "Jamshedi Naoroz Festival" was celebrated, with great *éclat*, at Bombay, on the 21st March last, by the members of Lodge "Rising Star of Western India" S.C. 342; Lodge "Rising Sun," S.C. 506; Lodge "Eastern Star," E.C. 1189; and Lodge "Cyrus," E.C. 1359. We hope to publish details in our next issue.

The 22nd Annual Ball of Des Cuisiniers Français was held on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's, and was numerously attended. Dancing was kept up with great spirit, under the inspiring influence of Bro. T. Adams P.G.P., who had conducted the band for the last 22 years. During the interval a very *recherché* supper was provided. The chair was occupied by Bro. Debenef, supported by Bros. M. Gleiche, John Boyd, Francois Gendré, W. C. Parsons, T. Bull, &c. Several toasts were proposed, including the worthy chairman, Bro. Gleiche, and the Ladies. There were also present Bros. Lt. Hart, Thoumie, Penét, Le Blanc, Bouyon, Blondeau, Cossard, Madlin, Desubray, Bequinot, Maitré, H. M. Levy, &c.

An association has been formed which has for its object the better securing of policy holders in the various Life Assurance Companies. The payment of a small fee will entitle the subscriber to certain confidential information, and general security, so far as a continual supervision of the various offices can give it. Considering the very serious results which may follow the loss of a person's savings in this kind of investment, any scheme which will afford protection should be well received.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS, &c.

The Studholme Chapter Rose Croix met on Tuesday, 24th April, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W. Ill. Bro. Colonel Randolph 30° M.W. Sov. Among those present were—Ill. Bros. Capt. Philips 33°, Major Shadwell H. Clerke 33°, Dr. Robert Hamilton 33°, Raphael Costa 33°, W. Hyde Pullen 33°, Dr. R. J. Nunn 33° of Georgia, Lt.-Genl. J. Studholme Brownrigg C.B. 32°, Captain Portlock Dadson 32°, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore 31°, Colonel Somerville Burney 31°, Charles Grillion 31°, C. E. Willing 30°, H. Cooper Smith 30°, Richard E. Goolsen 30°, &c. Bro. Marcus Piero Caulfeild was perfected in the 18°, and a donation of ten guineas voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The St. George Chapter Rose Croix met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square W., on St. George's Day, 23rd instant, for the installation of the M.W. Sov. Elect, Bro. E. J. Castle, 18°, Barrister-at-Law, and formerly of the Royal Engineers. There were present—Ill. Bros. Captain Philips 33°, Major Shadwell H. Clerke 33°, Raphael Costa 33° D.J.G., W. Hyde Pullen 33°, Major George Barlow 33°, D.I.G. and P.M.W.S. of the Chapter, R. J. Nunn M.D. 33° of Georgia, Captain Portlock Dadson 32°, Magnus Ohren 31°, John Read 30°, P.M.W.S. of the Chapter, Walter Spencer 30°, Colonel C. W. Randolph 30°, Arthur J. Trendell 30°, &c. Bro. William Ackland was perfected in the 18°, after which E. Bro. Castle was duly installed as M.W. Sov. for the ensuing year, by Ill. Bro. Pullen 33°, and appointed the officers. A P.M.W. Sov's. Jewel was presented to Bro. Stevens, and donations of ten guineas voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and five guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

United Lodge, No. 697.—The annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Lodge Room, George Hotel, on the 19th April. The ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, W. Bro. E. H. Crate, was impressively performed by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. Charles J. Martyn P.G.C. D.P.G.M. Suffolk, &c., and, at its close, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:—W. Bro. A. R. Clench I.P.M., W. Bro. W. Richey S.W., Bro. Geo. Harvey J.W., Bro. the Rev. T. C. Brettingham Chaplain, W. Bro. T. Eustace P.M. Treas., W. Bro. Thomas Rix P.M. Sec.; Bros. H. Everett S.D., C. Ellis J.D., C. Winterborn Org., Geo. Guiver Asst. Org., F. Wright D.C., G. Smith I.G., Downing and G. Eustace Stewds., C. Gunner Tyler. At the close of the Lodge business, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Martyn for his kind attendance, at some personal inconvenience. A banquet took place in the evening, served in sumptuous style by Bro. Guiver, of the George. The W.M presided, and was supported by the R.W. Bro. R. Bolton Barton LL.D. P. District G.M. Western India, the Installing Master, Bro. G. Gard Pye W.M. 51 and 650 P. Prov. G.S. of W. Essex, W. Bro. A. R. Clench I.P.M. 697 S.G.W. Essex, W. Bro. Alfred Welch P.M. 51 J.G.W. Essex, Bro. the Rev. A. Pertwee Prov. G.C., and Bro. T. J. Railing Sec. 51 P.G. Sec. elect. There were also present during the day, either at Lodge or banquet, Bros. the Rev. J. P. Britton, J. E. Wiseman P.M., H. York and W. S. Ling 433, W. P. Francis W.M., and F. G. W. Green Sec. 1024, F. L. Armstrong 891, Fred. Wiseman 160, H. Humphreys 389, and the following members of 697:—Rev. T. C. Brettingham, W. A. Chambers, H. W. Darrell, T. Downing, P. Eagle, T. Eustace, G. Eustace, R. Emson, H. Everett, J. Fairey, A. Gosling, G. Harvey, H. Harlow, A. D. Marshall, F. E. Morris, Thomas Rix, W. Richey, A. Richardson, J. Shaw, T. H. Swan, J. Wotton and A. White.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS.

It is announced that the sections will be worked at the following Lodges of Instruction:—

On Saturday, the 28th inst., at the Percy, No. 198, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, at 7. Bro. Hewlett 141 as W.M., Austin S.W., Pearcy J.W., Musto I.P.M.*

On Monday, 30th inst., at the Strong Man, No. 45, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, E.C. Bro. Tolmie as W.M.

On Wednesday, the 2nd May, at the Confidence, No. 193, Whittington, Moor-lane, E.C., at 7. Bro. Turquand as W.M., T. J. Barnes S.W., J. Constable J.W., E. Gottheil P.M.†

On Friday, the 4th May, at the Clapton, No. 1365, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7. Bro. Pinder W.M., Fieldwick S.W., Soper J.W.

On Friday, the 25th May, at the Victoria (Metropolitan), No. 1056, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., at 6. Bro. C. A. Woods as W.M.

* The names of the brethren who will work the various sections at the Percy Lodge were given in our issue of 14th inst.

† The names of the brethren who will work the various sections at the CONFIDENCE Lodge were given in our issue of 21st inst.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Security against Bad Health.—With the warm sunny days of Spring, maladies will be made manifest, unless the blood is pure and the skin be active; eruptions, blotches, and more formidable skin affections may be successfully subjugated by the use of Holloway's detergent ointment, when it is aided by moderate doses of his purifying Pills. Hoarseness, sore throat, chronic cough, enlarged glands and stiff neck, will be at once relieved by rubbing this cooling Ointment upon the skin overlying or adjacent to the afflicted part. In childhood, these medicaments are pre-eminently useful, since the nation's welfare springs therefrom. Children of to-day will be the makers of to-morrow and the parents in the future.

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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 APRIL.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 30th APRIL.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 13 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

102—Unanimity, Kings Arms, North Walsham.
388—Prudence, Three Tuns, Halesworth, Suffolk.
703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
1168—Benevolence, Town Hall, Sherborne.
1477—Sir Watkin, Savings Bank, Mold.
1564—St. John's, Prince of Wales Tavern, Knaphill, Surrey.

TUESDAY, 1st MAY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
65—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1361—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
1366—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, Islington.
1471—Islington, Coopers Arms, Silver-street, Falcon-square, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1473—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 209 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
105—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
130—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
134—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
156—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
240—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
263—St. David's, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
703—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
933—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.
1003—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1344—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1533—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1536—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1569—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea.
1649—Abercorn, Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd MAY.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Becks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
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.)
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.
226—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
611—The Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1086—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.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

THURSDAY, 3rd MAY.

8—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Cheshers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
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.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

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.
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.
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
380—Pomfret, Masonic Building, Abington-street, Northampton.
462—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Bourneborough, Peterborough.
466—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
569—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bulring-lane, Grimsby.
1013—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underly, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.
1325—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.

THURSDAY—continued.

1384—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1504—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1560—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.
1473—Bootle, Molyneux's Assembly Rooms, Bootle, Lancashire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery.
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.

FRIDAY, 4th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, 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—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 6. (Instruction.)
1276—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1296—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne Road, North Kensington, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.
709—Invicta, Corn Exchange, Queen-street, Ashford.
830—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1538—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.

SATURDAY, 5th MAY.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1213—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1456—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

308—Prince George, Station Hotel, 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, Yorks.

TUESDAY.

365—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
446—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

WEDNESDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.

THURSDAY.

289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial street, Batley.
974—Pentelpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
1514—Thornhill, Deara House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn Uppermill.
K.T. 58—Fearnley Masonic Temple, Dewsbury.

FRIDAY.

242—St. George's, Victoria Room, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
1103—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield.
1648—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

TUESDAY—5—Canongate and Leith (L. and C.), 86 Constitution-street.
THURSDAY—67—St. James, St. James' Hall, Writer's-court.
FRIDAY—291—Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, Ship Hotel E. Register-street.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—103—Union and Crown, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" R. A.—122—Thetis, P.O. Visitation. 35 St. James-street.
TUESDAY—3 bis.—St. John's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 73—Thistle and Rose, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 87—Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, Cathedral-street, Glasgow.
" 437—Govandale, Partland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow.
" 556—Clydesdale, 108 Rose-street, Glasgow.
WEDNESDAY— 4—Kilwinning, 241 Dumbarton-road, Glasgow.
" 571—Dramatic, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, at 3 p.m.
" R. A. 87—Shamrock and Thistle, 13 Trongate.
THURSDAY—27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 445—St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-rd., Glasgow. 7.30
" 370—Renfrew, Co. Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall, High-st., Paisley.
FRIDAY—275—Shamrock and Thistle, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.
" 360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow
" 408—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 510—Thornlee, School Room, Thornliebank, at 7.
SATURDAY—114—Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall,
" 116—Royal Arch, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.
" 668—St. John, Wilson Hall, Busby, at 6.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 26th April, at Bro. Hallows', The Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. F. Hallows W.M., Franklin S.W., Bell J.W., Saunders Sec., Pinder Preceptor Upward S.D., Brand J.D., W. G. Hallows I.G.; also Bros. E. Brown Hunt, Field, Carter, and Groome. Business—The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed Bro. Hunt candidate. Bro. Pinder worked the 1st and 3rd sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Langford, of Marquis of Ripon Lodge, was unanimously elected a member; and Bro. Franklin W.M. for next Thursday evening. A vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair. He was raised in February last, and the way in which he worked reflects the highest credit upon him. The Lodge was then closed.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge met, as usual, at the "Hercules" Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 26th inst. There were present Bros. Wharman W.M., Maidwell S.W., Hollands J.W., E. Gottheil P.M., Chas. Atkins Acting Sec., Gramonar S.D., Hill I.G., and several other brethren. The preliminary formalities having been disposed of, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Webb acting as candidate. In due course the W.M. worked the ceremony of raising, Bro. Andrews being candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren. Two new members were unanimously elected. Bro. T. Austin P.M. 933, through ill health and other circumstances, having tendered his resignation as Preceptor, it was proposed by Bro. Grammar, and seconded by Bro. Horsley, that the resignation be accepted with regret. Bro. Horsley dilated, at some length, on the excellent qualities of Bro. Austin, who had so long given his valuable services so well and gracefully in this Lodge. The resignation must, of course, be accepted, but it should be intimated to him in writing how sorry the brethren were in losing his services. Bro. Webb, who was elected Preceptor, while accepting the office, assured the brethren that he had not sought the honour, and he felt his deficiency, but he thought it the duty of every Mason to render every assistance in his power. He would, therefore, endeavour to do such duties as might devolve upon him to the best of his ability. A vote of thanks was given to Bro. Wharman for his efficient conduct in the chair, which he occupied for the first time in this Lodge. Bro. Maidwell will take the chair at the next meeting.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Met at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, St. Luke's, on Monday, the 23rd inst. Present—Bros. Powell W.M., Pearcy S.W., Crawley J.W., Tolmie Act. Preceptor, Halford S.D., Robison J.D., Fenner Sec., Christopher Tyler, Isaac, Leber, Garbutt, Ross, Cook. Lodge opened in due form, minutes of last meeting confirmed. Lodge opened in 2nd degree. Bro. Isaac answered the necessary questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the 3rd, when the ceremony of raising was very ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Isaac acting as candidate. Lodge resumed to 1st degree. Bro. Tolmie worked the 3rd section assisted by the brethren, the 4th assisted by Bro. Isaac, and the 5th assisted by the brethren. Bro. Pearcy was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned. The Fifteen Sections will be worked by Bro. Tolmie on Monday next, the 30th inst., when it is hoped a large gathering of brethren will take place.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—This Lodge met at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, 24th inst. Present—Bros. Daniel W.M., Wharman S.W., Lees J.W., Sayer S.D., Brown J.D., Rutherford Preceptor, Posener I.G., Rich, Hollands, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brown candidate. Lodge opened in second degree. Bro. Rich answered the questions leading to the third, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in third. Bro. Rich raised. The Lodge was then closed down to first. It was proposed and seconded that Bro. Wharman be W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. Arrangements are made that the ceremony of installation shall be worked on the off night in every month at this Lodge, for the instruction of those working for the chair; the same to commence in the month of May. The Lodge was then closed.

Macdonald Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 104.—This Lodge met at the Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Friday, the 20th inst., and was attended by a large muster of brethren, amongst whom were:—Bros. T. W. White W.M., Alfred Williams P.G.S. S.W., G. W. Verry as J.W., E. Moody M.O., F. Cozens S.O. and R.M., W. P. Collins J.O.; the V.W. Bros. Thomas Meggy P.G.M.O. P.M. and Treasurer, and James Stevens P.G.J.O. P.M. as Secretary; Bros. N. J. F. Basnett S.D., George Yaxley J.D., W. C. Hale Organist, J. K. Pitt I.G., Grant Tyler; also Bros. W. Worrell P.M. P.G. Org., C. R. Crommelin, W. Johnston, F. G. Raggett, J. R. Williams, T. de Lotiva, and others. Bro. R. W. Brown, of the newly constituted Mark Lodge, "Croydon," 198, was the only visitor on this occasion. The Lodge having been opened, Bro. T. W. Simons was duly ballotted for, approved of, and advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M.; the V.W. Bro. Meggy conducting the ceremony with his usual skill and ability. The Lodge then proceeded to the election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year, and Bro. Alfred Williams was unanimously elected to the office of W.M., and Bro. Meggy was re-elected as Treasurer. Both appointments gave great satisfaction, and the announcement of each respective election was received with applause. Bro. Grant was re-elected Tyler. Bros. J. R. Williams and R. Johnston were elected on the Audit Committee. Candidates were proposed for the ensuing meeting, which will also be that of installation. The P.M. jewel of the Lodge was voted to Bro. T. W. White, in recognition of his services during the past year. Bro. James Stevens gave notice of motion: "That the sum of Ten Guineas be voted by the Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the same to be placed on the list and in the name of Bro. Meggy, who will represent the Mark Degree at the ensuing Festival of that Institution." The Lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the newly advanced Bro. T. W. Simons was cordially welcomed, and responded to the good wishes expressed towards him by a neat and forcible speech, and, to the great delight of the brethren, gave an admirable specimen of his professional vocal powers. To the toast of "the Visitor," Bro. R. W. Brown, was appended "Success and Prosperity to the Croydon Mark Lodge, No. 198, the first god-child of the Macdonald," in reply to which, after Bro. Brown had suitably acknowledged his personal appreciation of the welcome accorded to him, Bro. George Yaxley, the W.M., and Bro. J. K. Pitt, the J.W., respectively, of the "Croydon" Lodge, expressed their sense of the benefits derived by that Lodge from association with the Macdonald, the assistance rendered to it by Bros. Meggy and Stevens at its consecration, and their conviction that the new Lodge would be a worthy branch of the parent stem. The remaining toasts were honoured, special reference being made in response to that of "The Officers," to the past exertions of the Treasurer, Bro. Meggy, and the hope that the same would be remembered and recognised by liberal additions to his Steward's list at next Boys' School Festival. Another most agreeable evening, enlivened by song and social converse, was added to the many pleasant gatherings associated with the "Macdonald," at whose hospitable board we, in common with other privileged Mark Masons, are ever cordially welcomed.

Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145.—The above Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. Moult W.M., Haslett S.W., Hughes J.W., J. Boyd P.G.P. Grand Steward Treasurer, G. S. States P.M. P.G.S. Secretary, J. G. Manby Asst. Sec., Leggott S.D., Lister J.D., Dr. Wilkinson I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. J. Last and E. H. Thiellay; also Bros. A. Hugon, Talbot, Cherer, Penet, Hall, J. Chinnery, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bros. Chambers, Newton and Doyle were passed to the 2nd degree, and Bros. Lambe, Penet, Reid and Parnacott raised. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a very capital banquet, provided by Bro. Dawkins. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The Visitors were—Bros. Delevante 1319, E. Davies P.M. 228, T. Grosstephan 348, &c.

Phœnix Chapter, No. 173.—The first convocation of this Chapter was held on Saturday, the 21st inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Present—Comps. J. D. Massey M.E.Z., G. Wilson P.M. H., G. R. Green J., Burford Treasurer, Salmon S.E., J. Blyth P.S., C. T. Speight Janitor, and several companions. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. T. Witt, W. J. Mitton, J. Andrews, G. Guterbock, F. Foxley, F. D. Vine, J. H. Waterham, E. Kennedy, W. A. Mott, W. Quiney and T. Huntley, all of whom were duly exalted. The working in every respect was perfectly performed, and fully justified the remarks made at the consecration that every one selected would be capable of fulfilling the duties. The Chapter was closed and the companions separated.

Industry Lodge, No. 186.—A very numerous assemblage of brethren and visitors were present on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at 2 Westminster-chambers, this being the last meeting previous to the vacation, and also to do honour to the worthy Secretary, Bro. W. Mann P.M., to present him with a testimonial as a token of the respect he is held in, and for the efficient manner he had discharged his duties for the last ten years. There were present—Bros. A. Black W.M., W. H. Hook S.W., D. J. Robinson J.W., W. Mann P.M. Secretary, J. Powell S.D., R. Allison J.D., G. Smith Organist, H. J. Johnson Steward, W. W. Philp I.G., and P.M.'s G. Dyer I.P.M., Mortlock, Tallent, Wylie, Seex, Noehmer, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. Stanford was passed, and Bros. Bowden and Coleman raised. The resignation of a brother was accepted with regret. The Lodge was then closed until September, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Cole. Grace having been sung by Bros. Hook, Smith and Smith jun., the W.M. proced the toast of Her Majesty the Queen. He spoke of the kind interest she took in the sad case of the miners in Wales; she always takes a great interest in all her subjects, from the highest to the lowest. The national anthem was then sung. The toasts of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., the Pro Grand Master, the D.G.M., and the rest of the grand officers were given. Bro. Dyer I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., who, in reply, said he was only too pleased if he had given them satisfaction. His great aim was to render any service required of him for the benefit of the Lodge. He was proud to announce the next toast, he might call it the toast of the evening. He called upon the brethren to drink the health of one who had conducted the duties of the Lodge in so able a manner; he referred to their esteemed Past Master and Secretary Bro. Mann. On behalf of every member he felt a pleasure in presenting the testimonial. He hoped Bro. Mann might for many years be among them. In addition to a silver tea and coffee service and salver, there was a testimonial on vellum, beautifully designed by the S.W. Bro. T. S. Mortlock P.M. said he would be pleased to say a few words in addition to those of the W.M., every word of which he endorsed. He had been associated with Bro. Mann for forty years. When he (Bro. Mortlock) was W.M. he was fortunate to appoint him as

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Secretary; the brethren knew how the duties had been performed. More than that he has always exerted himself for the good of the three Masonic Charities. Bro. Mortlock sang "My Old Friend John." Bro. Mann, on rising to reply, was enthusiastically cheered. It was one of the proudest moments of his life to receive such a valuable presentation, and the testimonial on vellum was indeed an agreeable surprise. He felt a great pleasure in hearing the kind words spoken by the W.M., and his old and valued friend Bro. Mortlock. Mention had been made to the Masonic Charities. The Industry Lodge was a very old one, and, he was glad to say, a flourishing one. He had been pleased to represent it when £2,000 was given at a Festival, now we can get together £12,000. The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors." Bro. Kelly replied in a very excellent speech; the other visitors severally followed; every one paid a just compliment to Bro. Mann for his Masonic qualifications, and regard for the Charities, and expressed the pleasure they felt at witnessing the presentation he so well deserved. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Committee of the Festival Fund. The thanks of the brethren were due to Bro. Dyer I.P.M., who was not only the promoter, but also the Treasurer of the Fund, and to Bro. Seex P.M., who was the Sec. The other P.M.'s had also lent their valuable assistance. He coupled with the toast the names of the Past Masters. Bro. Skeen then sang "The Old Mill Stream." Bro. Dyer, as one of the Committee, and also a Past Master, was pleased to respond. With regard to the testimonial, it was a labour of love. Bro. Mann is thoroughly appreciated, not only as a P.M. and Sec., but also as a good representative of the Charities. He is one whom all would be pleased to follow, and were the testimonial six times its value, he would be justly entitled to it. Bro. Mann followed. Not only he did not know from where the testimonial emanated, but he was extremely surprised to see the one on vellum. Bros. Seex and Hock also replied. The toast of the Wardens followed, and, having been responded to, the Tyler's toast was given.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—No doubt owing to the important meeting at Grand Lodge, there was an unusually small attendance at this Lodge, on Wednesday, the 25th inst. After the Lodge had been duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, Bro. Ager, who occupied the chair, rehearsed the first ceremony, in which duty he was ably assisted by Bros. Jessie S.W., F. Croaker J.W., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, J. K. Pitt Secretary, Abell S.D., Walker J.D., Beattie I.G., Christopher Tyler; Bro. Benson acted as candidate. The chair was then vacated in favour of Bro. D. Posener, who worked the ceremony of raising, having Bro. Ager for candidate. The latter then resumed the position of W.M., and conducted the business to the closing of the Lodge. Bro. E. Gottheil, in proposing a vote of thanks to Bro. Ager, for the manner in which the duties of the evening had been conducted, said it was the usual practice in this, and he believed in every Lodge of Instruction, as an encouragement to those who attempted, for the first time, to perform the duties of Master, to pass and record a vote of thanks. In this instance the compliment was well deserved. Bro. Ager has only been a Mason since last December, and taking that fact into consideration, it must be confessed that his work has been done in a highly creditable manner, better, indeed, than many a one who occupied the position of W.M. in a regular Lodge. In fact, upon second thoughts, the comparison is scarcely just, as we know there are a great many who are honoured with the most prominent position in the Lodge, who have but a hazy notion of the duties. Bro. Ager's working showed a perfect appreciation of what was required of him. The W.M. expressed his thanks. He felt scarcely satisfied with himself, and thought he might have done much better. It would, however, be his aim to become more perfect, and on the next occasion on which he should have the honour to occupy the position of Master, he hoped to be able to do his duties more creditably. On Wednesday next, the fifteen sections will be worked. Bro. T. Turquand P.M. will preside. Although the time of meeting (7 p.m.) has not been altered, several brethren have expressed a wish to assemble at 6.30, so that all the preliminaries might be arranged and disposed of before the bulk of members arrived. Those who are able to do so are therefore invited to be present at 6.30.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting on Saturday, the 21st of April, at The Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Present—Bros. A. W. Fenner W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., Hewlett J.W., Killick Secretary, Holford Treasurer, Brund S.D., Brusted J.D., Baxter I.G. Visitor—Bro. Kushmann 917. The Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Bedwell acting as candidate. Bro. Hewlett worked several sections of the three lectures. Bro. Kushmann was elected a member. Bro. J. Lorkin was chosen W.M. for the ensuing week.

Southampton Lodge, No. 394.—At the meeting held at the Masonic Hall, Bugle-street, on Thursday, the 19th, a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. W. Farber J.P., in recognition of the valuable services he has rendered to the Lodge as its treasurer for many years past, the testimonial having been obtained by subscriptions from the members, added to a sum voted from the Lodge funds. The Right Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. Hickman) made the presentation, in the presence of a large assembly of the members, and in some well chosen remarks referred to the pleasure it afforded him, as the oldest Past Master there that evening, to tender to another old Past Master some slight, yet tangible recognition of the services he had rendered in his capacity of treasurer to the Lodge—a position which he had long and most honourably filled; while the admirable manner in which he had carried out his duties, and the courtesy and kindness he had invariably manifested towards all with whom he came in contact, rendered him thoroughly deserving of any compliment it was in their power to pay him. He expressed the hope that he might long be spared to assist in promoting the comfort and welfare of those with whom he was associated. Bro. Farber, in a brief but feeling reply, assured those assembled that it had always afforded him pleasure to render any services in his power to the Lodge with which he was connected, and to Freemasonry generally. This he should ever continue to do, and should never fail to remember the kindly feeling displayed towards him, as evinced in the presentation of that evening.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At the weekly meeting held at Bro. Allens, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, on Tuesday, 24th inst., the fifteen sections were worked by the brethren mentioned in our last issue, excepting that Bro. Constable worked the 5th, and Bro. Turquand the 11th, in place of Bros. Berry and Austin. There was a very large attendance of brethren, and the working was perfect. Another unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Barnes, who presided at this Lodge in working the sections for the fifth time, he being also one of the founders. Votes of thanks were passed to Bros. Musto and Wallington, the latter being highly pleased as some of the brethren are pupils of his, the Lodge was not closed till 11, all being highly gratified with the evening spent.

Upton Lodge, No. 1227.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Spotted Dog, Upton, E., on Thursday, the 19th inst., Present—Bros. D. Posener W.M., G. Brown S.W., Lyons J.W., Webster S.D., Oldfoyd J.D., Andrews I.G., Dr. Levick Sec., Wayland Treas., and P.M.'s Bolton, Bratton, English, Holtham, and Picking. Minutes of last meeting confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bros. Jones and Simpson were passed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Messrs. J. J. Cowell, and A. Austin were regularly balloted for, approved, and initiated into Freemasonry, all the ceremonies being excellently performed by the W.M. It was agreed that the Lodge should go into mourning for the late Bros. W. J. Page, Vause, and Pennell, after which the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. The brethren then sat down to a substantial repast. After the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to. The evening was enlivened by some excellent singing by the brethren, and a reading by Bro. Stevens, Bro. Barnett kindly presiding at the piano. The widow of the late Bro. Vause having been left with nine daughters, one of whom, being a candidate for admission to the Girls' School, it was determined that the Lodge should support her, after which the brethren separated. The visitors were Bros. Hewlett 141, Barnett and Salmon 185, Wood 193, 699, &c.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227, met at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 20th inst. Present—Bros. Couch W.M., Powell S.W., Fenner J.W., Hewlett Acting Preceptor, Cleverly S.D., Townsend J.D., Smith I.G., Lane, Holtham P.M., Austin, Bolton. Lodge opened in due form. Minutes of last meeting confirmed. Lodge opened in 2nd degree; Bro. Lane answered the necessary questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in 3rd, ceremony of raising rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Lane candidate. Lodge was closed in 3rd and 2nd degrees. The 1st and 2nd sections of the 1st Lecture were worked by Bro. A. W. Fenner, assisted by the brethren, the 3rd section by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by Bro. Powell. Bro. Austin, of the parent Lodge, was duly elected a member, and Bro. Powell was chosen W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

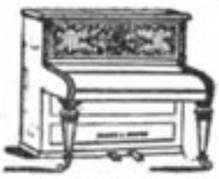
Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Monday, the 23rd inst., at the Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road. Bro. Wharman W.M. of the Kent Lodge, No. 15, presided. There were present Bros. Ives S.W., Hogard J.W., E. Gottheil P.M., T. J. Barnes P.M. Treas., Geo. Hollington Sec., Hayward J.D., Hallett I.G., and an average number of regular attendants. The first ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. B. Goldberg acting as candidate. The W.M. then performed, for the first time, the ceremony of raising in a very satisfactory manner, Bro. Huggett being candidate. A suggestion was made to vote £5 to the Benevolent Institution for the Aged. Bro. Barnes, the Treasurer, objected to this, and stated that when the affairs of the Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction were transferred to the newly-formed "Tredegar," he applied to Bro. Terry to forward the proxies to which the former was entitled in the name of the latter. Bro. Terry refused on the ground that, by the act of transference, the "Eastern Star" had ceased to exist. This he (Bro. Barnes) totally denied. The books, furniture, and members all remained intact, and, in reality, nothing was changed except now that the Lodge works under the authority of the Tredegar Lodge, and the name has naturally been altered. Bro. Terry's refusal may possibly be in strict conformity with the letter of the law, and sharp practice in such cases may be customary. Such treatment, however, is far from liberal, and he would advise the brethren, taking all the circumstances into consideration, to be chary as to the voting of any sums to that Institution, at any rate, until something more has been said and ascertained upon the subject. Bro. Geo. Hollington was very much surprised that the proxies should have been withheld, seeing that they are no expense whatever to the Institution, and cause no more trouble than the writing of the address. He should certainly oppose any proposition to vote money to the Institution until such time when the matter shall have been fully and satisfactorily explained and settled. It was announced that at the next meeting Bro. Jonathan Taylor P.M. 993 would rehearse the ceremony of installation. With the assent of the S.W., Bro. Huggett was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge meets at 8 p.m. sharp.

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THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

WE need hardly remind our readers that Wednesday is the day fixed for the celebration of the eighty-ninth Anniversary Festival of this Institution. Lord Suffield, Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk, will preside, and as there is a strong muster of Stewards for the occasion, we doubt not that brethren will muster in force, and support the School in a manner commensurate with its merits. We repeat, we need hardly do more than remind our readers of the close propinquity of so auspicious an event. Indeed, we should offer no remarks whatever, only there are one or two matters which apparently call for some notice.

We are anxious that this Festival should be an unprecedented success, for two reasons in addition to those which ordinarily commend themselves to all well-wishers of the School. In the first place, this will be the first occasion of the President's appearance before the London Masonic public since his installation as a Prov. G.M. It is desirous on these occasions that the Provinces and the metropolis should work together in the most complete harmony. The School, though located in the vicinity of London, is open to the whole country. It is one of three noble monuments the Craft has erected to Charity. It is the oldest of the three. It offers home comforts and a liberal education to the daughters of indigent or deceased brethren. Its benefits, we repeat, are diffused throughout the whole country—we might, also, go the length of saying, throughout the whole empire, or, at least, so much of it as, in Freemasonry, acknowledges the sway of our Grand Master. When then a Provincial Magnate takes the chair at one of its Festivals, the Metropolis must recognise the compliment paid by the Provinces to an Institution located near London, while the Provinces themselves must see the necessity for handsomely supporting one of their own most favoured leaders. In this particular instance the necessity is more obvious still. It is we believe the first occasion of Lord Suffield's presidency at *any* festival. It is the duty, therefore, of the whole English Craft—and a duty we feel they will cheerfully discharge—to reciprocate the feelings which have prompted his Lordship to undertake so considerable a responsibility.

There is, however, another and a still weightier reason why the subscription list should far exceed that of any previous Festival. The authorities of the School have undertaken the grave task of considerably enlarging it, so considerably, indeed, that when the new premises are complete, the number of pupils to be educated will be, in round numbers, one-third as great as at the beginning of last year. It is intended to provide for over fifty more pupils, so that when the roll is complete there will be two hundred girls being clothed, fed, and educated, instead of one hundred and fifty. In order to carry out this scheme, a sum of about ten thousand pounds will have to be expended. This is equivalent to, nay, in excess of, the annual income of the Institution. As no such scheme of extension could have been undertaken without the approval of the whole body of governors and subscribers, it clearly becomes the business of these latter to see that the funds of the School are in nowise diverted from their ordinary channels. Moreover, with an additional charge for the maintenance of the new pupils, the disbursements will necessarily be increased. This increase will be permanent as well as considerable, and thus there will have to be raised a still more liberal amount of benefactions. A special outlay of money is easily met by a special subscription, but the measures recently adopted point to a large permanent addition to the annual expenditure on the part of the School, as well as to the subtraction of a very heavy sum from moneys presently available. This being, then, the very first Festival, since the enlargement of the School was taken in hand, it is important that the Craft throughout the whole country should open their purses more liberally than ever. The Masonic public has, in fact, endorsed the action of the School authorities. Moreover, the Masonic public will reap all the benefit of such action. Our argument, therefore, is unanswerable, that the Masonic public must contribute in proportion to the increased responsibilities of the School. It will likewise augur well for the future, if the Fraternity responds heartily on this occasion. The subscriptions at the festivals of our several Institutions have very properly shown an increase which has been annually progressive. It behoves us to see that this increase is maintained, especially under the circumstances we have just delineated.

Thus have we enumerated the special reasons which, in our judgment, necessitate a heavier list of contributions on Wednesday next. We doubt not the same has occurred to our readers as well as to ourselves, but none the less is it our duty to give them all the prominence we can. Many may think we are but repeating ourselves, when we offer these or similar remarks on each recurring anniversary. Still, though it is inevitable to a certain extent that we should be constantly harping, so to speak, on one string, it will be universally admitted that it is a very admirable string to harp upon.

We do not know there is very much to add to the remarks we have already made. Last year the Festival yielded over £8,200, with a few lists at the time outstanding, or about £1,000 in excess of the sum contributed in 1875. This year "our Girls" should command as much as "our Patriarchs" did in February. Considering the increased strength of Freemasonry, no one of our Festivals should produce an aggregate less than it requires five figures to represent. One thing, however, we may mention. If ever there is a difficulty in properly disposing of the Funds of Grand Lodge, we do not know how better they could be disposed of than by increasing the annual contributions to our three Charities. It may be the Craft will never permit an appeal to be made to it in vain, where one of these institutions is the subject of the appeal; but it occurs to us that Grand Lodge would set an excellent example by enlarging its dole, now that the need for its enlargement is so obvious. Moreover, it would afford a splendid stimulus to the Craft generally to surpass all previous efforts, when it was seen that Grand Lodge itself was resolved on outdoing itself. Having said this much, it only remains for us to add that Bro. Little has a strong working Board of Stewards, who, we feel assured, will do their utmost to secure for him the same good fortune. May he and they experience as splendid a success on Wednesday as did Bro. Terry who commenced this year so auspiciously; for the sake of Lord Suffield, who will preside, and the Institution whose anniversary will be celebrated, as well as for the honour of Freemasonry in general! We commend these remarks to the notice of our readers, and trust they will be accepted in the same kindly spirit in which they are offered. Wars and rumours of wars are not generally promotive of Charity, but we doubt not that, in spite of the troubled aspect of the political world and the general depression caused thereby, the Craft in England will liberally support an Institution which has achieved so much.

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LODGE ORION IN THE WEST, No. 415.

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ON the 19th July 1828, the first civilian, in the person of Mr. P. Le Geyt of the Civil Service, was initiated in the Lodge. On the 7th August, a petition by certain brethren, for a dispensation from the P.G.M. of the Coast of Coromandel to meet as a Lodge in the territory subject to the Governments of Bombay and Madras, was recommended, under the signature of the W.M. and Wardens of "Orion." On the 18th of the same month, three gold mohurs was fixed as the fee for receiving the Fourth Degree. On the 16th September, Bro. Groundwater was elected and installed Master in the place of Bro. Macintosh, who quitted Poona two days later and never returned. Bro. Macintosh and Bro. Fleetwood, the first initiate, both died suddenly in 1825. On the 1st November, Colonel Hunter Blair, Military Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief was initiated, and on 27th December, Bro. Groundwater was installed as Master for the next six months, Bro. Brown and Mansfield being appointed Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. This closed the year 1824, during which there were twenty-four gentlemen initiated, sixteen passed, ten raised, four advanced to the fourth degree, and six joined. On the 7th March of the following year, a subscription was opened for the erection of a building suitable for any Lodges in Poona to work in. On the 4th April, Rs.300 were voted to the Royal British National Institution for preserving lives from shipwreck. On the 2nd May, it was resolved that the Lodge should meet only once a month, and also that the furniture, &c., of Orion should be at the service of Lodge Benevolent, till the latter had provided its own, and that members of the latter should be admitted as honorary members to Lodge Orion without fee or subscription, the same privilege being accorded by Lodge Benevolent to members of Orion. On the 14th of June, the brethren met at Brother Le Geyt's bungalow, and marched thence in procession to Church, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. Thomas Robinson in aid of the funds of the Madras Provincial Grand Masonic Fund. The brethren then returned to Bro. Le Geyt's. Bro. Groundwater was installed W.M., and appointed Bros. Boyd and Le Geyt Sen. and Jun. Wardens respectively. Rupees 300 were voted towards the relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Madras Charitable Fund. On the 10th July, the Lodge met at Bro. Boyd's house, and Bros. Peterson, Warden, Arbuthnot, and Goring were recommended "for the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch, to be taken under the covenant of this Lodge." On the 27th December, Bro. Groundwater, was re-elected W.M., Bro. Boyd being reappointed S.W., and Bro. Neil Campbell appointed J.W. During this year there were fifteen initiations, twelve passings, nine raisings, six advanced to the fourth degree, and four joinings. Early in 1826, the Queen's Royals were quartered in Poona, and as this regiment had no Lodge of its own, several of its officers were initiated in Orion. On the 24th June of this year, the civilian brethren of the Lodge seceded and established Lodge Hope, under a Warrant obtained from Grand Lodge of England. Accordingly, Bro. A. Wogan Browne was installed W.M. of the New Lodge, and appointed Bros. R. Mansfield S.W., H. Robertson J.W., N. Campbell S.D., G. Boyd J.D., R. Hughston Tyler, and Bro. Grafton, acting Sec. of Orion, as Sec. *pro tem.* This had no sooner been done, than the Hope brethren proceeded to ballot for a new Master, and the choice fell on Bro. Robertson, who appointed his Officers. The W.M. of Orion then resumed the Hiram, and Bro. White was chosen Master. Thus, Orion, unregistered at home, aided in "the secession of some of its members, who had obtained a Warrant, on their petition, direct from the Grand Lodge of England." On 7th July 1826, Rs. 200 were voted towards the debt incurred for building the Hall, and on the same occasion it was resolved that a portion of the Constitutions should be read at each meeting until the whole had been gone through. On the 19th October, a donation of 300 Rs. was voted to a distressed French brother, then present as a visitor. On the 4th November, the brethren of the Queen's Royals seceded in a body, and the Lodge recorded a resolution to the effect that the conduct of the latter had been so unMasonic that the Lodge could not regret their retirement. Bro. Groundwater was re-elected on the 27th December, and appointed Bros. Arbuthnot S.W, Mosley J.W., and Falconer as Secretary and Treasurer. But this half-year was unprofitable as regards work. On the 24th June Bro. Hennessey was installed as W.M., having been elected on the 18th, and Bros. Schuyler and Falconer were appointed S.W. and J.W. respectively, Bro. Grafton being re-elected Sec. and Treas. At this meeting 300 Rs. were voted to the Poona poor. On the 25th August a letter was read from Lodge Benevolent on the subject of a Provincial Grand Lodge of Bombay, but the question was postponed till the 15th September, and then again postponed till a more favourable opportunity. Early in the year 1828 it was found necessary to suspend the sittings of the Lodge, owing to the exigencies of military service. In the meantime, grave dissatisfaction was felt at the non-receipt of Grand Lodge certificates, and a meeting was called for the 6th September, when it was resolved to apply to the Grand Lodge of England, and also to the Grand Lodge of Coromandel for an explanation. On this occasion, letters were read from the Grand Secretary of England, and from the W.M. of Lodge Benevolent, Bombay, touching the authority for working the Royal Arch Chapter under the authority of a Craft Warrant. 600 Rs. were voted to the Hall funds, which was 1,800 Rs. in debt, and it was also resolved that the Lodge should again meet regularly. This resolution was acted upon, and at the meeting on the 27th December, Bro. W. Grafton was installed W.M., Bros. Schuyler and Martenburg being the new Wardens. Thus the year closed fairly, there having been eight initiations, five passings, one raising, and one advanced to the fourth degree. On St. John the Baptist's Day 1829, the same officers were retained in their respective posts, and the Rev. Bro. Goode delivered a lecture on the history and duties of the Craft. Bro. Groundwater was again chosen W.M. on 27th December. There were seven initiations, and as many passings and raisings, together with five joinings, during this year. On 26th February 1830, as Bro. Groundwater was about to leave the station, Bro. Schuyler was appointed Master in his stead, but on the 24th June Bro. Darby was installed in that office, and appointed Bros. Stirling and Maxwell as S.W. and J.W. respectively. As evidence of the prosperous condition of the Lodge, it is stated that Rs. 2,300 were withdrawn from the Poona Pay Office, and deposited with Messrs. Leckie and Co., Bombay, on the 11th July of this year. On the 5th August, a Hall Committee was formed, and Bro. Darby appointed the first member. About this time, although many civilians had been initiated in the Lodge, application was made to the P.G.M. of the Coast of Coromandel for a dispensation to initiate individuals generally, whenever Lodge Hope of the Deccan was unable to meet, and on 6th September a letter was read from the Prov. G. Treasurer, according the required permission. On 26th November two natives of Persia applied for initiation, but objections were raised, and they were unanimously rejected. Rs. 100 were voted to "The Institution lately established at this station for the relief of the aged, blind, and indigent natives." Bro. Cameron was installed W.M. on the 16th December, and at this meeting it was deemed necessary to appoint *four* Tylers for the protection of the Masonic Hall and its property. This year, there were eleven initiations, and as many passings, twelve raisings, five advanced to the fourth degree, and one joining. Nothing occurred during the first half-year of 1831, that was worthy of note. On 24th June, the same officers were retained, but Bro. Cooke became Treasurer and Secretary. At this Lodge Rs.300 were voted to be sent to the Rev. T. Carr, Bombay, for charitable purposes, and on 17th August five rupees were subscribed by each member towards the repairs of the Hall. On 24th August, Lord George Thynne, an ensign in the 40th Regiment, was one of the initiates, and on the 25th October Sergeant Major Farrell and Quartermaster King were initiated as serving brethren. The whole of the officers were voted to retain their places on the 27th December, and Rs. 300 voted to the Rev. T. Carr as before, besides Rs.100 to the Poona Bazaar Institution for the relief of the blind, maimed, &c. During this year the Lodge met twenty-six times, and there were twenty-four persons initiated, fourteen passed, ten raised. Seven were advanced to the fourth degree, and ten joined.

All this time, however, that is, from November 1823, the Lodge had been working without a Grand Lodge Warrant or Certificates. On 1st August 1830, Bro. Grafton had gone to England with a commission from the Lodge, and on consulting the Grand Secretary, was surprised to find that no notification of the existence of Orion had reached them,

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nor any registry or fees been received, though the latter, including the quarterages, had been most regularly paid to the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Coast of Coromandel. Bro. Grafton further ascertained that in granting a Warrant to a Lodge on the Bombay side of India, the P.G. Lodge of Coromandel had exceeded its power, and that nothing remained but for the Lodge to begin again *de novo*, and to forward a memorial with the usual fees, and a letter explaining the circumstances. This news was received in Poona, 8th August 1831, and caused the utmost consternation among the brethren. However, a memorial, dated the 21st of the same month, was sent, together with the fees, signed by seven P.M.'s and sixty-six members, and on the same day a letter was forwarded to the P.G.M. of Coromandel, detailing all the circumstances, and demanding restitution of the fees paid by Orion. The writer is in doubt whether the latter request was ever complied with, as a further letter was written on the 16th May 1838, reiterating the demand. The D.P.G.M., however, of Coromandel, replied to the earlier request, by expressing his annoyance that Orion in the West had been so neglected. He further stated, "It appears, by the letter-book of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the sum of forty pounds and upwards—*the document is now before me*—was remitted to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England on the 12th of February 1825, expresly to pay for the Registration of the Warrants working under the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Coast of Coromandel, and that 'Orion in the West,' was included in the list, and, strange to say, the letter from the Provincial Grand Lodge has received a direct confirmation from the Grand Lodge of England forwarding a Grand Lodge registry of their Warrant."

But, on whichever side the fault rests, there appears to have been no other way out of the difficulty than to issue a fresh Warrant, and this was accordingly done on 19th July 1833, the Warrant being signed by H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex. Previously, however, that is, on 4th July 1831, the Grand Secretary, E. Harper, had informed Captain Boyd, W.M. of Lodge Hope, at the time working at Ahmednuggur, that in constituting Lodge Orion in the West, the P.G.L. Coromandel had acted illegally, as the latter had no power to establish Lodges beyond the limits of its territory.

But to resume our narrative. On 11th January 1832, Bro. Cooke was elected and installed W.M., vice Bro. Cameron leaving Poona, and the latter was presented by the Lodge with a "Master Mason's Jewel," while Bro. Schuyler presented the Lodge with a set of Masonic books. At this time, we read of a Bro. St. Clair being Secretary and Treasurer, the said brother having been the first initiated by dispensation, under twenty-one years of age. The circumstances, being of a peculiar character, are noted. They were as follow:—"Lieut. William Augustus St. Clair, of the Horse Artillery in this Presidency, is the only uninitiated officer of the mess of his corps, and, in consequence, on all occasions of Masonic assembly he is excluded, much against their inclination, from the society of his brother officers. But this is not the only inconvenience which his exclusion from the brotherhood produces; his presence necessarily operates sometimes as a restraint on conversation, and he is painfully conscious that it does so." The 24th October 1832 was the last meeting held in that year, and, on that occasion, the sum of Rs. 600, from the Lodge funds, was presented to the widow of the late Bro. Riddle.

Owing to the exigencies of the service, the Lodge did not meet again till the 4th June 1836, when the Warrant, which had been in the meanwhile received from Grand Lodge England, was, for the first time, displayed in open Lodge. On this occasion, Bro. Balbiac was chosen W.M., and appointed Bros. Foster S.W., Secretary and Treasurer, Adams J.W., Hogart S.D., St. Clair J.D., Wylie and Carter Tylers. The Lodge met six times this year, four being initiated, two passed, and two raised, but no mention is made of the Fourth Degree after the Lodge was temporarily closed in 1832. In 1837, only one meeting of the Lodge was held, when Bro. Briaux, of the 4th Light Dragoons, was passed. At this meeting, it was resolved that "all Lodges working in the Hall should pay Rs. 5 monthly to 'Orion in the West,' it being the property of the Lodge." Lieut. W. C. Say, R.A., was initiated at a meeting on the 16th June, Bro. Forster S.W. in the chair, and on the 25th of the same month, the same Bro. Forster was elected and installed W.M., and appointed Bros. Adams S.W., Cotgrave J.W., and St. Clair Secretary and Treasurer.

(To be continued.)

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

THE regular Convocation was held on Wednesday, the 2nd instant. Comp. Lord de Tabley presided as Grand Z., Dr. Hamilton as H., and Samuel Rawson as J. The other Grand Officers were—Comps. Lieut.-Col. Creaton as N., John Hervey E., J. A. Rucker Principal Soj., James Glaisier 1st Assist. Soj., and Colonel Burchell as 2nd Assist. Soj., together with the following, among others—namely, Comps. Col. Burdett P.G. Supt. Middlesex, Hugh Sandeman, Joshua Nunn, H. G. Buss, J. Smith, John Boyd, F. Robinson, P. de L. Long, J. Lewis Thomas, W. Stephens, H. C. Levander, Hyde Pullen, W. Rhys Williams and J. Davison. The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation were read and confirmed, after which the following were appointed officers for the ensuing year, namely:—

Grand Z.	...	H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.
Pro Grand Z.	...	Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon.
Grand H.	...	Lord Skelmersdale.
Grand J.	...	Lord de Tabley.
Grand E.	...	John Hervey.
Grand N.	...	Captain Philips.
Prin. Sojr.	...	P. de L. Long.
1st Assist. Sojr.		— Hickman.
2nd Assist. Sojr.		W. Rhys Williams
Treasurer	...	Samuel Tomkins.
Registrar	...	Æneas J. McIntyre Q.C.
Sword Bearer	...	Alex. Duff-Filer.
Standard Bearer		W. T. Devonshire.
D. of C.		F. Robinson.
Janitor	...	C. B. Payne.

The new Committee is as follows:—

E. Comp.	...	Lt. Col. Creaton, President.		
"	...	Benjamin Head.		
"	...	Robert Grey.		
"	...	J. L. Thomas.	...	No. 13.
"	...	Jos. Smith. ...	...	19.
"	...	John Boyd. ...	...	145.
"	...	Fred. Adlard ...	...	214.
"	...	Henry C. Levander	...	720.
"	...	J. E. Sandee ...	...	

The accounts for the quarter to 17th April, presented the following aspect:—Receipts, including balances brought forward, namely, £414 6s and £172 7s 11d, £1,097 17s 4d; expenditure, including by purchase of £300 Consols, £288, £592 9s 10d; leaving balances, £425 19s 1d and £179 8s 5d.

The following petitions had been received and recommended to be granted.

Pentangle Chapter, No. 1174, Chatham, Kent.
Dunheved Chapter, No. 789, Launceston, Cornwall.
Brent Chapter, No. 1284, Topsham, Devon.
Bertha Chapter, No. 31, Canterbury, Kent.
United Strength Chapter, No. 228, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
New Concord Chapter, No. 813, Southgate-road, Islington.
Progress Chapter, No. 1185, Lahore, Punjab.
Caltbrop Chapter, No. 1439, Palumpore, Kagra, Punjab.

The appeal of Comp. Matthew Cooke and others, of the Royal Union Chapter, No. 382, Uxbridge, then came before Grand Chapter. The papers being very voluminous, and every Companion having had the opportunity of reading them, they were taken as read. Comp. Cooke then stated his case. The objections he urged against the suspension of the Chapter and its principals were that (1) he had only received one summons before suspension, and (2) that he had been cited to appear before the P.G. Supt. at a place without the Province. The Grand Registrar gave it as his opinion that in consequence of these informalities, the appeal must be sustained and the suspension withdrawn. At the same time he ruled that Comp. Cooke was wrong in not acknowledging the P.G. Supintendent, as he was the representative, in the Province, of H.R.H. the Grand Z., and allegiance, therefore, was due to the Prov. Grand Superintendent. On this, the acting Grand Z. submitted the decision to Grand Chapter, and the withdrawal of the suspension was approved. Grand Chapter was then closed.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Indigestion.—How much thought has been bestowed, and what ponderous volumes have been written upon this plague of every household, which is with certainty and safety dispelled without fear of relapse, by a course of this purifying, soothing and tonic medicine. It acts directly on the stomach, liver and bowels—more indirectly, though not less effectively on the brain, nerves, vessels and glands, and communicates such order throughout the entire system that harmony dwells between each organ and its functions. Dyspepsia can no longer be the terror of the public, since Holloway's Pills are fully competent to subdue the most chronic and distressing cases of impaired digestion, and to restore the miserable sufferer to health, strength, and cheerfulness.

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TREDEGAR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1625.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I note with some regret that in your report last week of the meeting of this Lodge of Instruction on the 23rd ult., a difficulty arose about a proposed vote of £5 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. I feel confident our esteemed Bro. Barnes must be labouring under some misapprehension of the circumstances he alluded to, or he would not have raised any opposition to the vote. I fancy he and the brethren of the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction will find I am right in stating, that Bro. Terry will be only too happy to hand over the Eastern Star proxies to the new Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, when evidence has been furnished to him of the amalgamation of the two Lodges, or rather of the transformation of the Eastern Star into the Tredegar. I think Bro. Terry is justified in asking thus much. If any difficulty hereafter arise—and difficulties occasionally intervene even in the best-regulated societies—and the Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction should be revived under the auspices of its parent Lodge, Bro. Terry might find himself in a predicament. I do not say such an event is at all likely to happen, but it is right that a brother holding an important office should guard himself against all eventualities. The revival of the Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction, though it may be in the highest degree improbable, is far from being impossible. If it should be so revived, how about Bro. Terry and the proxies then, unless he has some written evidence to show how he has disposed of them and on what grounds?

Yours fraternally,

LITERA SCRIPTA MANET.

THE RECENT ELECTION FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Logomachy is a very poor substitute for an argument to vindicate the claims of a sorrowing widow and a forlorn orphan. If, however, any parties will now unite to secure votes to place the boy Cox in the Masonic School at the next election, my anxiety and exertions will be amply repaid.

I do not discover as yet how "an unknown," and yet "well known" writer, has, by his pen, added anything relevant to the distressing case, and if evidence was wanting to substantiate the allegation of being "vituperative," the letter of the writer, in last week's issue, abundantly supplies it. He is kind enough to style me "learned;" but I confess I do not understand what *Londinensis* means. *Londiniensis* is something intelligible. But let us pass to the *inexorable logic of facts*; premising a few criticisms on the verbiage of logical assumption, conceding the superiority of the writer as a dialectician in the *use*, but not in the *detection* of the fallacy of *petitio principii*, or begging the question; for the writer's first letter proceeded on the fallacy, that all the gentlemen who recommended the case were bound to record all their votes to this candidate, young Cox, *and to no other*; which the writer well knew that local circumstances and other obligations prevent. I must be excused if I consider a conclusion drawn from such assumed figures or premises to be illusory: or, as common folks say, "throwing dust in people's eyes."

When the expression of an opinion is couched in language as the result of deliberation of a superior judgment, that, I call an "assertion;" or an affirming or maintaining, viz., that my suggestion "would not be wise;" and the reason assigned—I did not write *pretext*—was that the parties who had backed up the case had been remiss in their duties. This was really implied, if not expressed; otherwise upon the *assumed* calculation (which I venture to submit was groundless) the boy's success was certain long ere this time, so that the blame rests, as imputed, entirely with his supporters, which I emphatically deny, and can prove the contrary.

There were, as I learn, *five or six* other cases for the Devonshire brethren, claiming their support. They brought up 889 votes a fortnight ago, to bring an orphan girl, the daughter of an excellent Mason, now deceased, into the Masonic Girls' School, and were successful. Neither the Rev. C. J. Martyn nor myself has been inattentive to this case. We are supporting him "*thoroughly*." We are corresponding with some influential Devonshire brethren on the case. I had reason to fear that the poor distressed widow, driven by force of circumstances out of Devonshire to "*Glebe Cottage, Stanstead, Sudbury, Suffolk*," was "out of sight, out of mind," even if Frater Londinensis were fortunate enough to escape this unhappy predicament. But she is *not altogether*, thank goodness. One of the Devonshire brethren writes to me, "What can we do in the case of young Cox, without much extraneous aid? We are doing all we can with our comparative *few* votes. There are *five* other Devonshire cases like it. I admit that the case of Cox is most deserving." The D.P.G. Master of the Province writes to me:—"I know the case of Cox well: it is most deserving; but we must get in the poor orphan girl Clase this time." The Province of Devonshire, therefore, is "not indifferent" to this case; and surely neither Brother Martyn nor myself. Will our excellent brother "Frater Londinensis" render his superior logical skill and tact to our aid? We shall hail them, with his powerful assistance and influence, as omnipotent auxiliaries.

I must not forget to ask him how an inconclusive argument can be relevant to the cogency of reasoning? In other words, can there be a logical conclusion, where there is a fallacy in one of the premises? Or, can such illicit process be otherwise than irrelevant to argument, and to the benefit of the case?

I am afraid that my brother's "*harmless*" letter is of a *negative* character, in the interest of George Samuel Cox. I ask for *powerful*, numerical, *positive* aid; *for votes to be sent* to the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Melford Rectory, Suffolk, or to myself, for the election in October next. One thing is very certain, that I have aroused our good brother to one weighty consideration most worthy of his very serious undivided attention, "that it will not add to our reputation for Masonic Charity, if it be known as a matter of fact, that a poor orphan is not to be aided on the merits of his case, but solely on account of his being the *protégé* of the influential and wealthy." What this has to do with the Boys' School, is *his* concern, and that of every Life Governor; but, better still than all banter, cavil, or logomachy, let us have the benefit, for immediate application, of his superior dialectics, comprehensive organisation, and influential support to bring in young Cox at the next election for admission of candidates into the Royal Masonic Boys; and then we will accord him the first and leading position in the triumph. Hoping that my cognomen will not detract in any wise from securing the blessing of one ready to perish, and that every voter to the Boys' Masonic School who is *not* pledged, will now come to the rescue of George Samuel Cox, by forwarding to us or pledging their votes in his favour at the next election,

I am, faithfully yours,

DANIEL ACE, D.D., P.M. 1232,

P.G.C. for Lincolnshire.

Laughton Vicarage, near Gainsborough, 30th April 1877.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

(ENGLISH CONSTITUTION.)

AT the Special Meeting held on Thursday, the 8th February 1877, there were present:—Bros Ernest O. Smith D.D.G.M. (in the chair), John Williams P.D.G.M., Owen S. Evans S.D.G.W., A. Gardner J.D.G.W., Wazir Beg M.D. LL.D. D.G.C., W. H. Simpson D.G. Treas., T. S. Bullard D.G. Reg., R. Lewerthy D.G.S., W. D. Banks sen. D.G.D., N. J. Robit son D.G.S. of W., J. S. Gordon D.G.D. of C., J. E. Grahame D.G. Asst. D. of C., H. J. Wager D.G. Purs., S. A. De Liesa D.G. Tyler, several District Grand Stewards, Past District Grand Lodge Officers, other Brethren, and representatives of the following Lodges:—Australia No. 390, Harmony No. 556, Cambrian No. 626, Robert Burns No. 817, Balmain 868, United Service No. 937, Unity 169, Cumberland 1568, St. Leonards Samaritan (U.D.), and Prince of Wales (U.D.)

The District Grand Lodge was opened in form at 8 p.m. After prayer by the District Grand Chaplain, the D.D.G.M. requested the D.G. Sec. to read a letter received from R.W. Bro. A. T. Holroyd; also copy of letter addressed by him to the Grand Sec., tendering his resignation of the office of District Grand Master.

The D.D.G.M. stated that the Meeting was called for the purpose of nominating a Brother to succeed Bro. A. T. Holroyd, as D.G.M. of the Colony. R.W. John Williams, Past D.G.M. proposed His Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson, the Representative of Her Majesty in the Colony, to fill the Office. He was sure, should the Governor be elected, it would be a great advancement to the Craft, and Masonry in general in the Colony. P.M. Westcott seconded the nomination. The D.D.G.M. said he was not really aware if the Governor was a Freemason, and if so, to which Constitution he belonged, but accepted the assurance of Bro. Williams, that the nomination of the Governor was made with his knowledge and consent, and with his intention to act if elected. Bro. Williams announced that the Governor was a Scotch Freemason, and that he would be pleased to accept the office of G.M. P.M. Senior argued that it was not necessary that a candidate for the office should be a member of any Lodge in the Colony. After some further discussion, the D.D.G.M. very much regretted to say that so far as they had proceeded, he was of opinion that the Governor was not qualified, but before deciding, he should like to hear the opinion of some other brethren upon the subject, though he feared that nothing could be advanced to alter his opinion. P.M. T. A. Strickland objected to the nomination; it appeared to him that, as any brother who was a candidate for the office of W.M. of a Lodge, must have served as Warden for twelve months, and must be enrolled in the Books of the Grand Lodge of England, it was equally necessary that a candidate for the District G.M.'s chair should be so enrolled, and more than that, he should be a Past Master, who had ruled a Lodge. All knew that if a New Lodge was to be constituted, the Petition to the Grand Master must be signed by at least seven brethren whose names are on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of England, so that it stands to reason if the rule is so rigidly enforced in the case of the Masters, Wardens, and Founders of a New Lodge, it must be intended to be enforced in the case of a candidate for the highest position amongst us. In his opinion, we ought and cannot go beyond the bounds of our own Constitution for a ruler, and he would say more, that none but a Past Master should be eligible. P.M. R. P. Abbott M.P. quite agreed with the remarks of the last speaker, and held that as no brother ought to be accepted as a candidate for the chair unless he had served the office of Warden, and been Master of a Lodge, he considered that, therefore, the Governor was not qualified to hold the office. He fully admitted the ability of the Governor, still, by the Book of Constitutions, "eminence and ability in the Craft" was essential, and this should be considered

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when they thought of passing over very old and deserving Past Masters and District Grand Lodge Officers. P.M. J. S. Gordon said he would oppose the nomination being received, excepting under protest, as there was actually no evidence before the meeting to prove that Sir Hercules Robinson was even a Master Mason. R.W. John Williams said that, by the Constitutions, brethren of eminence and ability in the Craft might be appointed District G.M., though not members of our own Constitution. P.M. Simpson said it appeared to him that the meeting had been called too early, for the important matter required more ventilation. The country Lodges had not had an opportunity of being present, and now a technical point has been raised that may be good, viz.:—That his Excellency, not being a Master Mason under the English Constitution, is disqualified—he could join an English Lodge, and he thought it was a pity to hurry the business to-night on this point, and, therefore, he moved the adjournment of the meeting for a month, so that the Governor might qualify himself. P.M. Mitchell seconded the motion, he had invited the Governor to visit his Lodge, but, at the last moment, he excused his attendance on account of having a visitor. No doubt if the Governor was elected as their District G.M., it would be a very great honour conferred on them. The D.D.G.M. said, that under existing circumstances the responsibility rested solely with him to make the best arrangements. He desired that there should be no undue haste, as he also intended that there should be no unnecessary delay. Every member of the District Grand Lodge had long since had the printed report of the proceedings of the last meeting, at which Bro. Holroyd stated he was going to resign, so that neither town or country members could plead ignorance of what the proceedings were to be this evening. He believed this, the time fixed for the nomination, the proper one. So important a matter as the appointment of Bro. Holroyd's successor, should not be allowed to hang before their eyes perhaps indefinitely, but should, as it can be, settled promptly. He would remind Bro. Simpson that it was the prerogative of the D.G.M. to call Special Meetings when and where he thought proper, and that no motion could be submitted by which he would be dictated to in the matter. At present he was only temporarily the head of the Craft, and while he held that important post he should zealously guard the rights of the Master's gavel, and allow no infringements to be attempted through his instrumentality. He regretted, therefore, he could not submit the motion. Supposing a further time was allowed, who could say if the Governor would avail himself of the opportunity of qualifying himself for the office by submitting to the ballot in a private Lodge? Possibly he might not do so. It was no fault of his that the Governor's supporters did not ascertain his qualifications before putting him in nomination, they had ample time to do so. The D.D.G.M. then retired. The D.S.G.W., O. S. Evans, taking the chair. P.M. Bullard D.G. Reg. nominated Bro. Ernest Octavius Smith, the present D.D.G.M., and a Past Senior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England; in doing so, he said the qualifications essential for the office were a thorough knowledge of, and ability to preside over the Craft, and a good social position. P.M. Smith possessed these. As a Freemason, all knew his worth. He had been Master of a Lodge seven times. He had been Deputy for ten years, and has been unceasing in his zeal and attention to Masonry. He had taken part in every Masonic movement. He drafted Bye-laws, attending every meeting of Committees when framing them, and the Laws for the Benevolent and Orphan Committees; he had great experience in Freemasonry, and was most eminently qualified to be their head. He did not believe they had ever had so hard-working and efficient a Mason amongst them, or one so well suited to be the District G.M. P.M. Strickland seconded the motion. He thought Bro. Smith in every way most suitable, and he considered that he ought, without doubt, to be elected to the office. P.M. Grahame also supported the motion. P.M. Senior thought Bro. Smith had had quite enough of office; he had held that of D.D.G.M. for ten years, a period far too long for any one to occupy the position. He fully admitted, and always had done so, the great ability, zeal, and attention that Bro. Smith had shown in Masonry, but still he had been Deputy for ten years, so ought now to retire. P.M. Abbott could not agree with Bro. Senior, that Bro. Smith had been too long in office, it is admitted by every one that he has performed the Deputy's duties with the greatest zeal, intelligence, and ability; indeed, no one could have performed them as satisfactorily. Yet for all this he has not had the honour of being at the Head of the Craft. He had known Bro. Smith for a great many years, and was persuaded that no one would make so good a District G.M. as he. He thought after Bro. Smith's long and useful career in Freemasonry, that it would be most ungrateful if they did not elect him to the high position of D.G.M., for which he is a candidate. With regard to His Excellency, who is also a candidate, he considered the fact of his being a Scotch Mason, as stated by Bro. Williams, and not an English one. P.M. Thomas rose to a point of order. He did not think Bro. Abbott justified in again speaking upon the subject of the Governor's nomination and qualifications, as he had already done so. D.G.S.W. as presiding officer, sustained the objection raised to Bro. Abbott's proceeding. P.M. Wilkins believed that it was well known that the present Grand Master was initiated in Sweden, and yet his Royal Highness was elected to the highest position in the Craft. P.M. A. W. Manning, Past D.D.G.M. of Queensland, said that before the Prince of Wales was made Past G.M. of England, he was made a member of an English Lodge, over which he presided, and so become a Past Master under the English Constitution before he took his rank in Grand Lodge. P.M. Davidson said the G.M. could, under his warrant, appoint a Bro. to any office, and quoted the Book of Constitutions to support his idea. The D.D.G.M. having resumed the chair, P.M. Kennedy nominated Bro. John Williams as D.G.M. He did not intend to say much. The reason he nominated that Bro. was that in the event of the nomination of the Governor being declared invalid, Bro. Smith would be elected without opposition, which he hoped would not be the case—he would try and prevent it. He considered Bro. John Williams in every way qualified to fill the Office, the duties of which he had before discharged, and while he gave Bro. Smith great credit for the very zealous and able way in which he had discharged his duty as deputy, he objected to his having continued in office for so long as ten years. P.M. Solfe seconded the nomination, he had previously performed the duties satisfactorily, and he did not approve of Bro. Smith holding office any longer. P.M. Simpson supported the nomination, because it appeared to him that a technical point would be taken against the Governor's nomination. He believed that Bro. Smith had performed his duty most zealously and efficiently, but considered no Bro. should hold office longer than three years. The D.D.G.M. said that matters were now becoming very complicated, for the Governor was in the position of being opposed by his proposer, which he thought most unseemly. And then having ascertained that there were no other nominations, proceeded to review the remarks that had been made. With regard to the Governor's nomination, he considered it quite clear that, under the Constitutions, he was not qualified. So far as he knew, he has little or no interest in Freemasonry, for he has not during his Administration of the Government in any way identified himself with Masonry, or its Charities. Upon his arrival, had he expressed his wish to affiliate with a Lodge under either Constitution, though without personally attending it, and had he recognised and assisted us, then I say he would have shown an interest in Freemasonry. Had he been a Member *of our* Constitutions I should gladly have seen him presiding over us, but our Laws and Constitutions cannot suffer violation, even for so distinguished a gentleman. Ten years ago Bro. Williams suddenly resigned this Chair; it is upwards of ten years since this brother has been in his place in this Lodge, where he appears to improperly submit the Governor's name to a free, and in my opinion a very undesirable discussion. As to Bro. Senior, many amongst us can recall, how, when our last election took place, he brought out the late Dr. Williams, who was almost unknown in our ranks. Had these two distinguished brethren asked for a special Meeting of the District Grand Lodge, to consider the propriety of asking the Governor to come out, and I had received a requisition with fifteen or twenty names thereto, I would have convened such a meeting. Would not this have been a more dignified course than for these two brethren to dictate to some thirty or forty Lodges who was to preside over them? I submit that it would have been more discreet if, before replying to these two brethren, his Excellency had sent for and conferred with Brother Holdroyd or myself, when he would have been informed he was not, by our Constitutions, qualified to be nominated; I do not revel in the great privilege of easy, private entrée and audience at Government House, if I did I should be careful not to abuse it, as I think has been done in making a tool of the Governor, for party and selfish ends. Surely Worshipful Brethren will see that in the course pursued by these brethren a serious blow has been aimed at propriety and order, and I trust that the example they have set will not be followed, but that all our proceedings will be transacted openly, and that we shall not again find one or two members of District Grand Lodge assuming the office of Delegates to induce the Governor to come out, or to do some equally important acts without the knowledge or advice of this Lodge. Much has been said about the Grand Master's power under Patent, and the rules of the Grand Lodge quoted, but where we have the District Grand Lodge laws to guide us, we do not require to refer to that of the Grand Lodge, and what is it that is relied on by those who have quoted from the laws of the Grand Lodge? It is that the Most Worshipful Grand Master may, by Warrant, appoint brethren of eminence and skill to represent him in a sister Grand Lodge, and he may make distinguished brethren deputed from sister Grand Lodges members of Grand Lodge, with such rank as he pleases. We are not a sister Grand Lodge, we are only a subordinate to a Grand Lodge, that of England. The sister Grand Lodges are of Ireland, Scotland, Canada, Germany, &c., so that the law quoted in no way touches the case under our notice. In like manner, the case of the Prince of Wales and the present are as widely different. What do we find was the case with that exalted personage? Even he had to affiliate with a Lodge under the English Constitution, and even went further, for he was a Worshipful Master and a Past Master, thus actually attaining a seat in Grand Lodge before he was made Past Grand Master and afterwards Grand Master. If this routine was necessary in his case, a similar qualification and membership must be quite as much so in the Governor's. The ordeal through which our Grand Master consented to pass was intended to form a precedent, and a very proper one for guidance in any similar cases. Under these circumstances, can it be argued that a technical point is raised? It is a broad and fundamental principle that is sought to be set aside. It has been remarked that, if the Governor is elected, this will be the only one of the colonies where the Governor presides over the Craft. Of this I am aware, and I think the Governors of the Colonies are wise not to fill an office by which they must place themselves in antagonism to a large and important section of the community over which they preside. This is a point that could not have escaped his Excellency's consideration. I much regret that the Governor was not qualified, but this disqualification was no fault of mine. If the Governor was a duly qualified and eligible candidate for this Chair, and it was shown to be the wish of the Craft that he should occupy it, I should be the last to put any impediment or obstacle in the way of his election, and I believe that the majority of my hearers will give me credit for sincerity when I say that under such circumstances I would have relinquished my ardent expectations to fill the distinguished position for which I may humbly submit I have claims and qualifications. For the past few days wild rumours have been floating about, and much mystery displayed; but until the Governor was nominated here to-night, I did not know that he would be. I regret that I must still longer tax your patience, whilst I refer to matters in District Grand Lodge. When the Right Worshipful Bro. John Williams resigned, many of the then most influential members of the Craft pressed me to be nominated for the District Grand Mastership, because they were pleased to say I was fitted for the position. After their repeated requests and assurances that my election

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would be certain, if not unanimous, I positively refused; first, because that, in conjunction with some prominent brethren, I had been instrumental in causing the Right Worshipful Brother John Williams to abandon the chair, I did not care immediately to succeed him; secondly, I considered myself then too young for so important an office; and, thirdly, I thought it undesirable that the occupant of the chair should be employed in a Government Office. For these three reasons I declined to be put in nomination, though fully qualified, being then a Past Master under the English Constitution. I strongly recommended the election of Bro. Holroyd, because I felt that his age, experience, the nature of his profession, combined with the tact he had evinced as Parliamentary Chairman of Committees, would all prove most beneficial to us. By request I communicated with Bro. Holroyd, and the good results are patent to us all. I strongly urged that Past Master Israel should be Deputy, as I thought he deserved the position. However, Bro. Holroyd pressed me to take the Collar, which I did, and he appointed Bro. Senior District Grand Senior Warden. After four years I asked to be relieved of the office, because I had had it long enough, but Bro. Holroyd assured me that if I relinquished office he also would do so, an event that I considered would have been most disastrous to the Craft. Twice after this I resigned, and named twelve brethren from whom to select my successor. Finally, Bro. Holroyd said he should resign when he had held office ten years, and urged that I should continue to be his Deputy till then, otherwise he would resign before. How could I have left him under these circumstances, he having placed me in the honourable position I hold? Hence, against my will, and at inconvenience and loss of time to myself, I have for some years continued as Deputy, because I felt that Bro. Holroyd's retention of office was absolutely essential for our Masonic well-being. Though I feel I may now be addressing many unwilling ears, I assure you this narration is true, and I ask, is it generous, that when I seek advancement and honour amongst you that it should be sought to withhold it from me, on the ground that I have been ten years Deputy; and yet those who advance this objection place in opposition to me the Right Worshipful Bro. John Williams, who was Deputy for sixteen years, and District Grand Master for five, in all twenty-one years in office? You are aware that after a year or so I had nothing to gain in Masonic position by continuing in office, for the Past Deputy has really no past rank or position, and I had received high honour from the late Most Worshipful Grand Master. I cannot but be very much gratified to find that no one has questioned my ability, industry, zeal, and efficiency as Deputy, and that the only objection to my promotion is the fact of my ten years acknowledged faithful services to Freemasonry, and this is advanced by those who had the opportunity afforded them of shortening my term by taking the Collar when offered to them, so I really do think they are not justified in complaining or seeking to severely punish me for a matter they might themselves have remedied. Much I shall esteem the honour, if elected District Grand Master, and be disappointed if I am not so elected, but I shall bow with submission to the decision of the majority, and endeavour to display and feel the same interest in Freemasonry I have hitherto done. Of this you may be sure—I should not seek the preferment and honour if I did not feel that I have admitted claims upon the Craft to be elected District Grand Master. R.W. Bro. John Williams rose to explain the reason why he was formerly so long in office. He had done much for Freemasonry in this colony, and it was not true that he had deserted it ten years ago, as had been stated that evening. The Past District Grand Master, he considered, was the proper person to ask the Governor to come forward. It was no fault of the Governor that he had not recognised us, because upon his arrival in the colony there was no Address presented to him by the Masons, as there ought to have been. Past Master Senior also wished to explain that nobody knew better than the Deputy, did how he came to propose the late Dr. Williams. He went to his place of business, and bothered and pestered him until he promised to propose him, and that is why he did it. The District Deputy Grand Master said the explanations did not a whit alter the facts as stated by him, that the Right Worshipful Brother John Williams had continued in office some twenty years, and that Bro. Senior had proposed a rival candidate to Bro. Holroyd. In reply to questions put, the District Deputy Grand Master said he would arrange for the election meeting as soon as possible, of course giving sufficient time for the country Lodges to consider and take part in the matter; and with regard to the Governor's qualification, a point on which he was quite clear, he should consult with Bro. Holroyd, and he would make known the result to the Craft. This concluded the business of the District Grand Lodge, which, after prayer by the District Grand Chaplain, was closed in form.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Result of Ballot for Life Governorships on Bro. Webster's One Shilling Subscription, 27th April 1877.

240.—R. B. Webster, 104 Commercial Street, E.
282.—G. J. McKay, Kendal.
821.—A. J. Brown, Trafalgar Road, Greenwich.
863.—T. W. White, 6 Barnsbury Square.
893.—Wm. Atkinson, Liverpool.
1056.—John Cavil, Deptford Green, Deptford.

Certified by

RICHARD TRILL W.M. 1320, P.M. and P.Z. 79.
CHARLES JARDINE P.M. 140.
EDWARD J. LEARS J.D. 299.

CONSECRATIONS.

MORNINGTON LODGE, No. 1672.

ANOTHER addition has been made to the magnificent roll of Lodges registered in the books of the Grand Lodge of England, and to all appearances, this latest bantling has every chance of maturing into a sturdy member of the Masonic family. It has been ushered into life under most favourable circumstances, and in a locality well calculated to speed its growth and ensure future prosperity. Its birthplace, the Eagle, Snaresbrook, in Essex, stands on a charming spot, not so distant as to be difficult of access, yet far enough away from the noisy and turbulent metropolis as to be environed by gladsome rural scenes full of peace and sleepy quietness, pleasant walks and homesteads full of ease and comfort, into which the wearied city man is glad to retreat as soon as his day's worry is over. Like at a Royal court where high dignitaries of State are summoned to bear witness to the advent of a new Royal personage, so were present on this occasion Masonic eminences to assist the entrance into the world of this young offspring of the body Masonic. First and foremost was to be seen the venerable and V.W. Bro. John Hervey G.S., whom H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master had deputed to act as consecrating officer. Next were to be observed the V.W. Bro. Buss, the newly appointed A.G.S., who, on this occasion, performed the duties of D.C., V.W. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. acting S.W., W. Bro. James Terry P.P.G.D. Herts, Sec. R.M.B.I. as J.W., and W. Bro. Rev. R. M. Holden P.G.C. Middlesex as I.P.M. The imposing and highly impressive ceremony of consecration was conducted by Bro. John Hervey with his well known abilities, the Rev. R. M. Holden delivering the oration and prayers. After the Lodge was formally dedicated, Bro. W. R. Marsh P.M. 9, 933 and 1000, the W.M. designate, was presented, and, in conformity with ancient usage, inducted as first Master of the new Lodge. The Board of Installed Masters consisted of twenty-nine P.M.'s and W.M.'s. The first address was given by Bro. Hervey, the installing Master, the second by Bro. Terry, and the third by Bro. Holden. The musical arrangements at the consecration, installation and banquet were under the direction of Bro. Dr. James F. Haskins, Organist to the Earl of Zetland Lodge, No. 1364, assisted by Bros. T. W. Simons, G. T. Carter and R. Farquharson. The brethren expressed their gratitude and gratification to Bro. Hervey and the eminent brethren who so ably assisted him, by conferring honorary membership upon them all. The following are the officers designated and appointed:—Bros. R. W. Marsh W.M., F. E. Cockett S.W., G. Blackman J.W., John Cook Treasurer, D. King Secretary, S. Redfearn S.D., W. B. Salisbury J.D., J. W. Pollard I.G., S. Costa D.C., J. Lenster Steward. A banquet followed. The proceedings were unusually protracted, in consequence of which, as many had to return to town by the various trains, the W.M. very considerately submitted the various toasts with as few words as possible and they were responded to with equal brevity. Several of the songs, &c., on the programme were also omitted. The visitors were:—Bros. F. Binckes Sec. R.M.I.B., H. Massey P.M. 619, Charles Lacey P.M. P.P.G.D. Herts, W. T. Scott W.M. 9, H. Gomperts J.W. 1364, W. G. Clark P.M. 101, A. Looking P.M. 160, S. A. Thompson 9, W. Bristo W.M. 860, S. A. Nairn P.M. 176, E. Wright W.M. 1364, H. Marfleet P.M. 217, E. Brown 1598, B. Blunsen 742, W. Chrishmas 312, W. Bailey S.W. 49, W. Wilson 402, S. Rawley P.M. 174, John G. Stevens P.M. and W.M. 933, T. W. Simons 1185, T. Mortlock P.M. 186, J. W. Litson 1306, R. G. Thomas 1602, G. T. Carter P.M. 382, T. A. Biancho P.M. 1598, J. Turner 49, Wallington P.M. 860, Thomas Barford P.M. 55, T. Austin P.M. 933, E. Gotsheil P.M. 141, &c.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT MARK LODGE, No. 199.

IT has seldom been our privilege to record a more interesting proceeding than the consecration of the above Lodge, which took place on Friday, the 27th instant, at the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston. A special dispensation had been granted for the purpose of advancing several brethren to the Mark degree, in order that they might be present and take part in the ceremony and consecration; accordingly, at the appointed hour of three p.m., Bro. F. Binckes Grand Secretary M.M.M., took the chair, and was supported by Bros. James Stevens as S.W., S. Lazarus J.W., C. F. Matier Chaplain and D. of C., and J. B. Shackleton I.G. The Lodge was then opened, and the following brethren were advanced:—Bros. Oscar Dietrich 1524, W. Fieldwick 1364, John Stokes 1524, James Lorkin 192, Henry Godfrey 382, Charles Johnson 1524, F. Bonner 1524, G. Ferrar 1524, W. Ferrar 1524, J. F. Lovelock 212, A. Kelday, W. Jetson Brewster 1489, W. B. Delafons 1623, and Henry Thompson Scotch Constitution. Bro. Binckes then proceeded with the ceremony of consecration, which, it is needless to add, was performed most impressively, he delivering the oration customary on these occasions; in the course of which he gave some account of the constitution of Mark Masonry, and its intimate connection with the Fellow Craft degree. The chair was then taken by Bro. C. F. Matier, and Bro. J. B. Shackleton W.M. designate was presented by Bro. Davison, and installed with the usual ceremony. The following brethren were appointed and invested, viz., Bros. Bernard Meyer S.W., Henry Meyer J.W., Ernest Dietrich M.O., W. Fieldwick S.O., Jas. F. Lovelock J.O., John Stokes Registrar, Frederick Bonner S.D., Charles Johnson J.D., Oscar Dietrich Organist, James Lorkin I.G., W. Gilchrist Tyler. The appointments to the Treasurership and Secretaryship were held over. Several propositions for advancement and joining were handed in. The following were elected honorary members of the Lodge:—Bros. F. Binckes, C. F. Matier, S. Lazarus, James Stevens, F. H. Cozens, F. Davison, H. W. Binckes, and John Constable. After the transaction of the necessary business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was admirably served by "mine host" of the Albion. Upon the removal of the

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cloth, Bro. Shackleton proposed the usual toasts, prefacing each with a few suitable and well chosen remarks, which were appreciated by those present. Bro. Matier replied for the Grand Officers past and present, and Bro. Davison for the Province. In proposing the consecrating Officers, the W.M. spoke at length, not only on the manner in which Bro. Binckes had fulfilled his duty on that occasion, but also on the zeal and energy he displayed at all times in the fulfilment of his onerous duties as Grand Secretary and Secretary to the R.M.I.B., he concluded an effective speech by expressing a hope that Brother Binckes might be long spared to continue the work he performed so well. Bro. Binckes, in reply, acknowledged the compliments of the W.M., and expressed himself at all times willing to advance the interests, not only of Mark Masonry, but of Freemasonry generally. He also enlarged upon the charitable aspect of the Craft, and although he did not feel called upon on this occasion to press the brethren too urgently to support the institutions connected with Freemasonry, still he considered it to be his duty to urge upon their notice the plan devised by his friend, Brother Constable for aiding the funds of the school, of which he was secretary, and he trusted they would not separate that evening until each member had taken at least one of Bro. Constable's shilling tickets. We have great pleasure in adding that this appeal was cordially responded to, and no less than fifty-one tickets were disposed of, and the whole number deposited with the Master for the benefit of the Lodge. Bro. Binckes next proposed the health of the W.M. in his usual finest terms, and congratulated him on the position he had attained in Mark Masonry; at the same time, he wished the W.M. and the Lodge a long career of uninterrupted prosperity. Bro. Shackleton feelingly acknowledged the compliment on his own behalf, as well as that of the Lodge. Bro. S. B. Ellis (Sheffield) replied for the visitors. The toasts of the advancees and officers were duly given and acknowledged, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. It is obvious, from the fact of there being no less than twenty-nine candidates entered on the list on this occasion for advancement, that the inauguration of the Duke of Connaught Lodge at Dalston, has not taken place a moment too soon, and we doubt not that now Mark Masonry has established its footing in this neighbourhood, it will fare as prosperously as in other parts of England. It may be interesting to some of our readers to know that during the last four years as many as 30 Lodges have been consecrated, and there is every prospect of this number being still further increased.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E.C.

The New Practical Window Gardener. Being practical directions for the cultivation of flowering and foliage plants in windows and glazed cases, and the arrangement of plants and flowers for the embellishment of the household. By John R. Mollison. Illustrated with coloured plates and wood engravings. London: Groombridge and Sons, 1877.

We strongly advise those of our readers who are minded to cultivate the art of window gardening to take Mr. Mollison as their "guide, philosopher and friend." That gentleman has keen appreciation of the beautiful, a thorough practical knowledge of floriculture, and shows considerable taste in all that he recommends, in connection with the floral decoration of rooms, balconies, areas and windows. A London house, externally at least, is not particularly cheerful. In the humbler and more crowded thoroughfares, the ugliness of our buildings is exceedingly painful. What a marvellous relief is afforded by the presence of a few bright flowers, may be noted any and every day in the week, if the reader will only look about him during his walks through the streets. It is quite a pleasure to see the taste and skill in decoration which some of our artisan class display in the adornment of their windows, and the pleasure becomes all the greater when we contrast the homes which present this cheerful aspect with others where no care or attention is paid by the occupants to such appearances. Window gardening, however, if it is to be carried out, will require some knowledge of floriculture. It is necessary to understand something about the propagation of plants, their growth in pots or boxes, the kind of soil that suits them best under those conditions, and all about the needful drainage. Something also should be known about the seasons when seeds must be sown, and how they should be sown, as well as about watering, trimming, transplanting from one pot to another, and many other details which will occur to our readers as a matter of course. Now all this knowledge, and, indeed, a great deal more, is to be obtained by studying this work of Mr. Mollison's. He describes to us the most suitable kinds of pots and boxes, the best kinds of soil and drainage, how to pot our plants and water them, how to get rid of insects, what plants belong to different seasons, and what are best grouped together. He is equally careful to give all the needful information about area and balcony gardening, as well as about the decoration of rooms. He tells us under what conditions we may keep plants even in our bed-rooms, and why, under certain and other conditions, they may prove injurious to health. He superadds to all this a list of plants most suitable for house culture, and gardening notes for each month of the year. In fine, Mr. Mollison tells us, in a quiet but thoroughly business-like way, all the information we are likely to require, if we propose to decorate our rooms, either internally or externally, with flowers. We strongly recommend the book to our readers, not only for the valuable matter it contains, but also for the very serviceable illustrations with which it is embellished.

Worshipful Brother W. Andrews jun., has been elected Master of Royal Lodge, No. 207, Kingston, Jamaica, this being the second time that he has been called to occupy the chair of this Lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

THE Spring Meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Crown Hotel, Penrith, at the hour of high Twelve on Friday, 27th April. In the unavoidable absence of the Prov. G. Master, the Earl of Bective, the Prov. Grand Lodge was opened by the D.P.G.M., Colonel Whitwell M.P., who was supported by Bros. Kirkbridge S.G.W., John Bowes J.G.W., John Lemon P.P.S.G.W. Treas., W. Gibson P.P.S.G.W. Sec., Whitehead Prov. G. Reg., Dodgson, Prov. G. Par., Geo. Kenworthy P. Prov. G.S.W., Jos. Bintley P.P.G. Sup. of Wks., John Holme P.P.J.G.W., John Talbot P.P.J.G.W., Lamonsby P.M., Isaac Evening S.W. 1002, &c., &c. The business was of an interesting character, and included the presentation of a Charity Jewel to Bro. McKay, for his valuable services both in London and in the Province. On the motion of Bro. Lamonsby, seconded by Bro. Evening, and supported by Bro. Bowes P.J.G.W., it was unanimously resolved to ask the Prov. G. Master to hold the September Meeting of Grand Lodge at Cockermouth. After the conclusion of the business, the brethren sat down to an excellent luncheon, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

THE MONTEFIORE LODGE AND THE PRUSSIAN JEWISH DISABILITIES QUESTION.

AT the regular meeting of the above Lodge on the 23rd ult., when the purely Masonic business of the Lodge was completed, the honorary secretary of the Montefiore Committee announced that 230 petitions, relating to the exclusion of non-Christians from the Prussian Lodges, had been returned duly signed, and likewise that several letters fully sympathising with the movement had been received. He further announced that the letter from the Joppa Committee had been considered, and a reply forwarded, in which the Montefiore Committee expressed its willingness to meet the Joppa or any other Committee. This reply was dated 28th March, but no response had yet been made to the offer. We hear that since the above meeting the number of petitions has been increased to 240, and the Committee are anxious that those Lodges which have not yet taken the question into their consideration should do so at the earliest possible opportunity. That our readers may fully realise its importance, we transcribe the words of the 165th section, which have been sent us by a correspondent:—"In the Confederacy of the Grand National Mother Lodge, only such a one can be proposed for initiation into Freemasonry who profess the Christian faith without distinction of creed." The removal of so objectionable a law is desirable, for it is distinctly opposed to the fundamental principles of the Order.

MEETINGS HELD, &c.

Hauraki Chapter, No. 454.—The annual meeting for the installation of officers for the ensuing year was held at the Masonic Hall, Queen-street, Grahamstown, on the 15th February. Several brethren from Auckland attended to assist in the ceremony. The installing officer was Comp. Climo M.D.S.K. The following were duly installed as officers:—Comps. R. M. Mitchell K., Bowden H.P., W. Jenkins C.S., Woodward C.H., S. Mills S.F., S. Catran C.S.V., J. Osborne Treasurer. After which the company proceeded to the Bowen Hotel, where a banquet was provided by Bro. Lymington, and there spent a most agreeable evening. Bro. E. T. Wildman was unavoidably absent through indisposition.

Sir Hugh Middleton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—The usual weekly meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 27th ult., at the King Edward VI., Liverpool-road, Islington. Present—Bro. Knill W.M., A. Rowley S.W., Ross J.W., Lee P.M., Pearcy S.D., Somers J.D., Fenner I.G., Osborne Sec., &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, after which the ceremony of initiation was very ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. W. Rowley acting as candidate. Bro. Lee P.M. then occupied the chair, and the ceremony of installation was rendered by him in his usual admirable manner, he installing Bro. A. Rowley. The officers were then invested, after which the usual addresses were delivered by Bro. Lee. The Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Royal Ark Mariners Lodge, No. 69.—Met on 27th April at 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow. Petitions from three distressed mariners were presented, and they were received on board and duly instructed.

Royal Ark Mariners Lodge, No. 78.—Met at 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow. Petitions were presented from four distressed mariners, who were duly received on board, and instructed in their duties by Comp. Jas. Balfour.

Red Cross Knights of Babylon.—A Council was held on 27th April, at 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow, Sir Knight J. M. Campbell President. Comps. J. Belle-Nair, Tho. Backwood, Wm. McMillan, J. B. Clement, and W. Lightbody, were duly created Knights of the Sword, Knights of the East, and also Prince Masons and Knights of the East and West, all the ceremonies being admirably rendered.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

IN the House of Lords the second reading of the Burials Acts Consolidation Bill was opposed by Earl Granville. A long debate followed, in which, amongst others, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, the Bishops of Winchester, Lincoln, and Oxford, the Marquis of Salisbury and the Duke of Richmond and Gordon took part. On a division, the second reading was affirmed by 141 to 102, the smallness of the majority being the cause of much cheering among the opposition. On Friday, Lord Bury brought the subject of Railway Accidents under the notice of the House. A long and interesting discussion ensued, in which the Earl of Beaconsfield and other peers took part. On Monday, and again on Tuesday, questions were asked of the Government relating to the Russo-Turkish War. On the former day, the Earl of Carnarvon announced that a proclamation of neutrality would be issued, and this, as our readers are aware, has since been done, while on the latter, the Earl of Derby stated that an answer to the Russian Circular was only awaiting the approval of Her Majesty in order to be sent to St. Petersburg. When it had been presented, a copy would be laid on the table of the House.

In the Commons, the greater portion of last Thursday was occupied in Committee on the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Bill. Some clauses were agreed to, but not without opposition. On Friday a resolution respecting Irish Tenants was moved by the O'Donoghue. A debate followed, and on division, the resolution was lost by 189 to 65. On Monday, Mr. Gladstone laid on the table a series of resolutions which it is his intention to bring forward on the Eastern Question, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer very readily placed Monday, the 7th inst., at the Right Honourable gentleman's disposal. In reply to the Marquis of Hartington, Mr. Bourke said that a proclamation was on the point of being issued. Other questions relating to the same important question having been disposed of, the Committee on the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Bill was resumed and further progress made. On Tuesday, a motion by Alderman M'Arthur on Ecclesiastical Endowments in Ceylon was only defeated by 147 to 121, a result which was loudly cheered by the opposition. A motion by Mr. Lefevre on the Irish Land Act was acceded to by the Government. Mr. Cross obtained leave to introduce a new Bishoprics Bill, which was subsequently read a first time. The House then set about nominating the Select Committee on the Cattle Plague, and several divisions occurred over sundry of the names submitted, so that the House did not rise till a very advanced hour of the night. On Wednesday, Mr. Holt moved the second reading of a Cruelty to Animals Bill, but he was defeated by 222 to 83. Mr. O. Morgan withdrew his Burial Bill, and then the Assistant County Surveyors (Ireland) Bill was affirmed on its second reading by 211 to 32.

The Queen held a Council at Windsor on Monday afternoon, at which H.R.H. Prince Leopold, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Earl of Beaconsfield, the Earl of Derby, the Marquis of Hertford, and Mr. Cross were present. At this meeting the Proclamation of Neutrality, published the same evening in a *London Gazette Extraordinary*, was submitted to her Majesty and approved. The several ministers had audiences, and subsequently Mr. Justice Fry and Colonel Herbert Sandford R.A. were introduced, and had the honour of knighthood conferred upon them. On Tuesday morning the Queen, accompanied by the Duchess of Edinburgh, the Princess Beatrice, and Prince Leopold, attended by the usual suite, left the Castle for Buckingham Palace. It being the anniversary of the Duke of Connaught's birthday, his Royal Highness arrived at the Palace from Dublin, and met her Majesty on her arrival. In the afternoon a Drawing room was held at which the Duchess of Edinburgh, Princess Beatrice, the Dukes of Connaught and Cambridge, Prince Christian, and the Duke and Duchess of Teck, were present. It was a Collar day, and therefore the Knights of the several Orders wore their respective Collars. The Foreign Ambassadors and Ministers having been introduced, several presentations were made by certain of them, after which a large number of other presentations were made, the names having been previously left with the Lord Chamberlain, and submitted for her Majesty's approval. On Wednesday morning, the Queen, with other members of the Royal family, paid a visit to the Gardens of the Royal Horticultural Society, South Kensington. The Royal party were received by Lord Aberdare, President of the Society, who attended them round the Exhibition. In the afternoon forty of the boys of Christ's Hospital on King Charles II.'s foundation paid their annual visit to the Palace, for the purpose of submitting their charts and drawings to the Queen. The Queen entered the Picture Room, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice and the Duke of Connaught, and here the boys, with Bro. Allcroft, treasurer, the governors, and two masters, were presented to her Majesty by the Duke of Cambridge, who is President of the School. The Queen was pleased to select a water colour drawing of H.M.S *Thunderer*, executed by Frank D. Thompsett. On Thusday a second Drawing-room was held. On Monday, her Majesty will visit Aldershot, and hold a review of the troops stationed there. The Prince of Wales reached Marseilles on board H.M.S. *Sultan*, Captain the Duke of Edinburgh, early on Wednesday morning. He reached Paris on Thursday, and will have reached London ere this record is read by our constituents. He is expected to be present at the Amateur Dramatic Performance at the Opera Comique this afternoon, the proceeds of which will be apportioned equally between the two Schools. On Sunday, the Duchess of Edinburgh attended Divine service at the chapel of the Russian Embassy in Welbeck-street, and offered up prayers for the success of the Russian army. It was also her father's birthday. She dined with the Russian Ambassador, and returned the same evening to Windsor.

On Saturday, her Majesty's Opera was opened for the first time since its re-edification after the fire a few years since. Sir Michael Costa presided in the orchestra, and Mdlle. Titiens was the leading *artiste*. After "God save the Queen" had been sung, Bellini's opera of *Norma* was given—how well it is almost needless to say. Madame Valleria and Signor Fancelli and Brocolini were among the other singers. Thus both opera houses are now open, and everything gives the hope that the season at Her Majesty's will be a brilliant one.

Lord Sudeley died a few days since at the early age of 40, having been born on 9th April 1837. He is succeeded in the title by the Hon. Charles D. R. Hanbury-Tracey, M.P. for Montgomery district. This, of course, has created a vacancy in the House of Commons, for which already certain rival candidates are in the field.

On Thursday next the new season at the Alexandra Palace will be inaugurated by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, with a considerable amount of ceremony. There will be a grand concert in honour of the event, and in the evening a magnificent display of fireworks. On Friday and Saturday the Alexandra Park Races will be held. We wish the new venture every success.

On Wednesday the Two Thousand was run at Newmarket, and resulted in the victory of Chamant, who stood second in the betting, Brown Prince being second and Silvio third. The victory appears to have been very easily achieved, and, of course, Chamant now stands well in the betting for the Derby. We are now entering upon the full season of sport, as cricket has already commenced in more than one locality, notably at both Universities, and in Gloucestershire. Moreover, a new athletic ground, not far removed from the Lillie-bridge Grounds, has been opened for the special accommodation of the London Athletic Club. There was, of course, a good meet on the occasion, and at the close of the day's sport the Lady Mayoress delivered the prizes to the several winners. On Wednesday and Thursday there was held the first show of the Fox Terrier Club, and the

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liberal prizes offered brought together no less than 220 entries, who were divided into twelve classes. Mr. F. Burbidge's Nettle was awarded the Challenge Cup of fifty guineas given by the Club, Mr. C. Thelwell Abbott's Archer securing first prize in the Dog Puppy Class, and two extra prizes.

The war has now commenced—in Asia, at least—in stern reality. The Russian army of the Caucasus has invaded Armenia in three corps, and according to the latest accounts received up to the time of writing, the Turkish army in front of Kars—a fortress which played so conspicuous a part in the war of 1854-6,—has been defeated and driven back, under cover of its walls. The Russians have also captured the fort of Bayazid, a position of no little importance. On the other hand, the Turks have repulsed more than one attack on Batoum, a fort of considerable strength on the Black Sea, and are said to have bombarded Poti and another place. In Europe, the Russians have occupied Roumania, and are said to be advancing, but slowly, towards the Danube. The weather however, is most unfavourable. The roads are very heavy, and the reports which reached us during the first days of the war, of large masses of Russians having advanced rapidly, do not appear to be confirmed. They have, however, secured more than one very important position, while the Turks seem to be acting with somewhat of their usual dilatoriness. As yet no one seems to have divined the plans of the Russian Commander-in-Chief. It is even said he will play a waiting game, and endeavour to tire out the Turks. Certainly he may well hesitate, even if there were no heavy and well nigh impassable roads to traverse, about pressing forward too hastily, for the Turks have a strong position, an army respectable in point of numbers and filled with enthusiasm, as well as with the most deadly hatred of foe. They have several very strong fortresses, and also a splendid fleet. In fact, it is generally admitted that Turkey is far better prepared for a successful defence than she was in 1853, when she repelled the attacks of the Russians and defeated them in so many engagements. However, under existing circumstances, we must expect to wait some time ere news of an exciting interest is received. As regards the Russo-Roumanian convention, it is universally condemned, while the Russian edict closing the navigation of the Danube is rumoured to have been cancelled at the special instance of Austria. At home the Government is quietly preparing itself to meet any and every eventuality. If we are not exactly buckling on our armour, we are taking care to see that it is in order and ready, if need be, for immediate use. The Admiralty is quietly seeing that our magnificent ironclads are in condition for sea, and no doubt the War Office is looking well after the army. This is merely enacting the part of a wise man. We trust that England may be spared the necessity of taking part in the struggle, but if not, she will know how to do her duty.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls to be held on the 9th of May, was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. Bro. Geo. Kenning in the chair. The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. The drawing for positions took place, and various matters were arranged. A vote of thanks was accorded to the President. A meeting of the Ladies' Stewards was afterwards held. There were also present Bros. Wright, Dr. Morris, R. B. Webster, Tanner, Vine, Stamwitz, J. Bingemann, Farthing, B. Swallow, Massa, Douglass, Garner, Moxon, Nelson Reed, Hobbs, H. M. Levy, &c.

The Stewards' visit to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls is unavoidably postponed by direction of the House Committee on account of late sickness in the school. It is gratifying to announce that the children are now all convalescent.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Boys' School, was held on Wednesday afternoon. Bro. T. Meggy having been voted to the chair, it was announced that up to the present time there were 190 Stewards, a number which, between now and the Festival, it was anticipated would be very largely increased. The Earl of Donoughmore was elected President of the Board, and Bro. Æneas McIntyre, Q.C., as the honorary Vice-President. Bro. Meggy was then chosen to fill the office of Acting Vice-President, Bro. Stpn. Barton Wilson that of Treasurer, and Bro. F. Binckes, as usual, that of Honorary Secretary. It was then determined that the festival should be held at the Alexandra Palace, that as on the last two occasions, ladies should be admitted to be present, and further, that gentlemen who are not Masons should be permitted to attend. The price of tickets was fixed as at previous Festivals, while a Sub-Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the musical portion of the programme. Other necessary preliminaries having been settled, it was arranged that the next meeting of the Board should be held on Thursday, the 17th instant. A vote of thanks to Bro. Meggy for his services in the chair brought the proceedings to a close. Present—Bros. Meggy, Rosenthal, Tanner, Abrahams, Wilson, C. F. Matier, Constable, Larlham, Thomas, &c., &c., and Bro. Binckes Secretary.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk will be held at Hadleigh, on Friday, the 29th of June next, under the presidency of Lord Waveney, the Prov. G.M.

It is with very deep regret we announce to our readers the sad death of Bro. Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, at the early age of forty-five. Bro. Gouley and his wife were staying at the Southern Hotel, St. Louis, when the terrible conflagration which destroyed it broke out. They had dressed themselves as soon as the alarm was given, and Mrs. Gouley, with a wet towel over her face, left the room, in the full belief her husband was following her, and escaped. Bro. Gouley, however, is believed to have remained a few minutes to collect some papers or documents, and, on endeavouring to follow, was beaten back by the smoke. He was afterwards seen at the window signalling for a ladder, but before this means of escape could be brought, he is believed to have been rendered insensible. At all events, he fell from the window, and on being picked up was found with his skull fractured, his chest crushed, and one leg and an arm broken. Everything was done to comfort the widow which the sympathy of friends could suggest, though it is impossible the recollection of the terrible calamity can ever be driven from her mind. Let us hope that, as time passes, the bitterness of her great sorrow may be assuaged. Bro. Gouley was born at Wilmington, Delaware, on 15th February 1832. He had received a good academical education, and had studied for the law in the office of Senator Bayard. He had in his time played many parts, as Secretary to Stephen A. Douglas, in the Land Department in Nebraska, and lastly in St. Louis as a bookkeeper; in each and every of these positions he acquitted himself honourably. He was made a Mason in Washington, and after settling in St. Louis became a member of Masonic Lodge No. 1, St. Louis R.A. Chapter No. 8, and St. Louis Commandery No. 1 of Knights Templar. In 1864 he became assistant to Bro. O'Sullivan, Grand Secretary of the Masonic Grand Bodies in Missouri, and on the latter's death, in 1866, succeeded him as Grand Secretary to the Missourian Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. This office he held at the time of his death, as well as the offices of Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder of this and other Masonic bodies in the State. For some years he edited and published the St. Louis *Freemason*, a journal afterwards merged in the *Voice of Masonry*, to which he was a frequent contributor. Bro. Gouley's body was removed to the Masonic Hall, St. Louis, where it lay in state for some days. The funeral service was conducted by Missouri Lodge No. 1, the members of which were escorted to the room by the Grand Commander of the State. The body was then removed to the Bellefontaine Cemetery, the Knights Templars heading, and the Master Masons closing the procession. Here it was to remain for ten days, after which it was to be removed East for final interment at Wilmington, Del. We are indebted for the foregoing particulars to our esteemed contemporary, the *Keystone*. It only remains for us to add the expression of our deep sorrow for so untimely a loss, and of our warmest sympathy in this affliction with the family and friends of our deceased brother.

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BRO. E. J. MORRIS, J.G. DEACON.

BROTHER E. J. MORRIS, who was, by the gracious pleasure of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, our Grand Master, invested as Junior Deacon at the Grand Lodge held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., is the late D.P.G.M. of the Eastern Division of South Wales. Before his appointment as D.P.G.M. he had made himself a name as a skilful Craftsman, and an indefatigable worker; since his appointment to that office he has so thoroughly identified himself with Freemasonry in South Wales as to be in every way the most eminent brother in the district. Widely known and recognised as his invaluable services to Freemasonry are, he justly prides himself upon the influence for good he has exercised in South Wales upon the fortunes of the Charities of the Order. He initiated the system of Steward representation, and was the first Steward sent up from South Wales. When he took this good work in hand, the Sister provinces held a very low rank as contributors to our noble Charities. By his influence, his unwearying industry, and disinterested effort, the Eastern Division has raised itself to a foremost place amongst contributors, while the Western has begun, with some success, to tread in the footsteps of her sister province. May Bro. Morris's retirement from the active pursuit of Freemasonry not have a disastrous influence upon this progress. He has in succession filled the office of Steward to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and finished by handing in a list of contributions to the Aged Freemasons of £325 from the Eastern Division alone. Under the quiet unassuming demeanour of Bro. Morris is to be found an energy as boundless as his will is determined, combined with a force of character and outspokenness of speech rare in one who has made himself so beloved and respected as he. When he deemed it to be his duty, he never failed to reprove and at times his reproofs have been so strong and severe that many have deemed him a madman, but all admit that he has been guided in his actions by a deep and sincere love of Masonry. He was initiated in the Indefatigable Lodge, No. 237, Swansea, in which he served as Secretary, Junior and Senior Warden, and of which he was elected W.M. in 1860, and again in 1864. As W.M. of the Indefatigable, he introduced into South Wales the system of section working, and during his second Mastership held Lodges of Instruction, at one of the last of which, he, assisted by his officers, worked the 15 in one night. When in the chair, he was very careful in training his officers, all of whom he left fit to perform any duty that they might be called upon to undertake. He was the founder and first W.M. of the Talbot Lodge, No. 1323, Swansea. Is an Honorary Member of the Cambrian, Afan, Caradoc, and Merlin Lodges in the Eastern Division, and of the St. Peter's in the Western Division. He was appointed Grand Deacon of the Province in 1859, by the then Prov. G.M., Col. Charles Kemeys Tynte, and when the late Bro. Talbot was appointed Prov. G.M., Bro. Morris, for his known skill and ability, was selected to fill the post of D.P.G.M., which he held for eleven years, when he resigned. At the request of Bro. Talbot he continued to discharge the duties of the office during his (Bro. Talbot's) illness, and thus it was that he held the office at Bro. Talbot's death. In R.A. Masonry he is also eminent. He was exalted in the Virtue and Hope Chapter, No. 237, Swansea, in 1857, filled all the chairs, and was three times M.E.Z., has also been M.E.Z. of the St. David's Merlin, and Talbot Chapters. Of the last named he was one of the founders. He is an Honorary Member of the St. David's, Merlin, and St. Elliw Chapters. He is the oldest Mark Master Mason in South Wales, and is the first W.M. of the Talbot Lodge of M.M.M.'s, he is founder of that Lodge. Is a P.E.C. of the Palestine Encampment of Knights' Templar, Swansea, and a member of the Rose Croix and 30th degree. When it became known that Bro. Morris had been appointed a Grand Deacon, several of the most distinguished Masons in South Wales resolved to accompany him, to be present at his investiture, as a mark of respect to him. After Grand Lodge, the occasion was thought a fitting one to invite him to dine with them. A dozen or more Past Grand Wardens and Past Grand Chaplains requested Bro. Price, W.M. of the Merlin Lodge, No. 1578, to act as caterer, and on Thursday evening Bro. Morris, with another illustrious brother, were the honoured guests at a choice banquet, prepared by Messrs. Spiers and Pond. Bro. Charles Bath, J.P., Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden of the South Wales Western Division, in the chair, faced by Bro. the Rev. J. Marsden, W.M. of St. Peter's, No. 476, P. Prov. Grand Chaplain of the Western Division, both divisions being well and worthily represented. The spontaniety of this invitation, and the high Masonic rank of those who attended, was a fitting tribute to Bro. Morris's many excellent qualities and real geniality of temperament, and a proper pendant to the high honour just bestowed upon him by H.R.H. the Grand Master.

The Masonic Temple of the Friendly Lodge, Kingston, Jamaica, is now undergoing extensive repairs. A very heavy expense will occur in the enlargement and decorations, which are expected to be completed in a month or two.

Old Warrants.

No. 65.

No. 139, "Ancients;" No. 168 at the Union of A.D. 1813, No. 121 A.D. 1832, and No. 104 from A.D. 1863.

No. 139.

KELLY, GRAND MASTER.

WILLIAM OSBORN, D.G.M.

L. DERMOTT, for WILLIAM DICKEY, S.G.W. J. GIBSON, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin, at York, Anno Domini Nine Hundred Twenty and Six, and in the Year of Masonry Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty and Six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful and Right Honorable Thos. Erskine, Earl of Kelly, Lord Viscount Fenton, Baron of Dittenween, in Great Britain, Grand Master of Masons, The Worshipful Mr. William Osborn, Deputy Grand Master, The Worshipful Mr. William Dickey, Senior Grand Warden, and the Worshipful James Gibson, Esq^r., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the cities and suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and impower our trusty and well-beloved brethren, viz., Captain Daniel Whitle one of our Master Masons, Mr. John Turner his Senior Warden, and Mr. Thomas Stead his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the sign of the Star, in the town of Mottram Longdendale, and County of Chester, upon the first Thursday in every Kalender month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the Most Ancient & Honorable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all ages and nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby farther authorise and impower our said trusty and well-beloved brethren, Messrs. Daniel Whitle, John Turner and Thomas Stead (with the consent of the members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their powers and dignities as Freemasons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge for ever. Providing the above named brethren and all their Successors always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force nor virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Twenty-first day of October, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty and Five, and in the Year of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty and Five.

L. DERMOTT,
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 3, Letter C.

Seal

ENDORSEMENT.

Transferred to our trusty and well-beloved Brothers James Davidson one of our Master Masons, John Carson his Senior Warden, and Patrick Haffrand his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge at the sign of the Grapes, Manchester Hill, in the County of Lancaster, upon the second and fourth Mondays in every month (being duly registered pursuant to the Statute), subject, nevertheless, to the rules and orders of the Grand Lodge, and the proviso and condition within mentioned.

Given under my hand, in London, this 31st day of March 1806.

THOMAS HARPER, D.G.M.

RON^D. LESLIE, G.S.

The present title, No., &c. are, St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Private Rooms, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.

The 7th Annual Ball of the City and Metropolitan Orphanage was held on Thursday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Among those present were the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress, Bros. Sir Thomas White, Alderman and Sheriff Hadley, Sheriff East, and their ladies, Mr. Alderman Figgins, Bros. Eccles, Edis, Superintendent Foster, Cox, J. C. Walford, &c. A very excellent supper was provided. Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hadley occupied the chair, and proposed the toast of the "Queen," and "Prosperity to the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage." The toast found a very able responder in Bro. J. Corke C.C., who then proposed the toast of the worthy Alderman. Bro. Sheriff East, in very happy terms, proposed the "Ladies." Dancing was then resumed until an early hour, Bros. T. Butler, T. Meekham, and R. J. Foulger efficiently acting as M.C.'s.

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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 MAY.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
143—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1233—Amherst Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 7th MAY.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

87—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
93—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.
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
396—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
431—St. George's Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
492—St. James's, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
623—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.
850—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.
1061—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1064—Scotham, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1364—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 23 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
R. A. 263—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.

TUESDAY, 8th MAY.

46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
66—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Coopers Arms, Silver-street, Falcon-square, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1473—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
184—United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
273—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
636—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1380—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.

WEDNESDAY, 9th MAY.

Festival Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Girls, Freemasons' Hall.
Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, 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.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (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.)

199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
235—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
281—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
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—Lewisca, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1346—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1342—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1530—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannoc, Staffs.
1562—Llanidloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.

THURSDAY, 10th MAY.

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. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., 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.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

35—Merlina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
409—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding,

THURSDAY—continued.

477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
545—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1094—St. George's, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1204—Royd's Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1389—Bala, Penagoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.

FRIDAY, 11th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, 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.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1293—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1613—Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne Road, North Kensington, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
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.
M.M. 198—Croydon, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.

SATURDAY, 12th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1108—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1339—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1302—De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1345—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.

TUESDAY.

495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
803—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
1523—Ollicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 269—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
R. A. 255—Ampnibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.

THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 1314—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

FRIDAY.

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

SATURDAY.

R. A. 308—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—429—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.
TUESDAY—1—Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.
WEDNESDAY—3—Canongate, Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.
" R.A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.
THURSDAY—8—Journeymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.
FRIDAY—56—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

Grand Lodge Quarterly Meeting, 98 George-street, Edinburg, 5 p.m.
MONDAY—129—St. Mirren's, 5 Moss-street, Paisley, 7 p.m.
" 332—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 581—Plantation, 207 Craighall-street.
" R. A. 119—Rosslyn, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
TUESDAY—413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 419—Neptune, 35 St. James's-street, Glasgow.
" 426—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Renfrew.
" 441—Glasgow, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.
" 543—St. John Dalmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Dalmuir.
" 579—St. Brydes, Freemasons Hall, Udderstone.
" R. A. 69—St. Andrew's, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
WEDNESDAY—178—Scotia, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
" 387—St. George, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 510—Maryhill, 170 Main-street, Maryhill.
" R. A. 113—Partick, School-room, Douglas-street, Partick.
THURSDAY—570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, Glasgow.
" R. A. 50—Glasgow, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" R.A. 112.—Paisley, 5 Moss-street, Paisley.
FRIDAY—153—Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, Cogan-st., Pollockshaw.
" 179—Leven St. John, Black Bull Inn, Renton.
" R. A 79—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
SATURDAY—36—St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.
" 4—St. John Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 3rd of May, at Bro. Hallows, "Chequers," Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. Franklin W.M., Bell S.W., Upward J.W., Saunders Secretary, W. G. Hallows S.D., Brand J.D., Oldroyd I.G., Pinder Preceptor; also Bros. Groome, Dilwalle, Stuart, Claridge, E. Brown, Christian, Field, Clarke, Moffatt. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Claridge acting as candidate. The chair was then taken by Bro. Christian, and the Lodge having been opened in the 3rd degree, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed Bro. Hallows candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree, and Bro. Pinder worked the 1st section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Moffatt, of Beaconsfield Lodge 1662, was elected a member, and Bro. Bell W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, 30th April 1877. Present—Bros. Tolmie W.M., Saul S.W., R. Pearcy J.W., Powell S.D., Pulsford acting Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Sec., Killick J.D., Millward I.G., Christopher Tyler, and several brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting confirmed, then opened in 2nd and 3rd degrees, and afterwards resumed to the 1st degree, when the W.M. worked the Fifteen Sections, assisted by the following brethren:—1st Lecture—Bros. Powell, Stock, A. W. Fenner, S. Rowley, Killick, Harvey, Pulsford. 2nd Lecture—Bros. F. W. Jones, Saul, R. Pearcy, Renshaw, Sadler. 3rd Lecture—Bros. Crawley, Isaac, S. E. Moss. Lodge was resumed to 1st degree, when the following brethren were duly elected members:—Thomas 813, Humphreys 1509, Bisset 405, A. D. Renshaw 194, S. E. Moss 185. In proposing a vote of thanks to the W.M. for working the Fifteen Sections, Bro. Hames paid a high compliment to him, for the very excellent manner he had conducted the business of the evening, and the proposition was carried *nem. con.* The W.M. duly responded, and proposed that a vote of thanks be accorded to those brethren who had so ably assisted him in working the sections. This was also carried unanimously. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Doric Lodge, No. 81.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Private Rooms, Doric-place, Woodbridge, Suffolk. Present—Bros. Alfred Barnes W.M., E. C. Moor S.W., B. Gall J.W. pro. tem., W. Wilmshurst Sec., B. D. Gall Treas., F. Bradbrook S.D., G. E. Keer J.D., E. Fitz-Gerald P.M. D.C., J. Bull I.G., G. Hall Tyler; Past Master Bro. W. P. T. Phillips. Visitors—Bros. Rev. Chas. J. Martyn, D. Prov. G.M. Suffolk, and P. G.C., &c., and J. Page. Business—Bro. J. Roe, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted and regularly passed to the 2nd degree by the W.M., when the Deputy P.G.M. explained the tracing board in an effective manner. A reply was read from the Grand Secretary, to the application made by this Lodge, for permission to adopt a centenary jewel, by which it appeared the Lodge is not yet qualified to claim it. Although the warrant is of an old date, it formerly belonged to the Lodge held at Aldborough, and after lying dormant for a time was transferred here, therefore the hundred years have not yet expired, about twenty being now wanted to complete the period. A letter was read from a Freemason's Widow in the neighbourhood, applying for relief; but her late husband who had been a member of a Lodge in Kent, having neglected to join a Lodge here, although he resided in this district for several years, her application was not entertained. The Lodge having been formally closed, several of the brethren adjourned to Bro. J. Grout's, Bull Hotel, to supper, where a few hours were spent most agreeably in the usual Masonic style.

Union Lodge, No. 129, Kendal.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on 26th April. The W.M., Bro. R. J. Nelson, was supported by Bros. McKay S.W., R. Godfrey W.M. 1074 as J.W., T. Wilson P.M., Banks Sec., John Bowes P.M. P.J.G.W., and a goodly number of brethren. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the W.M. announced that, as there was an initiation, passing, and raising, he should esteem it a favour if Bro. Bowes, the Junior Grand Warden of the Province, would work the third degree. Bro. Bowes then took the chair of K.S., and raised Bro. Rodick. The other labours having been completed by the W.M., in a highly satisfactory manner, the Lodge was closed with the usual solemnities.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—A large muster of brethren assembled at the Whittington, Moore-lane, E.C., on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., the attraction being the working of the Fifteen Sections. Bro. T. Turquand P.M. 1556 acted as W.M., Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 as S.W., Walker, in place of Bro. Constable, who was unavoidably late, as J.W., and E. Gottheil P.M. and Preceptor as I.P.M. The 1st Lecture was worked by Bros. Jessie, Fenner, Croaker, Andrews, L. Turquand, Webb, and Rudderforth; the 2nd by Bros. Posener, Constable, Walker, Barnes, and Defries; and the 3rd by Bros. Loewenstark jun., Hewlett, and Perrin. On the business being ended, Bro. Gottheil proposed that a vote of thanks and honorary membership be conferred upon Bro. Turquand, for the very efficient manner in which he had conducted the work. All must have been gratified with what they had witnessed. There are many capable of performing the work, but few who had the power of comprehending its drift and meaning. Bro. Turquand, it must be admitted, has put the questions with considerable intelligence, and, seeing that this was his first attempt, in a highly creditable manner, they could not, therefore, do less than pay him the proposed compliment. Bro. Barnes seconded the motion, he quite coincided with Bro. Gottheil's remark as to the intelligent way in which the duties were performed, the W.M. showing clearly by the way the questions were put, that he grasped their significance, but he disagreed with the idea that they could not do less than pass the proposed vote. The Lodge unfortunately had not the power to do *more*, yet, again, taking another view of it, it is a gratifying honour to be made an honorary member of a Lodge of Instruction, for it is not bestowed, like some other honours in Masonry, as a matter of course, but as a token of appreciation for real services rendered. Bro. Turquand sincerely thanked the brethren for the kind words spoken; though an old man, yet he was comparatively young in Masonry. He remembered when he was just 365 days and twelve hours old, Masonically speaking, he was introduced to an "Emulation" man to receive instruction. Shortly after that he was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry by Bro. Preceptor Gottheil, who on that occasion, mentioned to him the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, at which he has ever since been, if not the most, at all events, one of the most regular attendants. Since then he had done his best to get rid of the many nobs and excrescences of the Emulation working. He hoped he had succeeded, to some extent, but would not rest until he had knocked off all with which, in his opinion, that particular mode of working is encumbered. Bro. Barnes interposed, and said that he did not care how many of their excrescences the W.M. might knock off, but hoped that mercy might be shown to our nobs. Bro. Jessie was elected to preside on next Wednesday. Bro. Turquand desires to express, through our columns, his regret for not thanking, at the conclusion of the proceedings, those brethren who assisted him in the working of the sections.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road. The Fifteen Sections were worked on Saturday, the 28th of April. Bro. Hewlett occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Musto P.M. as I.P.M., Austin P.M. as S.W., and Pearcy as J.W. Bro. J. A. Powell acted very efficiently as I.G. The first lecture was worked by Bros. Musto, Fenner, Powell, Isaac, Killick, Webb, and Rudderforth; the second by Bros. Brasted, Moss, Job, Turquand, and Baxter; and the third by Bros. Stock, Pearcy and Trewinnard. There was a very large meeting even for the Percy Lodge (which is generally well attended), the well-known abilities of the W.M. having attracted a large number of visitors as well as members, including several P.M.'s. The W.M. performed his task in a highly satisfactory manner, and a well-earned vote of thanks and honorary membership of the Lodge were conferred upon him. Bros. Turquand P.M. 890, W. H. Myers P.M. 820, T. Maidwell 27, Rudderforth 12, T. B. Humphrey 1509, Geo. Musto 813, W. M. Dondd 1445, J. De Solla 205, L. Nordel 205, Howard 898, Tongue 534, J. Leber 1366, T. Poore 1349, and G. Weige 860, were elected members. Bro. J. Lorkin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to those who had assisted him, which was acknowledged by Bro. Rudderforth. Bro. Musto has kindly consented to rehearse the ceremony of installation on Saturday next, 5th May, at eight o'clock.

Royal Chapter, No. 207, Kingston, Jamaica.—The installation of Principals took place on 25th January, when the following were duly installed:—H. Garcia Z., C. Davis H., T. Sherlock J. The installation service was performed by the Most Excellent Deputy Grand Superintendent for Jamaica, J. W. Whitbourne, assisted by Most Excellent Comps. G. J. De Cordova, R. Langley, and P. J. Ferron P.Z.

Stability Chapter, No. 217.—A Convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday, the 26th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Comps. Howe M.E.Z., Webster H., F. Green J., Townsend S.N., Barham P.S., Green 1st. Assist., Turner 2nd Assist.; and Comps. James, Kerile, Stean, S. L. Green, Walkar, Whitmarsh, Holliday, &c. The Chapter was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bros. Cutler, Prestage, James, and Winn were exalted. The report of the auditors was read, and a notice of motion was given by Comp. Webster P.Z., that the subscription be paid annually. The Chapter was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. Clemow, and superintended by Bro. Smith. The M.E.Z. gave the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comps. P. De L. Long Z. 8, E. P. Albert P.Z. 188, and S. Gauntlets P.Z. 632 severally returned thanks for the visitors.

Friendly Royal Arch Chapter, No. 239, Kingston, Jamaica.—The following have been installed as the officers of this Chapter:—J. G. Lewis Z., M. Asbemèn H., G. H. Lewis J., S. Lawton P.S., E. Brandon S.E., J. Ashemièn S.W., E. Wolfe Treasurer, E. Dessass, and A. Mordecai Asst. S., G. Magnus Janitor. A Special Convocation was held on 5th April, when a testimonial, consisting of a P.Z.'s jewel, with an address on vellum, was presented to A. De Cordova, who had performed the duties of Z. for three years.

Sussex Lodge, No. 354, Kingston, Jamaica.—The installation meeting of this Lodge took place on 17th January, at the Friendly Hall, when the following were duly installed:—Bros. W. Rastick W.M., Dr. Tomsett S.W., W. Madon J.W., C. Whitehouse Treas., A. Jones Sec., Corty S.D., G. Pearce J.D., Lucie Smith I.G., Crosbie and Callow Stewards, G. Magnus Tyler. There were several Past Masters and brethren of the Sister Lodges present. The installing officer being W. Bro. Dr. Prescott. The brethren adjourned to a banquet, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to.

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Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Artillery Grounds, Finsbury, on Friday, the 27th ult., under the presidency of Ensign W. I. Spicer W.M. The following officers were present:—Bros. R. G. Webster S.W., A. D. Everingham J.W., Captain R. Helsham Treasurer, Captain J. Erlesa Secretary, J. C. Sanderson S.D., F. J. Shöbwasser J.D., W. Jolliffe D.C., and Quarter Master W. G. Brighton I.G. After the ordinary routine business was disposed of, the W.M., in a very able and impressive manner, raised Bro. C. Bolfe to the 3rd degree. A sum of £10 10 was voted to be placed on the list of Bro. Q.M. Brighton, who had consented to act as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Boys' School. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, served in their magnificent hall. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly proposed and honoured, the health of the W.M. was given by P.M. Bro. Captain Helsham in felicitous terms, and suitably acknowledged. To the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. J. H. Smith P.P.G. Chaplain of Essex, and Bro. Barton, No. 3, returned thanks. Among others we noticed Bros. Miroy No. 55, Hepman 66, W. P. Brown 90, E. E. Phillips P.M. 879, Forge 619, Chas. Driver P.M. 905 P.P.G.S.W. Surrey, Stephenson 890, McCabe 1260, C. E. Eglese 1261, Smith 1297, Hayward 1309, and Humphreys 1565. The harmony of the evening was considerably enhanced by some excellent singing by Bros. Driver, Brown, Matthews, Q.M. Brighten, and McCabe.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, the 27th of April, at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. Hayes W.M., Hill S.W., Godden J.W., Braun Sec., Kennard Treas., Tribbell S.D., West J.D., Harris I.G., Chinnery candidate; and Bros. Ridley, Risk, Allah, Sawyer, Jackson, March, Trimwell, Chipper, S. Nicholls, &c. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Rudderforth Preceptor worked the first and second sections of this lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Godden was elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed, and was ordered to be recorded on the minutes, for the able manner in which the W.M. performed the duties of the chair for the first time. The Lodge was then closed in due form. This prosperous Lodge, so recently formed, is most successful under the direction of the very intelligent and courteous Preceptor, Bro. Rudderforth J.W. of the Sampson Lodge.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 1st of May, at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. Weige W.M., Dallas S.W., Perry J.W., E. T. Worsley Sec., Smith S.D., Johnson J.D., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, Pullen I.G.; Bros. Saunders 860, Allen, Christian 860, Hewlett, Macklin, Pavitt, Barker, Davies, Defriez, Watkins, &c. Business—The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lovelock acting as candidate. Bro. Allen worked the first section of the lecture, Bro. Hewlett the second and fourth, Bro. Worsley the third. Bro. Dallas 860 was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. We hope he will have a good master, as it will be the first time of his occupying the chair. He is a very young Mason, and has worked very hard to attain the position; a treat is therefore in store for next Tuesday. The Lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871.—The above Lodge held its regular meeting on the 26th April, at the White Swan, High-street, Deptford. Bros. J. J. Pakes W.M., G. S. Lime J.W., W. Andrews P.M. Treasurer, F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex P.M. Secretary, R. Harman S.D., G. H. Vohman J.D., A. Harvey I.G., G. Andrews P.M. D.C., H. J. Tuson P.M., W. S. Barin Tyler. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Mr. E. G. G. Bax was initiated by the W.M. in a very perfect manner. The Lecture on the Tracing Board was given by Bro. Andrews P.M., for which he received a cordial vote of thanks. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated there being no banquet. The Visitors were Bros. J. How 1326, J. R. Croft 1326, H. Bartlett P.M. 147, and J. Evans 749.

Phœnix Chapter, No. 914, Port Royal, Jamaica.—At a Quarterly Convocation held on the 17th January, the following officers were elected for the present year:—Comps. O. Delgado sen. Z., D. Barned H., O. Delgado jun. J., A. J. W. Rutherford S.E., W. D. Smedmore S.W., L. C. Hollar P.S., R. Thompson Treas., F. W. Hollar Janitor. The above officers will be installed at the April convocation. In April this Chapter will be one year old, and have exalted about twenty candidates. The object of this Chapter, in conjunction with the Blue Lodge, are for the especial benefit of the Army and Navy stationed at the town of Port Royal.

Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal, on Friday, the 20th April. There were present Bros. T. Ayling W.M., A. H. Des Barres S.W., E. Kirby J.W., J. B. Harrison P.M. Chap., T. J. Usher P.M. P.G.R. Sec., J. E. Laurence S.D., J. Leggett J.D., W. Hazell I.G., H. R. L. Botting Organist, S. Holgate Tyler; and Bros. F. Leith P.M., W. T. Pritchard, J. Horne, W. Ryder, J. Carpenter, J. Miller, R. N. Spratling, W. J. A. Norris, C. L. Selth, T. Smith, G. G. Thomson. Visitors—Bros. G. R. Ingleseden 109, A. P. S. Bird P.M. Prov. S.G.W., W. M. Cavell P.M. P. Prov. S.G.D., Thos. Mason P.M., J. E. Apps P.M., J. M. Browning P.M., E. A. Ralph P.M. Prov. J.G.D., W. H. Hayman W.M., T. Bent I.G., E. Grigg, and J. F. Solly of 784, A. Hill P.M. P. Prov. G. S. of W., F. Baker P.M., W. W. Woodruff P.M., W. Mate P.M. P. Prov. G.R., R. J. Emerson P.M. P Prov. I.G.D., H. Watts W.M., C. Baker Sec., and L. Hatherway S.D. of 1206, W. A. Smeeth P.M. and H. M. Baker W.M. of 1208., H. Sanctuary 1428. The W.M., in a most able and impressive manner, installed Bro. A. H. Des Barres W.M. elect, as Master of the Lodge. The W.M. then appointed the following brethren as his officers for the year ensuing:—T. Ayling I.P.M., E. Kirby S.W., W. Hazell J.W., T. J. Usher P.M. P.G.R. Sec., S. Hinds Treas., J. B. Harrison P.M. Chaplain, H. R. S. Botting S.D., J. Leggett J.D., J. Carpenter I.G., S. Willey D.C., J. Horne and W. T. Pritchard Stewards, T. Holgate Tyler. The W.M. rose and said he had one of the most pleasing duties it ever fell to the lot of a W.M. to perform, that was to present to Bro. T. Ayling I.P.M., a massive and most handsome P.M.'s jewel, as a slight token of esteem for the valuable services he had rendered during his Mastership. What makes it all the more valuable it had been subscribed for by the whole of the members of the Lodge, and not, as was generally the case, taken out of the Lodge funds. Bro. Ayling, in thanking the brethren for so valuable a gift, said he had only done his duty. It was a most pleasant and unexpected surprise, if ever it fell to his lot to be able to do more for the Lodge his services would be always at their command. Forty-three of the brethren then adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where the banquet was held, which was provided in excellent style. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts being gone through, the company were entertained by the following brethren:—R. J. Emerson, T. Ayling, H. R. Botting, G. R. Ingleseden, W. A. Smeeth, H. Sanctuary, T. J. Usher, A. F. Bird, V. Amiel, J. E. Apps, and W. Mate. The Tyler was called on just before 11 p.m. to do his duty, which terminated one of the most successful Masonic gatherings that has ever been held in connection with this Lodge.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 27th April. Present—Bros. Powell W.M., Hill S.W., Smith J.W., Hewlett acting Preceptor, Kent S.D., Hogarth J.D., Lane I.G., Townsend, Austin, Crouch, Pearcy, Bolton, &c. Lodge opened in due form, minutes of last meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in his usual able manner, Bro. Austin acting as candidate. The first, second, and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hill W.M. of 238, and Bro. Hogarth 1107, were duly elected members. Bro. Hill was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Wellington Club, Wellington-street, Islington. Bros. P. Dickenson W.M., De Metz as S.W., Hunter J.W., Gladwell S.D., Buderus J.D. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. There being no business on the agenda paper, the bye-laws were read, and the W.M. worked the first and second sections of the lecture. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a very excellent supper. The W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Friday, 27th of April, at the Castle Tavern, Holloway-road, N. Present—Bros. T. Cull Preceptor W.M., J. W. Saul S.W., S. D. Lee J.W., P. Dickenson Sec., Eldridge Treas., Hunter I.G., and about fifty brethren. Business—The Lodge being opened at 7 o'clock in due form, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd and 3rd degrees, and resumed to the 1st, when the Fifteen Sections were most ably worked. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for presiding, which Bro. Cull acknowledged in suitable terms, and proposed a vote of thanks to the brethren who had assisted him. Bros. Lee and Davis were then unanimously elected honorary members. Several brethren were elected members. The Lodge was closed and adjourned to Friday, 4th May, at 8 p.m.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—Held at the Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville-road, King's-cross, on Tuesday, the 1st inst. Bros. Williams W.M., Scales S.W., Side J.W., Clark S.D., H. Stiles J.D., Smith I.G., Adams P.G.P. Preceptor, W. M. Stiles Sec. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed. The first, second, and third sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. Adams Preceptor. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540.—The above Lodge met on the 25th April, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Bro. J. C. Mason W.M., E. S. Stidolph S.W., W. J. Kemp J.W., T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex Treas., F. Walters P.M. P.G.J.D. Middlesex Sec., H. Faija C.E. J.D., W. Laing P.M. Tyler, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. F. Mayer, W. J. Harrison, and E. Ricardo, which proving unanimously in their favour, they were duly initiated. Bro. J. Simpson was passed to the 2nd degree. A distressed brother was relieved from the Charity Fund. A petition was read from the Montefiore Lodge respecting the non-admission of members of the Hebrew faith in Germany, which received the unanimous support of the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated. There was no banquet. The Visitors were—Bros. W. C. Bland 574, C. J. Rushworth W.M. 1309, and D. Smith 1326.

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Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The weekly convocation of this Chapter was held on Tuesday last, at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, E.C. Present—Comps. Noehmer M.E.Z., J. Constable H., Drew J., T. W. White Scribe E, Messenger Scribe N, Ramsey P.S.; also Comps. F. Brown and Sheffield. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Brown acting as candidate. It is announced that this Chapter will close for the season after Tuesday, the 29th inst.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 3rd inst., at the Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville-road. Bros. J. Williams W.M., R. J. Kingham S.W., J. Willing jun. P.M. Treas., W. M. Stiles Sec., C. J. Scales as S.D., W. Side J.D., H. Stiles I.G., C. Coll D.C., J. J. Michael I.P.M. The Lodge was opened, and Bros. J. J. Bossbart, F. H. Trotman, and J. Bruton were raised to the 3rd degree. Bros. D. Hatch, A. Ponchot, T. C. Edmonds, and W. Wiltshire were passed to the 2nd degree. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. J. Fortescue, W. Parfitt, C. Denham, P. G. Tombs, and they were duly initiated into the Order. Bro. J. G. Mc Ewen, No. 317 was elected a joining member. Bro. Jas. Willing jun. P.M. stated that their next meeting would be held at Anderton's Hotel. As a testimonial is about to be presented to Bro. W. Smith, he proposed that the sum of 21s should be given from the funds of the Lodge, and this was carried unanimously. The Lodge was closed until October. The brethren then sat down to a very excellent banquet and dessert, provided by B. Cox. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In giving that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, he remarked how proud they felt at the M.W.G.M. having appointed two Princes of the Royal Family as Grand Wardens. The toast of the R.W. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., the R.W. the Earl of Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers was given, after which Bro. Jas. Willing P.M. rose, he had a pleasing duty to perform, viz., to propose the toast of the W.M., it was a difficult task to speak of his many good qualities, and his excellent working. All will be sorry to lose him when he goes out of office, for during his year of the occupation of the chair he had done his duty in every respect. The W.M. in replying, thanked Bro. Willing jun. for the kind remarks made by him, and he hoped he deserved them; he had done his share of initiations but they were not equal in numbers to those of the 1st W.M. This evening was a Lodge of emergency, and he hoped to have another one before he vacated the chair. He then gave the Initiates, be regretted that one of them had been obliged to leave. The toast having been responded to, the W.M. proposed the Past Masters. They were but two in number. Bro. James Willing in a very humorous speech returned thanks,—he regretted the absence of Bro. Michael the I.P.M., who is supposed to assist the W.M., but the W.M. required no assistance. The Lodge had been in existence only three years, he was not only astonished, but pleased at the success of the Lodge; they were now in a position to ask Grand Chapter, to grant a Warrant to hold a Chapter in connection with the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the W.M. elect, whose abilities are well known, he was pleased to have so able a successor. Bro Kingham in reply said he thanked the W.M. for all his kind remarks, he would endeavour to emulate the Past Masters, who are shining lights in Masonry. The Visitors toast was next proposed, they were always welcome. Bro. Dyer Harris, and Fortescue responded to the toast. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Sec., he was proud to say this young Lodge is a Vice-President of the R.M.B. Institution, which was due to the exertions of Bro. Willing and Michael, the two Past Masters,—it was gratifying to the Lodge, and he hoped at a future time they would be Vice-Presidents of the other two charities. The toast was responded to by Bro. Stiles, who said that while acting as Secretary, he would only be acting for their comfort and looking after their interests. The toast of the Press was then proposed in connection with the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. Bro. H. M. Levy returned thanks, and the Tyler's toast was given. Bros. Solomon and Stiles contributed to the harmony. The Visitors were Bros. C. Solomon, 23, J. Rowley, 185, W. Harris, 177, Pinkey, 177, Colls, G. Dyer P.M., 186, Richards, Fortescue and H. M. Levy P.M., 188.

City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 26th April, at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden W.M., White S.W., Phillip J.W., Scott P.M. Sec., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. Treas., Turner S.D., Docker as J.D., Hutchinson D.C., Shand I.G., Bishop Organist, Potter Tyler; Bro. B. Swallow I.P.M.; and Bros. Docker, Waugh, Swaagman, Emanuel, H. E. Bonham, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Ward jun., Eastgate jun., Lee, Jones and Wilkins, which being unanimously in their favour, the four former gentlemen were duly initiated into the Order. Bros. Stilwell, Köhler and Misselbrook, were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The working of the ceremonies was perfectly and impressively rendered by the W.M. A collection was made, and liberally subscribed to by the brethren, for the W.M.'s list, who is a Steward for the Festival of the Girls' School. The Lodge was then closed until September. The brethren sat down to a banquet provided by Bro. Nicol. The W.M. in his usual genial manner presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. B. Swallow I.P.M. gave the health of the W.M. The toast of the I.P.M. was given, and that of the Visitors followed. Bro. Bourne P.M. Ebury Lodge, and Bro. Crook responding. The toasts of the Wardens, Treasurer and Sec. were given, also that of the Officers, who severally returned thanks. The Tyler's toast concluded the evening. Bros. Thomas, Bourne, Crook and Beck were present as visitors. The W.M. gave a recitation, and Bro. Beck and others contributed to the harmony o the evening.

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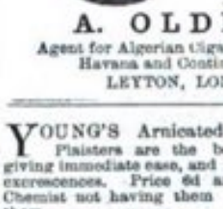
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THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

WE call the attention of our readers to the election, on Monday next, of a certain number of annuitants, male and female, on the funds of the above Institution. It will be in their recollection that, owing to the unexampled success of the Festival held in February last, it was unanimously resolved to place an additional fifteen male and fifteen female candidates on the Fund. Thus the number of vacancies to be filled on Friday next will, in the case of the men, be twenty-four, and in the case of the women, eighteen. For the former there are thirty-four candidates, and for the latter thirty-six. In glancing an eye down the two lists, we note, as regards the men, that all of them are candidates for the first time. This is owing to the fact that last year there was no ballot, and all the candidates were placed on the Fund. Among the women there is one candidate in the 73rd of her age, with 24 votes to her credit, who has applied at three previous elections. There is a second, who will complete her 77th year in July, and has 86 votes to her credit, who has made two previous attempts. Then follow four other candidates who stood last year. The first in order of sequence has no votes to bring forward, but the next three have respectively 177, 273, and 351 to the good. The other thirty on the list are now candidates for the first time. Among these last we find one who was born as far back as September 1793, and is, therefore, within a few months of completing her 84th year, while another has written against her name "By Proof 80 years of age." The oldest male candidate was born in May 1795, and will have just completed, a day or two before the election, his 82nd year. A second was born in June 1798, and is, therefore, within a few weeks of completing 79 years. Two others were born in the year 1799, one in the month of July, and the other in October. These, of course, have very nearly attained the ripe age of 78. But there is something still more noteworthy in studying these lists. The reader cannot help remarking on the terrible vicissitudes of fortune to which all of us are liable. Thus, in the case of one male candidate we are told that his present reduced circumstances are attributable to the failure of a bank, and to his being stricken with paralysis. Another has been unsuccessful in business, and is in receipt of three shillings per week from a friendly society. No. 6 has been reduced by losses in business to great poverty, his only income being £7 per annum as secretary to a local friendly society. No. 10, a P.G. Steward, who, in the days of his prosperity, served the office of Steward to all three of our Institutions, and further made himself a Life Governor of each, is suffering from heart disease and is unable to support himself on account of his advanced age—he is in his 75th year. No. 12 has lost his property through unforeseen circumstances, and is suffering from paralysis and softening of the brain, so that he is unable to follow his own profession or earn a living otherwise. No. 13 has three children dependent on him, yet is unable to do anything except Tyling, which does not yield him much. No. 15, from failure of sight and advanced age, cannot follow his former occupation as Clerk of Works. His income consists of £16 from the Humber Lodge Annuity Fund. No. 32 for some time past has been dependent on a daughter, who was herself left a widow with six children, but as her means are now exhausted, she can no longer help her father. No. 33 was formerly in a good business, but has lost all through adverse circumstances, and would now be penniless but for a grant from the Lodge of Benevolence; he has one child, a cripple, dependent on him. No. 34 can no longer work, through age and infirmities. His only support is an allowance by his Lodge of seven shillings per week. Among the female candidates we find No. 6, with two children dependent on her, endeavouring to gain a livelihood by charing. No. 8, since her husband's death, has been dependent on a daughter who, herself, is the mother of seven children. Another lost all her property by a Chancery suit, her only means now being an annuity of £20 from the Merchant Taylors' Company. No. 14, the widow of a cloth manufacturer, has no means of support. Her husband died in December 1875, in great poverty. No. 21 is prevented from earning anything by old age, and is suffering from rupture. No. 25, the widow of a barrister, who in his latter days lost £70,000 by the failure of a banking company, was left without any means, has dependent on her an invalid daughter and a son affected with epilepsy. Her income is £25 per annum. No. 28, the widow of an engraver, is in receipt of parish pay, and suffering from paralysis. The only means of support which No. 33 has, is by letting apartments, and she has three children dependent on her. No. 34, the widow of a clergyman, has no means of support, and since her husband's death has been entirely dependent on friends. No. 35 is without means of support, and unable to do anything. While No. 36 had been obtaining a livelihood by letting lodgings, till paralysis attacked her and rendered her incapable of maintaing herself.

We have endeavoured to picture to ourselves the harrowing circumstances disclosed to us in these brief epitomes of the lives of men and women who were once in prosperous, or at all events in competent, circumstances. It is terrible to think of a man, once well to do in life, dependent on his daughter, herself a penniless widow with six children; of a pauper father endeavouring to maintain a crippled son, and of yet another eking out an existence on three shillings a week, or on £7 per annum. Let us try to realise the position of a lady, once in wealthy circumstances, maintaining herself, an invalid daughter, and an epileptic son on £25 per annum, or the widow of an engraver, in receipt of parish pay, and paralysed as well. How must it fare with a poor old woman of 65, with an income of £8 6s per annum, and dependent for further help on a daughter with seven children of her own to maintain. It is, indeed, a painful duty to bring such cases as these under the notice of our readers. There is at least one solitary ray of light to comfort us among all this fearful gloom. It is the sense of joy we experience when we know that Freemasonry it is which has established this noble Institution; this Institution to which the poor distressed brethren and women are now looking for some relief, not merely from the cares and troubles, but likewise from the absolute poverty they have been forced to endure. If brethren need any stimulus to induce them to support so magnificent a foundation, let them ponder well over the sad disclosures which are contained in these lists. They will not need much pressing, we think, if they call to mind these cases of pauper men and women striving to maintain crippled and invalid children, or penniless sons or daughters, with families of their own, assisting to maintain their poverty-stricken parents. Or if they do, they are no true men or Masons.

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NON-MASONS AT OUR BANQUETS.

OUR readers will have noticed, perhaps, that in our short account of the first meeting of the Board of Stewards to the approaching Festival of the Boys' School, it was announced that, as at the last two anniversaries, the Ladies should be admitted to the banquet. We have always regarded this as a most graceful innovation on the practice of former years. It is not necessary we should stop to point to out how much more enjoyable a dinner is when the fair sex take part in it, nor need we do more than indicate the peculiar appropriateness of an arrangement which sanctions their presence, seeing that the Festival is intended to promote the welfare of our charitable Institutions. The ladies are as much interested in the prosperity of the School as our Craftsmen. Indeed, we do not consider we are travelling out of the road when we say they are, in one sense, more deeply interested. In nine cases out of ten, it is the widow who is driven to obtain from it some relief for her fatherless children. It is, therefore, an act as appropriate as it is one of thoughtful kindness, that ladies should be invited to grace these Festivals by their presence, not in accordance with the old rule in the character of mere spectators, but to a full share in the festivities of the day. There are yet other reasons why the precedent of the last two years should be faithfully adhered to in future. The influence they are calculated to exercise will always be a benign one. Knowing and hearing, as they will do, more about the purpose for which the School has been established, and the amount of good it accomplishes, they will no doubt lend a helping hand the more willingly—if that be possible at least—from the very fact of their being, as it were, admitted to this annual consultation over its affairs. There are very many Craftsmen who need an occasional prompting to fulfil their duty. A part of such duty is the support of this and the other charities, and the influence of wives and sisters will make itself felt the more powerfully when they know something of the institution for which such influence should be exercised. The compliment paid them will be fully reciprocated. We may, in fact, attribute the marvellous successes of 1875 and 1876, in some measure at least, to the presence of ladies, and as we are anxious those successes should not only be repeated, but, if possible, exceeded, it seems but just that we should invite their co-operation in the future, as in the past. We rejoice then, in common, we believe, with the majority of our brethren, to find that the Boys' Festival in June will in this respect be celebrated as it was last year and the year previous.

The approaching festival, however, will inaugurate a new epoch in Masonic festive gatherings. We should say, rather, that an experiment will be made on this occasion, which, if successful, will deserve to be repeated. The Board of Stewards have unanimously resolved that gentlemen who are not Masons should be permitted to be present. This is a wide and still more noticeable departure from custom, but it is one from which we see reason to anticipate decidedly beneficial results. All those public institutions which depend for support on voluntary subscriptions have some kind of annual gathering, and attendance on these occasions is not limited to members and patrons. People outside the circle of those immediately interested are eligible to be present. The patrons of the institution, no doubt, constitute the bulk of the guests, but strangers are cordially welcomed. Why should it not be the case with these annual gatherings in behalf of our Masonic Institutions? They are not attended by any Masonic ceremonial. At the last two gatherings at the Alexandra Palace there has not even been the very harmless display of Masonic regalia. The brethren and their fair guests have dined together as a company of ladies and gentlemen, to the delight of all, and to the undoubted benefit of the School. May we not fairly hope for an extension of such benefit if non-Masons are permitted to sit with us? The purpose for which the meeting will be held is one that commends itself to the whole world. The more this portion of our duty is published abroad, the stronger will be the position of the Craft in the estimation of men. There are many who fight shy of Freemasonry, on the score of its having secrets, but the non-Mason who dines with us on this occasion will certainly rise from the table with the belief firmly impressed on his mind that a society which supports so worthy an Institution cannot have much in its laws and regulations which is objectionable. We may be a very mysterious body, but it will be seen that the members who compose our Fraternity are men of repute, moving in different grades of society, with nothing about them of the conspirator against law and order. On the contrary, it will be found we are a perfectly innocuous body of gentlemen, met together to promote a charitable object, and with no other thought animating us than a desire to do our duty towards the indigent children of deceased brethren. It is the fashion in some quarters to denounce Freemasons as the enemies of all religions and governments, and there are people thoughtless enough to believe there is some truth in the charge. The presence of non-Masons at our banquets will help dissipate this belief. What we do in our Lodges will still be hidden from the public, but the public will judge of Freemasonry by its fruits. People will point to our three successful Charities, and it will be asked, Can the men who have achieved so much have in them the slightest sense of disloyalty or disaffection? We not only see no reason why attendance at our Anniversary Festivals should be confined exclusively to Freemasons. We believe there is much to be gained by this removal of the restrictions heretofore existing. They have been removed as regards the ladies with signal success, and we consider, for the reasons we have indicated, that the same success will follow the further experiment about to be made this year at the Festival of the Boys' School.

We have little further to add than this. It may not be generally known that some years ago the wife of one of our brethren actually fulfilled the duties of a Steward, we believe to this very Institution, and the amount of subscriptions which she was able in this capacity to raise in aid of its funds was somewhat in excess of £200. Why should not the experiment be repeated? Her Most Gracious Majesty is Patron of our Boys' School, the Princess of Wales is Patroness of the Girls' School. We have Lady Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Life Governors, and Subscribers; why may we not hope to have Lady Stewards? We can imagine that "A Zealous Officer" might have been able to suggest to his Committee an even greater increase to the number of annuitants than has been made this year had he enjoyed the assistance, as we know he has always enjoyed the sympathy, of the ladies. "The Mystic" would probably have resisted more successfully those sad attacks upon his health which so severely crippled him on Wednesday had he found his able company of Stewards swelled by a score or two members of the fair sex. And albeit "Our Hercules" is supremely indifferent to the amount of labour he undertakes, we dare venture to say that, with his accustomed gallantry, he would most cordially welcome the presence, on his board of Stewards, of any ladies who may feel inclined to give him the benefit of their services. If an artist personify Charity, he presents her as a fair lady of angelic face and figure. Why should not Freemasonry have its Sisters as well as Brothers of Charity to plead the holy cause of the indigent brother, the forlorn widow, and the tender orphan? Let Bro. Binckes consider this suggestion, against the meeting of his board of Stewards on the 17th inst. It may be good for him to adopt it, that is, it may help to swell the funds of the School for which he works so diligently.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

THE usual Quarterly Communication was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Monday, the 7th inst. In the unavoidable absence of the Grand Master, the D.G.M. Bro. Henry Inglis occupied the throne. He was supported by W. Mann P.J.G.W. as S.G.W., W. Hay Grand Architect as J.G.W. There were also present Bros. Dr. Gray G.C., Rev. W. N. Wannop, Prov. D.G.M. for East Lothian, Lord Inverarie, Provincial G.M. elect for Kincardineshire, Neilson Proxy Prov. G.M. of Venezuela, &c. Apologies were received from several brethren, regretting their absence. The acting Grand Master referred, in appropriate terms, to the recent death of Major Hamilton Ramsay of Garrion, and it was unanimously agreed that the Grand Secretary should communicate to Mrs. Hamilton Ramsay a minute expressive of the regret of the members of Grand Lodge at the loss of their deceased brother. The minutes of the previous meeting of Grand Lodge having been read and approved, the Grand Master intimated that he had accepted an invitation from the R.W. Master of Lodge No. 261, to lay the foundation-stone of a new High School at Kelso, on the 21st inst., and that he would be accompanied by a deputation from Grand Lodge. He had no doubt the Master of No. 261 would be glad to have the presence of members of the Craft. Charters were granted for the following new Lodges:—

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Provincial Grand Masters were then appointed for three provinces as follows:—Provincial Grand Master for New Zealand, North Island, Bro. the Honourable Frederick Whittaker, Provincial Grand Master for South Australia, Bro. Connor, and Provincial Grand Master for Lanarkshire, Middle Ward, vacant by the lamented death of Bro. Merry, Bro. Forrest, Provost of Hamilton, Bro. K. D. Walker Past Grand Master, was appointed representative to Grand Lodge of West Virginia. Grand Lodge next approved a minute of Grand Committee, confirming the appointment of Bro. D. Kinnear as Grand Cashier, at an annual salary of £200, and left with Grand Committee to consider a report as to the duties of Grand Secretary and Cashier. An address which had been sent to the Emperor of Germany on the occasion of his eightieth birthday, and the translation of a communication in reply, were laid on the table. The acting Grand Master then introduced to the brethren Lord Inverarie, remarking on the gratification with which they hailed members of the noble families of Scotland promoting the interests of the Craft. His lordship presented a petition from the Lodge of Kincardineshire praying to be disjoined from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Forfarshire, and erected into a province. It was countersigned by Lord Ramsay, Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire, and Lord Inverarie explained that there were so many Lodges in Forfarshire that those in the adjacent county desired to form a province by themselves. They had five Lodges at present, and he hoped two others would soon be revived. They might have their difficulties, but he trusted these would not be more numerous than those of the Glasgow province. The petition was unanimously sustained, and Kincardineshire was erected into a province, of which it was stated Lord Inverarie will be Provincial Grand Master. Some other business having been transacted, Grand Lodge was closed.

TREDEGAR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1625.

THIS Lodge met as usual on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road. Bros. Geo. Hollington W.M., Cambridge S.W., Berry J.W., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, T. J. Barnes P.M. Treasurer, Rawley jun. S.D., Clark J.D., Hamm I.G. There were also present Bros. Charles Lacey P.M., Huggett, who acted as Secretary *pro tem*, Wharman, Anderson, Frankan, Myer, Hallett, Andrews, Giles, I. Posener, A. Posener, Hubbard, Campbell, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. A. Posener being candidate. The first and second sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Gottheil, assisted by the brethren.

Bro. Hollington then rose and said: Most of you will remember that when Eastern Star and Tredegar Lodges amalgamated, it was arranged that the fact should be communicated to Bro. Terry, in order that the proxies belonging to the former should for the future be sent in the name of the latter. Accordingly, I wrote as follows:—

DEAR BRO. TERRY,—I am directed by the brethren of the Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction, now amalgamated and working under the name of the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, to request you to kindly forward the Lodge votes at your earliest convenience.

Trusting you are well,

Believe me, yours fraternally,

GEO. HOLLINGTON, Hon. Sec.

To this the following reply was sent:—

Office, No. 4 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 1st May 1877.

DEAR BRO. HOLLINGTON,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, asking for the votes of the Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction to be forwarded. Before I can do so, it will be necessary for you to send me a copy of the resolution passed by the Eastern Star Lodge, No. 95, withdrawing its sanction from the Lodge of Instruction meeting any longer under its warrant, and giving its consent to the transference of the Lodge of Instruction to the Tredegar Lodge. Unless this be done, according to the laws of this Institution the Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction will be considered as having ceased to exist, and that its votes and all its privileges have died out. Directly you are able to reply to this, I shall be only too happy to send the proxies.

J. TERRY, Sec.

Bro. Hollington concluded by saying, You have now the correspondence before you, and I now leave the matter for you to discuss.

Bro. Charles Lacey, the W.M. of the Tredegar Lodge, was of opinion that Bro. Terry demanded only that which was fair and in accordance with the laws which govern the Institution; and thought it was necessary to obtain the sanction of the Mother Lodge if it be desired to retain the privileges appertaining to the Lodge of Instruction; he would suggest that the sanction of the Mother Lodge should be obtained to enable the interests and privileges to be transferred from one Lodge to the other; and, together with a copy of the resolution passed at the meeting at which the amalgamation took place, be forwarded to the Secretaries of the Institutions. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. T. J. Barnes thought a Mother Lodge had no power to interfere except in a case where the proceedings are not conducted in conformity with the Constitutions or committal of some other illegal act. The Mother Lodge then had the power, nay, it behoves it, to withdraw the sanction from a Lodge of Instruction; for upon it rests the responsibility. But it possesses no other power in any shape or way. But let me ask, has the Mother Lodge concerned itself about this Lodge, or is it cognisant that it exists at all. Has any one of its members ever visited this Lodge? Very rarely indeed. This Lodge was originated by Bro. Gottheil many years ago, under the name of the "Faith." The Lodge of Faith, No. 141, gave sanction to establish an Instruction Lodge, none of its members being aware that such a Lodge already existed. When that fact came to light, application was made to the Eastern Star Lodge, which very kindly acceded to the request. Now that is some some years ago, and he (Bro. Barnes), was of opinion that scarcely any of the members know whether this Lodge exists or not, for it is many years since any one of them made their appearance among them. He could not agree with the statement of Bro. Lacey, though, as a mere matter of courtesy, the fact should have been made known to the Mother Lodge, that this Lodge had thought it beneficial to its interests to change its name, for in reality nothing else had been altered. At the first meeting under the new arrangement, he had desired the Secretary to acquaint the Mother Lodge that this Lodge had transferred, or blended, or amalgamated, whatever term may seem best, its affairs with the brethren of the Tredegar Lodge. For some reason or other it was not done, an omission which certainly required to be rectified. Nothing further need be done, and to ask a Mother Lodge, as has been suggested, to withdraw its sanction, seemed to him ridiculous and absurd. Bro. Lacey is altogether wrong in supposing that a law exists bearing the interpretation Bro. Terry puts upon it, but may be there is such a law, and he would make it more or less his business to exert his influence to carry out what he stated at the last meeting, the report of which appeared in THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. That report was literally correct in every particular, and he would stand by it. There is also a letter from a brother, who signs a *nom de plume*, who entirely misapprehends the circumstances of the case. The facts are simply these:—The Lodge voted so much money to the R.B.I., and therefore was entitled to so many votes. Application is made for the votes, and a refusal is given, on the ground that, by changing the name, the Lodge had ceased to exist. This to him was a novelty, considering that the body consists of the same members who had voted the money, and who met in the same room, at the same hour, and had in use the same paraphernalia. The Lodge did not, and does not, cease to exist. He would remind the younger brethren that he spoke with no ill feeling, but upon principle. He had ever endeavoured to do his duty in promoting the interests of the Institutions, and had been instrumental in procuring for them many hundreds of pounds. He had been Steward many times, and would be so again but that the younger brethren were equally eager to serve in that capacity. He did his best to second their efforts in every shape and way. But if the Committee of the R.B. Institution persist to act so remarkably sharp, and in a manner that can never benefit, but is bound to injure the Institution, he for his part would adopt a different course. The cost of a proxy is the paper and the writing of the address, the refusal to send it may render it much more expensive. This is not the first time the authorities of the Institution have acted in a similar spirit. The United Mariners Lodge of Instruction and the Doric used to meet in the same house. The former possessed a number of votes. As separate Lodges neither succeeded; it was, therefore, determined to amalgamate them, and in order that there should be no chance of losing the proxies, both names were retained, and the Lodge was, and is known, as the United Mariners and Doric Lodge of Instruction, thus giving prominence to the first-named. The votes were nevertheless refused. Shortly after, about twelve months or two years, a new Lodge was established somewhere near the Post-office, under the sanction of the United Mariners, the members of which had probably forgotten that the sanction had never been withdrawn from the already existing Lodge; and although they (the new Lodge) had never subscribed a single sixpence, the votes were nevertheless sent to them. He would conclude by reiterating the caution he gave last week—namely, that the brethren should be chary to subscribe to that Institution until a more liberal policy is adopted (General approbation.) After a few words from Bro. Berry, Bro. George Hollington wished to explain that until that evening he was not aware that directions had been given to the Secretary to write to the Mother Lodge; he could not account for it, he had been unable to be present at the first meeting, and Bro. Huggett had kindly taken his place, and upon the rough minutes there appeared nothing approaching to what Bro. Barnes had just stated. Perhaps it had been uttered during a temporary absence of the Sec. *pro tem*. Eventually it was agreed to convey the best thanks of the Lodge to the Mother Lodge in writing, and a copy of that and also a copy of the resolution of the preliminary meeting be forwarded to the Secretaries of the Institutions.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. George Hollington, for his conduct in the chair, and Bro. Cambridge was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The following letter, which has been widely circulated in the district, was handed round:—

Exmouth-street, Commercial-road, E.

May 1877.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—You, and the brethren of your Lodge, are respectfully invited to attend a meeting of Subscribers to the Masonic Institutions at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road E., on Monday evening, 14th May 1877, at 8.30 p.m., to take into consideration the advisability of devising means by which some unity of action may be brought about to concentrate the votes of the brethren, so that a more equitable return may be the result, and the candidates for admission to the different Institutions receive that aid and support which the urgency of their cases may require. Candidates are often at a disadvantage in consequence of the absence of some proper mode of action to support their candidature.

Believe me, yours faithfully,

CHAS. LACEY W.M. 1625, P.M. 174, &c.

The Lodge will be opened at 7.30 on Monday next.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE 89th Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday last, the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Lord Suffield, K.C.B., Prov. Grand Master for Norfolk. After the banquet, which was served in a manner that reflects great credit on the managers of the Tavern Company, grace was sung, and then followed the various toasts of the evening. In proposing that of the Queen, the Chairman said it was one always received, as he hoped it always would be, with enthusiasm. We all respect it as loyal Englishmen, but more so as Freemasons, it being one of our especial privileges. This toast having been duly honoured and the National Anthem sung, Lord Suffield proposed the next. Though not the toast of the evening, it was one that should be well received, it being the health of the M.W. the G.M. of England, Patron and President of the Institution we are met to support this evening; with it is coupled the health of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. All know the interest which the Royal Family of England has at all times taken in Freemasonry. His Royal Highness deeply concerns himself with all that appertains to the good of the Craft. This was followed by that of the M.W. the Pro G.M., the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present. The noble Chairman had pleasure in coupling with that toast the name of the Grand Chaplain, Bro. C. W. Arnold, who felt proud to have to acknowledge the toast. The names of Earl Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale had been received as Masons always did receive them, with cordiality. The Grand Officers are often considered as Masons retired from business, but such is not the case. All who witnessed the working at the late Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement must have been satisfied that the Grand Officers are able and ready to work. Colonel Burdett, the Prov. G.M. of Middlesex, next rose. Often as were the opportunities he had of addressing the brethren, his duty on the present occasion was very difficult. The duties of the Chairman at such gatherings as the present are not merely nominal, but require great care; he had seen several in the chair on similar occasions, and, no doubt, all had acted to the best of their ability, but he had never seen any better than their present chairman. He is well known in his own Province, if not to the Masons of the great metropolis; there he is thoroughly appreciated, and highly honoured, not only as a Mason, but by the outside world; he concluded by wishing health and happiness to the Chairman. Lord Suffield said, in reply,—My friend and brother has told you it was most difficult to propose my health. If it is so for him, how must it be for me to reply. Most of you present this evening are unknown to me, and I am extremely gratified for the kind and cordial way in which I have been received. Although I have been a Mason for a considerable time, this is the first occasion on which I have had to present myself before members of the Metropolis, whom I thank for so numerously attending to honour the occasion. Whatever I can do to further the good of the Order I shall always be pleased to undertake. I now come to the toast of the evening, viz., Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and with it I couple the name of the Treasurer, Bro. S. Tomkins. Much may be said about this noble Institution, but as you all have before you the printed reports and statistics, I will not trouble you with a review of them, but there are two or three things I must mention. With respect to the good the Institution has done, it has lived a long life, is, in fact, I believe, the oldest Masonic Institution in the World. During the last few years it has made some enormous strides. The Masonic body has lately greatly increased, and is still increasing. Not only may we do so in numbers, but also materially. The Institution for which I am now pleading is about to increase the number of its scholars to 220. Masons have always been celebrated for their charity, and, considering the cause for which I appeal, I hope it will not be in vain. The funded property of the Institution does not realise one-twelfth part of the amount required to meet the annual outlay; therefore, without individual support this noble Institution cannot flourish. He was sorry they had not been able to pay the usual annual visit to the School, but he looked forward to doing so with a great deal of pleasure; we shall then have an opportunity of testing the value of the instruction there given. The more humble accomplishments of everyday life are not there forgotten, but form a considerable part of the education of the establishment. Bro. S. Tomkins, the Treasurer, replied. He could with a great deal of pleasure go through the whole of the statistics of the Institution, but considered it unnecessary. They were extremely gratified to find that through the energy of the brethren they were able to increase the accommodation. He referred to the support given to the Institution by the country brethren, and hoped it would continue and improve. Bro. T. W. White then announced the various amounts subscribed, the total of which he gave as £2757 13s 6d, with twenty-three lists to come in, including a sum of 50 guineas subscribed by the Chairman. Bro. Philbrick proposed the other Masonic charities. After the telling eloquence of the figures they had just heard he felt that their claims should not be forgotten. Although the Girls' School was the oldest of the Institutions connected with the Craft, he considered the other two were equally deserving. The three are an open proof that the principles of Freemasonry are carried into practice, and are not the dead letter they are at times considered. We can point with pleasure to these three institutions, supported by the liberality of Masons throughout the country. Never did they possess greater claims than now, when we hear so much about the depression of every trade and business, and the consequent increase in the prices of necessary articles. Bro. Binckes considered it at all times a source of gratification to have his name coupled with "Masonic Charity." They were celebrating, that evening, the second of the annual festivals of the year. After the success of February last, all connected with the institution had felt materially anxious, and to-night they had to record a second, which if not as great as that of the Benevolent Institution was, in itself, a great success. They had yet another before them, which he hoped would be very much better than either of the former. He would be a very disappointed man if he could not announce a list next June at the Alexandra Palace far in advance of Bros. Terry and Little, notwithstanding the splendid totals they had reached. The committee are doing all they can to support a large number of boys, and if the brethren will only supply the means, he was sure the number would be increased. What they asked for was additional support. The question of enlargement is already before them, and if they only receive the support of the brethren they will continue to keep ahead of the others. Bro. Terry, in the absence of Bro. Little, thanked the brethren for what had been done. He regretted Bro. Little was not there to express his gratification. Speaking for what has passed, he had to thank many of those present for contributing so liberally to his institution, enabling him to announce, in February last, the largest amount ever subscribed for that charity—viz., £12,866. He hoped Bro. Binckes would be able to acknowledge more in June than he had done at any previous festival. Bro. Hervey G.S. proposed the health of the Stewards, many of whom, he said, were personal friends, and were ever entitled to their esteem and regard. Bro. Philbrick, President of the Board of Stewards, acknowledged the toast. They had all endeavoured to carry out the duties required of them. The toast of the Ladies was given, after which the brethren separated. The musical arrangements of the evening were under the direction of Bro. Theodore Distin, who was assisted by Madame Thaddeus Wells, Miss Florence Lavender, Miss Kate Baxter, and Madame Osborne Williams, Bros. G. Perrin, G. T. Carter, J. Baxter, M. Smith, and Chaplin Henry, with Bros. F. H. Cozens and C. Warwick Jordan at the pianoforte.

We subjoin the several Stewards' Lists, together with the numbers of the Lodges and Chapters contributing, and the amount forwarded by each, to the above Institution:—

LONDON.

			£	s	d
Lodge	1	Bro. Alderman Ellis	10	10	0
	1	„ R. Gooding	37	16	0
	1	„ F. J Hartridge	12	12	0
	2	„ F. A. Philbrick Q.C.	92	8	0
	4	„ Robert G. Hall	15	15	0
	5	„ Alfred H. Diaper	54	12	0
	6	„ Lewis W. Novelli	10	10	0
	8	„ J. P. Probert	11	11	0
	10	„ Le Strange	34	13	0
	11	„ Dr. R. T. Pigott	34	2	6
	12	„ Wm. B. Kidder	138	17	0
Chap.	12	„ Joseph W. Clever	42	0	0
Lod.	14	„ Chas. Hy. Turner	13	13	0
	18	„ John F. Huggins	45	3	0
	21	„ John K. Stead	30	9	0
	22	„ Edw. F. Storr	69	6	0
	23	„ Robt. Douglass	31	10	0
	28	„ John G. Neilson	53	11	0
	29	„ E. Pixley			
	30	„ Alfred Lefeaux	49	7	0
	33	„ Edward Stronts	69	6	0
	55	„ Alfd. J. Melhuish	57	16	0
	58	„ Fred. W. Smith	55	13	0
	60	„ Cap. J. Wordsworth	10	10	0
	65	„ E. C. Mather			
	73	„ Wm. Klingenstein			

LONDON—*continued.*

			£	s	d
Lod.	83	Bro. C. A. Murton	201	12	0
	91	„ R. W. Sprague	46	4	0
	96	„ Cuthbert B. Slee	87	3	0
	99	„ Samuel B. Harrison	68	5	0
	134	„ A. M. Thomas			
	140	„ R. B. Webster	198	1	0
	141	„ Thomas Titley	34	10	6
	144	„ George Allen	68	5	0
	145	„ Jno. Hy. Leggett	220	8	0
	162	„ F. E. Theodor	22	1	0
	173	„ Francis R. Vine	115	10	0
	174	„ G. J. Hilliard	23	5	6
Chap.	174	„ C. H. Webb	64	1	0
	176	„ Richard Liebman			
Lod.	179	„ Leonard Benet	27	6	0
	180	„ Geo. Bubb	67	4	0
	181	„ E. W. Stanton	31	10	0
	183	„ C. W. Todd	103	8	6
	188	„ C. S. Davis	15	15	0
Chap.	188	„ H. M. Levy	31	10	0
Lod.	192	„ E. Jones	66	15	6
	193	„ H. Leah	21	0	0
	197	„ W. C. Glen	135	8	0
	198	„ George Cooper	55	13	0
	205	„ C. F. Hogard	72	0	0
	235	„ G. E. A. Rose			

LONDON—*continued.*

			£	s	d
Lod.	256	Bro. C. Birch	44	2	0
	259	„ Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart.	68	5	0
	435	„ E. H. Stammitz (first list)	57	15	0
	534	„ Ferdinand Rath	88	10	0
	657	„ W. Buck	106	1	0
	715	„ E. Phillips	42	0	0
	749	„ Joseph W. Hobbs	38	3	6
	754	„ George Burford	32	0	0
	813	„ T. Bartlett	94	10	0
	820	„ James Bateman	65	2	0
	822	„ John Nicholas	31	10	0
	898	„ H. T. A. Stewart	56	3	6
	907	„ H. J. Lewis, R. E. Stevenson	68	5	0
Chap.	907	„ F. W. White	52	10	0
Lod.	1017	„ W. H. Gulliford	37	0	0
	1159	„ H. J. Moxon M.D.	14	8	6
	1185	„ Rev. Dr. R. Morris	22	1	0
	1216	„ N. Bridges	48	6	0
	1216	„ Hy. Hammond	10	10	0
	1261	„ T. W. L. Emden	25	0	0
1305 & 179		„ James J. Pope			
	1328	„ Fredk. West jun.	58	16	0
	1839	„ J. M. Klenck	110	5	0

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LONDON—*continued.*

			£	s	d
Chap. 1848	Bro.	Peter Parsons	44	2	0
Lod. 1364	„	R. A. Wright	75	12	0
1365	„	Geo. R. Soper	38	6	6
1383	„	Major S. H. Clerke	282	9	0
1563	„	B. H. Swallow, Jas. A. Hammond, Rev. P. M. Holden	52	10	0
			31	15	0
1585	„	Joseph Wright			
1599	„	John Bingemann	64	10	0
1601 & 169	„	C. W. Thomson	47	5	0
1602	„	Edwd. Geo. Sim	58	16	0
1615	„	Col. H. S. Burney	130	4	0
1622	„	James Garner	159	12	0
1629	„	T. W. Poley	26	5	0
1632	„	C. Stuart-Barker	19	1	0
1635	„	Rev. John Robbins	35	14	0
1662	„	James Pinder	46	4	0
1671	„	Nelson Reed	64	1	0

THE PROVINCES.

Berks and Bucks.

209	„	C. D. Hume	24	3	0
574	„	W. T. Toms	32	11	0
1410	„	T. Taylor	21	0	0
1501	„	J. W. S. Cantrill	36	15	0

Cheshire.

321	„	Capt. H. Bennett, W. Milner, E. Simpson	10	10	0
537	„				
1565	„				

Devonshire.

164	„	R. T. Thornton, Dr. W. R. Woodman	52	10	0
444	„				

Dorsetshire.

The Province—		J. M. P. Montagu Dep. P.G.M.	180	12	0

Durham.

The Province—		Babington Bonlton (111)	286	2	6

Essex.

1000	„	J. A. Wardell	28	0	0
1457	„	J. Tanner	9	9	0

Gloucestershire.

82		John Walker	135	9	0

Hants and Isle of Wight.

130	„	J. E. Le Feuvre	169	1	0
342	„	R. Newland	53	11	0

Hertfordshire.

404	„	J. E. Dawson	110	15	6
449	„	J. Shilcock	1	1	0
403	„	H. Campkin	26	5	0
1497	„	John Purrott	5	15	0

PROVINCES—*continued.*

			£	s	d
		Kent.			
503	Bro.	J. Clever			
829	„	T. Hastings	16	16	0
1096	„	A. H. Des Barres	66	19	0
1206	„	R. J. Emmerson	10	10	0
1223	„	J. Webb	10	10	0
1314	„	W. Seaman	70	9	6
		Lancashire (East Division.)			
		W. Harrison	10	10	0
37	„	G. P. Brockbank	52	10	0
204	„	Rev. P. Haines	15	15	0
221	„	J. M. Taylor			
369	„	J. E. Anderton	10	10	0
		Lancashire (West Division.)			
155	„	J. R. Goepel	268	0	0
1021	„	J. Huartson	34	8	0
1086	„	J. C. Lant	8	8	0
		Lincolnshire.			
1294	„	John Sutcliffe			
1232	„	Rev. Dr. Ace			
	„	Jack Sutcliffe	42	0	0
792	„	R. M. Shien	10	10	0
		Middlesex.			
The Province —		R. Wentworth Little D.P.G.M.	285	10	0
1460	„	W. T. Howe	77	11	0
	„	G. Kenning	10	10	0
	„	Lt. Col. J. Peters	10	10	0
1494	„	F. Summer Knyvett	55	13	0
778	„	E. B. Webb	40	8	0
1237	„	Cap. C. Thompson	21	10	0
Ch. 1293	„	Thos. Massa	45	3	0
Lod. 1423	„	John Mason	57	15	0
1512	„	J. W. Ockenden	80	0	0
1567	„	Frank Green	47	5	0
1597	„	R. L. Sindall	36	15	0
1656	„	John Bond	25	14	6
		Norfolk.			
The Province—		H. G. Barwell	141	15	0
93	„	G. W. F. Loftus	5	5	0
107	„	G. J. Woodwark	36	15	0
52	„	W. A. F. Amhurst	21	0	0
	„	Col. J. Duff M.P.	5	5	0
		Northampton and Hunts.			
The Province—		John Marson	105	0	0
		Nottinghamshire.			
1435	„	Julius Marx	43	1	0
		North Wales and Shropshire.			
1143	„	R. J. Sisson	16	16	0
605	„	R. C. Mellor			
755	„	Henry Platt			
384, 1477		Algernon Potts	10	10	0
		Oxfordshire.			
478	„	H. O. Wakeman	24	3	0
340	„	John Juggins			
340	„	Alderman Randall	21	0	0
	„	F. W. Ansell	17	6	0

PROVINCES—*continued.*

			£	s	d
		Staffordshire.			
460	Bro.	W. Cartwright	63	0	0
419	„	John Walker	22	1	0
539	„	T. M. Humphries	76	2	0
		Suffolk.			
1224	„	S. H. Greenwood	30	0	0
1008	„	W. H. Lucia	61	19	0
		Surrey.			
870	„	F. W. Mitchell Dep. P.G.M.	30	9	0
	„	Rev. C. W. Arnold	10	10	0
		Sussex.			
40	„	D. T. Trollope	130	19	6
732	„	C. G. Reed	43	2	0
1466	„	Smith	59	6	0
		Warwickshire.			
	„	Paul M. Vaughton	30	9	0
1246	„	H. G. Quilter	23	2	0
1551	„	Thomas Hands			
		Wiltshire.			
355	„	Chandler	122	14	0
		West Yorkshire.			
Total subscribed from the Province			840	0	0

The following were the Stewards:—

T. W. Tew, D.P.G.M	G. Blackburn
Dr. M. M. Bartolome	C. H. Bingham
W. H. Brittain	J. Ellis
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J. P. Day	T. W. Tasker
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REVIEW OF AN OLD PAMPHLET.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

Freemasonry; a Word to the Wise. Being a vindication of the science as patronized by the Grand Lodge of England, and the devices of the crafty on the Fraternity disclosed. Under the following heads—Elects of Nine—of Perignan—of Fifteen—Noachites—Architects—Grand Architects—Scot Masters—Excellects—Super Excellents—Super Intendants—Knights of the Sword and of the East—Rosycrucians—Knight Templars, etc., etc. London: Printed for W. Thiston, Google-street, Tottenham-court-road. 5796.

THE above is all crowded into the title page of a pamphlet of eighty pages. The writer, as the above implies, was an enthusiastic adherent of the Grand Lodge of England. He believed that Craft Masonry began with Solomon, and the Royal Arch with the creation of the world; but all the degrees above the R.A. he held in thorough detestation and contempt, he is particularly severe against "Rosycrucians," and even more so against the Knight Templars, and here are his own words *verbatim*, etc.

"Prior to descending to notice the *unwarrantable practices* in view, it will be essential to premise that the Grand Lodge of England did acknowlede any Masonic meeting beyond their own jurisdiction to have the *least connection* with Freemasonry except the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Masonry, a particular Chapter of which was noticed so far as to announce the usual time of its being convened to the Masonic world in their Freemasons' Calender from 1777 to 1792, which was published expressly under the sanction of the Grand Lodge, and which notice, during the time it continued, considerably promoted the success and increase of Royal Arch Masonry; and upon this consideration, that at the time of congregating the Lodges to form a head [1717] that not the *least trace* of the *mushroom appellations* [of the high degree] were to be met with, heard of, or produced."

After quoting at length the report of them in Anderson's Constitution of 1723, with all the names of the committee, from Philip Duke of Wharton, down to Charles Garey and Edward Morpbey, the writer goes on to inform us,—

"From this document it is evident that the *superstitious interpolations* in the system of Masonry (now complained of) are calculated to place on EMINENCE a FEW at the EXPENCE of the REST," &c.

Our author next pitches into the York Grand Lodge, not only for assuming independence, but also for setting up "superiority by grafting on the good old stock *sprigs of folly and falsehood*. In other words, their successors at least *pretend* to the *knowledge* of *seven degrees*, and without the initiation of their disciples into the *highest*, they are considered as aliens, and are not permitted to partake of the repast prepared, *only* for the *well informed* in the SANCTUM SANCTORUM." And that is not the worst. "And as a further insult to the Grand Lodge of England, a Deputy Grand Lodge of York Masons is held in London." There were also in London some Lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge of York itself. But here comes the most curious part. It seems that the adherents of the York Grand Lodge claimed the sole right of conferring the high degrees, and used this as a means of fleecing the would be Sir *Somethings* of 7s 6d each for registering the party in their records, and when once so registered, he virtually gave up his allegiance and ceased to belong to the Grand Lodge of England, as the following regulation indicates, viz.:—

"That every person who was not previously registered in the books of their [York] Grand Lodge shall pay seven shillings and sixpence, as a fee at the time of being proposed for the high degrees."

In 1874, we had a friendly tilt with Bro. Hughan about the precise year when the Grand Lodge of York first fell into a dormant state. Our

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worthy opponent maintained that she was partly active until between 1734 and 1750, but the evidence furnished by him seemed insufficient, and, hence, we are still of Bro. Findel's opinion, that York went to sleep in 1730. Assuming this to be the case, we need not feel surprised that Dr. James Anderson knew not, in 1738, that the York Grand Lodge had been dormant about eight years, when we see here, in 1796, a similar ignorance on the part of the author of our pamphlet. The Lodge of Antiquity, which was the Deputy Grand Lodge of York in London, referred to by the pamphlet, was reconciled to the Grand Lodge of England in 1790; and the Grand Lodge of York itself finally gave up the ghost in 1792, and yet, in 1796, the writer of the pamphlet pitched into the poor defunct Grand Lodge of York, as if it was still living and sinning.

Next, we have an account of the Ancient Masons, to whom our author was very lenient. "To their credit be it recorded," says he, "that they have attempted no subterfuge to delude, no imposition to entice, no pretension to superiority of information," and gave a wish for the speedy union of the two Grand Lodges under one head.

Our author next animadverts severely against the Rosicrucians, to whom he applies the terms *impiety* and *stupidity*, and adds:—

"To the credit of the Grand Lodge of England (be it said), it permits no mummery to be *practised* in any of the Lodges that derive their constitution from it."

"The attention in the next place, he continues, should be turned to the Knight Templars, which, by a few *manœuvres*—to use a military phrase—is attached to Freemasonry, but with *what* propriety remains to be determined. At present it will suffice to assert that it is a *glaring imposition*," and the writer reserves his rod in pickle for the Templars to a subsequent page in the pamphlet. His remarks on *Harodim* are not of any importance to the Craft, but the paragraph on th Royal Arch is worth quoting at length.

"That Craft Masonry is in an *imperfect state* as to knowledge, is an axiom which every well-informed member of the Society must accede to; from whence the vacuum is to be supplied, *remains* to be ascertained with precision. The Royal Arch is named, and upon that *account* alone it hath been promoted by the most eminent, zealous, and distinguished characters in Craft Masonry, who have held for many years the highest offices in the Grand Lodge in their individual capacity, and it hath been sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of England in a general point of view, by its recognition in their annual almanack, and with singular propriety, as that, when considered as an UNIVERSAL Lodge could not admit brethren as *Royal Arch Masons* as part thereof, by reason of *certain* characters being proscribed from the one degree which are admissible in the other. The *protection* that the one hath given to the other, arises from the indirect and *imperfect* state in which the third degree concludes, as well as from *certain* knowledge that the necessary information to complete the science in all its parts is to be attained by those who are qualified, and who merit the admittance into the Royal Arch, which is the copestone of the edifice, and has *ever* been considered as a *continuation* and *completion* of Freemasonry.

The anachronisms indulged in by the Royal Arch manufacturer, Chevalier Ramsay, and the American Royal Arch tinker, Bro. Webb, are somewhat remarkable. The plot of the degree is laid during the period of the building of the second Temple at Jerusalem, some centuries before the New Testament existed; but nevertheless in the course of the ceremony of that degree in America a Chapter of the New Testament is read by the principal officer. Now, would it not appear ridiculous if our modern artillery were brought on the stage, and used there during the performance of the "Siege of Troy?" The recital of a chapter from the Gospels in a drama in which Zerubbabel figures is equally ridiculous. And so is the introduction of the Trinne dogma into the English Royal Arch; for we all know that Jews in Zerubbabel's day believed no more in a Trinity than they believe in it to-day. Now, it seems that the phrase in the above paragraph—"could not admit as Royal Arch Masons * * * by reason of certain characters being proscribed from the one degree, which are admissible in the other," must refer to the then exclusion of Jews from the Royal Arch on account of the sectarian dogma therein, to which Jews could not subscribe. If it does not mean this, what does it mean? And if so, as Jews are now admitted into the Royal Arch, why then does not the Grand Chapter expunge that dogma from its ritual. Surely, no one can deny the inconsistency. There was a time when all the legends were believed, and when the rituals of all the degrees were supposed to have descended from the alleged period of the commencement of the degree; *then* these kind of Masonic anomalies were defended on the plea of *ancient landmarks*, but we know better now; and we also know that after the R.A. degree was conferred in a London Chapter on a highly respectable Israelite, that he not only expressed his disappointment, at what he very probably conceived to be a Jesuitical trick, but also stated, there and then, that he would never again enter a Chapter; and it seems still more strange, that while English Masons are concentrating their indignation against a Grand Lodge in Berlin, that they suffer this Masonic inconsistency in the Royal Arch to remain intact. It seems that the *beam* should be removed at home, ere they demand its removal abroad.

The pamphlet suggests also the settlement of another question. Dr. Oliver states, somewhere, that Bro. Dunckerley had mutilated the third degree, and worked that part of the third degree into the Royal Arch. Now, this allegation always seemed to us as absurd; for, in the first place, we all know that the Royal Arch degree was practised before Dunckerley became a Mason; second, we have positive evidence that in 1730-1750, &c., the third degree was communicated essentially as it is now, and, consequently, Dunckerley could not have tampered with it; third, had the Grand Lodge suffered Dunckerley, in 1777 or thereabouts, to make such an alteration, then it would not merely have tolerated the advertising of the night of meeting of a R.A. Chapter in its almanac, but it would there and then have acknowledged the Chapter degree as part of its system; and, fourth, the language of the paragraph above quoted shows, conclusively, that owing to the third degree being in an imperfect state, "upon *that account alone*," the Royal Arch "hath been promoted by the most eminent, zealous, and distinguished members of Craft Masonry."

The remainder of the pamphlet is devoted to specimens of the rituals and catechisms of the degrees enumerated on the title page, to which is added a ritual of Ladies Freemasonry. As we have not been *honoured* with the illuminations of those degrees, we shall transcribe only one specimen from the Rosicrucian degree:—

"Q. Worthy Knight, from whence came you? A. Judea.
Q. By whence have you passed? A. Nazareth.
Q. Who has conducted you? A. Raphael.
Q. Of what tribe are you? Judah.
Q. Collect the initials of these names. A. J.N.R.J."

The author further insinuates that *unique MSS.* in some foreign language were purchased by English brethren, which were translated into ungrammatical English. The seller got a good price for them, but he might have got more if he had been a little sharper. These *MSS.* which were rituals, enabled the purchasers to organise the high degree Chapters, Commandaries, etc. But, be this as it may, the pamphlet ought to be examined by those who are illumined with moonshine. We advisedly say "moonshine," because *moonshine* figures in the scenery and machinery of some of these degrees. Those, therefore, who have been thus illumined, may derive from it advantage and instruction by being enabled to judge and compare as to what it was, and what it is. As far as we ourselves are concerned, we have given all which we deemed would be interesting to the general reader, and shall at present say no more about it.

Boston U.S., 27th April 1877.

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To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

33 Golden-square, W.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We have much pleasure in announcing that our appeal on behalf of the above fund has been so far successful as to have enabled Mr. Mace to study at Queen's College, Cambridge, for the last six months. He has passed his preliminary examination, and will be sufficiently prepared by a few months further study to undergo his final examination prior to presenting for ordination.

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We feel, therefore, justified in appealing for further subscriptions, which we hope to receive early, as the fund at present is entirely exhausted.

Yours very truly and fraternally,

W. PORTLOCK DADSON, Treasurer.
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14th May 1877.

THE TREDEGAR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1625.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—"Litera Scripta Manet" is informed that Bro. Barnes is not "labouring under" a misapprehension of "the circumstances" referred to, nor is our highly esteemed Bro. Terry,* inasmuch as Bro. Barnes put Bro. Terry in possession (verbally) of the facts of the case as mentioned in the report of the proceedings of the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction in your issue of the 28th ult. The Easter Star *Lodge* of Instruction has not ceased to exist, but only changed its patronymic, and instead of continuing to work under the authority of the Eastern Star Lodge, it now works under that of the Tredegar Lodge. All the members of the E.S.L.I. are members of the T.L.I. The Treasurer of the former is Treasurer of the latter; the books, balance of cash in the hands of the Treasurer, the furniture and other effects of the one were transferred to the other; and I cannot see why, in justice, the proxies should be forfeited merely because the Lodge has changed its name. Bro. L. S. M. has started the supposition that at some future time a new Lodge of Instruction may be formed, which will work under the name and authority of the Eastern Star Lodge, and then a difficulty might arise about the proxies. Now, if things should turn out as surmised, and such a result is not improbable, would such newly formed Lodge be entitled to claim the funds, furniture, &c. of the Lodge that formerly bore the name? I think not; and if it has not that right, upon what principle

* I disclaim all intention of imputing blame to Bro. Terry for his share in this matter. Bro. T. is not the maker of the law, but only its expositor, when personally applied to by any of the brethren upon any question relating to the Institution of which he is the Secretary.

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sen it claim proxies obtained by funds to which the members of the newly-formed Lodge never contributed one penny? I have been, and still am, one of the warmest of the supporters of the several Masonic Institutions, and especially so of the one for the relief of our aged brethren and the widows of departed brethren, and cannot be charged with entertaining a feeling of hostility towards those institutions. The brethren generally have manifested a liberality beyond all praise, and I hope that the growing bounteousness of the brethren and the Lodges will not be met by an illiberal spirit in the matter of proxies.

Yours fraternally,

422 Mile-end-road, E. THOS. J. BARNES.

9th May 1877.

THE RECENT ELECTION FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I trust I may be pardoned for feeling excessively nervous in essaying a reply to Dr. Ace's last letter. The multitude of compliments he has so kindly paid me is wholly unmerited. My native modesty impels me to disclaim possession of that "superior logical skill and tact," that "powerful assistance and influence," the "superior dialectics, comprehensive organisation, and influential support" which he attributes to me, or considers I possess. I confess, when I first read his letter, I came to the conclusion I was somebody else than poor FRATER LONDINENSIS, whose *nom de plume* has been enduring such agonies of misprint during the last few weeks. I was reminded of the story of an Irish officer who had been playing Othello, and went to bed with his face still blacked, telling his servant to call him early. The servant did so; but when the officer looked in his glass, forgetting the events of the previous evening, he turned round on the former and abused him. "Why, Pat, you rascal," said he, "you've awaked the wrong man." As between Dr. Ace and myself, there is little doubt he has fallen into a grievous error in picturing to himself FRATER LONDINENSIS as possessing the marvellous attributes I have quoted above.

Premising that in the Lansdowne edition of Milton, certain poems are described as *Johannis Miltoni* LONDINENSIS *Poemata*, I will proceed to touch on one or two points of interest in Brother Dr. Ace's letter. I hope, first of all, he will graciously permit me to express my entire sympathy with him under his present affliction. I allude, of course, to the very grave attack of *petitio principii*, from which he is evidently suffering. I consider his symptoms are even more alarming than any I have noted in the course of a pretty long experience. However, there is a remedy, which I have invariably found, I must not say infallible, but certainly efficacious, in these cases. It is obviously wiser to apply it in the earlier stages of the attack, but a cure is possible even when the patient is enduring the most terrible convulsions. The remedy is so simple that I dare say our learned brother will smile at its simplicity. Nevertheless, I give it, for it is worth knowing. There are, I believe, in *petitio principii*, as in other diseases, certain premonitory symptoms. When these set it, let the patient open his eyes continually—I do not mean so much his visual organs, though that will be a part of the process, as the eyes of his understanding. Let him grasp with all the strength of which he is capable the meaning of what is then presented to him; let him consider it in all its bearings, and having done so, let him interpret it plainly and pertinently. Let him do this, and the attack will be arrested. For instance, Dr. Ace would have escaped his present suffering, if instead of running full tilt against arguments and assertions I had never employed, he had considered what I really did say, then grasped its meaning, and interpreted it plainly. In such case he would have discovered that I did not proceed on the fallacy that all the gentlemen who recommended the case "were bound to record all their votes to this candidate, young Cox, *and to no other*." On the contrary, having allowed that the Province might have had other more deserving cases, I added, "Many of young Cox's present supporters may not have been in a position to help him at previous elections," that is, of course, record for him their votes. My argument, or rather my inquiry, until Dr. Ace so ingeniously distorted it out of all resemblance to its former self, was simple enough. I said, in effect: Here is a case of distress emanating from a province which commands certain votes, and supported by certain influential brethren, who command among them certain other votes. I allow the province may have had other more urgent cases, and that many of these supporters may not have been able to help with their votes. Yet how comes it that this very deserving case has failed so signally, that at six consecutive ballots only 381 votes were cast for it? I reckoned the votes at command, not because I assumed they would all have been recorded in Cox's favour, but in order to contrast their total with the number of votes polled, and the numbers—less than 1,300 at two out of the six contests—which had sufficed to secure success. Had Dr. Ace, instead of describing this very pertinent inquiry as irrelevant and vituperative, replied at once, instead of, at the last moment, that Devon had five or six similar cases, my inquiry would have been disposed of satisfactorily.

It would be very churlish in me to grudge Dr. Ace the pleasure he appears to derive from nothing. I have, it is true, invariably held to the old maxim, *Ex nihilo nihil fit*. But if he is pleased at finding me admit what I have never denied or had the remotest intention of denying, I can only say he has my very heartiest congratulations.

Having regard to the pressure on your valuable space, I must not follow Dr. Ace through all his elaborate arguments as to what constitutes an assertion, or when a statement is "relevant to the cogency of reasoning." I am already sufficiently bewildered about my own identity to dream of undertaking a labour so Herculean. I will merely say in conclusion that I admire the thorough earnestness with which he is pleading the cause of this orphan, and I hope I may be in a position to help him at the next election. It is no fault of mine that he has over-rated both my skill as a dialectician, and my influence as a Craftsman. Further, as it seems that though "unknown," I am nevertheless a "well-known" writer, it will obviously increase Dr. Ace's perplexity if I sign my true name. Hence in my last, as in my very first letter, I subscribe myself,

Fraternally yours,

FRATER LONDINENSIS.

Ancient Ebor Preceptory K.T. — On Wednesday, an emergency meeting of this Preceptory was held at York, E. Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead presiding, when Comps. W. T. Orde-Powlett and A. G. Dunoombe were duly installed, and proclaimed according to ancient usage.

York Mark Lodge (Time Immemorial).— The regular meeting of this Lodge took place at York, on Tuesday evening. The W.M. Bro. George Balmford being supported by Bro. Thos. Cooper P.M. and the following brethren:—T. B. Whytehead S.W., Geo. Simpson as J.W., M. Cooper M.O., C. G. Padel as S.O., J. Tissiman J.O., J. Hollins S.D., J. S. Cumberland J.D., M. Millington I.G., L. Banks Org., &c. A successful ballot was taken for five candidates, three of whom were advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master. After the close of the Lodge, the brethren met at supper, and a pleasant evening was spent.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The usual weekly convocation was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill. Present—Companions C. W. Nochmer M.E.Z., J. C. Cox H., A. A. Drew J., Thos. W. White Scribe E., F. Brown Scribe N., J. Constable P.S.; also Comps. J. Ramsay, G. Waterall, E. J. Row, E. H. Finney, Thos. Griffiths, S. Pounceby. Upon the regular proceedings having been gone through, the ceremony of exaltation was completely rehearsed, Comp. Row acting candidate. The election of officers for the ensuing fortnight resulted as follows:—J. Constable Z., A. A. Drew H., T. Griffiths J., F. Brown S.W., S. Pounceby P.S.

THE DRAMA.

"Tom and Jerry" at the Surrey.

SCARCELY a theatre in London offers, at the present time, a more entertaining programme than the SURREY. The revival, by Mr. Holland, of *Tom and Jerry*, affords an opportunity, that should not be missed, of witnessing a play which, in its time, was probably as successful a production as *Our Boys* now. So successful was it, that the names of the principal characters may be said to have become part of the literature of the nation. Tom and Jerry, and Bob Logic are known to most of us, at least from the description of our fathers, and although somewhat antiquated in point of costume, and in the character of their diversions, we welcome them none the less heartily for their ready wit, their boisterous good nature, and their unflagging spirits. As played at the SURREY, the fun of the piece is admirably rendered, and in particular, the representatives of Bob Logic (Mr. A. C. Lilly), Corinthian Tom (Mr. H. C. Sidney), Jerry Hawthorn (Mr. H. Taylor), and Jemmy Green (Mr. A. Williams), are to be congratulated for entering so thoroughly into the spirit and humour of the work. *Tom and Jerry* has been preceeded during the week by an excellent comedy-drama, entitled *Alone*, the result of the united authorship of Messrs. Palgrave Simpson and Hermann Merivale. The chief parts in this piece are effectively sustained by Messrs. Arnold, Lilly, and Sidney, and by Miss Florence Gerard and Miss Annie Travers. The programme is the best we have seen at the SURREY for some months.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

LITTLE of importance has occurred during the past week in the House of Lords. A question was asked on Friday by Earl Delawarr respecting the extent to which the neutrality of the Suez Canal was secured. On Monday the Duke of Rutland called attention to the Earl of Derby's recent Dispatch to our ambassador at St. Petersburgh, in reply to the Circular Dispatch of Prince Gortschakoff. A short but sharp debate, in which the Earl of Derby, Earl Granville, and the Lord Chancellor took part, followed. As Thursday was Ascension Day, the House adjourned till yesterday. But though there has been little doing in the hereditary house of Parliament, there has been tremendous excitement over the proceedings in the House of Commons. Towards the end of last week further progress was made in committee with the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Bill, and the nomination of the Committee on the Cattle Plague was completed. On Monday, the House was crowded in every part, as the great debate on Mr. Gladstone's resolutions was fixed for that evening. After a long and unseemly wrangle of two hours, caused by a change of tactics on the part of the Opposition, Mr. Gladstone announced his intention of not moving certain of the series of resolutions of which he had given notice the previous week. He then moved his first resolution in a speech of great power. Some passages in it were loudly and heartily applauded by most of those sitting on the Liberal benches. When Mr. Gladstone sat down, Sir H. D. Wolff rose and moved an amendment to the effect that the House of Commons declined to pass any resolutions which might in any way embarrass Her Majesty's Government in the maintenance of peace and in the protection of British interests. After a short speech from Mr. Chamberlain, the junior member for Birmingham, in support of Mr. Gladstone, the Home Secretary rose and delivered a long and powerful speech in defence of the Government policy. Mr. Childers then moved the adjournment of the debate, and it was adjourned accordingly, after a short desultory conversation. On Tuesday the discussion was resumed by Mr. Childers, who, in due time, was followed by Viscount Sandon, a member of the Ministry, and then came Mr. H. Vivian, Mr. Leatham, Mr. B. Cochrane, Mr. Baxter, and Mr. Roebuck. The last-named gentleman spoke in his usual plain, independent manner, and announced his intention of voting unhesitatingly with the Government. The Attorney-General followed, with a defence of Ministers. Mr. Lowe attacked them, and Lord J. Manners's speech brought the debate to a close for that evening, the adjournment being moved by Mr. Mundella. On Wednesday, some unimportant business was transacted, and on Thursday, the grand debate of the week, perhaps of the Session, was resumed with increased animation. The result may be anticipated; but it is not known, of course, at the time of writing these presents.

After holding her second Drawing Room last week, the Queen, with other members of the Royal Family, returned to Windsor. It was Her Majesty's intention to have visited Aldershot on Monday, but the day was changed, and the visit was postponed till Wednesday. Accordingly, Her Majesty, with the Princess Beatrice, travelled to Farnborough, where she was received by General Sir T. Steele and Staff, and conducted to the Royal Pavilion. After lunch, the troops, which had been drawn up in the usual formation, marched past the Queen; the Horse Artillery, followed by the Cavalry, leading. Then came the Artillery, five batteries or thirty guns, and about 8,000 infantry, the Royal Engineers, pontoon, telegraph, and waggon troops, and Army Service Corps bringing up the rear. The total of the force on the ground was between 11,000 and 12,000. At the close of the march past, the whole line advanced, and gave a Royal salute, after which Her Majesty left for Farnborough Station, and reached Windsor on her return about six p.m. The same day, Chatham was the scene of some very elaborate siege operations, in which the troops in garrison, to the number of about 5,000, took part. At the close of the movements, the terrible force of certain hand grenades and ground torpedoes was exhibited, after which the troops returned to barracks.

On Monday the Prince of Wales reached London on his return from the Continent, having, it is said, been greatly benefited by his trip to the Mediterranean. In the afternoon, by command of the Queen, His Royal Highness held a Levee at St. James's Palace, presentations on this occasion being regarded as equivalent to presentations to Her Majesty in person. In the evening he presided at the Anniversary Festival of the Licensed Victuallers Asylum, Earl Granville and others being present. Both the Prince and his Lordship good naturedly alluded to the objections raised against their presence, and we trust the dignified, yet quiet rebuke, admininistered by His Royal Highness, will prevent his being similarly insulted in future. The amount of subscriptions, announced after the toast of Prosperity to the Asylum had been proposed and acknowledged, represented a sum in excess of £5,000.

The Masonic event of the week was the eighty-ninth Anniversary Festival of the Girls' School, held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. We give full particulars elsewhere. It will suffice therefore if we mention here that Lord Suffield presided, that his lordship was numerously and influentially supported, that the total amount of subscriptions was announced as £9,757 13s 6d, including a donation of fifty guineas by the Chairman, and that there were still twenty-three lists outstanding. The dinner was well served, and the musical arrangements, in charge of Bro. Theodore Distin, gave every satisfaction. We are sorry to say that Bro. Little was prevented from fulfilling his usual duty by very severe indisposition. We warmly congratulate him and the able and energetic body of Stewards which assisted him in the success of the Festival. We have no doubt whatever that when the outstanding, lists are paid in, it will be found the grand result is represented, as we expected it would be, by five figures.

On Monday evening was held, at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, the first of the Wagner National Concerts. Herr Wagner experienced a most cordial reception from the audience. The orchestra contained 169 instrumentalists, and the programme included the Kaiser-March and selections from *Rienzi, and Tannhauser, and Das Rheingold*. The second of the series of six Concerts was given on Wednesday, the third will be given to-day, and the remaining three on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday of next week.

The eighty-eighth anniversary dinner of the Royal Literary Fund was held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Wednesday evening. The Earl of Derby presided, and among the more distinguished guests, were the Austrian, French, and Italian Ambassadors, the Chinese minister, the Earl of Hardwicke, Lord Houghton, Lord Justice Brett, Mr. Beresford Hope M.P., and Dr. Schliemann. Among the speakers were Count Beust, who responded for the Ambassadors and Ministers; the Chinese Minister, who replied to the toast of the Literature of other countries, and Dr. Schliemann, who spoke for the Travellers. Subscriptions were announced in the course of the evening to the extent of nearly £1,000, including one hundred guineas from Her Majesty, and £50 from the Earl of Derby.

On Saturday last the annual banquet given by the Royal

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Academy took place at Burlington House. In the absence, through indisposition, of Sir Francis Grant, the President, the chair was occupied by the eminent architect, Sir Gilbert Scott, and among the guests present were H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Christian, the Duke of Teck, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Dr. Schliemann, Lord Hampton, Dr. Hooker, and Mr. Gladstone. The same evening the Marquis of Hartington presided at the Newspaper Press Fund Dinner at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, and was supported by Lord Houghton, Lord O'Hagan, the Duke of St. Albans, the American Minister, Lord Henry Lennox, Mr. Theodore Martin C.B., Sir T. Wade, and others. The subscriptions on the occasion amounted to £900, including twenty guineas from the noble chairman.

There is no serious news from the seat of war. It seems more than probable that Russia will obtain some substantial successes in Asia; but her advance towards the Danube is necessarily somewhat slower, and more cautious, partly owing to the bad weather which has prevailed, but likewise to the fact of the Turks being there in very great strength, and also strongly posted. So far as can be gleaned up to the time of writing, the warlike operations in Europe have been confined to minor attacks and bombardments. The Turkish gunboats show themselves very active, and are evidently giving the Russians a good deal of trouble, while the latter have seized one or two positions of great importance. There has been one momentous event during the week, which, however, it was foreseen, would probably occur sooner or later. We allude to the active participation in the war of Roumania as the ally of Russia. There has been firing between Kalafat and Widdin, but as yet no great amount of harm appears to have been done. We presume that this principality, finding itself already occupied by the Russian armies, has deemed it prudent, as the lesser of two evils, to side with the invader rather than with the Porte, to which she owes allegiance, albeit a nominal one. There is no doubt, however, that come what may, Roumania deserves and will have our sympathy. Situated as she is between two inveterate enemies it was well nigh impossible for her to come off unscathed. War, in her case, means something very much like ruin. The crops on which she is wholly dependent will fail her this year and so long as the war lasts. Her towns and villages are sure to suffer as well from the Russians who occupy, and will defend her territory as from the Turks, who will certainly inflict as much damage as they can, if only in self-defence. It is noteworthy that the Turkish Government, which has established a blockade of the Russian ports on the Black Sea, has graciously extended the period for the free ingress and egress of commercial ships to and from the blockaded ports. This has been done at the instance of Mr. Layard, our ambassador at Constantinople. In Asia it is believed that Kars is shortly to be besieged, and that Erzeroum, the capital of Armenia is endangered. It is further announced that the Russian Chancellor will not reply to the Earl of Derby's dispatch of the 1st instant. We think this is highly probable. The noble lord's statements are irrefutable. It is wise on the part of Russia to abstain from doing or saying aught that is likely to intensify the feeling of this country against her.

The first number of a new series of *The Scottish Freemasons' Magazine* will make its appearance on the 1st prox. The paper will be published as a bi-monthly, under the auspices of a duly registered Company, on the 1st and 15th of the month; and it is with great pleasure we announce that the services of so well-known and so capable a Craftsman as Bro. John Laurie, lately Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge Scotland, have been secured as editor. The offices of the Company are at 63 Princes-street, Edinburgh, and all applications should be made to this address.

We acknowledge with fraternal thanks a communication anent our recent sketches of Lodge "Orion in the West," from a Brother who was mainly instrumental in its resuscitation in 1859. The information he furnishes is highly interesting, and when a convenient time arrives for completing the history—for which, be it remarked, we are indebted to our Bombay contemporary the *Standard*—we shall avail ourselves of his kind permission, and incorporate it in our sketch.

It will be seen from a notice which appears in our advertisement columns, that the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, is making arrangements to present the petitions it has received on the subject of the Masonic disabilities of German non-Christians at the next quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge. It is obviously desirable, therefore, that all those Lodges which have not yet forwarded their petitions, should do so without loss of time, if they approve the policy initiated by this Lodge. We cannot understand any member of our English Craft opposing the movement, though it is quite possible, of course, that some may not think favourably of the mode of procedure adopted, while others may think it expedient to avoid meddling with the question. This, however, is not our opinion. The exclusion of non-Christians is diametrically opposed to one of the leading articles of our Masonic faith. The respectful submission to our Grand Lodge of a number of petitions, praying for the exercise of its influence in removing the restrictions complained of, is, in our judgment, the best, if not the only way of inviting attention to this undoubted grievance. Under these circumstances, we most cordially second the appeal of Montefiore Lodge, and we trust that every Lodge which owes allegiance to our Grand Lodge will second its noble efforts in behalf of the true principles of Freemasonry.

We are informed that W. W. B. Beach, Esq., M.P., R.W Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, has most kindly consented to preside at the 79th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be held at the Alexandra Palace on Wednesday, 27th June next.

We have been favoured by Bro. E. J. Harty with a view of an advanced proof of his great picture of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master at the Albert Hall, which shows the drawing in progress and the effects of light and shade, the more effective touches of which are yet to come. We had much pleasure in recognising the portraits of quite a number of our esteemed brethren and subscribers amongst the hosts of faces ranged in rows of diminishing perspective from the foreground. We have never seen a finer effect than that caught by Bro. Harty. Standing at a short distance from the picture, the spectator, after a few seconds of gazing, actually feels himself to be part and parcel of the scene. The extreme care required in the production will not, we believe, allow of its being finished and out of hand for some six weeks yet.

On Wednesday afternoon, Bro. Haigh, of the firm of Hemery and Haigh, of Regent-street, was graciously permitted to wait on H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, at Buckingham Palace, for the purpose of taking a series of photographs of the Duke. In one of them H.R.H. appears in the clothing of Grand Senior Warden of England, to which office he was lately appointed by his brother, the Grand Master.

The *Keystone*, on the authority of Loomis's *Masonic Journal*, announces that Bro. Charles S. Stratton, better known throughout the world as "General Tom Thumb," was initiated into Freemasonry in St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Bridgeport, Conn., on 8th October 1862. In July of the following year he was exalted in Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, R.A.M. In July 1865 he received the orders of the Red Cross and Temple in Hamilton Commandery, No. 8. In 1867 he received the earlier degrees of the A. and A. Rite. He is now a 32° Mason, and is thus "a *very high* Mason, although still quite a diminutive man."

Thursday, the 10th instant, according to the *Masonic Jewel*, was the day appointed for the meeting at Natchez of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi. A general attendance of the Commanderies of the State was expected, and among individual Knights it was believed that the Governor of the State, Sir Knight J. M. Stone, would attend, in company with the Commandery, at Jackson.

Bro. Corn. Moore continues, in the columns of the *Masonic Review*, the history of old Lodges in Ohio. Last month is given a highly interesting sketch of Old Erie Lodge, No. 3 on the roll of Grand Lodge, Ohio.

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The history is very interesting, the original of the present Lodge having been warranted in 1804 by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and to it belongs the honour of having first suggested the organisation of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. It was for many years in abeyance, but was revived in 1854, when it received the prefix of "old" in order to distinguish it from another Erie Lodge, which had been established during the period of its cessation from work.

At the General Committee of the Boys' School, held on the 5th inst. Bro. W. Raynham Stewart presided, and there were present Bros. H. Browse, Jessie Turner, W. Roebuck, S. B. Wilson, C. F. Matier, T. Meggy, H. Massey, E. C. Massey, F. Adlard, Dr. Morris, J. W. Dosell, W. F. C. Montrie, R. B. Webster, J. G. Chancellor, Hyde Pullen, S. Rosenthal, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Copy of the report on increased accommodation was submitted and taken as read, but the question was deferred for further consideration. Three applications to be placed on the list of candidates were read and entertained, and several outfits were granted. The House Committee were then nominited for the ensuing year. The following sixteen names from which the required number will be chosen being handed in—namely:—Bros. H. Browse, J. G. Chancellor, A. Durrant, T. B. Grabbam, Benjamin Head, H. W. Hunt, W. F. C. Montrie, George Newman, W. Paas, W. Hyde Pullen, W. Roebuck, S. Rosenthal, G. Rowe, J. B. Scriven, Raynham Stewart, and S. Wood. The Audit Committee were re-nominated.

The Regular Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. Col. Creaton P.G.D. in the chair. The Secretary, Bro. Jas. Terry, read the minutes of the former meeting, which were confirmed. The various reports were read and adopted, and several matters in connection with the Institution discussed. The three members of the Committee who retire by rotation were unanimously re-elected. Bro. Griffith Smith gave a notice of motion—That in the opinion of the Committee, the accommodation provided for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in Freemasons' Hall is totally inadequate for the increasing labours which have to be performed, and that it be referred to the Board of General Purposes to ascertain what better accommodation can be provided. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman, and the meeting was adjourned to the following month.

Prince Iskander, nephew of Shere Ali, King of Affghanistan, who has been residing in London for the last few years, has gone to Constantinople, for the purpose, it is stated, of offering his sword to the Sultan in defence of Turkey. He is a most accomplished Oriental. In 1874 he became a Freemason. He was initiated and passed in the Board of Avon Lodge, in the Province of Middlesex, by Bro. J. C. Parkinson P.G.D. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and subsequently raised to the third degree by Major C. Harding P.M., acting as W.M. on the occasion.

UNDER the auspices of the Phœnix Lodge, and in the presence of a fashionable and numerous audience, a concert was given in the Portland Hall, Portsmouth, on Monday last, the proceeds being intended for the Masonic Schools. The vocal part of the entertainment was entrusted to Miss Ellen Horne, Mrs. Hayman, Mr. C. E. McCheane, and Mr. C. Cottam, whilst the orchestra was filled with the combined bands of the Royal Marine Artillery and the Royal Marine Light Infantry, under the conductorship of Messrs. Winterbottom and Kreyer. The concert proved a decided success, and will we hope, substantially benefit those charities on behalf of which it was organised.—*Portsmouth Times and Naval Gazette.*

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Help under Suffering.—No diseases which afflict the human body are more irksome to bear, or more difficult to cure, than skin diseases, whether superficial sores or deep ulcerations. Holloway's Ointment has proved itself a remedy for these maladies; it clears off scurvy, incrustations, heals up cracks and fissures, reduces unnatural heat, mitigates irritation and inflammation and it at once assuages pain, cleans wounds, and works out a sound and lasting cure more certainly and more rapidly than any other application. In those affections, which are probably constitutional or chronic, obstinated habits and constitutional ailments, Holloway's Pills should be taken to increase the salutary effects of this unguent.

OPERA COMIQUE.

Amateur Performance in aid of the Royal Masonic Educational Institutions.

THE distinguished company of amateurs who assembled on Saturday last, the 5th inst., to give their services in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys deserve, and will doubtless receive, the thanks of the entire Craft. The programme had been wisely selected, and all engaged exerted themselves to make the gathering a brilliant success. We had the pleasure of announcing, a fortnight since, that at that early period the applications for tickets were most satisfactory, and that Bro. J. B. Monckton, the respected President of the Board of General Purposes, had guaranteed, in the name of his talented wife, that the performance should produce the substantial amount of 100 guineas to each of our two Educational Establishments. Under these circumstances we were not all surprised, when we reached the pretty little theatre, to find that the seats were well filled, and that a fashionable and brilliant audience had assembled to witness the performance. After an overture by the band, the curtain rose for the well known farce, by J. Maddison Morton, of *A Most Unwarrantable Intrusion*, which was well sustained by Mr. E. G. H. Bingham, R.A., as Mr. Nathaniel Snoozle, and Mr. Barington Foote R.H.A. as the Intruder, the latter gentleman displaying an amount of energy seldom witnessed from an amateur. The next piece was the late T. W. Robertson's adaptation of MM. Scribe and Legouvé's interesting drama, *The Ladies' Battle*. This, if we remember rightly, was originally produced some twenty-five years ago at the Royal Olympic Theatre, when it was supported by the Bros. Henry and William Farren, and by Mr. Leigh Murray, while Mrs. Stirling and Miss Louisa Howard respectively represented the Countess d'Antreval and Leonie de Villegontier. The scene is laid in France, at the Chateau d'Antreval, and the period assigned for the action is the year 1820. Henri de Flavigneul, a prescribed Bonapartist, is being sheltered and protected by the Countess d'Antreval, at her chateau; he assumes the disguise of a domestic, and his adventures with the Baron de Montrichard, the Prefect of Police, forms the plot on which the drama is constructed. The caste on the present occasion comprised Capt. Hughes, as the Baron de Montrichard, Capt. Fitz-George (20th Hussars), as Henri de Flavigneul, Mr. S. Brandram as Gustave de Grignon, while Mrs. Monckton and Miss M. C. Helmore appeared as the Countess d'Antreval and Leonie. The acting of Mr. Brandram was characterised throughout as of a high order. His heroic speeches were admirably delivered, and he fairly carried the audience with him. It is seldom, indeed, that anything approaching this is to be seen, except from those who have made the stage their profession. Capt. Hughes played the rather up-hill part of the Baron carefully; here and there, perhaps, he displayed a trifle more impetuosity than was warranted; but this, should he repeat the performance, could easily be remedied. Captain Fitz-George, as Henri de Flavigneul, was, to our mind, rather too jaunty, and a little more repose would decidedly have improved his performance. We will mention one instance to which our attention was more particularly attracted. After the arrest of Grignon, Henri enters and receives from the Baron his promised reward; the Baron exits, and Henri, throwing himself into a seat, bursts into a fit of exultation. This part of the performance was keenly watched by a young lady who sat immediately in front of us, and when Captain Fitz-George thus interpreted the part, she exclaimed, involuntarily, "Ridiculous; he will betray himself through his own indiscretion." But though we feel bound to find a little fault here, we cannot but accord to the ladies the highest praise. Mrs. Monckton's portraiture of the witty and kind-hearted Countess was excellent. In some of her scenes she exhibited great dramatic power, and in recounting her triumphs over the wily Baron, when he held the post of Procureur, she exhibited talent that was thoroughly appreciated by the audience. Miss Helmore's modest interpretation of the part of Leonie was a most happy contrast, and the deep interest of the piece was thoroughly sustained throughout. The smaller parts, so frequently overlooked by amateurs, were all carefully represented, thus tending greatly to the success of the piece. The entertainments concluded with a comedietta, translated from the French by Miss Bolton Rowe, entitled *Tears*. The scene is laid at Baden Baden, and the piece recounts the adventures of two married couples who are on their wedding tour. Mr. Arthur Gooch, as Gerard Vivian, gave a very happy assumption of the confiding husband who had entrusted his wife with that most necessary attribute to comfort—his cheque book; while Mrs. Monckton, as Kate, gave a pleasing display of the powers she had so generously been entrusted with. In happy contrast with the endearments of the more matured couple, were the love-sick vapourings of Sir Francis Ainslie and his wife Mabel, while the small part of Jean, a French waiter, was made the most of by Mr. Dundas. The stage arrangements were under the direction of Mr. E. F. Edgar, and from that gentleman's well-known ability, it is scarcely necessary for us to say that everything passed off satisfactorily.

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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 MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 14th MAY.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 13 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
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 o'clock.

75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
292—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 23 Hope-street, Liverpool.
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby.
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
665—Montagues, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
1396—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1449—Royal Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury.
1502—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Micklegate, York.
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.

TUESDAY, 15th MAY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
194—St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Coopers Arms, Silver-street, Falcon-square, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
432—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.

WEDNESDAY, 16th MAY.

174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, 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.)
1286—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
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.)

121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
221—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
582—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
663—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
859—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1096—Walton, St. Lawrence Boys' School, Kirkdale.
1129—St. Chad's, Rosebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1343—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea

THURSDAY, 17th MAY.

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. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 8.30. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

FRIDAY, 18th MAY.

Annual General Meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 12. (Election, &c.)
House Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
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.)
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, 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.)
1274—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1291—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1643—Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne Road, North Kensington, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.

SATURDAY, 19th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
R. A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.

1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.

THURSDAY.

600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

FRIDAY.

1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 321—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.
TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.
" 405—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—160—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 82 Nicolson-street.
THURSDAY—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
" R. A. 153—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 86 Constitution-street.
FRIDAY—R.A. 83—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—102—St. Mark's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
TUESDAY—3 bis.—St. John's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 73—Thistle and Rose, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 87—Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, 30 Cathedral-street, Glasgow.
" 437—Govandale, Partland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow.
" 556—Clydesdale, 106 Rose-street, Glasgow.
WEDNESDAY—117—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Douglas-street, Partick.
" 128—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.
" 354—Caledonian Railway, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" 592—Albert Edward, Freemasons' Hall, Polmadie.
THURSDAY—27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 465—St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-rd., Glasgow. 7.30.
FRIDAY—360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" 408—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
SATURDAY—R. A. 143—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Bellahill, Holytown.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 10th of May, at Bro. Hallows's, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. Bell W.M., Groome S.W., Claridge J.W., Saunders Sec., Pinder Preceptor, W. G. Hallows S.D., Franklin J.D., F. Hallows I.G.; also Bros. Dilvalle, Simms, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Dilvalle acting as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, Bro. Simms acting as candidate. Bro. Groom was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was recorded to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair, it being the first time he had taken the position in this Lodge of Instruction.

Kent Lodge, No. 15.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields. There were present Bros. S. Wharman W.M., Cambridge S.W., Ginman J.W., Martin P.M., in the absence of the I.P.M., Sleeman P.M. Treas., Dukes Sec., Lipscomb I.G., Becket Tyler, and a number of other members. The visitors were Bros. L. Colman 186, S. Fortescue 511, W. Holt 928, T. Lewis 1445, and E. Gottheil P.M. 141. The principal business consisted in raising Bros. Lipschutz and Holloway to the degree of M.M., and passing Bros. Joseph and Alex. Posener to the Craft degree. In the absence of both Deacons, Bros. Martin and Gottheil performed the duties. When the

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Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, and partook of a very enjoyable banquet, excellently served under the supervision of Bro. Hamp, the manager. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were given—The Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present. Bro. Martin then proposed "The health of the W.M." I am not the Immediate Past Master, but, in his absence, the pleasant duty devolves upon me to act in his stead. The I.P.M. is engaged at the Festival of the Girl's School, which takes place this evening, representing the Kent Lodge, the subscriptions from which amount to the satisfactory sum of £46 4s. Bro. Wharman conducts the Lodge very creditably and satisfactorily. Let us wish every success to him. The W.M. replying, expressed his very sincere thanks. With regard to the work, he felt it was not satisfactory, although he tried to do his best. He had only comparatively lately taken to the work, and trusted to be more efficient on future occasions. Bro. Gottheil responded for the visitors, he earnestly and sincerely congratulated the W.M. upon the manner in which he performed the work, and continued, it is the more remarkable, inasmuch as he being a foreigner, without any considerable grasp on the English language, is yet able to perform so very creditably one of our most onerous ceremonies. The condition of the Lodge seems all that could be desired, of course I do not mean from a financial point of view, naturally of that I can know nothing. But I refer to the future prospects of its working power. There are some good men gradually working on to the first chair. Bro. Cambridge the S.W., who is frequently met in Lodges of Instruction, works excellently well. The J.W. with whom I privately conversed, informed me he attended two or three evenings at these Lodges. Of the inferior Officers I cannot say anything—they being absent, excepting Bro. Lipscomb, who I think from what I have seen of him, will prove an efficient officer; but what struck me as being of good omen in reference to the working of this Lodge, was the intelligence of, at any rate, two out of the four candidates who were raised, and passed this evening. I will not mention names; it would be invidious, and not at all necessary. I will conclude these few remarks by thanking you very heartily on behalf of the visitors for your hospitality, and the very kind reception you have been pleased to vouchsafe unto us. Bro. Martin, in responding for the P.M.'s, said: Having spoken once before, I do not know that I can add anything to what I have already stated. There used to be a long array of P.M.'s in the Kent Lodge, eighteen or twenty. There are not so many now, for which I am sorry, for it is not only the assistance Past Masters render, but they add substance, and give weight by their presence to the deliberations of a Lodge. I therefore trust to see again a long line of P.M.'s among us. Bro. Dr. Sleeman P.M. and Treasurer, said it was all very well to be called upon to speak after so many able speeches had been delivered, but he thought he could please them by stating that although since his accession, the W.M. has made a tolerable inroad in the finances, yet they may rest satisfied, as he could assure them they are in a very good position. He trusted the brethren and visitors had enjoyed themselves. The W.M. has indulged them, but he (Bro. Sleeman) was always ready to pay the bill when presented. Bro. Dr. Dukes P.M. Sec. said his inate modesty stood in the way of his making a speech, but he would just say he thought he had done his duties conscientiously ever since the Secretaryship was entrusted to him, and hoped to continue to do so. He was pleased with the way in which Bro. Wharman carried on the business of the Lodge, as it was he (Bro. Dukes) who introduced the W.M. into Masonry. Bro. Cambridge and Bro. Barlow P.M. and W.S. responded for the Officers. The proceedings were enlivened by a band of music playing various selections, and by some excellent songs by Bros. Fortescue, Godfrey, Green, Wells, Lipshütz, &c.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday evening last, 10th May. Present—Bros. Maidwell W.M., Powell S.W., Hewlett J.W., Garbett S.D., Grammer J.D. and Sec., Isaacs I.G., and other brethren. The ceremony of the 2nd degree was rehearsed, Bro. Hill acting as candidate. The whole of the sections in the 2nd lecture were worked by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Isaacs, No. 27, was elected a member, and the Lodge was closed.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—This Lodge was held at the Old Rodney's Head, on Monday, 7th instant. Present—Bros. R. Pearcy W.M., Killick S.W., Ross J.W., Cook S.D., Tolmie acting Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Millivard J.D., Bisset I.G. Christopher Tyler, Powell, Stock, Fairbank, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in his usual excellent manner, Bro. Fairbank acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the first 4 Sections of the Lecture, and Bro. Tolmie the 5th assisted by the brethren. Bro. Killick was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. It was proposed by the W.M. and seconded by Bro. Fenner, that the votes of the Lodge for the Girls' School be given to Bro. Stock which was carried unanimously. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—This Lodge met on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bros. L. Lazarus W.M., W. Miller S.W., H. Hymans as J.W., L. Auerbaan Treasurer, E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, A. J. Campion J.D., R. Baker I.G., H. P. Isaac D.C.; P.M.'s Bros. A. G. Dodson, S. Hickman, L. Alexander, M. Alexander, I. Abrahams, H. M. Levy, and Bros. J. S. Lyon, M. Auerbaan, L. Davids, S. Davis, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. E. Cogswell was balloted for, and being unanimously elected, was initiated. Bro. Althorp was raised. A distressed brother was relieved with the sum of 21s. A letter of condolence was proposed to be sent to Bro. Spiegel, on his recent bereavement. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to slight refreshment. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In replying to that of the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. said this was the first time he had had to return thanks to the brethren for the toast as a Past Grand Pursuivant. The W.M. gave the toast of the Joppa Benevolent Fund, coupled with the name of Bro. H. M. Levy P.M., the Senior Vice-President, who informed the brethren that the Fund had now reached £1,200. He was sure, while the Lodge so progressed, the members would support each other. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the newly initiated, which having been acknowledged, Bro. Dodson I.P.M. proposed that of the W.M., which was received with great enthusiasm, Bro. Dodson considered him a credit to the Order; his working was well known, thoroughly appreciated, and worthy of imitation. The W.M. thanked Bro. Dodson for the kind manner in which he had spoken, he hoped to be spared to be among them for many years, to render any service required of him. He then gave the toast of the visitors. Bro. Cohen W.M. 205, A. Godfrey and others responded, in very excellent speeches. Bro. Israel Abrahams, in a very eloquent speech, returned thanks for the Past Masters. The toasts of the various officers, followed by that of the Tyler, brought the meeting to a close. The visitors were Bros. J. Rosh 1201, J. H. R. Sims 1357, A. Godfrey 193, Kellar 6, H. F. Young 299, J. Cohen 205, Stack 62 and 147.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction. No. 193.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Wednesday, the 9th of May, at Bro. W. Edwards's, the Whittington, Mour-lane, E.C. Present—Bros. G. L. Walker W.M., Edward Abell S.W., Staley J.W., J. K. Pitt Sec., W. Sayer S.D., Bone J.D., Ager Steward, Sadleir I.G. Christopher Tyler. After the usual formalities the Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The S.W. worked the first section of the second lecture, and was chosen to fill the chair at the next meeting. Bro. Felton was elected a member, and the Lodge was closed.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge held its meeting at the Jolly Farmer's, Southgate-road, Islington, on Saturday, the 5th inst. Bros. Musto P.M. presided, Hewlett S.W., Brasted J.W., Baxter S.D., Ockenden J.D., Gibbs I.G., Pearcy Preceptor, Halford Treasurer, Killick Secretary, and nearly forty members. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed; Bro. J. Lorkin, acting as W.M. elect, was regularly installed. The appointment of officers followed, they being invested and addressed by Bro. Musto. The newly installed W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Musto acting as candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the 1st, and Bro. Musto the 3rd section of the first lecture. Bro. Hewlett was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks and honorary membership of the Lodge was proposed by Bro. Killick, seconded by Bro. Pearcy, and unanimously carried in favour of Bro. Musto, and was acknowledged by him. A vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. J. Lorkin, it being the first time he had occupied the chair of the Lodge. Bro. Marvin, of the Wolsey Lodge, was elected a member.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, the 4th of May, at the Feather's Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. S. Godden W.M., G. Tribbel S.W., Geo. West J.W., Aug. Braun Secretary, Rudderforth Preceptor, R. Tate S.D., Parsons I.G. Also Bros. Evans, Reid, Harris, Murch, Kennard, Thompson, Hill, Nichols, and Codlin. The Lodge was opened in due form in the first degree, and the minutes confirmed. The W.M. most ably rehearsed the ceremonies of initiation and passing, Bro. Harris being the candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of the Preceptor, who, after having asked the usual questions, opened the Lodge in the third degree, and rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Thompson being candidate. Bro. G. Tribbel was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the Lodge was closed in due form. The ballot for the Life Subscribership of the William Preston Benevolent Association resulted in favour of Bro. Sam. Nichols, of the Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The meeting of this Lodge, which was held at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, on Tuesday, the 8th instant, was presided over by Bro. Wallington P.M. Preceptor, who rehearsed the ceremony of the second degree in his usual masterly style, Bro. Pavitt acting as candidate. The officers were Bro. Smith S.W., Perry J.W., Johnson S.D., Lovelock J.D., Defriez I.G., Wright P.M., Bros. Cambridge, Pullen, Brasted, Christian, Saunders, Crouch, Hewlett, and Barker were also present. Bro. Defriez worked the first section assisted by the brethren. Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bro. Hewlett worked the first and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed to the first, when Bro. Smith was unanimously elected W.M. for ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned.

Royal Albert Lodge of Instruction, No. 907.—Held at Bro. C. Chard's, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C. The fortnightly meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday last as above, when there were present:—Bros. F. A. White W.M., J. F. Hallett S.W., R. Jennings J.W., W. Suelgrove S.D., G. F. Barr J.D., Thos. Butt I.G., J. Dennis P.M. Sec., C. Chard Treas., J. Constable, T. Griffiths, G. Edwards, Robt. Stevenson. The W.M. rehearsed the

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ceremony of raising in a most creditable manner, it being, as we were informed, his second attempt. The Lodge voted the sum of one guinea, to be invested in shilling tickets in Bro. Constable's ballot for Life Governorships of the Boys' School, and in the event of any one of the tickets being successful, a ballot is to take place among the members of the Lodge of Instruction for the same. We congratulate the Lodge upon thus assisting a good cause, and we should much like to see other Lodges and Lodges of Instruction following the wake of the Royal Albert. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 22nd, at eight p.m.

Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal. The following brethren were present:—A. H. Des Barres W.M., T. Ayling I.P.M., E. Kirby S.W., W. Hazell J.W., S. Hinds Treasurer, T. J. Usher P.M. P.G.R. Secretary, H. R. Botting S.D., J. Laggett J.D., J. Carpenter I.G., S. Walley D.C., J. Horne S.; Bros. T. Smith, W. Dunn, H. E. Drew, W. Ryder, S. Holgate Tyler. Visitor—Bro. H. Sanctuary 1428. Business—Minutes read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Geo. Chandler, having proved his efficiency, retired. Lodge opened in the third degree. Bro. Geo. Chandler was raised. The very beautiful ceremony was conducted by the W.M. in a most efficient and impressive manner, he being well supported by his officers. Lodge was then closed down to the first degree. It was proposed and carried unanimously that £10 10s out of the Lodge funds be placed on the list of the W.M., he being a Steward in connection with the Festival on the 9th inst. The W.M. announced that he had been able to collect the very handsome sum of £66 19s. He hoped to be able to double that amount on the next occasion. The Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshments, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts being given and responded to. It is gratifying to note that this very prosperous Lodge has been represented at one of the Festivals for the last three years, and it is intended that they shall be represented at one of the Festivals each year, a brother has already come forward to act at the one in connection with the Aged Freemasons next year.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 4th inst. Present—Bros. Kent W.M., Andrews S.W., Cleverley J.W., Crouch S.D., Oldroyd J.D., Lane I.G., Austin, Fenner, Townsend, Bolton, Smith, Hewlett, &c. Lodge was opened in due form. Minutes of last meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Austin acting as candidate. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. A. W. Fenner, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Andrews was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Fenner proposed, and Bro. Hewlett seconded, that a vote of thanks be awarded to the W.M., for the very able manner he had carried out the duties of the evening, it being the first time he had occupied that honourable position in this Lodge. This was carried unanimously. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 1261.—A meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, on the 1st inst. Bros. J. P. Godfrey W.M., Jessop S.W., Longley J.W. and Sec., Williams P.M. Treasurer, James Levy S.D., Emdin J.D., H. Atkins I.G., Allworth I.P.M. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. Abud was passed. Mr. W. J. Cox was balloted for and duly initiated. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Nicols. The W.M., who very ably and genially presided, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In giving that of the Grand Officers, he said he was pleased to see one among them—Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. He had just retired from active service, and now enjoyed the fruits of his labour as a Grand Officer. Bro. Allworth I.P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M., commenting in the course of his very excellent speech on the able manner in which the duties of the Lodge were conducted. He hoped they would give the toast a hearty reception. The W.M. thanked the brethren for their kind expressions. He had to thank the Past Masters and the officers for their support during his year of office. He hoped at the expiration of his term to hear the same kind and good feelings. The toast of the Past Masters was then given. The W.M. had great pleasure in presenting Bro. Cross P.M. with a jewel for his valued services in connection with the Lodge. He was one who was worthily entitled to wear it. Bro. Cross returned thanks for the valuable gift, the more so from the fact that he had no previous knowledge of it. The toast of the Visitors was given, and duly responded to by the visiting brethren. The toast of the Wardens and Officers followed, and a very agreeable evening was passed. The Visitors were Bros. E. P. Albert P.G.P. P.M. 188, Godfrey 193, E. J. Harty W.M. 1201, and H. Zachurie.

Asaph Lodge, No. 1319.—The regular meeting of this excellent working Lodge, whose members are principally composed of the musical and theatrical profession, was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. Bros. W. Finney W.M., Chamberlain P.M. as S.W., G. Buckland J.W., E. Stanton Jones P.M. Sec., W. Wellard D.C., Harry Cox I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. C. Coote, Jekyll, Trewin; and Bros. Henson, Smith, Parker, Barrett, Alias, Reynolds, Dodson, Snyders, Castell, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Messrs. Bell, Hatcher, Beveridge, and Kent were balloted for and duly initiated into the Order. Bros. Castell, Powell, and Finney were passed to the 2nd degree, by the W.M. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated. There was no banquet. The Visitors were Bros. B. Nelson, St. Johns (Scotland), and Lowe, St. Dunstan's Lodge.

Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656, Hampton Wick.—An emergency meeting was held at the White Hart Hotel, on Monday last, the 7th inst. The business on the summons was very heavy, there being three initiations, four passings, and four raisings. The Lodge being opened in the 1st degree, Messrs. Richard Masters, George Malcolm, and John Piller were admitted to the light of Freemasonry. Bros. Taylor, Jackson, Pinto, and Forge were then examined, entrusted, and retired until after the opening of the Lodge on the Square, when, on their re-admission, they were duly passed to the degree of F.C. Bros. Marvin, Scott, Richer, and Featherstone were presented candidates for the 3rd degree. Having successfully passed the necessary examination, the beautiful ceremony of the sublime degree was proceeded with. The business of the evening concluded with the investiture of Bro. Albert Marvin as D.C. and Bro. Scott as W.S. The Lodge was closed shortly before 11. The whole of the ceremonies was worked by the Worshipful Master in a most impressive manner, and he certainly had a hard night's work. Amongst the visitors we were pleased to hail Bro. John Bowes of Warrington, Prov. G.J. Warden of Cumberland and Westmoreland, P.P.G.S.B. West Lancashire, P.Z., and who, as P.M. of five Lodges, came laden with hearty greetings to the Master from our Northern brethren. The visitors' list also included the names of Bros. D. B. Raw P.M. 926, Kracutler S.W. 1303, J. Griffiths 1641, Hiscox 1512, Murphy 1512, &c. The following officers and members were also present—Bros. J. Hammond I.P.M., B. Sharp P.M. 168 S.W., J. Bond P.M. 889 J.W., The Rev. F. J. Champion de Crespigny P.M. 708, P.P.G. Chap. Middlesex Chaplain, T. W. Ockenden Secretary, B. R. Aston S.D., J. Hurst W.M. 1512 J.D., T. C. Walls I.G., F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex, J. W. Baldwin P.A.G.P. Middlesex, Marvin, Scott, Richer, Featherstone, Jackson, Pinto, Andrews, Taylor, Forge, &c. We need hardly add there was not any banquet, the brethren of the Wolsey had met strictly for Masonic business, and they separated with the idea that they had transacted the same.

Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662.—The general meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday 5th May 1877, at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Bro. W. T. Christian W.M., W. Groome S.W., W. B. Brand J.W., J. Pinder P.M., F. Hallows Hon. Sec., C. J. Saunders S.D., T. Franklin J. D., W. G. Hallows acting I.G., T. Upward Organist, J. H. Cambridge W.S. and W. Gilchurst Tyler. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bros. Clark, Carter, Deady, Delvalle and Hunt, were asked the usual questions entitling them to be raised to the third degree; these being all satisfactorily answered, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the above-named five brethren were raised in the usual manner according to ancient rite and custom. The Lodge was resumed in the 2nd degree, and Bro. Wm. Moffat was passed. The Lodge was then resumed in the first degree, and two candidates were proposed and seconded for initiation at the next meeting of the Lodge. The ordinary business was then gone through, and the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned until the 6th October. Among the members and visitors present were Bros. H. Field, John Bell 1178, Walter Claridge 1598, C. Carter 1507, E. Brown 1598, G. E. Laversack 917, Samuel Morris 1421, J. S. Baxter 206, T. Elves 174, J. Lake 1471.

Upper Norwood Lodge of Instruction.—The last meeting of the session was held at the White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood, on Monday, the 30th April. Bro. H. E. Frances P.P.G.D. Surrey Preceptor, in his usual capital style, worked the ceremony of installation. There was a numerous attendance of members. The most interesting feature of the evening was the presentation of a handsomely finished P.M.'s jewel, accompanied with a testimonial on vellum, to Bro. William Jerrett Miller P.M. and late Secretary to the Lodge. The scroll is magnificently illuminated by Bro. H. E. Frances, Preceptor, and is a creditable specimen of Masonic genius. Bro. Miller acknowledged the gift in appropriate and feeling terms, and concluded by remarking that he not only valued the testimonial as a proof of brotherly love, but as an excellent production of Masonic ability. The following is the wording of the testimonial:—

"To Bro. William Jerrett Miller P.M. 763 and 1586."

"At the regular weekly meeting of the Upper Norwood Lodge of Instruction, on Monday, the 16th April 1877, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood, on the proposal of Bro. Walter Hopekirk P.M. 179 and W.M. 1586, seconded by Bro. J. Pringle P.M. 763, it was cordially and unanimously resolved,—

"That in addition to the P.M.'s jewel to be presented to Bro. William Jerrett Miller, an indelible expression of the sincere feelings of the members of the Lodge be inscribed, testifying to the unqualified appreciation of the valuable and instructive services rendered by him while acting as Secretary to the Upper Norwood Lodge of Instruction, under the Warrant of the Sydney Lodge, and for the highly merited esteem in which he is held for his eminent Masonic ability, invariable courtesy and affability of demeanour, under all circumstances, on every occasion, to each and all of the members of this Lodge of Instruction in particular, and Freemasons in general, being in himself, by his exemplary conduct, an impeachable exponent of those grand Masonic principles—Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

"The earnest prayer of the Lodge is hereby added that Bro. William Jerrett Miller may long be spared, in good health, to enjoy the domestic bliss of his family, the general goodwill of his friends, the high esteem of the brotherhood, and ample prosperity in his avocation, so that when summoned from this sublunary abode he may ascend to the Grand Lodge above where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever."

H. E. Frances P.M. P.P.G.D. Surrey, Preceptor.
Walter Hopekirk P.M. 179 and W.M. 1586, Treas.
John Hammond P.M. 201, &c., &c., Secretary.

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THE conversion of Constantine the Great to Christianity, in the Fourth Century, gave a decided impulse to the enlargement of Episcopal authority, which at a later period developed into the Papacy. With the protection afforded throughout the vast Empire, proselyting and evangelical labours were assiduously pursued, not only within the circumscribed limits of the municipalities of Rome and Alexandria, but reached forth into the more remote provinces of Gaul and Germany. The zeal of Missionary enterprise soon opened a way for the introduction of Christianity either in a greater or lesser orthodox form among the native Teutons, or burned its fiery pathway to the obdurate hearts of Gallic pagans. While Uphilas captivated the Goths with the errors of Arianism, the Romish Church, which, under the weighty pressure of Byzantine favor, overshadowed all competitors, had at an early period organised, upon the pure doctrines of Christ, a compact system of evangelical missions, whose labourers boldly advanced into undeveloped territory, and through numerous expedients, succeeded in converting the heathen Teutons to the new religion.

As a consequence of such enterprise, it was of the last necessity that those who accorded an implicit acceptance of the Christian faith should not only become an integral part of the Church Militant, but also have erected for their accommodation rude and temporary structures, in which the services of the church might be celebrated, amid the solemn pomp of a rapidly increasing cumbersome ritualism. The earliest edifices so hastily put together for the purpose alluded to were mainly due to the work of a class of workmen in wood, designated as *lignarios*, composed of inferior Craftsmen, whose skill was narrowed down to the preparation of timber churches, to be used for temporarily assembling the new converts. These builders, as early as the Fourth Century, may be stated to have consisted exclusively of ecclesiastical workmen, acting under specific instructions of the Head of the Church at Rome, sanctioned by imperial authority. Although colleges of artificers were still sojourning upon Germanic territory at this epoch, and pursued their avocations with many customs, and practised their skill, derived from ancient precursors, there does not appear sufficient evidence to assume that the stone-workers were at this time under the control of Church government. In this age the secular authority still had need of the skilled labour of such constructors, but when, a century later, the great heart of the Byzantine Empire withdrew along its arterial routes the vital fluids from remote provinces, and more closely concentrated them at home, then under the mighty advance of sacerdotal authority they were controlled by Church forces.

In the Fifth Century, as is well known, the Gothic King Theodoriok, influenced by his Secretary, Cassiodurus, introduced from Byzantium numerous bodies of builders, who aided him in reconstructing the public edifices which had suffered from the destruction of war. The Church of Rome having, by frequent politic subserviency, managed to maintain with increasing vigor a foothold in the administration of civil society, quickly seized the opportunity offered, to utilize the building guilds, by erecting more important edifices than had hitherto prevailed, on newly converted territory. These artificers were exclusively composed of Masons, *cæmentarii*, and carpenters, *lignarii* and in the absence of that profound knowledge subsequently current among the later Freemasons, viz.: as to the preparation of an entire building from stone, these two classes of Craftsmen worked upon uniform plans, and possessed traditions drawn from identical sources. During the middle ages the guilds of Masons and carpenters were in the closest union. To such intimacy in detail was this similitude carried that a distinguished archæologist asserts the original unity of these corporations, while our own Masonic writers of the last century earnestly insisted upon their common parentage.

These associations of builders, continually recruited and invigorated by additions from Byzantium, were used by the Romish Church in the erection of houses of religious worship of a more enduring character than the first structures in foreign countries, of woodwork, and yet, when completed on this new scheme, presented the appearance of churches built of stone and timber—a combination of material which fully accounts for the frequency of conflagrations during the middle ages. Down to the eight century, it may be added, the wood-workers, or *lignarii*, were made use of in the erection of churches and cathedrals. The system closely followed by the ecclesiastical authorities of those remote ages, in the rapid extension of Christianity among the Teutonic races, placed such evangelical labour under the immediate control of the supreme head of the Church—an assumption fully recognised and allowed by the temporal authorities. The earliest prerogative claimed by the Papacy, and radically incorporated into canonical law, was the exclusive administration of church government over new converts gathered to the Faith of Christ wheresoever the proselytes were made. An infinitely more important concession, maintained by the canons of the Church, permitted the Pope to exercise personal direction in missionary labours, and to him, as the Divine Vicegerent, was entrusted the undisputed privilege of systematising all plans of extending ecclesiastical jurisdiction, or rendering them effective in such territory as the evangelising zeal of his subordinates added to the Papal See. Towards the close of the Fifth Century this power began to assume the appearance of more than an empty assumption. As rapidly as the increasing number of converted pagans, especially in Gaul and Germany, rendered such measures necessary for the perpetuation of congregations, substantial edifices were erected at convenient places in episcopal districts. These structures, although often of hasty construction, were built by corporations or guilds of masons and carpenters already organized and possessing the prescriptive right by immemorial usage in Italy to be governed according to their own laws. Such, consequently, was the well-defined social *status* of these builders upon Italian soil at the period when the exigencies of the Romish Church demanded a more elevated art-knowledge for the erection of cathedrals and chapels upon territory where the religion of Christ had vanquished the sombre rites of Teutonic deities. The organization and extension of missionary enterprise invariably contemplated the use and association of these ancient artificers in such schemes. Wherever the Evangelists travelled, with assiduous zeal to proselyte and convert, bodies of builders quickly followed upon their foot-steps, in order that temples consecrated to the new worship might rise into immediate use. Both the laity and clergy, under authorization of the Roman Pontiff, eagerly affiliated with these travelling Craftsmen. It would indeed be an unwarranted assumption to assert that at this early period of the middle ages the precusor of the Mediæval Freemasons were under exclusive pontifical jurisdiction, inasmuch as it can be demonstrated to the contrary that contemporary with such control, and in the Seventh Century, where papal influence extended, these colleges were by royal rescripts recognised to possess the right of independent government. It is, however, manifestly in exact accord with the necessities of the enlarging Church in distant countries that those building guilds, whose services were demanded and called thither, should travel in obedience to the sole undisputed power which could contract with and direct them with supreme authority, which was inherent in the Pope. Such of them, therefore, as accompanied the Evangelists, or were sent upon their demand, maintained a direct relationship with his holiness, and were under his sanction and patronage.

It has oftentimes been claimed that these early bodies of artificers existed throughout the vast domains of the Romish Church, under and by virtue of Papal charters or indulgences. To this day no proof of such allegation has been found. This statement is in open antagonism with other important facts having reference to the earlier Masons and Carpenters, and it is believed cannot be attested. Neither charters nor Pontifical indulgences were necessary to preserve this corporate existence, which was repeatedly recognised by the rescripts of Roman Emperors and by edicts of Longobordic rulers as late as the Eighth Century. There is, however, a germinal truth in this venerable tradition. As early as the era of the Merowingian Kings, about the year 550, in France, there was a fully developed system practised by these rulers of granting to individuals especial letters of safeguard or protection, which, when issued in the form of a written document, exempted the bearer from all and every local restriction. In the Cartularies of Charlemagne, several centuries later, these letters of personal protection are frequently referred to as a well recognised privilege of imperial power. The Roman Pontiffs evidently adopted this system from sheer necessity, in order that such building corporations as traversed unsettled France or Germany might present themselves with letters guaranteeing their personal safety and authenticating the claims of the traveling craftsmen to papal protection. When the progress of civilisation and advance of solid government rendered this system unnecessary, it was certainly merged into the gradual discipline which the Mediæval Church, through convents and monasteries, assumed over the Freemasons, at which time it was universally accepted to be true that episcopal or pontifical authority possessed a rigid control over the craft. It can be stated with precision at what epoch the mediæval guild of builders attempted to withdraw from church discipline, and began to apply their skill to other construction than sacred edifices.

Before the year 1060, modification of the relations existing between the conventual institutions and the Freemasons had so far progressed that these builders were known throughout France and Germany as *conversi barbati fratres*, or converted bearded brothers. Under ecclesiastical and evidently pontifical sanction, they still remained under sacerdotal control, and were unqualifiedly subjected to Church government and direction, although by express permission of episcopal authority, these *Fratres* or brothers were allowed to wear the peculiar secular costume which distinguished the Masonic guild at a later period of the middle ages. History attests with unequivocal certainty that as early as the year 1090, the Barbati Fratres used marks of a specific character, hewn upon stones, for purpose of proprietory distinction.

In the year 1099 these craftsmen in the Low Countries had evidently advanced to an open rupture with the Church, and assumed the privilege of concealing their secret arts from the clergy. A Frisian master, by the name of Pieber, in the year alluded to, pledged his head by way of forfeit to successfully execute certain work which clerical authority deemed impossible. The enormous compensation demanded upon perfecting this exhibition of skill induced the Bishop to cajole Pieber's son into betraying the secret of the abstruse principle by which the work was accomplished, which disclosure of craft arcana—*archanum magisterium*—so enraged the master builder that he killed the Bishop. The first authentic evidence attesting the decided tendency of these *fratres* to abandon ecclesiastical jurisdiction is to be found at this period, when the Church or Canonical authorities granted permission to the laity to use their skill upon the condition that the craftsmen should not be required to construct machines for the destruction of human life—*machinæ mortiferæ*. A century later the Abbe William of Premontre attempted to reduce the guild again to Church discipline, and issued an order that these *Barbati Fratres*, bearded brothers, should shave off their beards. They peremptorily refused, and threatened, if the edict were made mandatory, to set fire to every cloister in the country. This order and prompt refusal mark the absolute severance of the guild of Mediæval Masons from sacerdotal control, and with the same ended for ever the direct or indirect authority of the Roman Pontiff over the Craft.

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FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

ANALYSIS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

WE have so often explained the motives which actuate us in making these analyses of the subscriptions at our different Festivals that we do not feel called upon to repeat them on the present occasion. We shall therefore follow that famous old golden rule of plunging forthwith *in medias res*. Premising that this year's Festival has been more productive than that of 1876 to the extent of over £1,500, and that, as there are still several other lists to be received, there is a prospect of the sum of £10,000 being reached, we note generally that the Metropolitan District contributed £5,197 3s 5d, and the Provinces and Abroad £4,599 9s 6d. These totals, it will be found, when taken together, amount to £9,796 13s, or about £39 in excess of the sum stated last week, namely, £9,757 13s 6d. Slight variations of this kind are to be expected. We have taken the figures as they appeared in these columns last week. They were most carefully revised at the time, and under these circumstances we think they may be accepted as trustworthy. But to return to our analysis. London, we repeat, contributed £5,197 3s 6d, or considerably over a moiety of the whole produce of the day's contributions. Taking the Grand Lodge Calendar as our guide, we note that there were to the close of last year 252 Metropolitan Lodges. Eighty-four of these, together with six Chapters and four "Miscellaneous," were represented on the Board of Stewards, the number of representatives being ninety-eight. Thus about one-fourth of the whole were contributors at this Festival, and among these are several which are handsomely represented. Friends in Council, No. 1383, for which Major S. H. Clerke acted as Steward, headed the list with £281 9s. Prudent Brethren, No. 145, comes next, with £220 8s, and is followed closely by United Lodge of Prudence, No. 83, with £201 12s, and St. George's, No. 140, with £198 1s. In addition to these Lodges, Nos. 12, 173, 183, 197, 657, 1339, 1615, and 1662 are set down severally for three-figure contributions. It is further noteworthy that fifteen out of these eighty-four Lodges have figured in the list of all the Festivals held thus far during 1875, 1876, and the current year, while several others have been very successfully represented at seven, six, or five out of the eight Festivals. We think it right to mention these few circumstances, as they tend to show that in London the duty of supporting our Institutions is faithfully observed. Indeed, the number of its Lodges which have been conspicuous by their absence from the lists during the last three years is very limited, and even these have an opportunity at the Boys' Anniversary in June next of redeeming their neglect.

As regards the Provinces, there are, including the three districts of Bedfordshire, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man, no less than forty-four Provinces or groups of Lodges. Twenty-six of these sent representatives to this Festival. The eighteen unrepresented were Bedfordshire, Bristol, Cambridgeshire, Cornwall, Cumberland and Westmoreland, Derbyshire, Hereford, Leicester and Rutlandshire, Monmouthshire, Northumberland, Somersetshire, the two Divisions of South Wales, Worcestershire, N. and E. Yorkshire, the Channel Islands, Jersey, and the Isle of Man. Of these there are no less than four Provinces or groups which have not appeared in any of the eight lists that have been published since the commencement of 1875, namely, Bedfordshire with five Lodges, Cambridgeshire with four Lodges, Worcestershire with ten Lodges, and the Isle of Man with three Lodges. We do not presume to suggest that the Lodges in these four districts are wittingly unmindful of their duties, but it occurs to us that some energetic brethren might be found who would readily undertake to canvass them. We know that Cambridgeshire, at one of the School elections last month, succeeded in carrying its candidate, and we remarked at the time that when the Province thinks so highly of an institution as to patronize it, it becomes a duty which cannot with propriety be evaded to contribute towards the support of the School in question. The twenty-six contributing Provinces sent up among them 126 Stewards, and are as follow. Berks and Bucks, which comprises sixteen Lodges, had four Stewards, one each for as many Lodges, the aggregate of their lists amounting to £114 9s. Cheshire has no less than thirty-nine Lodges, and three of these appear in the lists, the amount being ten guineas. No doubt, however, this sum represents one list only, and in time, probably, we shall hear of the total being swelled to a still higher amount. Even then it would seem, at the first glance, as though this considerable Province is not adequately represented; but we happen to know that Cheshire has a Masonic Educational Institute of its own. Indeed, our readers must have noticed a few weeks back a short *résumé* of the accounts of this Institute for the past year. It is doing good work at home, and, therefore, we must not expect so considerable a support towards our great Central Charities. Moreover, it has been a contributor to the Girls' and Boys' Schools in 1875 and 1876, and to the R.M.B.I. in 1875, and this year. Devon has forty-six Lodges, two of which contribute together the sum of fifty guineas. In February last this Province sent up very little short of £600. Last year it was down for five and a half guineas to the Girls', £122 10s to the R.M.B.I., and £173 5s to the Boys'; while in 1875 it gave £53 to the R.M.B.I., and £289 17s to the Boys'. Thus Devon has been absent from only one out of the last eight Festivals. The Province of Dorsetshire reckons thirteen Lodges, and its Deputy Grand Master, Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, acted as Steward, the result of his labours being the very handsome sum of £180 12s. In February last, its contribution to the Benevolent Institution was £305, and in 1876 it gave £222 to the same Charity, while in 1875 it raised a few shillings over £633 for the Boys' School. Putting these sums together, we obtain the total of over £1,300, contributed by a Province which, if one of the most active, is certainly not one of our largest. Next in order is Durham, with its twenty-four Lodges. In 1875 the Province rendered good service to "our Boys" by raising close on £373, and last year it contributed a further sum of £275 2s to the same Institution. This year "our Girls" have claimed its attention, the result being a subscription list amounting to £286 2s 6d. Bro. Babington Boulton acted as Steward for the Province. Essex, with its sixteen Lodges, entered on this year's duties by helping Bro. Terry's Institution to the extent of £113 13s; and now it has given—or rather two of its Lodges have contributed between them, £37 9s. Last year it did nothing for Bro. Little, though it contributed £86 6s 6d in 1875, while in 1876 it assisted both Bro. Terry and Bro. Binckes, the former to the extent of £42 10s, and the latter with £144 18s, and the year previous "Our Hercules" included a sum of sixty-five guineas from this Province in his list of contributions. Gloucestershire, fourteen Lodges, was represented by a Cheltenham Lodge, Foundation, No. 82, the amount of its subscription being £135 9s. It also figured in

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Bro. Terry's list last February, and very handsomely supported Bro. Binckes in 1876, to the extent of £276 14s. Two Lodges, No. 130, of Southampton, and No. 342, of Portsea, sustain the honour of the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight and its twenty-nine Lodges, the former contributing £169 1s, and the latter £53 11s. This Province has missed only one out of the last eight Festivals, and as its Grand Master Bro. W. W. B. Beach M.P., it is said, will preside at the Boys' School Festival in June, we shall reckon on its supporting him loyally on that occasion. Little Herts has only ten Lodges, but it is always to the fore in contributing to the Funds of our Charities. Four of the ten send up among them £143 16s 6d, while in February it helped Bro. Terry with over £176; in 1876 it contributed to the R.M.B.I. and the Boys', and the year previous it sent up Stewards to each of the three Festivals. Kent comprises forty Lodges; there were Stewards from six of these, and though one list has still to come in, the amount of their contributions is £175 4s 6d. It has been represented at the last eight Festivals, the aggregate of its subscriptions being £2,588 10s 6d, or over an average of £323 on each occasion. It gave to the R.M.B.I. in February close on £500, close on £466 last year, and over £305 in 1875 to the same Charity, while Bro. Binckes was materially aided at his last Festival, the total for this Province on that occasion being within a fraction of £660. East Lancashire has more Lodges than any other Province, there being comprised within it as many as eighty-four. Having given £340 5s to the R.M.B.I. in February, we presume it is resting, as its total this time is only £89 5s. It is noteworthy, however, that this Province has its own Charitable Institution, as is the case with Cheshire, therefore we must not look for large contributions from it. Nevertheless, like Kent and its neighbour of West Lancashire, it has contributed to all the Festivals this and the two previous years. West Lancashire has seventy-four Lodges, and figures for £310 1s 6d, of which £268 were brought in by the labours of Bro. Goepel, the Treasurer of the Masonic Hall, Liverpool. Last year it nobly seconded the efforts of Lord Skelmersdale, on behalf of the R.M.B.I., by giving over £1,500. Lincoln, with twenty Lodges and four Stewards, is down for fifty guineas, there being two lists yet to come in. Last year its contributions to this School reached £543 14s. Middlesex, of which Bro. Little is Deputy Prov. G. Master, very properly supported him most liberally. Bro. Little himself acted as Steward, and his list of £285 15s is the highest individual Steward's list at this Festival, so far as we know at present. The Province is always to the fore at the Girls' Anniversary, and contributed £711 12s in 1876, and £581 19s in 1875. It further helped Bro. Terry with the substantial sum of £329 5s, while in 1875 did Bro. Binckes an equally good turn, and swelled his list by £400 1s. It has, indeed, contributed to all the Festivals, and, considering it musters only twenty-four Lodges, we must describe the total of its subscriptions at the eight Festivals, amounting together to £3,253 16s, as worthy of all praise. Norfolk is not very strong as regards numbers, there being only fourteen Lodges, but Lord Suffield, its Grand Master, was the President at the Festival, and the result was that, with Bro. Barwell as representing the Provinces, and four other Stewards besides, a sum of two hundred guineas was brought into the coffers of the Institution. Of this sum fifty guineas was the donation of Lord Suffield himself. Bro. Marson was Steward for the Province of Northampton and Hants, which has only eight Lodges, and the sum of its subscriptions was one hundred guineas. Notts, too, has eight Lodges, of which one sent up a Steward, whose list produced £43 1s. There were four Stewards, representing five of the twenty-four Lodges in North Wales and Shropshire, the result being £27 6s; but there are two lists yet to be sent in. Three of the seven Oxford Lodges contributed among them £62 9s, and there is one list still outstanding. Three of the twenty-five Staffordshire Lodges amassed together a total of £161 3s. Two Suffolk Lodges out of eighteen sent Stewards, and a sum of £91 19s resulted from their efforts. The amount contributed by Surrey, or rather by two Stewards, members of the Province, one of whom represented Lodge No. 370, was £40 19s. In February, however, it subscribed just over £111 to the R.M.B.I. Neither Surrey nor Suffolk has been unrepresented at any one of the last eight Festivals. There are nineteen Lodges in the Province of Sussex, and three of them sent subscriptions, amounting to £233 7s 6d, a very fair sum, if we bear in mind that only in February it gave £158 13s to the Benevolent Institution, and £206 5s 6d to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in July last. Warwickshire, with its twenty-nine Lodges, is not strongly represented, but this is not to be wondered at. It raised £467 5s 6d towards the Benevolent in February, £2,000 towards the Boys' last July, and £262 10s for the Girls' in 1876. Wilts is not a very large Province, having only ten Lodges, but it has only missed contributing once in 1875, 1876 and 1877. On this occasion, a Swindon Lodge, No. 355, does duty for the county, its subscription amounting to £122 14s. In February, its contribution to the R.M.B.I. was £273 1s. West Yorkshire, as our readers are aware, always plays a prominent part on these occasions. Next to the two divisions of Lancashire, it is the strongest of our Provinces, as regards the number of Lodges, of which there are now sixty-three. At this Festival it had as many as forty-six Stewards at work for it, and the sum they raised was £840. This brings the total of its contributions to our Charities in this and the last two years to £3,917 11s. Fifty guineas from China completes the tale of subscriptions from the Provinces and Abroad.

We have now gone through the whole list so far as it has been made up. We have dealt only with facts. We have endeavoured to explain, as far as we could, either why certain Provinces have not been represented at this Festival, or why the total of their contributions has been greater or less than the Craft, perhaps, may have had reason to expect. For the rest, we must leave our readers to draw their own conclusion from the analysis we have made and the comparisons we have instituted, where necessary, between this and the seven preceding Festivals.

BALANCE SHEET, GIRLS' SCHOOL, 1876.

THE accounts for the past year of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls are eminently satisfactory. There was an opening balance amounting to £2,276 18s 3d, of which £50 were in Secretary's hands, and £20 in Matron's. The donations and subscriptions include the annual contributions of £150 from Grand Lodge and £10 10s from Grand Chapter; from individuals, London, £5,045 4s 3d; from Lodges and Chapters, ditto, £856 16s; from Lodges of Instruction, ditto, £73 10s; from various bodies, such as A. and A. Rite, Royal Order of Scotland, &c. &c., £82 19s; from individuals, Provincial, £2,046 16s; from Lodges and Chapters, ditto, £1,731 9s; from A. and A. Rite, ditto, £31 10s; and from Ireland, Scotland, and the Colonies, £133; making together £10,161 14s 3d, contributed by the Craft. Musical Instruction, less cost of instruments, tuning, &c., yielded £43 12s 5d, and there were sundry small receipts, including £55 10s in the shape of legacies, amounting together to £60 14s. The interest on invested moneys was £1,162 3s 11d. Thus, the total income of the School, inclusive of the opening balance, was £13,705 2s 10d. Against this, we have an expenditure of £9,923 3s 2d, distributed thus: new building, £2,832 15s; repairs to plantations, £25 17s; various items, such as University examination fees, recreation of girls during holidays, prizes, and rewards, gratuities, and outfit to girls on leaving, gratuity to late assistant governess, pension to late Secretary, Stewards' visit, gratuities to workmen, grants to invalid girls, and votes of thanks to Stewards (three years), £492 2s 2d, and ordinary expenditure, £5,572 9s. Under this last head of service we find provisions for 155 girls and 20 adults, £1,717 18s; clothing and boots, £773 9s 11d; house utensils and turnery, &c., £215 17s 6d; furniture and house linen, £120 12s 10d; coals, gas, and water, £244 8s 6d; printing and general repairs, £121 2s 4d; drugs, medical attendance, &c., £60; laundry, &c., £16; garden and grounds, £68 13s 1d; School stationery and books, £74 16s 9d; tithes and taxes, £135 8s 4d; salaries and wages, £1,255, being £617 10s for Office, and £637 10s for School; church accommodation, £25; office expenses, rent, coals, &c., £38; stationery, books of subscribers, postage, &c., &c., £242 14s 3d; advertisements, £75 7s 8d; poundage to collector, £254 18s 8d. A few other items, such as election expenses, secretarial disbursements, accounts under 40s, incidental and petty expenses, per matron, make up the total of ordinary expenditure as above stated. Thus, the balance at bankers' and in hand on 31st December 1876, amounted to £3,781 19s 8d, out of which, however, allowance must be made for Christmas

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accounts unpaid to the extent of £1,564 15s 8d; so that the actual available balance for the current year was, in fact, £2,217 4s. The Sustentation, Improving, and Building Fund account shows a balance at the close of year of £291 8s 10d; the receipts, including opening balance of £258 15s 8d, amounting to that sum, while the expenditure was *nil*.

We congratulate the authorities of the School on the very lucid as well as satisfactory statement of accounts they are thus enabled to publish. The funds of the Institution must be not only in a sound and healthy condition, but likewise well managed, when they allow of so heavy a disbursement as that of £3,832 15s towards the new building now in course of erection, without creating any material difference between the opening and closing balances of the year. It occurs to us, however—and we offer the suggestion in no spirit of carping criticism—that a slight re-arrangement of the different items of receipt and expenditure might be adopted with some advantage. For instance, on the Dr. side we would suggest the following as the main heads of receipt—namely, balance; donations and subscriptions; interest on invested moneys; and casual receipts; the items composing each being given in an inner column, and the total being brought out in the main column. On the Cr. side we would suggest the distribution of items under the two principal heads of Ordinary and Extraordinary, each being subdivided into School and Office expenditure, the details and totals being placed as *per contra* in inner and main columns respectively, and the balance described in detail and total as now. Assuming that such an arrangement of the figures is practicable, we fancy any casual student of the accounts would be enabled to see at a glance the income of the Institution, and its normal as distinguished from any extraordinary expenditure which it may be necessary to incur during the year. There would likewise be a further and very proper distinction between the expenses incurred in maintaining and educating the pupils on the one hand, and the office expenses and those of management, &c. on the other. We trust these suggestions will be accepted in the spirit in which they are offered. We are very far from finding any fault with the statement as now presented, but it strikes us the re-arrangement we have suggested would make what is admittedly clear and precise still more so.

The Consecration of the Eboracum Conclave, No. 137, of the Red Cross of Constantine, has been fixed to take place at the Masonic Rooms, Micklegate, York, on Tuesday, the 29th inst. The ceremony will be conducted by V. I. Sir Knight the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett G.S.G., Int. Genl. for N. and E. Yorkshire, M.P.S. 132, and he will be assisted by I. Sir Knight W. H. Brittain, Int. Genl. for W. Yorkshire, I. Sir Knight Woodall, P. Int. Genl. for N. and E. Yorkshire, I. Sir Knight S. B. Ellis, Int. Genl. unattached, &c. The M.P.S. and V.E. elect are E. Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead, and E. Sir Knight Thos. Cooper respectively.

The *Portsmouth Times* states that in consequence of the retirement from office of Lord Pelham as R.W. Prov. G.M., and of Bro. E. J. Farner as Prov. D.G.M., the appointment of Prov. G.M. for Sussex has been conferred on Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P. for Shoreham and the Rape of Bramber, and that of Prov. D.G.M. on Bro. John Scott, for some years past Provincial Grand Secretary, that Brother Vincent Paine Freeman has been elected Prov. Grand Secretary.

Bro. Westfield was recently the recipient of a testimonial presented to him by the pupils of the College over which he so worthily presides. Wednesday, the 16th inst., was the anniversary of his birth, and the scholars of Leyton College, Leyton, Essex, evinced their regard for him by requesting his acceptance of a valuable set of gold studs, each inscribed with Masonic emblems. Accompanying the gift was a letter, expressing their good wishes for his continued health and happiness, and also the kindly sense they entertained of his efforts to promote their advancement in life.

THE LATE EARL OF SHREWSBURY AND TALBOT.

IT is with the deepest regret we announce to our readers the very sudden death, on the 11th inst., of the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire. His lordship had retired to bed in his usual health on Thursday. In the course of the night alarming symptoms set in, and some eminent medical men were summoned. A slight rally followed, but at 6 a.m. there was a second seizure, which almost immediately resulted in death. Thus Freemasonry has lost one of its strongest pillars, in the plenitude of his strength. The late Earl had recently entered on his 48th year, and his health was such that we might have looked forward to many years of active service from him, but our hopes have been destroyed, and it remains for us to bow with all humility to the allwise decrees of the Great Architect of all things.

Charles John Talbot, nineteenth Earl of Shrewsbury and fourth Earl of Talbot, was born in April 1830, and was educated at Eton and Merton College, Oxford. During his career at the latter he was initiated into Freemasonry in the Apollo University Lodge, then No. 460, now No. 357. On 10th November 1871 he joined the Lodge of Honour, No. 526, Wolverhampton, and was its Worshipful Master for the year 1871-2. On 24th June 1871 he was appointed to the high position of Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire by our then M.W.G.M. the Marquis of Ripon. On 20th June 1873 he joined the Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, and was its W.M. at the time of his death. He was one of the founders of the United Lodge, No. 1629, and was one of the brethren who had signed the petition for a warrant for a new Lodge, to be called the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1681, as yet unconsecrated. He was also a member of the high degrees, and was present at the meeting of the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite 30° only the Wednesday evening before his death. But the mere enumeration of the different positions he held in the Craft would convey only a very feeble idea of his glorious achievements as a Mason. His name figures on the roll of Vice-Patrons to the three central Charities. In January 1875 he presided at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and so successful was his advocacy that the sum raised on that occasion amounted to over £6,600, with several lists still outstanding. This year, when Prince Leopold at the very last moment found it impossible, through indisposition, to preside at the Festival of the same Charity, his place was promptly taken by the late Earl, and the list of subscriptions announced, as our readers well remember, was little short of £13,000. The loss of so brilliant an exponent of one of the highest principles of our Order will be felt everywhere throughout the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge, and indeed among Freemasons generally; but especially will it be felt in his own Province, where the brethren had long since learnt to love and respect him as their Grand Master. Nor had his lordship's career outside Freemasonry been less active and useful. He had represented North Staffordshire in the House of Commons from 1859 to 1865. In 1868 he was elected for the borough of Stamford, but was called to the Upper House the same year, on the death of his father. In 1874, on the accession of the present Ministry to power, he was appointed Captain of Her Majesty's Hon. Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms. He married, in 1855, the daughter of Captain Cockerell, by whom he leaves issue Viscount Ingestre, born 1860, now twentieth Earl of Shrewsbury and fifth Earl of Talbot, and three daughters. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, and though strictly private, there was a large gathering of the family and friends of our deceased brother, among the mourners being Viscount Ingestre, the Countess of Shrewsbury, Lord and Lady Castlereagh, Viscount Helmsley, Mr. H. Chaplin. There were also deputations from the Stafford Town Council, as well as from the brethren of the Province, while Her Majesty was represented by Colonel Kerr. The body was deposited in the family vault in Ingestre Church, which is close to the Hall. In closing this brief notice of a Craftsman who had so worthily fulfilled his duties, we offer to his widow and children the respectful tribute of our sympathy with them in their present bereavement. May they, in firm reliance on the G. A. O. T. U. and His Wisdom, find strength to bear the grievous affliction!

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TREDEGAR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1625.

AT the last meeting of this Lodge, which was held on Monday, the 14th instant, at the Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, E., Bro. Cambridge occupied the post of W.M. Bro. Berry was S.W., Rawley jun. J.D., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, T. J. Barnes P.M. Treas., Huggett as Sec., Anning S.D., John Stevens P.M. as J.D., Newton P.M. as I.G. There were also present—Bros. Marsh P.M. 933, C. Lacey P.M., W. Hallett W.M. Merchant Navy, Hilliard W.M. Sincerity, Cunningham, R. Cunningham, Humm, Pilgrim, Dawson, Brooks, Hallett, Cross, Goldberg, Giles, and many others. The second ceremony was very ably worked by the W.M., Bro. Giles being candidate. The Lodge was closed at an early hour, in order to give time for the meeting having for its object to consider the desirability of united action in the matter of utilising the proxies for the Masonic Institutions belonging to the Metropolitan Lodges, as was announced by circular, a copy of which appeared in the last issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. Bro. Charles Lacey, P.M. and W.M. of the Tredegar Lodge, the originator of the present movement, was unanimously voted to the chair. The Chairman commenced the proceedings by stating the reason for calling the meeting; that he thought the time had arrived when the question might fairly be taken into consideration as to our position with regard to the Charitable Institutions with which we are all so closely associated, namely, the Aged, the Boys and the Girls, and whether our voting power was equivalent to the amount of subscriptions obtained from the London Lodges. He thought the voting power was far from commensurate with the benefits obtained, and that the fault resulted from the laxity and apathy of the brethren themselves. The Institutions constituted the grandest secrets of the Craft, and therefore demanded the constant thought and attention of every member of the Order. They could point with pride to that at Clapham, in which 160 girls receive their excellent training; to Wood Green, where 181 boys are well educated and made useful members of society; to the Institution at Croydon, in which 145 aged Freemasons, who have done good suit and service to the Craft, are in receipt of £40 each per annum, and where will be found, in comfort, 138 widows of departed Freemasons; that is to say, strictly speaking, 32 receive £10 less, but in round numbers there are 650 men, women, and children depending on our support. Speaking more particularly of the aged Freemasons, they could look with pardonable pride at the condition of that Institution. Looking back, say ten years, namely in 1867, at that Festival £3,900 was collected, whereas the amount in the present year reached the magnificent sum of £12,500. That is something to be pleased at and proud of. The altered position was mainly due to the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Jas. Terry. Let it not be supposed that this remark is intended to cast any reflection on the other Institutions. Bro. Binckes, whose name is so well known throughout the Craft, through his constant and fearless advocacy of its claims, has secured a wonderful success for the Boys' Institution, and, no doubt, in time to come, many a boy will have reason to bless the name of Frederick Binckes. The Girls' Institution flourishes, although it is possibly somewhat retarded by Bro. Little's delicate state of health. The brethren have, however, rallied round him, and the last Festival produced a considerable sum. Having given these general outlines, he would appeal to them to support the claims of all the Institutions, for, by so doing, should misfortune render it necessary, they could use their privileges and seek there shelter with much better grace. The East-end of London, as is well known, had always given important support to these Charities, through the disinterested exertions of brethren who have passed away, and those upon whom the mantle of benevolence had fallen. Indeed the Boys' Institution was originated by the late Bro. Dr. Daniels, for seventeen years Master of the Royal Naval Lodge, now No. 22, who first conceived the idea, and suggested the propriety of affording shelter and protection to the sons of departed or indigent Freemasons, and which has since grown to such immense proportions. The London brethren possess a great number of votes, but unless they are properly and judiciously used, a part of them necessarily stand in the way and form an obstruction. Now it seemed to him the bounden duty of every one to assist in bringing about a concentration of the London voting power, for it would then be possible to secure success to every well considered and deserving case, and thus might be prevented sore disappointment to the necessitous candidate who, after wearily working for months, finds in the end the application rejected. He would now direct their attention to the list of the last election for the girls. There would be found 54 candidates—20 London, and 34 from the provinces. Out of these the successful cases were 3 for London, and 10 for the provinces. Among the rejected there was a London candidate (the last application), one of 7 fatherless children. Now, seeing that on the last occasion the London brethren contributed £6,05 , and the country only £3,942, he thought the result was neither just nor equitable. The provinces having contributed but one-third of the gross amount were yet able to secure the admission of 10, while London only succeeded in obtaining the privilege for three. Again, looking at the Boys' list, it is found that there are 59 applications—21 London, 38 provinces. Out of the 14 to be elected, 6 were London and 8 from provinces who succeeded. Two were sent away, being found disqualified in their last application by reason of their age. These lived within a stone's throw of Freemasons' Hall, both fatherless, one being of a family of 9 children, the other of 6. Such a discreditable state of things should not be allowed to exist. There were on the list —one case, the fifth application, another the second, both necessitous, and deserving. There are other cases—one especially of 9 children, fatherless, and so forth, who were unsuccessful, while one of 4 children motherless, and one, No. 55 on the list, one child who had a stepmother, succeeded to the almost heartrending disappointment of individuals whose appeals were much more urgent. Now, all this clearly shows something must be radically wrong. How comes it that a case where there is but one child is admitted, and those from families with 9 or 6 children are shut out? There are in the Boys' School 181, out of which number 49 are London, and 132 provincials. These facts he pointed out, not in order to find fault with the provincial brethren, far from it, but to show that the fault lies with the London Craftsmen, and to impress upon them the necessity of union, and the wisdom of satisfying themselves of the merits of each individual case, so that, by united efforts, success should be assured to the most deserving. As things are now, many votes are lost or rendered useless. Would it not be wise to concentrate, or make some provision to control and utilise them, it would only be an act of justice to those who call for assistance, and have a claim for support. This was not a new matter, these combinations have long existed in the provinces. He would suggest that London Lodges should be requested to appoint a representative, who should meet to arrange the preliminaries for forming an association to carry out this object. A society of this kind would tend to do away with a great amount of labour, to which applicants, who are either aged, when it concerns their personal interest, or perhaps poor, ailing and sorrowing when they canvass for their offspring, are subjected. They are, at all events, persons of the most helpless description; and to alleviate their anxiety and distress was, he thought, pure Masonry. (Cheers) After some telling observations, illustrative of the above facts and statements, Bro. Lacey called for the opinion of the meeting. Bro. Stevens P.M. 554, and W.M. 933, said he had listened with great attention and interest to the exhaustive speech of Bro. Lacey, and in the main agreed with his suggestions, but must dissent from the assertion that many votes were lost or became useless. Speaking from the experience of the last 7 years, and backed up by only two Lodges, namely, the Yarborough and the Doric, he, in conjunction with Bro. Barnes, secured the admission of no less than nine candidates in that time. He quite agreed that there was a necessity for union, but the question arose, how was it to be done? This same thing had been attempted some years ago, but without success. He did not think fault could be found with East End London brethren, and it was unfair to charge them either with laxity or apathy, seeing that the two just named Lodges possessed no less than 220 votes jointly (Bro. Lacey rose to explain that London Lodges in general, and not the East End in particular, were meant). Bro. Stevens continued:—I can put my hand on eight brethren, members of these two Lodges, who are capable of producing between them 212 votes, which makes 432; there are others from whom 200 more are obtained, and thus together I can command, I do not use the term boastingly, I will say manipulate, 600 and odd votes per annum. I have laboured in this matter with Bro. Barnes for the last five or six years, and we had never to apply twice in the case of the aged, and but once we had to go a second time in the case of a girl. Now a great deal has been said about the non-success of candidates; who are the brethren who allow their names to appear on the application card, and permit the case to fall through? That is the nut you have to crack. It has too often gone to my very heart to witness the hopeless dejection of the widow when not elected. I have never but once had to proceed twice to an election. Indeed, last time I was enabled to lend 100 votes, to be repaid in October; we husband our proxies, and they are always utilised. If cases are lost, it is too often the fault of the brethren who undertake the charge, and fail to enter into it with proper energy and spirit. Possessing so much voting power as the Doric and Yarborough, I would ask what position should we be in should we join the proposed combination, for we must secure ourselves from the chance of being outvoted. Bro. Marsh spoke in support, and thought that such a combination as the one suggested would materially assist in arriving at a fair judgment of the merits of each case, as it must be brought under the criticism of the experienced. He would, however, suggest that the experiment should be tried, with say only six Lodges, as a larger number might have the effect of voting power being bestowed upon a majority whose amount of votes would scarcely entitle them to it. This might engender a natural jealousy, and set aside the end in view. He would give his best support to the undertaking. (Applause). Bro. Newton thought if two Lodges can effect so much as has been stated, being in possession of only the comparatively small number of 600 votes, what might not be done by the united action of a greater number. He would support Bro. Lacey to the utmost of his power, and submit to any trouble while steps are being taken to bring about the long desired desideratum. Bros. Anning, Hilliard, W. Hallett, and Berry spoke in favour of the project. Bro. Barnes said: Upon the closing part of Bro. Anning's speech hinges the whole question. That is, the voting power of London is distributed all over the country, while each Province works exclusively for itself, and not only that, but sends its applications all over London. The metropolitan voters dissipate their strength, and therefore fail when the time of trial comes. He thought it was well that at length the necessity is felt to provide means whereby brethren might reap a fair share of the fruits of their contributions. Eleven years ago Bro. W. Hamilton and myself used to work together in the same way, that is, combined our interests and influence. We early perceived the necessity and advantage of concerted action in these matters, and intended to apply the principles by uniting only seven Lodges, but the notion was altogether pooh-poohed, although we drew up a code of regulations to show distinctly that we harboured no selfish intentions. We had to confine ourselves to two. Naturally the votes of the individual brethren generally follow the Lodge votes, and thus success is obtained. He would give his general approval, and move that "the brethren present feel there is a necessity for the London brethren to combine, in order that they may reap advantages, in reference to the Masonic Institutions, equivalent to the large amount which they subscribe towards the funds of those Institutions." This was seconded and unanimously agreed to. Bro. Lacey, in summing up, adverted to the various objections advanced by the speakers, and urged his hearers to aid him in this attempt to combine the voting power of London, for he was certain that if London brethren would consent to work harmoniously together, no case whatsoever coming under their notice would be subject to disappointment. He would

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earnestly advocate the proper use of their strength, and no case they deemed worthy would need a second application. Bros. Stevens and Barnes, who might be considered as pioneers in this matter, have set an excellent example by the steady and resolute energy with which they pursued their course, and should stimulate to effort and exertion. It was only, as he had already stated, an act of justice to those helpless beings who have a right to look to the Fraternity for succour and support in the day of trouble and distress. He would conclude by reading a list of Provinces in which similar combinations exist: East Lancashire, West Yorkshire, Cheshire and West Lancashire, Hants and Isle of Wight, Berks, Bucks and Surrey, Lincolnshire, Wiltshire and Dorset, Kent, and Bristol and Somersetshire. Bro. Huggett then proposed, and Bro. Geo. Hollington seconded, that Bros. Lacey, Barnes, Gottheil, Stevens, Newton, Marsh and Berry form a deputation to wait upon Lodges and urge the advisability of combination, in order to secure a fair amount of voting power for the London brethren. (Carried.) A vote of thanks to Bro. Lacey closed the proceedings. Next Monday being Bank Holiday, the Lodge will not meet. On Monday following, Bro. Berry, P.M. 554, will preside.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DORSET.

THE Province of Dorset, which consists of thirteen Lodges, has been governed from the earliest days of its formation by a succession of Masters who have sought at all times the advancement of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and also the subordinate Lodges in the Province. The result has been that the membership during the last twenty years has greatly increased, and the Province of Dorset, small as it is compared to that of some of those of the more thickly populated counties in the north of England, has sent up to the Masonic Charities in London larger subscription lists than have many other Provinces with double or even treble its membership. The late Provincial Grand Master—Bro. Joseph Gundry, Esq., of the Hyde, Bridport—was greatly respected and honoured by the brethren, and as a tribute to his great worth a deputation attended his funeral from almost, if not every, Lodge in the Province. The question was then very generally asked by Masons of each other—"Who is to be our Provincial Grand Master?" There were those in the Province who had gained great credit for being good Masons, and who, from their social positions were mentioned as probable successors to the office, but generally the name of Bro. Montague Guest came uppermost, and when it was announced that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales—the Grand Master of England—had appointed this gentleman to the high office, every Mason regarded Bro. Guest as "the right man in the right place." It is a trite saying, and often used in a meaningless way, when it is said of a person that he is "respected by everybody who knows him," but to say this of Bro. Guest is only to utter what is true to the very letter. His appointment, therefore, was received with unbounded satisfaction, and we are sure that Masonry in Dorsetshire under his rule will gain many fresh adherents, whilst the Lodges in working will vie with each other in seeking to extend the principles which they are established to propagate. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset which assembled at Wimborne on Saturday afternoon last was probably the largest Masonic gathering which has ever taken place in the county. Certainly not less than 350 members assembled at the Corn Exchange, which we should mention is the property of the members of Cuthbergа Lodge, No. 622. The large room was prepared in due form by the Wimborne brethren, who seemed to consider no amount of trouble too great to render the meeting a success. No doubt they regarded it a great honour that a member of their Lodge was to be elevated to so high an office, and that on this account the installation ceremony was to take place in Bro. Guest's own Lodge. According to announcement, the Lodge was to be Tyled at two o'clock, but this did not take place until after three. As a matter of course it took some considerable time to obtain a correct list of the brethren present, together with their various titles. This was got over more easily than might have been expected. Bro. R. N. Howard, Prov. Grand Sec., was quite equal to the occasion, and the names of all present were duly recorded. On the members entering the Lodge they arranged themselves under their respective banners, and Bro. Wm. Smith P.M., the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, was indefatigable in his exertions in getting everything in perfect order previous to the arrival of the Grand Lodge Officers. About three o'clock the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the Deputy Grand Master of England, Sir A. Woods, Grand Director of Ceremonies, W. Kuhe, Grand Organist, Viscount Holmesdale, Provincial Grand Master of Kent, Lord Methuen, Provincial Grand Master of Wiltshire, W. W. B. Beach M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire, and other distinguished members arrived, and entered the Lodge, with Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers. The Deputy Grand Master, on entering, was saluted according to ancient Masonic form. After some routine business had been gone through, the R.W.D.G.M. briefly addressed the Lodge, stating the object of the meeting that day. The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Shaftesbury on the 14th September last were then read. These minutes included a resolution to the R.W. Bro. W. Eliot, Past P.G.M., "congratulating him on his having been a subscribing member of the Lodge of All Souls, No. 170, Weymouth, for an uninterrupted period of sixty years, and on his being the oldest member on the Provincial Roll, and that in recording this interesting fact on its minutes, this Provincial Grand Lodge would especially bear testimony to the highly moral and religious character of the R.W. Bro., who has thus, during his long life, so well and worthily represented the true principles and practical teaching of our Order." The arrival of the Provincial Grand Master designate, Bro. M. Guest, having been announced, and the patent directing his installation duly examined, a deputation of Masters retired with the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies to introduce him to the Provincial Grand Lodge. The ceremony of installation, which was of a very impressive character, then took place, and on the new Provincial Grand Master taking the chair he was duly proclaimed and saluted. The Provincial Grand Master then appointed his officers as follows—Bros. Thomas B. Hanham Prov. S.G.W., Charles Tucker Prov. J.G.W., Rev. Henry Everett Prov. G. Chap., Robert Case Prov. G. Treas., Robert Leigh Prov. G. Reg., R. N. Howard Prov. G. Sec., G. M. Evans Prov. S.G.D., A. J. Budden Prov. J.G.D., Robert Eyres Prov. G.S. of W., William Smith Prov. G.D. of C., G. F. Stokes Prov. G.A.D. of C., W. H. Dean Prov. G. Sword Bearer, Stephen Champ Prov. G. Org., John Fenn Prov. G. Purs., T. Wootton, Edward Tolman, James Lowe, J. S. A. Herford, W. D. Dugdale, and J. R. Shopland Prov. G. Stewards, John Lovelace Prov. G. Tyler.

We may mention that the above officers, with one exception, are the same as those appointed at the Provincial meeting held at Shaftesbury in September last. The exception is that of Bro. Case, as Treasurer, who has well earned his appointment by the assiduity with which he has worked in various ways in his own Lodge—Faith and Unanimity, Dorchester—and also as Provincial Grand Lodge officer. The business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was brought to a close by the passing of votes of thanks to the installing officers and to the members of Cuthbergа Lodge for having made the necessary arrangements for holding the meeting that day. At the close of the Provincial Grand Lodge the brethren were invited to a magnificent banquet provided in the great hall of Canford House, by Messrs. Gunter, of London. A number of carriages were in readiness in the Square, Wimborne, ready for the conveyance of the brethren to Canford, and the entire company were speedily conveyed thither. According to the notice on the agenda paper, the brethren appeared at the banquet in Masonic Craft clothing. The tables were splendidly laid out, and the liberality which prompted Bro. Montague Guest to invite so large a company to so sumptuous a banquet called forth the highest praise. As a matter of course, the newly-installed Prov. G.M. occupied the chair, and he was supported by Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale Deputy Grand Master, J. Hervey Grand Secretary, Sir Albert Woods Garter P.G.W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, Wilhelm Kuhe Grand Organist, Viscount Holmesdale Provincial Grand Master Kent, Lord Methuen Provincial Grand Master Wiltshire, W. W. B. Beach Esq. M.P., Lord Henry Thynne, W. T. Benett-Stanford M.P., J. M. Brymer M.P., A. E. Guest Esq., the Honourable R. Harbord, C. Hambro Esq., and other distinguished Masons. Grace was said before and after dinner by Bro. the Rev. H. Everett, of Dorchester. Bro. Winn, gentleman, of Her Majesty's Chapel Royal, and Vicar Choral of St. Paul's Cathedral; Bros. Baxter and Carter, of Westminster Abbey; and Bro. Beckett, of Her Majesty's Chapel Royal, during the evening sang a number of glees in excellent style, which called forth repeated applause. The Chairman proposed the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the Patroness of Freemasonry. He felt he need not say anything to commend the toast, for it was always well received. He next proposed the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. He thought no person in England could maintain the dignity of the office of Grand Master better than did the Prince of Wales. Two of the Prince's brothers were also Masons—the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold. The Princess of Wales was deserving of their esteem and regard. The Chairman proposed as the next toast the health of the Right Worshipful Pro Grand Master of England—the Right Hon. Lord Carnarvon. He felt so much had been said in praise of his Lordship during the past few years that he need not on that occasion say anything respecting him, because they all knew how much his Lordship had done. He had hoped their Pro Grand Master would have been present with them that day, but being prevented by other duties, his lordship had sent him a very kind letter, expressing his regret, and hoping that they would have a pleasant evening. This toast having been acknowledged, he said he was sure they would be pleased to receive in the most enthusiastic manner the next toast which he would have to propose. It was the health of their Deputy Grand Master—Lord Skelmersdale. He felt he could personally do no more than the Provincial Lodge had already done, viz., thank his lordship for his great kindness in coming down on this occasion to assist them. This he could assure their Deputy Grand Master was no idle praise. He had known his noble friend for many years, and he knew how many matters his lordship had to engage his attention, and also how he had to tear himself away from other important duties so as to be with them that day. Whatever his lordship did was always successful, and he felt that his coming down to them that day had made the meeting a success. Lord Skermersdale thanked the brethren most warmly for the kind way in which they had received the toast of his health. He assured them it had been a real pleasure to him to meet them that day. He was glad that the meeting had been fixed for Saturday, as that was his free day. The Chairman had said that whatever he took in hand proved successful, and he hoped that in this present instance this would prove true, and that his coming amongst them that day would be an augury of the future prosperity of the Province under the rule of its newly-installed Master. His lordship then referred to the death, on the previous day, of the Earl of Shrewsbury, than whom, he said, no person took a greater interest in Freemasonry, and concluded by proposing the health of the Provincial Grand Master of Dorset. The toast was received with great enthusiasm. The Chairman, in responding, thanked the Deputy Grand Master for the way in which he had proposed his health, and for the good wishes which he had expressed towards him. He felt that a sorrow overshadowed their meeting that day, occasioned by the death of their late Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Joseph Gundry, who for 18 years reigned over the Province. They all knew how well he had worked, and he was sure they would agree with him that he filled the office with impartiality and ability. He felt it was an exceedingly difficult task to follow after one who was so much appreciated, but he was certain it would be his endeavour to fill worthily the post to which he had been appointed by the Grand Master. It would be his endeavour to personally work amongst them, and he should be pleased to listen to any suggestions which might be

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made by any of his brethren for the furtherance of the interests of Masonry in general, and of that Province especially. The Chairman then proposed the health of four Grand Masters of other Provinces—Lord Methuen, Wiltshire; W. W. B. Beach, Hampshire; Viscount Holmesdale, Kent; Lord Skelmersdale, West Lancashire. He most sincerely thanked them for attending that day, and he could only hope that he should prove as good a Prov. Grand Master as they were. Lord Methuen briefly responded. He said Masonry was largely compounded of Loyalty and Charity. They all knew that their Charity abounded, and that nothing could destroy their Loyalty. Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., said he could not help coming down that day to see his old friend, Bro. Guest, installed as Provincial Grand Master. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., referred to the thoroughly amicable feeling which existed between the Provinces of Hampshire and Dorsetshire. Lord Skelmersdale said he appeared that day before them in two characters—as Deputy Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England and as Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire. He could assure them, as Grand Master of a province, with the largest Masonic constituency of any in England, that the brethren of Dorset had the hearty greetings of the Lodges over which he had to rule. The Chairman then proposed the health of the Officers past and present of Grand Lodge, he associated with the toast a gentleman whose name was familiar to all of them, Lord Henry Thynne. He knew the toast would call forth the hearty response which it always did. He would mention in connection with the toast the names of Bros. Hervey, Grand Secretary, Sir Albert Woods, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Chevalier Kuhe, Grand Organist. Lord Henry Thynne, in responding, said he could assure them that for various reasons he had much pleasure in being present. He was greatly pleased at seeing the enthusiastic way in which his old friend Bro. Guest was received in the Province. He also expressed his satisfaction at seeing the good fellowship which existed between the provinces of Dorsetshire and Wiltshire. Brother Hervey, Grand Secretary, said he had been very gratified with the manner in which the proceedings of that day had been carried out. When he looked at the services rendered by Brother Sir Albert Woods he felt they must acknowledge that the officers of the Grand Lodge were alive to the duties devolving upon them, and were always ready to perform those duties. Although that was not the first time he had been present at their Provincial Grand Lodge, he was impressed that day by the manner in which everything had been carried out, and by the hospitality shown them, which he had never seen exceeded—he might say he had never seen equalled. He felt he must pay this tribute to the generosity and kind feeling of the Chairman. Sir Albert Woods also briefly responded. He said that he, like the previous speaker, had felt it his duty to be present on the occasion, and to render any assistance in his power, as every officer of the Grand Lodge was always ready to do, and if he had contributed in any way to the success of the ceremony he was pleased. Brother Chevalier Kuhe, Grand Organist, in responding, expressed the pleasure he felt in being present that day. Twenty-one years ago he spent his honeymoon in that very house, and he had a dim recollection of several lads who at that time were dressed in jackets. These were now men, and it was a great pleasure to him to be there again that day, to witness Bro. Montague Guest's installation as Provincial Grand Master. (Cheers). The Chairman said:—Although the toast he was about to propose came at a late hour of the evening, yet he was sure it was not to them the least in importance. It was the health of the Deputy Grand Master of the Province, and past and present Provincial Grand Officers. He made special allusion to Bro. W. Eliot, of Weymouth, a Past P.G.M. of Dorset, who had been sixty-one years a Mason, and was the oldest member of the Fraternity in the county. He regretted Bro. Eliot, owing to his great age, was unable to be present that evening. The Chairman proceeded to say that it would be his endeavour to work with the Grand Officers of the Province, and he was sure they would assist him to the best of their power. He would connect with the toast the name of Bro. T. B. Hanham, who was for the second time the Provincial Grand Senior Warden. Bro. Hanham, in returning thanks, said he did not think he should be called upon to respond to the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers of Dorset, who attended on that occasion, and whom he so unworthily represented. They gave their thorough acquiescence to the appointment of Provincial Grand Master that had been made, and they were determined to show that was their feeling by supporting their Provincial Grand Master, and maintaining that position which the Province of Dorset had achieved. He hoped all the Provincial Grand Officers would concur in his remarks. Lord Skelmersdale said he rose to propose a toast which was not strictly Masonic, viz., "the Health of Sir Ivor Guest." He was sorry that Sir Ivor was not one of them. They all owed him a debt of gratitude for enabling his brother to entertain them so regally that evening, and he was sure they would drink the toast with the most hearty cheers. The Chairman proposed the health of the Visitors, connecting with the toast several brethren present belonging to the Meridian Lodge of the 31st Regiment, stationed at Portland, and particularly mentioning the names of Mr. Montagu, the son of their Deputy Grand Master, and Mr. Ralph Harbord, brother of Lord Suffield, Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk, who was an active Mason. Bros. Montagu and Rev. Dr. Collis responded. The Chairman then proposed the Masonic Charities. Lord Methuen had said that the motto of Freemasonry was Loyalty and Charity, and he could not help asking them to drink the health of Bro. Binckes, Secretary to the Boys' School, and Bro. Terry, Secretary to the Benevolent Institution. Bro. F. Binckes said the toast had come home to them when they heard all present join in wishing happiness and prosperity to the Institutions just mentioned by the Provincial Grand Master. But another toast ought not to be forgotten. There was a large amount of Masonic distress which they were called upon to relieve and assist in every way they could. He should not take advantage of an exceptionally auspicious occasion like that to occupy their time with regard to it. He thought they might boast upon their inexhaustible loyalty and charity, and he asked them to give their thanks to Bro. Benett-Stanford, who had accepted the position of Steward for the Boys' School this year, and to assist him in taking up a good list of subscriptions with him. He hoped the brethren would support him both materially and personally, and he was proud to acknowledge the present Right Worshipful Grand Master as one of the most munificent supporters of the Benevolent Institutions. He had every confidence that, under his benign rule, the Province of Dorset would reap the greatest advantage. Bro. J. Terry said he thanked them very sincerely on behalf of the Benevolent Institution. He was most grateful to them for the support which it had received from that Province, and he felt certain that the effort which would be made on the following Friday would result most successfully. The amount contributed by the brethren to the charity-box during the evening was £27 3s 3d. The brethren then separated, highly gratified with the princely liberality with which they had been entertained.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF TASMANIA.

THE ceremony of installing Bro. William Simmons Hammond, P.M., as District Grand Master of Tasmania, and of opening the District Grand Lodge, took place in the Masonic Hall, which was very tastefully arranged for the occasion, on Tuesday, 27th February last. The dais was reserved for the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and other members of the District Grand Lodge, and the west end of the hall for Master Masons. The number of members present was about 120. Out of 27 who could claim to sit in the District Grand Lodge, 23 signed their names in the attendance book. The authority of the R.W. the District Grand Master for opening the District Grand Lodge having been read, it was proposed, seconded, and carried, that Bro. P.M. Toby act as Installing Master; P.M. Wise as S.W., P.M. Susman as J.W., and P.M. Clark as Sword-Bearer. The District Grand Lodge was then opened in form, and an announcement was made by Bro. P.M. Smith, as Herald, that the R.W. the District Grand Master desired admission, to receive the benefit of Installation, which having been duly reported, and his patent of appointment received and read, a deputation, consisting of P.M.'s Jamieson, Scott, Davey, and Smith, the Chaplain and four Stewards, withdrew, for the purpose of introducing the Grand Master. The D. Grand Master having been introduced by the P. Masters, was conducted to a seat on the left of the Presiding Master, and presented for installation. The Installing Officer addressed him in prescribed form on the importance of the office to which he had been appointed. He was then requested to kneel while the Chaplain offered up the Installation Prayer; and, still kneeling, he was obligated by the Installing Officer, after which he was clothed and invested with the insignia of his office, and conducted to the chair. The Herald sounded the trumpet, and Bro. P.M. Wise proclaimed the installation, the brethren saluting the D. Grand Master according to ancient form, passing round the Lodge while the organ played the march from "Eli." The D. Grand Master then appointed his Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. P.M. George Smith, who was obligated, proclaimed, and saluted according to ancient form; and proceeded to appoint the other officers of the D. G. Lodge for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. F. H. Wise D.G.S.W., L. Susman D.G.J.W., Rev. R. D. P. Harris D.G. Chap., C. 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 Clarke D.G.Sw.B., George Beaumont D.G. Tyler, Jno. Hamilton, W. R. Davey, and G. W. Fletcher D.G. Stewards. Bro. W. H. Burgess jun. was elected by the D. Grand Lodge to be D. Grand Treasurer. All these officers, with the exception of the D.G.D. of C., were severally invested with the insignia of office. Bros. Jno. Hamilton and T. M. Evans were appointed as Auditors, and the following brethren as a Committee of General Purposes, viz., the Senior and Junior D.G. Wardens, the D. Grand Chaplain, D.G. Treasurer, D.G. Secretary, Senior and Junior D.G. Deacons, G. F. Huston W.M., T. H. Magrath W.M., J. Perkins jun., and R. Fitzgerald, Wardens of Lodge 536. The D. Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren retired, the Processional March being repeated.

At eight o'clock there was a grand banquet in the hall, about 110 members being present, on the invitation of the D. Grand Master. The D. Grand Master presided, supported on the right by W.M.'s and on the left by the P.M.'s, the vice-chair being occupied by Bro. P.M. Wise. After the removal of the cloth, the toasts of The Queen and the Craft, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master of England, and His Excellency the Governor, was proposed by the Chairman, and enthusiastically received. Bro. F. H. Wise in proposing the Right Worshipful District Grand Master, said:—Right Worshipful Master and Brethren—After some 23 years active experience in Freemasonry in Tasmania, to be permitted the pleasure of witnessing such a gathering as assembled in Lodge this evening to do honour to you, worshipful Sir, was indeed truly gratifying. The toast placed in my hands at so short a notice is one that I cannot render that justice to which it deserves upon the present occasion. Upon so memorable an event I could have wished, had time been allowed me, to offer for the information of younger brethren a short history of Freemasonry in this colony, but, as I cannot do so, I must content myself with recalling to mind a few of the events which have passed under my immediate experience. It will be in the recollection of some of our older brethren how, years back, we had to carry on the good work of Freemasonry under serious difficulties. Many will remember occasions during the last twenty years when we could scarcely gather enough members to open a Lodge, and others will recollect when for a time we did not meet at all. But, thanks to the indomitable perseverance of a few brethren, who, knowing they were associated in a good cause, strove manfully to preserve our ancient and honourable institution, and to tide it over the difficulties

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which surrounded it, happy am I, Right Worshipful Sir, that those difficulties have been satisfactorily surmounted, and that instead of meeting few in number and in an unsuitable building, we now hold our Lodges in a hall which is the admiration of our visitors, and in which our brethren can assemble in numbers with a feeling of honourable pride and comfort. (Cheers.) The Fund of Benevolence, contributed to by the Lodges in this city, has done much good, and is now, owing mainly to the continued exertions of its energetic Secretary, in a most flourishing position. (Applause.) Yours, indeed, Right Worshipful Sir, must have been a pleasing duty this evening to preside over so many brethren occupying high social positions, not only in the city, but also in the northern capital and in other parts of the island. When I observe that besides the brethren who were to-night invited to your District Grand Lodge, the attendance included nearly the whole of those entitled to that distinction, I cannot but feel that you, Right Worshipful Sir, must be satisfied that the honourable position which His Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master of England has been pleased to bestow has fallen upon one justly considered by his brethren worthy of distinguished precedence. The power now placed in your hands, Right Worshipful Sir, will, I feel assured, be conscientiously exercised for the general benefit of the Craft; and should differences of opinion arise amongst Masons, I believe all here present have sufficient confidence in your ability and good judgment to bow to your ruling, and cheerfully abide by your decision. In conclusion, I earnestly hope that henceforth a brighter era in Freemasonry is dawning upon us, and that those brethren who to-night have assisted in the ceremony of your installation will all combine, under your guidance, in forwarding the cause of Masonry in Tasmania. The pleasing duty is mine now, Right Worshipful Sir, of asking the brethren to unite with me in wishing you health and happiness and a long and prosperous Masonic career. The toast was received with Masonic honours and heartily responded to. The District Grand Master, in reply, returned thanks for the manner in which the toast had been received, and also for the kind and considerate remarks of the proposer. He was fully sensible of the great honour that had been conferred upon him, and he trusted that he should realise the hopes that were entertained respecting his performance of the duties entrusted to him; at all events, he should endeavour to exercise the power he had for the general benefit of the Craft, and he knew that he should have the support of his brethren. He could endorse all that had been said by Bro. Wise concerning the Craft in this Colony, and he trusted with him that Masonry would progress in Tasmania more than it had ever done before. The remaining toasts were the Deputy D. Grand Master and Officers of the District Grand Lodge, proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by Bro. Smith D.D.G.M., the W.M.'s and P.M.'s of Tasmanian Lodges under the E.C., proposed by Bro. P.M. J. T. Robertson, and responded to by Bro. W.M. Huston; the W.M.'s and P.M.'s under other Constitutions, proposed by the D.D. Grand Master, and responded to by Bro. J. T. Robertson P.M. and Conway P.M. for the Irish Constitution; our Visitors, proposed by Bro. F. H. Wise, and responded to by Bro. Conway P.M.; and the Ladies, proposed by Bro. C. W. Rocher P.M., and responded to by Bro. Coates. The entertainment was interspersed with songs by Bros. Dr. Smart, Ferguson, Chapman, R. J. Harris, Rogers, Moir and others, Bro. Packer presiding at the piano; and a most enjoyable evening was closed by the company singing the National Anthem.

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RITUAL OF THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Astute Bro. Jacob Norton, in his trenchant style, ridicules the anachronisms contained in the ritual of the Royal Arch degree. I trust those brethren whose affection for the Craft soars beyond the perfection of the fourth degree will note and take seriously to heart his very cogent remarks upon the subject in the last number of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. There have been, and still are, brethren, my humble self among the number, who have earnestly and strongly protested against the incongruities which have either inadvertently crept in or were designedly incorporated into one of our most impressive rituals. But of what avail is the most solemn protest, unless the authorities can be induced to examine these matters, and either, by legislation or otherwise, bring about the desirable emendations? To non-members of a certain Faith, upon being introduced into the R.A. degree, the position is extremely perplexing. Their first impression is feeling the rather uncomfortable sensation of being placed in a dilemma. On the one hand, conscience forbids giving expression to sentiments antagonistic to conviction; on the other, the sense of loyalty imperatively demands due submission to recognised authority. In the end, as is but natural and right, conscience obtains the victory over loyalty; but why should any member of a non-sectarian and universal Brotherhood be subjected to such a struggle, or placed unnecessarily in such an awkward predicament? As Brother Norton justly points out, "it is strange that while English Masons are concentrating their indignation against a Grand Lodge in Berlin, that they suffer this Masonic inconsistency in the R.A. to be intact." Now, it seems to me that many other inconsistencies than those Bro. Norton points out, both in Arch or Craft, might, with great propriety and advantage, be swept away. As, for instance, how can the terms Jewish or Christian Lodge be fairly reconciled with the idea of a system basing its principles upon the belief and adoration of one universal God, disregarding altogether the question of Creed? Why should ceremonies be varied by reason of difference of theological opinion in an assembly in which the slightest reference to any kind of dogma is strictly prohibited? There are, in both degrees, passages which unmistakably point, and were clearly intended to enforce, a philosophy in no sense identical with the true spirit of Masonry. That sectarian ideas, whether intended or surreptitiously interpolated, disfigure and disadvantageously affect the purity of Masonic rituals, I venture to think no one will seriously dispute. That they are inconsistent with the very groundwork of the Order cannot, with any show of reason, be denied. Then the question remains, in what manner can such important, and, to my mind, most necessary improvement, be legally and legitimately effected? Perhaps some of your learned and very able correspondents may be induced to offer suggestions.

Yours fraternally,

E. GOTTHEIL.

SPECIAL.

THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE OFFICE,
FRIDAY, 7 p.m.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Annual General Meeting of Life Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held this-day, at Freemasons' Hall, W.C. After the regular business had been disposed of, the election took place, and resulted as follows:—

MALES.

No. on poll	Name	Total Votes polled
1	Watson, William	1847
2	Smith, George	1510
3	Barnes, Richard Edward	1266
4	Phipps, Ormond G.	991
5	Wright, Henry	907
6	Neeve, Henry	851
7	Barnard, Alfred Tovey	829
8	Goddard, Cornelius	802
9	Seabrook, Edward	801
10	Polkinghorne, Edwin S.	757
11	Lovelace, John	625
12	Barnard, John Christopher	616
13	Holmes, James	616
14	Jones, Richard	583
15	Le Page, John	577
16	Doorne, John Calcraft	558
17	Burgess, George	557
18	Russell, James	526
19	Newton, Henry	518
20	Langlands, Nathan	515
21	Haworth, John	507
22	Luter, John	494
23	Wilkinson, Benjamin	456
24	Fanvel, John	453
25	Hodson, Samuel	448
26	Ball, William	440
27	Bence, Edward Osment	412
28	Chapman, William Henry	412
29	Stening, James	364

FEMALES.

No. on poll	Name	Forward	To-day	Total
1	Flockton, Maria Isabella	—	1099	1099
2	Whiteman, Jane	—	1082	1082
3	Heming, Rhoda Mary	—	873	873
4	Jenkins, Jane Matilda	—	850	850
5	Woods, Eliza	—	797	797
6	West, Maria Ann	—	745	745
7	Buck, Susan	—	738	738
8	Eastes Frances	—	735	735
9	Farnham, Sarah	—	691	691
10	Sumner, Charlotte	—	690	690
11	Naylor, Martha	—	667	667
12	Allatson, Margaret	—	659	659
13	Haselwood, Lucy Ann	—	635	635
14	Trotter, Ann	351	273	624
15	Dewar, Mary Ann	—	623	623
16	Masters, Rebecca	—	603	603
17	Dixon, Margaret	—	600	600
18	Emery, Harriett	—	565	565
19	Clarkson, Hannah	—	564	564
20	Brown, Ann	—	514	514
21	Tilbury, Ann	—	507	507
22	Packwood, Emily	273	182	455
23	Rackstraw, Amy	—	416	416
24	Busher, Mary Ann Beynon	—	365	365

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

SOME progress with public business has been made during the past week in the House of Lords. On Friday last the Bankruptcy Bill passed through Committee. On Tuesday the South Africa Bill was reported, and a new clause added, on the motion of the Earl of Carnarvon. There has been, of course, some desultory conversation on Eastern politics, and on Monday, a question, put by the Earl of Rosebery, relative to the Tripartite Treaty of 1856, excited a brief, but somewhat warm debate, in which the Earl of Derby, the Duke of Argyll, and Earl Granville took part. The other events have been the withdrawal of the Railway Companies Bill, and the second reading of the Game Laws (Scotland) Amendment Bill. The House now stands adjourned for the Whitsun recess till the 4th prox.

The great debate in the House of Commons was resumed on Friday by Mr. Bourke, the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and was continued by Sir R. Anstruther, Lord Elcho, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Newdegate, who for once severed himself from the Conservative party and voted with Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Lefevre, Mr. Yorke, Sir J. Lubbock, and others, among whom were Mr. Goschen and Dr. Kenealy. On Monday Mr. Waddy led off, and was followed by Mr. Bruce, Sir W. Harcourt, Sir T. Sinclair, Sir G. Bowyer, and others, the last speakers being the Marquis of Hartington, as leader of the Opposition, and Sir Stafford Northcote as leader of the House. Mr. Gladstone having replied, Major O'Gorman intervened for a few minutes between the House and the division, but only for a few minutes, when the House divided, and the tellers announced the result as being in favour of Ministers by an overwhelming majority. The numbers were for Mr. Gladstone's first Resolution 223, and against it 354. If we take into account the Speaker, the four tellers, the ten pairs, and the members who, like Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Butt, and some others abstained from voting, we may calculate that quite 610 members out of a total of 658 gave a formal indication of their views for or against Ministers, or as observing a strict neutrality between the two parties. Thus ended what will, in all probability, turn out to be the chief debate of the Session. Calling to mind former debates in the Commons—as, for instance, the debate on the policy of Lord Palmerston in connection with the Don Pacifico difficulty and Greece, the debate on the policy of Ministers in relation to the Danish War, and others, we cannot say the one just terminated has done much to raise the House in public estimation. There were several statesmanlike speeches, such as those of the Home Secretary, Mr. Roebuck, Sir Robert Peel, Mr. Chaplin, Lord Elcho, the Marquis of Hartington, Sir Stafford Northcote; while the opening and closing speeches of Mr. Gladstone were in every respect equal to his most brilliant efforts. But some of the

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other speakers, and notably that of Mr. E. Jenkins, who *will* thrust himself into a prominent position, were below mediocrity. On Tuesday the Committee on the Oxford and Cambridge Universities Bill was resumed. On Wednesday the County Training Schools' and Ships' Bill, and the Mercantile Marine Hospital, were defeated, on the second reading, the latter by the ridiculous majority of 212 to 11, and a similar fate befel the Poor Law Guardians Elections (Ireland) Bill, the second reading of which was moved by Sir C. O'Loghlan. Next week the House will enjoy a brief holiday.

The Queen, with the Duchess of Edinburgh, the Princess Beatrice, and other members of the Royal Family, is still at Windsor Castle, where she has been receiving a succession of visitors. The Duke of Connaught left the Castle on Thursday last for London, *en route* for Dublin. On Friday, the Prince Imperial visited Her Majesty, and stayed to luncheon. On Saturday, the Duchess of Edinburgh visited the Marchioness of Lorne at Kensington Palace, and was afterwards present at the Wagner Concert, in the Royal Albert Hall, at which the Prince of Wales likewise assisted. On Monday, the Queen held a Council, there being present Prince Leopold, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, and the Earls of Beaconsfield, Beauchamp, and Bradford. The same day the Princess Beatrice was present at the Philharmonic Society's Morning Concert, in St. James's Hall, and the Prince of Wales and Prince Leopold at the fourth Wagner Concert. The Duke of Edinburgh, in command of H.M.S. Sultan, is stationed off the entrance to the Suez Canal with the other ships of the Mediterranean Ironclad Squadron, under Vice-Admiral Hornby. It is announced that there will be two state concerts next month, at Buckingham Palace. The first will be held on the 6th prox., and the second on the 27th prox. Madame Adelina Patti, Mdlle. Zaré Thalberg, and Signor Gayarré have received commands to sing at the first, and Mdlle. Albani, Madame Scalchi, and Signor Nicolini at the second.

The Fiftieth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, a wing of which was erected by the Craft as a memorial to our late Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, was held on Wednesday evening, at the Freemasons' Tavern, when some two hundred ladies and gentlemen sat down to dinner, under the presidency of Lord Chief Justice Sir A. Cockburn. In proposing the toast of prosperity to this admirable institution, the Lord Chief Justice mentioned incidentally that while its permanent income was only £1,300 a year, its expenditure was not less than £7,500. Owing, however, to the generous support of the public, it was kept free from debt. He also announced that a new wing, large enough to accommodate fifty additional patients, would shortly be opened. The same evening the annual dinner of University College Hospital was held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, under the presidency of Sir Henry Thompson, who announced that Sir F. Goldsmith had offered to contribute £10,000 towards the enlargement of the hospital, if other of the friends of the institution would raise amongst them a further sum of £20,000. Lady Goldsmith also promised £1,000 from a fund at her disposal. The subscriptions amounted to about £1,400.

The cricket season has begun in right earnest, and there have been several first-class matches played already. In one of them, between the M.C.C. and Ground and England, the club was victorious by 24 runs, but the match is chiefly noticeable for the small scores made in the second innings. The winning team could only achieve a total of 36, of which 33 were off the bat, not a single member getting into double figures. England, with but 51 to win, was only able to score 26, ten of which were made by Mr. W. R. Gilbert. The bowlers, in fact, had it all their own way, owing to the weather. We have also entered on the yachting season, and some half dozen matches have been sailed. Athletic meetings are taking place frequently, and the principal racing fixtures of the year are close at hand. Thus the public is well provided in the way of sport. We must not forget to mention further that the Coaching Season, though formally inaugurated on May-day, was practically opened on Wednesday, when the first meet of the Coaching Club was held at the Magazine, Hyde-park. Twenty-eight drags, of which the Duke of Beaufort is President, drew up at the rendezvous at noon, the President's being driven by Lord Arthur Somerset, beside whom sat the Prince of Wales. The Duke of Teck occupied the box seat on Captain Whitmore's coach, but in all other cases a lady sat beside the driver. The scene was a very animated one, and there was a great crush of carriages, horsemen, and footmen to witness the gathering. At 12.30 the Club started for a drive to Richmond, to the Orleans Club, where a lunch awaited them, after which the drags returned to town.

In spite of the unfavourable weather, the first Summer Exhibition of Flowers and Plants at the Royal Botanic Society's Gardens, Regent's Park, was attended by some 2,500 visitors. There seems, indeed, to be quite a fatality attending these shows, which are not unfrequently held on what turn out to be rainy days. It was so, we remember, in the old days of the Chiswick Horticultural *Fêtes*. However, the attendance on Wednesday, in Regent's Park, was respectable in point of numbers even beyond expectation, among the *élite* of the visitors being H.R.H. the Duchess of Teck, the Duchess of Bedford, the Marchioness of Exeter, the Marquis and Marchioness of Bristol, Lord Londesborough, and Lord Chesham. The band of the 2nd Life Guards was present. The day previous, the Royal Horticultural Society held it seventh Flower Show this season in its grounds at South Kensington. The attendance was not very numerous. Among the prize winners, were Messrs. Cutbush and Son of Highgate, Mr. C. Turner of Slough, Messrs. J. Veitch and Sons of Chelsea, and Messrs. Paul and Son of Waltham Cross.

The War news from the Danube and Asia is in many respects conflicting, but some events of importance have occurred in the latter country. A squadron of Turkish ironclads has bombarded Soukoum Kaleh, on the coast of the Black Sea, after which a force of Circassians was landed, and established themselves in the place, in spite of the efforts of the Russians. This success is likely to have a very important effect. The Turks are determined to excite, if possible, a rising of the Circassians, and this will, no doubt, seriously interfere with the progress of the Russian armies under the Grand Duke Michael. Another and more considerable engagement has taken place at Batoum. The Russian were the assailants, and are said to have carried some heights, but further attempts to advance on the town were defeated, and the Russian loss is reported to have reached, if it did not exceed, 4000 men in killed and wounded. In spite of all rumours to the contrary, the news received now and again from the neighbourhood of Kars and Erzeroum proves that the progress of the Russians in that direction is not as rapid or effectual as at first was reported. On the whole the balance thus far in Asia has inclined to the side of the Turks, who have shown themselves far more energetic than usual, and also far stronger. On the other hand, the fighting on the Danube has been inconsiderable, and has been confined chiefly to the bombardment by the Turks of Kalafat, the garrison of which, consisting of Roumanians, has been returning the compliment by firing on Widdin. The Roumanians acknowledge to have sustained a considerable loss in wounded, but nothing is said of those who have been killed. The most serious event has been the destruction of a Turkish monitor, which engaged the Russian batteries near Matchin, and was blown up by a shell. All on board are believed to have perished. An interchange of courtesies has taken place between the Grand Duke Nicholas and Prince Charles of Roumania, in the first instance at Ploeshti, whither the Prince went to visit him, and again at Bucharest, which, in accordance with the Russo-Roumanian Convention, the Grand Duke entered without any escort, but attended by one or two of his suite. Another rumour is worth noticing, to the effect that the Russians have crossed the Danube into the Dobrudscha. This may be the case, but there is no doubt the Russians are slowly but surely concentrating their forces, and that the passage will be attempted shortly.

A ministerial crisis has occurred at Paris, and M. Jules Simon has been dismissed from office by the President. It is impossible to say who will be the new minister, but the event, as indicating that Marshal MacMahon has broken with the Republican party, has caused an intense amount of excitement.

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To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six) in ample form assembled, viz., The Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis, and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Thos. Harper, Esquire, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Malcolm Gillies, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Thos. Mahon, Esquire, Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), do hereby authorise and empower our trusty and well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Donald MacCraw one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful James Mansfield his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Henry Terry his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Queen's Head, Crown Court, Princes Street, Golden Square, No. 16 or elsewhere in London, upon the first and third Tuesday in every month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions; and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all ages and nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and empower our said trusty and well-beloved Brethren, Donald McCraw, James Mansfield and Henry Terry (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their successors, &c., &c., &c.; such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their successors, always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hand and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Tenth day of July, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ten, and in the year of Masonry Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Ten.

ROBERT LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 2, Letter B. No. 16.

The original bears date, 1st June 1755.
EDWD. HARPER, D.G. Sec.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Egyptian Lodge, No. 25, Fleet-street, London.

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THE consecration of this Chapter took place on Thursday, the 10th inst., the ceremony being performed by M.E. Companion Capt. S. G. Homfray P.Z., P. Standard Bearer of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and P.G.H. of Monmouthshire. He was assisted by M.E. Comps. T. Powell P.Z. of the Virtue and Hope Chapter, Swansea, as H., and M.E. Dr. Grätte P.Z. of the Silurian Chapter, Newport, Monmouthshire, as J. To those who have heard Comp. Homfray works the ceremony, we need only say that the fluency with which he performs his duties was characteristic of his performance on this occasion. As acting J., Comp. Dr. Grätte left nothing to be desired, his well-known skill in all pertaining to R.A. Masonry being exemplified by the ease with which his duties were performed. Immediately after the consecration ceremony, Comp. Homfray proceeded with the installation of the three principals. Comps. T. J. White P.M. the Cambrian Lodge, Haverfordwest, being installed as Z., the Rev. W. Lyte Stradling P.M. of the St. David's Lodge, Milford, as H., and Comp. T. James P.M. of the Cambrian Lodge, Haverfordwest, as J. All three being Comps. of the Merlin Chapter, Carmarthen. The Comps. were then admitted, and the principals saluted in ancient form. It must have been gratifying to the principals of the new Chapter to have had greetings from so many Chapters. The Silurian and Isca, in Newport, Mon., the Virtue and Hope and Talbot, in Swansea, the St. Elliw, Llanelly, and Merlin in Carmarthen, having all sent representatives to honour the consecration of this, the second Chapter consecrated in the Western division of South Wales within the year. No further proof is needed that Royal Arch Masonry is prospering in the Western Counties of Wales. We hear that steps are about being taken to obtain a Charter for a Chapter in connection with the Aberystwyth Lodge. When this takes place, each of the three counties forming the division, will have its Chapter. Carmarthenshire, however, already has two—the Merlin and St. Elliw. The M.E.Z. expressed himself as being highly gratified at the representatives of so many Chapters being present, and thanked them for travelling such long distances; he also announced that a Chapter for the exaltation of brethren would be held the following day. At the request of the new Principals, Comp. Homfray as Z. performed the ceremony on Friday, assisted by Comp. Dr. Grätte as H., and Comp. Morgan as J.; there were twelve candidates exalted. After the labours of the day were over on Thursday, the refreshment took the form of a banquet, capitally served by Miss Reynolds, at the Salutation Hotel. After the cloth was removed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were received in the manner befitting R.A. Masons. A most enjoyable evening was spent, to which Comp. Groves, of Newport, very materially contributed by his musical abilities. Indeed, a large measure of the success of the meeting is due to Comp. Groves' exertions—by his labour in Chapter, he gave solemnity to our beautiful ceremony, and by his happy touch and exquisite *bon homme* he added grace and lightness to the banquet. After the ceremony of exaltation on Friday, Comp. T. Rule Owen gave a banquet, at which all who could stay in Haverfordwest were present.

LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL ACCOUNTS FOR 1875 AND 1876.

WE acknowledge with thanks two statements of account, for the years 1875 and 1876 respectively, of the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, of which our esteemed Brother J. R. Goepel is the Treasurer. As regards the former year, it will suffice if we state that the balance on the General Account was £7 4s 1½d; that on the Building Fund the expenditure amounted to £216 14s 10d; while the receipts, including a balance brought forward of £13 0s 5d, amounted to £82 0s 10d, leaving a balance from Maintenance Fund of £134 14s 2d; and that the Furnishing Account showed a deficiency of £20 6s 3d, the liabilities amounting to £72 16s 3d against cash in bank to the extent of £52 10s. We deal more fully with the accounts for the year 1876, the Balance Sheet for which exhibits the following results:—Income, including balance as above, of £7 4s 1½d, £764 5s 5½d, the items being as follow, namely:—Rent from Lodges, £373 13s 4d; Rent from Chapters, £101; Rents, Miscellaneous, Lodges of Instruction, and Occasional Meetings, £45, £34, and £9 3s respectively; Emergencies, Committees, Refreshments, &c., £169 5s. The expenditure amounted to £769 9s 7½d, the principal items being Insurance, £8 17s; House Account, £143 5s 1d; Printing, £25 13s 5d; Coal, £30 1s 9d; Repairs, &c., £56 10s 11½d; Furniture, £37 8s 11d; Interest, £15; Rates and Taxes, £70 16s 9d; Gas, £108 14s 4d; Coke, £9 19s 1d; Gas Fitting, £26 8s 9d; Plumbing, £44 7s; and Building, £46 6s 2d. Thus there was a balance due to the Treasuer of £5 4s 2d. On the Building Fund, the payments reached a total of £111 14s 3d, while the receipts were £85 8s 1d, leaving a "Balance from Maintenance Fund" of £46 6s 2d. The Furnishing Fund balances exactly, the Receipts, including cash in bank £52 10s, and the expenses being £75 16s. The outstanding debts of the Hall amount to £201 1s 4d, and there is a mortgage on the property of £2,500, for which interest is payable at the rate of £4 per cent. It is worthy of note that the rents, which form the bulk of the receipts, are paid by twenty-one Lodges, eleven Chapters, sundry Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, and the West Lancashire Mark Lodge, and nine Lodges of Instruction, irrespective of occasional rents from P.G.L. and Chapter, &c. As far as can be gathered from this plain statement of figures, the Hall Committee appear to exercise a wise control over the management of the funds.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E.C.

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Fire Protection. A Complete Manual of the Organisation, Machinery, Discipline, and General Working of the Fire Brigade of London. By Eyre M. Shaw, Chief Officer Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Author of "Fire Surveys," &c. London: Charles and Edwin Layton, Fleet-street.

IF there is one person in England who is competent to speak authoritatively on the subject of Fire Protection, it is Captain Shaw, who for the last sixteen years has been principal officer in charge of our Metropolitan Fire Brigade. On his appointment to the office, he tells us he could find no published information on the subject. He, therefore, visited all those countries where he thought it possible he might pick up some practical and theoretical knowledge, but though he acquired some of the former, he failed to obtain anything in respect of the latter which would be of any service. Under these circumstances, he set about the very difficult task of working out for himself a complete system. Accordingly, he studied all the different apparatus in use, both practically and theoretically. As time and opportunity allowed him to perfect his judgment not only on these, but on the manner in which they were worked, and the drill of the men who worked them, he in time became enabled to present a perfect system of arrangements. Fortune, he modestly tells us, favoured him. Many victories were achieved over the dread element of fire rather by luck than by the plans adopted, and carefully noting all these as they occurred he at length elaborated a system of drill which those who are

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at the pains of reading this work cannot fail to see is admirably calculated to meet almost every class of difficulty that may arise. To Captain Shaw, indeed, undoubtedly belongs the merit of having brought the mode of dealing with fires as nearly as possible to perfection. The work before us treats most exhaustively of the subject. The opening chapter deals with the two important elements of "Air and Water." Then follows a dissertation on "Pumps." Next come four chapters, in the first of which is described the several parts of the "Manual Fire Engine," while the other three are devoted to the subject of "Leathern Hose," "Branches and Nozzles," and the "Gear Carried on an Engine." He passes next to "Engine Drill," "Scaling Ladders and Ladder Drill," and "Fire Escape and Escape Drill," and in the following chapter to "Smoke Appliances," &c. The rest of the work is occupied with the Constitution and Organisation of the Fire Brigade, the appointment of Men and their training, the internal management and duties of the Brigade; while their clothing, telegraphic communication, list of articles in use among firemen, and sundry general memoranda complete the work. It will be seen from this brief outline of the contents that the author has treated of Fire Protection exhaustively. No details have been considered too trivial to be omitted, and the result, in our humble judgment, is a full description of all the fire protecting apparatus in use, and a complete code of regulations for the conduct of a fire brigade. Under these circumstances, we have no hesitation in commending the work to the notice of our readers. Neither they nor we, perhaps, can lay claim to much knowledge of the subject, but they, as well as we, on glancing even casually at this book, will be able to form something like a just idea of its merits. There are also numerous illustrations which have enabled us to understand more fully the value of the author's instructions and descriptions. Captain Shaw, in fact, has achieved a task of great difficulty in a manner which is worthy of all praise. It is not only that he has compiled a most elaborate system, but he likewise explains it in the clearest and most precise manner possible.

Bathing in London. A Practical Treatise, containing a Description of the Baths and Bathing Places of London. By Hadley Prestage, Hon. Secretary of the Victoria Park Swimming Club, Member of the Metropolitan Bathing Association, Member of the Swimming Association of Great Britain, &c. London: J. Roberts, 195 Shoreditch High Street. 1877.

WITHIN the modest compass of a pamphlet, Bro. Prestage has brought together an array of information we seldom meet with, his object being a most admirable one, namely, to encourage the erection of public baths and bathing-places in the Metropolis. Bro. Prestage is quite right in his statement that, to put the matter Masonically, the immediate past generation of Londoners were not distinguished by any special regard for personal cleanliness. He is quite right in his inference of this fact, from the almost universal presence of the footbath in bedrooms. Thirty years ago people washed their face and hands and feet, but rarely their bodies. The morning tub was unknown as an institution, though a few strong-minded people may have ventured, in a quiet kind of way, and almost apologetically, upon its adoption. Bathing in the Serpentine was permitted then, as now, and small boys dabbled in the muddy waters of the Thames. But London had few baths and no washhouses. We have made some progress since. There are now twenty-seven baths in the metropolis, many of them having washhouses attached, and Bro. Prestage gives particulars of each of them in this treatise. Yet he very pertinently asks why we are even now so indifferently provided in this respect? and he very strenuously advocates their multiplication in every part of the Metropolis, and especially in the more crowded eastern districts, where the labouring portion of our population most do congregate. He makes mention of the very handsome gift, by a late Mrs. Brown, to the Government of £55,000 for the erection of baths, &c., and he is anxious to know why it has not yet been devoted to the purposes designated by the fair donor? So are we; and if others will second the efforts of Bro. Prestage, in his laudable efforts to improve the cleanliness, health, and godliness of Londoners, we shall soon have the present cause of complaint removed,—that the greatest civilised city in the world is the worst provided in respect of baths and bathing-places. We commend Bro. Prestage for his manly endeavours to secure so admirable an object. In the list of the baths that have been, we note one omission. It is a matter of no great moment, but the list is incomplete without it. This is the Holborn Bath, afterwards the Holborn Casino, and now the Holborn Restaurant. Speaking personally, we may mention that thirty years ago we have again and again enjoyed the pleasure of a bath at this establishment, and a very well ordered establishment it was too, albeit not as extensive as the Lambeth Baths, or as enjoyable as the open-air bath yclept Peerless Pool. The omission will be easily rectified in future issues of the pamphlet, which deserves, and we trust will have, a large circulation among all classes.

Official Directory for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall. Seventh year of publication. Edited by William James Hughan, P.M. No. 131, Truro, Past Provincial Grand Secretary, &c., &c. Truro: Printed at the *Royal Cornwall Gazette* Office. 1877.

IT is almost needless to say that this little directory is well nigh perfect of its kind. It contains the usual lists of Provincial Grand Officers and of Lodges, each of the latter having also the names of its principal officers and P.M.'s, and of Provincial Grand Chapter Officers, and Chapters, the latter having likewise the names of Principals and P.Z.'s. The laws and regulations of Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter are added, and there are two tabular statements, one showing the votes of the Province for the several central Charities, and the other the progress and present numerical strength of the Craft in Cornwall. Information is further given as to Charity and Centenary jewels, the fees payable to P.G. Lodge and Chapter respectively, respecting the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Institution, and also as to Lodges and Chapters formerly existing in the Province, with a list of the P.G.M.'s and Superintendents, since, in the one case, the year 1752, when Cornwall became a Province, and in the other, the year 1791, when the late Bro. Danckerley appointed himself P.G. Superintendent of R.A. Masons for Cornwall. Bro. Hughan has made his Directory a perfect compendium of the Masonic History of Cornwall, and, in the interest of Masonic History generally, we can only express a hope that every other Province in England will be similarly provided at no distant date.

PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

Cassell's Family Magazine offers, as usual, a most excellent programme. The serial fiction, and particularly the Story of "Paul Knox, Pitman," is full of interest, but, as we have several times remarked before, the chief attractions in this periodical will be found in the Essays on domestic and social matters, and in notes on ordinary topics. There is an article on "New Employments for Women," which cannot fail to be of service to the fair sex. Then there are "Notes on Gardening," than which we are acquainted with none that are more practical. If any of our young friends are about to undergo the ordeal of an examination, we advise them to turn to these pages, and they will find many useful hints how to prepare themselves. At first sight it may appear hard to tell people "How to Read aloud," but ask nine people out of ten to read aloud an article from a newspaper, or a chapter or two from some entertaining or instructive book, and the chances are they will bungle over it. The ability to read aloud well, with due emphasis bestowed where necessary, with proper modulations of the voice, so as to avoid monotony, and without fatigue, is by no means a common accomplishment, and *Cassell's* have done wisely to lay down a few simple instructions for the benefit of intending readers. We may also speak highly of the papers on "Tiny Dwellers in our Ponds and Ditches," "Our Model Day Nursery," "Fancy Bazaars and Sales of Work," and "Suitable Climates for Invalids," the last being especially valuable. In addition are two or three short tales, such as "Kate's Prince," by Mr. G. Manville Fenn, "Without a Pigtail," and "The Old Manor House." "The Bugle Call," which does duty as Frontispiece, is capitally drawn.

Part 9 of *The Countries of the World* is worthy of all praise. The illustrations, especially those of "A Lumber Wharf on the North Pacific Coast," the "Crystal Lake in California," the "Californian Quail," and "A Cañon in the Wahsatch Mountains (Utah Territory)," like all that have appeared in previous numbers of this serial publication, are well drawn, and give an excellent idea of the scenes they severally portray. The narrative treats chiefly of the Western portions of the United States, and contains a geographical account of them, as well as a description of the inhabitants and products, interspersed here and there with stories of Indians, notes about the labour market and the cost of living, and much other needful information.

In the *Leisure Hour* there is much instructive as well as entertaining matter. Among the contents, we have marked as particularly noteworthy a paper on "Cuckoo Lore," an explanatory paper on "Common Legal Expressions," and the continuation of Miss Isabella Bird's valuable sketches of "Australia Felix: Impressions of Victoria," besides a well-written study of our first English printer, "William Caxton." In addition are several contributions, in the shape of "Fen and Mere," by Cuthbert Bede, "Counsellor Tennant," "A Circassian Scotchman," and "New Helps for Hospitals," which it will be worth our friends' while to read, while the Varieties and Natural History Anecdotes are useful, and in many instances novel.

"The Belfry of Dresden" heads the programme of the *Sunday at Home*. It is an episode of the Seven Years' War and very well recounted. Miss Alcock contributes a page of Jewish history, entitled "Uncrowned," and Mr. J. Alexander, the fifth of his "Pictures of Jewish Life." There is a very useful paper about the "South African Races," and this is followed by the fifth of the late Rev. R. Demaus's articles on "The English Bible." We were almost on the point of leaving unnoticed "Welsh Peasant Sketches—Uncle Morgan;" had we done so, we should unintentionally have committed an act of injustice, for it is one of the best articles in the periodical. The illustrations are to be commended, those of "Ahab and Jezebel confronted by Elijah," "A Jewish Wedding," and "Reading the Bible in Old London," being among the best, in our opinion at least. In fact, in this particular, the *Sunday at Home* and the *Leisure Hour* are invariably deserving of praise.

The steel engraving in *Picturesque Europe* is of "Melrose Abbey," and is a highly finished specimen of the engraver's art. Most of the wood engravings delineate scenes in the border counties, such as Berwick Bridge, Fernieburst Castle, Kelso Abbey, and others; but there are some of scenery on the West Coast of Ireland, of which, in this number, we now take leave, in order to wander among the many historical scenes associated with "Border Castles and Counties."

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The weekly meeting of this Chapter was held at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, on Tuesday last. Present—Comps. J. Constable M.E.Z., A. A. Drew H., Thomas Griffiths J., Thomas W. White S.E., F. Brown S.N., S. Pownceby P.S., J. W. Berrie, J. Dennis, R. E. Stevenson, G. F. Row, G. Waterall, E. H. Finney, C. Saron Hooper, F. J. Rumsey. The business consisted of confirmation of minutes of previous convocation, and rehearsal of the exaltation ceremony, Comp. R. E. Stevenson being candidate; he was afterwards elected a member. The sum of £3 3s, previously promised, was voted to the Girls' School, for the list of Comp. John Boyd.

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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 MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

TUESDAY, 22nd MAY.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
53—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. (Emergency.)
1471—Islington, Coopers Arms, Silver-street, Falcon-square, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1473—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd MAY.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, 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.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (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.)

756—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno.

THURSDAY, 24th MAY.

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. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., 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.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Romford.
1343—St. John's, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex.
1661—Newton, Town Hall, Newark-upon-Trent. (Consecration.)

FRIDAY, 25th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
814—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, at 8. (Instruction.)
1066—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.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1299—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, Barford-street, N. (Installation.)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne Road, North Kensington, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh.
1365—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts.

SATURDAY, 26th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

TUESDAY.

1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

WEDNESDAY.

258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Beckmondwike.
340—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Pontefract.

THURSDAY.

208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
337—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.

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R. A. 142—Knaresboro', Guildhall, Doncaster.

SATURDAY.

140—Peace, Masonic Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.
462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—44—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—151—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, 429 High-street.
" R. A. 40—Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—112—St. John, Fisher-row, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.
THURSDAY—392—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.
FRIDAY—223—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-street, Leith.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
" 332—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
TUESDAY—441—Glasgow, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.
" R. A. 67—Cathedral, 22 Struthers-street.
" 597—St. Brydes, Freemasons' Hall, Udderstone.
WEDNESDAY—519—Maryhill, 167 Main-street, Maryhill.
Conclave, No. 3, Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, 106 Renfield-street.
THURSDAY—27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
FRIDAY—183—Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, Pollockshaw.
" 347—St. John Operative, Freemasons' Hall, Cathcart-st., Rutherglen.
" Quarterly Communication of P.G. Chapter of Lanarkshire, 213 Buchanan-street.
SATURDAY—28—St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch. At 6 p.m.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 17th inst., at Bro. Hallows, The Chequers, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. Groome W.M., Claridge S.W., W. G. Hallows J.W., Saunders Secretary, Pinder Preceptor, Franklin S.D., F. Hallows J.D., Upward Organist, Delvalle I.G.; also Bros. Dendy, Simms, Brown, Christian, Varley, Mumford, Field, Clarke. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd and 3rd degrees, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Simms acting as candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree, and Bro. Claridge was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed.

Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 19.—The installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Comps. Birch M.E.Z., Rev. P. M. Holden as H., Pound as J., Bywater P.Z. S.E., Worthington S.N. P.Z.'s T. L. Fox, H. Potter, W. Platt, Barfield, Fox, Slack, &c. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bros. F. E. W. Collard, No. 19, and T. C. Venables, No. 263, were ballotted for, and were duly exalted, and Comp. Rev. J. M. Vaughan P.Z. was inducted M.E.Z., Millis P.Z. H., Reed P.Z. J., J. Smith P.Z. Treas., Bywater P.Z. S.E., Worthington S.N., Bryett S.E., Grabham 1st Asst., Game 2nd Asst., Daly Janitor. Comp. Bywater P.Z. said the testimonial to Comp. J. Smith P.Z. and Treas. for his long and valuable services rendered to the Chapter, was nearly completed, and would shortly be presented. Comp. Barfield P.Z. said 28 Lodges and Chapters had subscribed to the testimonial to Comp. W. Smith, who so well looked after their creature comforts, and he hoped the Companions present would contribute to it. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to a very excellent banquet. Grace having been said, the M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Comp. J. Smith P.Z., in a very eloquent speech, returned thanks for the Grand Officers. Comp. Birch I.P.Z. rose and said, you have been accustomed, during the past year, to hear my voice. I have now the pleasure of proposing the toast of the M.E.Z.; his star has shone to-night, and will shine brighter as he progresses. You have an educated man, a reverend clergyman; out of the fulness of the heart the mouth speaketh, and those words would speak in his praise. He has very arduous duties to perform in his parish, and his time has been much occupied. The duties of the Z.'s chair are very arduous, and if at any time he should require my services, they will be at his command. The M.E.Z. thanked Comp. Birch for his kind expressions, he regretted not being able to come up at an earlier period to-day, but he would assure them he would do his best to perform his duties to their satisfaction. The Z. then gave the toast of the newly-exalted Companions; he regretted the absence of Comp. Venables, who was obliged to leave, but they had Comp. Collard, a member of the Royal Athelstone, No. 19, whom they were all pleased to see. Comp. Collard returned thanks for the toast, he felt impressed with the ceremony of initiation eighteen months since; he could say now how much more he felt the solemnity of this beautiful ritual. He was sure it would make him a better man and a better Mason. The M.E.Z. then, in eloquent terms, proposed the toast of the Visitors, with which he coupled the name of Comp. H. M. Levy P.Z. 188, who responded. The M.E.Z. then proposed the health of the P.Z.'s, the Pillars of the Chapter. We have P.Z.'s present who are not only in every respect capable, but are ready to assist in the duties. Our I.P.M. Comp. Birch, you have seen how ably he has discharged the duties during the past year. I will try to imitate him, for I could not follow a better predecessor. It is now my duty and privilege to place on his breast this jewel, awarded him by the Chapter, and I am sure I am speaking your sentiments when I say, may he live long to wear it. Comp. Birch said he felt a great pleasure in being complimented by the Z.; it was flattering to him to know that he carried with him the good wishes of the Chapter, as, from the time he was initiated and exalted, he hoped to command success, and he was proud to say that he had succeeded in gaining their approbation, and he thanked all for their

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kindness. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the H. and J., who were unavoidably absent, but they had good representatives in Comps. Pond and the Rev. P. M. Holden, whose names are well known and respected. Comps. Rev. P. M. Holden and Pond returned thanks in suitable terms. The Z. said he had now great pleasure in proposing the health of Comp. J. Smith P.Z. and Treasurer, Comps. Bywater S.E., and Grabham, who are all indefatigable in their various duties. Comp. Smith returned thanks; in the course of his speech he said, in admitting gentlemen into the Order, we do not know who they are as a rule; but in R.A. Masonry, we know what they are like, and without good recommendations they cannot be admitted. This Chapter is A1, and the cause is, that we work harmoniously. He was the oldest member, and they were fortunate in having two such excellent working officers as Comps. Bywater and Grabham. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the Officers; he was proud of the selection made; they would be a credit to the Chapter. This having been responded to, the Janitor's Toast followed. Companion Rev. P. M. Holden gave an excellent recitation, and Comp. Harrer contributed to the harmony. Visitors—Bros. T. Ball P.Z. 145, C. Palmer 1293, T. E. Scott 771, H. Harvey 554, B. H. Swallow Z. 77, J. Layland 180, Churchill 834, and H. M. Levy P.Z. 188.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—This Lodge held its meeting at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, 14th inst. Present—Bros. Millward W.M., Cook S.W., Ross J.W., Bisset S.D., Halford J.D., Tolmie acting Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Christopher I.G., Roberts, Defriez, Isaac, Davis, &c. Lodge was opened in due form. Minutes of last meeting confirmed. Bro. Roberts answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M. in a very able manner, Bro. Roberts acting as candidate. Bro. A. W. Fenner worked the 1st, Bro. Defriez the 2nd, Bro. Tolmie the 3rd, and Bro. Defriez the 4th and 5th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to 1st degree, when Bro. Cook S.W. was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting, which will be in a fortnight's time. On the proposition of Bro. Tolmie, who paid a high tribute to the W.M., seconded by Bro. Fenner, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the W.M., for the very efficient manner he had discharged the duties o the chair. Lodge was then closed and adjourned till the 28th inst.

Phœnix Lodge, No. 173.—The members of this Lodge met on Saturday, the 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The following particulars of this old Lodge may be interesting. It is on the Registry of the Athol Grand Lodge, and was established on the 27th September 1785, at the Swan Inn in the Borough, when the number was 231. At the Union in 1813 the number was 202, and when the alteration of numbers took place in 1863 it took the present number, 173. The Lodge will attain its Centenary in 1885. The W.M., Bro. J. D. Massey, occupied the chair; S. S. Phillips S.W., and W.M. elect, J. Finch J.W., J. Burford Treasurer, E. Mathews Secretary, E. Walton S.D., J. Blyth J.D., J. Andrews I.G., and P.M.'s Bros. W. Watson, T. Witt, F. R. Vine, G. Wilson, Green and Salmon. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. R. R. Dunlop, Hamilton Kilwinning Lodge, No. 7, was elected a joining member. Bro. Bennett, a son of Sir Sterndale Bennett, the eminent musical composer, and C. F. Kearley were passed to the 2nd degree, and Bro. Gilham was raised, the working of the W.M. and officers deserving especial praise. Bro. Jekyll, the organist, played some very excellent and appropriate music. A board of installed masters was then formed, and Bro. S. S. Phillips S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge. He was duly installed Master, by the retiring W.M. Bro. J. D. Massey. On the conclusion of the addresses Bro. J. D. Massey received the deserved encomiums of every brother and visitor. The W.M. having been saluted, invested his officers, addressing a few pertinent remarks to each. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, 73 in number, adjourned to the Crown room, where a sumptuous banquet and dessert was provided by the energetic manager, Bro. E. Dawkins. The W.M. ably presided. In proposing the toast of H.M. the Queen, he spoke of the kindly feeling shown by her. She had always evinced the greatest solicitude for the welfare of every one of her subjects. The National Anthem was then sung. The toast of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., the R.W. the Earl of Skelmersdale D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, found a very able respondent in Bro. W. Ough P.G.P. Bro. Farquharson then sang "Let Brotherly Love Continue." Bro. Massey I.P.M. then rose. He had great pleasure in proposing the next toast, that was the health of the W.M. (Cheers). In filling the various offices, he had done so to their satisfaction, and during the short period he had occupied the chair, and by the manner he had invested his officers, he had shown his proficiency; he was sure, at the expiration of his year of office, Bro. Phillips would retire with the knowledge that he had efficiently discharged his duty, and gained the regard and esteem of every one in the Lodge. (Cheers). The W.M. said he felt great pleasure in having his health proposed by one who had occupied the chair so worthily, and who had also installed him. The words uttered by Bro. Massey were indeed complimentary to him. My family motto is, "I Will Keep Faith," and I hope this will be proved when I leave the chair. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiates. They were pleased to have them amongst them. They were initiated at a former meeting, and to-night they had passed the 2nd degree. They are gentlemen who can and will prove ornaments to our Order. They are men of education, and from the careful and attentive manner they had listened to the ceremony, would eventually prove an honour to the Craft. Bro. Bennett said he had been fully impressed by the beautiful and sublime ceremony. He thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions. The remarks made would be an incentive to him to work diligently, so that at a future time he hoped to occupy the chair the W.M. now so ably filled. Bro. Kearley followed. He also felt fully impressed by the rendering of the ceremony by Bro. Massey, and also the pleasure in store for him in receiving the 3rd degree from the W.M. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the P.M.'s alluded to their valuable services in the Lodge. Bros. Vine, Green and Witt responded. He next, in a very eloquent speech, proposed the toast of the Visitors. He should call on Bros. Waters P.G.S. and H. M. Levy P.M. 188 to respond. These brethren paid a just tribute to the excellent manner in which the ceremonies had been given by Bro. Massey; his rendering of the installation ceremony was perfect. The W.M. then said he had pleasure in bringing before their notice a toast that deserved their attention, that was the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Massey. (Cheers.) They had seen how effectively he had discharged the duties of W.M., and the more credit is due to him, he having been a Mason only four years; to prove how those duties were appreciated by the Lodge, and to show the regard and esteem in which he is held, he had great pleasure, in the name of the Lodge, to present him with a solid gold Past Master's jewel. It would be the embodiment of the good wishes and true Masonic feeling of every brother; he hoped he would live long to wear it and be among them. Bro. Massey, in reply, said the words so kindly uttered by the W.M. would never be effaced from his memory. He thanked the brethren for the hearty manner they had received the toast. If his services were appreciated, they were always at their command, and he hoped to be spared to be among them for many years. The toast of the Wardens was next given, and Bros. Finch and Allen returned thanks. Also that of the Officers. The Tyler followed, and the brethren, after passing a delightful and harmonious evening, separated. Bros. Farquharson, Kift, &c., contributed to the harmony. The Visitors were Bros. Harris, 1185, W. Stollard 180, J. Homes 87, Harrington 1512, W. Radford 1196, Kift 749, E. Collins 25, Brewer 1309, H. Apstone 1309, F. Lough P.M. 159, Limebeer P.M. 12, W. T. Scott W.M. 9, Canfield 364, Godfrey, W. Ough P.G.P., C. Burmeister P.M. 538, Waters P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Sincerity Lodge, No. 174.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. Present—Bro. G. J. Hilliard W.M., A. H. Brown as S.W., Seddon J.W., Newton P.M. Sec., Percival as S.D., Webb J.D., F. Brown D.C., G. Jones I.G.; E. J. Moore, C. Lacey, and W. Barlow; Past Masters, and the following visitors:—E. P. Albert P.G.P., J. H. Litson 1306, J. J. Berry P.M. 554, H. Manns and J. F. Clark 217, F. Dunn 72, W. H. G. Rudderforth 12, T. Jones 1607, J. Townson and G. Meadway 1405, James Self 214, W. J. O'Connor 636, E. Legge S.W. 1196, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, &c. The Lodge having been formally opened, and the preliminary business disposed of, Messrs. J. H. C. Gray and T. Matthews were initiated into the Order, after which the Lodge, having been advanced, Bros. Wilson and Spill were raised. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the J.W. rose and expressed his great sorrow at having to ask the Lodge to pass a vote of condolence to their S.D., on the loss of his wife. This was seconded by the W.M., and carried unanimously by the brethren, amid expressions of general regret and sympathy. The petition of a late member of the Lodge was then introduced by the Secretary, and signed by the members previous to its presentation to the Lodge of Benevolence, and, after some few remarks from Bro. P.M. Lacey, the sum of five guineas was voted from the fund of Benevolence attached to the Lodge, to assist the Bro., for the time being. The case of the widow of a deceased Bro., who had been initiated in the Sincerity, was then brought forward, and we are pleased to announce that a similar amount to that given in the previous case was voted from the same fund. The widow may certainly have cause to thank the members of the Sincerity for this illustration of true Masonry, her husband had only paid one year's subscription to the Lodge, and now they unhesitatingly assist her in the hour of her affliction. Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshments. After grace the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, in introducing that of the Grand Officers, he referred with pleasure to the presence of Bro. Albert, who in reply thanked the brethren for the way in which the toast had been received. From what he had seen that evening, he considered Grand Lodge should be proud of having such a Lodge under its banner. The next toast, that of the Initiates, was regularly received and acknowleged by both of the brethren who had been initiated during the evening, in short, but well chosen words. Bro. P.M. Lacey proposed the health of the W.M. He had had the pleasure of initiating, and also of installing their present Master, and thus felt very great interest in his Masonic welfare. He is well known as a staunch supporter of the Charities, the interest in which he was always endeavouring to extend. The W.M. heartily thanked the brethren. His principal feeling with regard to Freemasonry was charity. None of us know how soon we may have occasion to call upon the funds of the institutions connected with the Order, therefore we should ably support them when in a position to do so. He referred to the fact of the Lodge being represented at the approaching festival of the Boys' School, and hoped the Sincerity list would be an extensive one. He concluded by again thanking the brethren for drinking his health, and then proposed the toast of the Visitors, of whom he was pleased to see so strong a muster. Several of the visitors acknowledged the toast, and one and all praised the Lodge for the charitable way in which they had acted during the time of business. Some farther remarks were made by the W.M. on the subject of Charity, with the view of introducing Bro. Percival (who is the Steward for the Boys' Festival) to the notice of the brethren, and he, after going the round of the table, announced that the sums promised on his list now amounted to £128 11s 6d. After expressing his satisfaction, he remarked in the usual *dissatisfied* manner that he should not be content until he had got £150 promised. The toast of the Past Masters having been honoured, was replied to by Bro. Lacey. The health of the Officers, and the toast of the Tyler concluded the proceedings.

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Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting on Saturday, the 12th of May, at The Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington N. Present—Bros. Braated W.M., Hewlett S.W., Moss J.W., Killick Secretary, Halford Treasurer, Defries S.D., Fenner J.D., Gibbs I.G. Visitor—Bro. Hildreth 1189. The Lodge was opened in the regular order, and the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Brand acting as candidate. Several sections of the 1st and 2nd lectures were worked by the Preceptor and Bro. Hewlett. Bro. Hildreth was elected a member, and Bro. Hewlett appointed W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks to the W.M. (it being the first time he had presided in this Lodge) was unanimously carried.

Jordan Lodge of Instruction, No. 201.—A meeting in connection with this Lodge, which has been defunct for many years, was held at Bro. Hiscox's, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, Portland-place, W. Bro. John Hammond, the senior P.M. of the mother Lodge present, was unanimously voted to the chair. Having appointed his officers, he performed the ceremony of initiation to the entire satisfaction of the brethren assembled. The Lodge was then called off, and certain minor details as to fees, day, and time of assembling were discussed. It was arranged that another meeting (to take into consideration the framing of bye-laws and other necessary business) be held at the above address, at eight o'clock on Tuesday next, the 22nd instant. Bro. Peter Robinson, Secretary of the mother Lodge, Bro. Davage, and a few other members of the parent Lodge were present, besides a considerable number of brethren from the vicinity. Bro. Ockenden, Sec. 1656 (7 Friday-street, E.C.), was appointed provisional Secretary, and will be happy to afford all necessary information. Brethren in the neighbourhood, and particularly those connected with the mother Lodge, are cordially invited to attend on Tuesday next at eight p.m.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. Geo. Tribbell W.M., Aug. Braun P.M. and Sec. S.W., Jackson J.W., Rudderforth Preceptor, Kennard Treas., S. Godden S.D., Parsons J.D., Thompson I.G.; Bros. March, Hayes, Reid, Nicholls, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Hayes candidate. Bro. March then answered the questions previous to passing, and Bro. Tribbell, having opened the Lodge in the second, rehearsed the ceremony of that degree. After the working of some of the sections, the W.M. rose for the first time. Bro. Braun was elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday. The proposition to work the Fifteen Sections was deferred until a more convenient time. It was proposed by Bro. Preceptor Rudderforth, seconded by P.M. Braun Sec., and carried unanimously, that the sum of one guinea be voted from the Lodge funds towards Bro. Constable's drawing. Lodge was then closed in due form.

St. John's Lodge, No. 795, Maidenhead.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the Raymead Hotel, Taplow. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Pinto Leite, Bro. G. Bubb P.M. 180 occupied the chair. J. R. Foulger W.M. 77 S.W., W. H. C. Sharpe J.W. and Treasurer, H. H. Hodges P.G.S.W. Sec., Blake S.D., Ball J.D., O. FitzGeorge I.G., A. B. Cownie W.S., C. N. Harvey I.P.M., and Ludovici sen., Preston, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the former meeting and of the Emergency meeting of the 5th of December were read and confirmed. A letter of apology from the W.M. was read, regretting his absence. Mr. Albert Ludovici being in attendance, was duly initiated by the acting W.M. The resignation of Bros. Moule and Tait was accepted, with regret. The Treasurer's Account showed a balance in hand of £35. The report respecting the revision of the bye-laws was deferred until the next meeting. Bro. H. M. Sydney and L. Watson (Reform Club) were proposed as joining members, and Messrs. R. Pooley and Dr. Webb were proposed for initiation. The Lodge was then closed, and a very excellent and substantial dinner was provided by the worthy host, Bro. Deacon. Bro. Bubb proposed the usual toasts, including the R.W. Sir Daniel Gooch, P.G.M. for Berks and Bucks. Bro. H. H. Hodges, Senior Grand Warden, in returning thanks said, The next Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at High Wycombe; and, if it is possible, we hope next year it will be held at Maidenhead. We hope also at a future time to see a member of this Lodge receive Provincial Grand honours. We have a new building, capable of holding a numerous assemblage of the brethren. With regard to the Charities, this Lodge had given its contributions. In the new Bye-laws it has been carried—that if any brother wishes to act as Steward, the fee would be paid by the Lodge. He, Bro. Hodges, would be pleased to be Steward for the three Charities, but as the W.M. was absent, and he was sure he would act, as also would Bro. Bubb, he would be pleased to serve one, or give place to any brother who would consent to act in so good a cause. Bro. Blake, in proposing the toast of the acting W.M., said they all regretted the absence of the W.M., whom they respected; yet they found a worthy substitute in Bro. Bubb, who had impressively performed the ceremony of initiation, and also had most genially presided. He hoped they would drink the toast with the enthusiasm it merited. Bro. Bubb briefly and appropriately responded. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 returned thanks for the visitors. Afterwards the health of the Wardens and Initiates was given, and the brethren returned to town early. Great credit is due to Bro. W. Sharpe Treas., who was indefatigable in his exertions to secure the comfort of the brethren. Through the kindness of the Secretary of the Great Western Railway, a saloon carriage was provided for the occasion.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 15th May, at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. W. J. Smith W.M., Perry S.W., Johnson J.W., E. T. Worsley Secretary, Lovelock S.D., Allen J.D., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, J. H. Pavitt I.G.; P.M. Bro. Ashburner, and Bros. Dallas, Barker, Christian, Crosby. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The Lodge advanced to the 2nd degree. Bro. Christian having answered the necessary questions, the Lodge opened in the 3rd, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Wallington gave the traditional history. Bro. Hewlett worked the 1st section of the lecture. The Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree. Bro. Webster, of Confidence Lodge, 198, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Perry was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Barker brought forward his motion for altering the time of meeting from 7.30 to 7; after a deal of discussion it was withdrawn. Next Tuesday will be the first time of Bro. Berry taking the chair at this Lodge. He is a very hard working member, and well up in his duties. We hope a strong muster will meet to support him. The Lodge then closed in due form.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Edward Margrett W.M., A. Welch S.W., W. G. Flanagan J.W., Rev. C. R. Honey Chap., W. P. Ivey P.M. Sec., J. T. Stransom Treas., Danks S.D., Ferguson J.D., Newman Steward, Blackwell I.G., Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Weightman, Harley, Eggington. Members—Bros. Hilder, Pulley, Creed, Robinson, Bryant, Hawkes, Hunt. Visitors—F. McDowell 52, Martin 414, Webb 494. The Lodge was opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Stransom was nominated as Treasurer for the ensuing year. The revised bye-laws were not read, as announced in the agenda, which is to be regretted. The Chaplain feelingly referred to the extreme illness of one of the members of the Lodge, who had expressed his strong fraternal regards for the brethren. The W.M. said he was sure all the members of the Lodge would join him in expressions of deep sympathy with this brother and his family. There being no other business, the Lodge was closed, according to ancient form.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bro. Bolton's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 11th instant. Present—Bros. Andrews W.M., Crouch S.W., Fenner J.W., Smith S.D., Simpson J.D., Lane I.G., Howlett, Townsend, Bolton Austin, W. G. Kent, Keyes, Cave, &c. Lodge was opened in due form. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Kent, answered the necessary questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, when the ceremony of passing was very excellently rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Kent being candidate. The 3rd section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Howlett, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree. The W.M. worked the 2nd, and Bro. Fenner the 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. On the proposition of Bro. Lane, seconded by Bro. Fenner, Bro. Cave, of Union Lodge 127, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Crouch, the S.W., was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Masons' Hall Tavern, on Thursday evening, at 6.30 p.m. There were present Bros. Parker W.M., Saul S.W., De Leliva J.W., Wood S.D., Goodman J.D., Cadiot I.G., Poore P.M. Preceptor, Blackie Hon. Sec., and several other brethren. The Lodge was opened in the first degree and the minutes read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Harper having offered himself as candidate, was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was very ably rehearsed by the W.M. The Lodge was then closed down to the first, and the officers for the ensuing week appointed. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Thursday, the 31st inst., at 6 p.m. Bro. Saul J.W. 1201 will preside. There are one or two sections still open. Brethren are particularly invited to attend.

London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction.—Held its fortnighly meeting on Monday the 14th inst., at the Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present—Bros. Hawksley W.M., 1196, Tickle S.W., J. E. Shand Sec. J.W., James Mander Preceptor, C. J. Hogg Treasurer, Wale S.D., H. Howard 323-1126, P.G.J.D. of Cheshire, J.D., Willett I.G., 902, and other brethren of the Club. Lodge opened in due form, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Eastgate 1663 candidate. Bro. Hogg offering himself to be passed to second degree, answered the usual questions, was entrusted and withdrew. Lodge opened in second degree, Bro. Hogg was duly passed to degree of F.C. Lodge closed in the second degree. Bro. S.W. Tickle was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting. Lodge closed in usual manner, and adjourned till Monday, the 28th inst. at 6 o'clock p.m., when a large attendance of brethren is expected, many of the Langton Lodge, 1673, to be consecrated at the Club on 17th inst., having promised to attend.

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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

THE proceedings at the annual meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, held last Friday, must not be passed over without some notice. In the first instance the number of male annuitants to be elected this year was nine, but the wonderful success at the last Festival enabled the Committee to increase the number to twenty-four, and this was still further increased, by the occurrence of five deaths, to twenty-nine. To compete for these there were thirty-four candidates (of whom one died prior to the day of election) on the approved list, so that, thanks to the liberality of the Craft, there were only four poor brethren who were left out in the cold to endure the keen disappointment of failure. As regards the female annuitants, there were originally only three vacancies, but for the reason already mentioned this number was increased to eighteen. Six deaths subsequently occurred, and so raised the number of annuitants to be elected (out of an approved list of thirty-six candidates) to twenty-four. Thus only twelve were necessarily disappointed. The case of one of these twelve unfortunate old ladies deserves a passing reference. A day or two before the election was appointed to be held, the Secretary of the Institution received a letter from a Mrs. Stansfield, announcing the withdrawal of her name from all connection with the R.M.B.I., and her name was subsequently withdrawn. On the day of the election the son of Alice Stansfield called at Freemasons' Hall, to ascertain how his mother was prospering, and was told, of course, of her absolute withdrawal. He was shown the letter which had been received, and at once declared that the handwriting was not that of his mother. It was too late to remedy the misfortune, and poor Alice Stansfield, who, it is believed, would have stood an excellent chance of succeeding, was denied even the poor satisfaction of knowing that her failure was the result of the ordinary mischances of candidature. Unfortunately Mrs. Stansfield, who was in receipt of half her late husband's annuity, loses this now, in accordance with the laws of the Institution. When inquiry was made, it turned out that the letter had been written by another Mrs. Stansfield, who had never had anything whatever to do with the R.M.B.I., either as a candidate for an annuity, or as receiving half of her late husband's annuity. The latter part of this unfortunate episode necessarily occurred after the election was over, so that all chance of preventing or remedying the mistake was gone. Thus Alice Stansfield has lost her chance of appointment, and her half annuity has just lapsed.

It may be as well to note that the resolution of Bro. Rawson, P. Dist. G.M. China, to the effect that if the widow of a brother marry again, and become a second time a widow, she may be eligible for election on the Female Fund, was agreed to. The motion which stood in the name of Bro. Professor Erasmus Wilson, for the substitution of "guineas" instead of "pounds," so as to assimilate the subscriptions to this institution to those paid to the Schools, fell through, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Wilson. We trust, however, that the question will not be allowed to fall through altogether, as there is every reason why the qualifications for Life Governorships and Life and Annual Subscriberships should be the same for all our Charities.

One or two items of news remain to be added. Lord Leigh, Prov. G. Master Warwickshire, was elected a Trustee of the Male Annuity Fund in place of the late Earl of Shrewsbury, and Bro. Sir Fred. Martin Williams Bart., M.P., D. Prov. G.M. Cornwall. Trustee of the same fund in succession to the late Bro. Alex. Dobie, P. Prov. G.M. of Surrey. The Committee of Management reported that the receipts at the last Festival amounted to £12,866, but we are in a position to state that sums have since been received which raise the total to £13,300.

THE RECENT MASONIC FESTIVAL IN DUBLIN.

THE recent Masonic gathering in Dublin, of which full particulars, summarised from our contemporary, the *Dublin Mail*, are given elsewhere in our columns, is an event which demands something more than a passing notice. In the first place, it is only a matter of simple courtesy that we should offer to the Craft in Ireland our heartiest congratulations on the complete success of the day's proceedings. The Grand Master, the Duke of Abercorn, was absent, by reason of the continued indisposition of his wife. Other leading Craftsmen were unable to attend, but, in spite of these drawbacks, the assembly was a very brilliant one. The large Concert Hall in the Exhibition Palace was crowded. Craftsmen were conspicuous by their regalia, while the fair sex, in all the freshness and gay variety of spring attire, mustered in very considerable numbers—they always do where the welfare of children is concerned—and greatly enhanced the splendour of the scene. There have been magnificent Masonic assemblies in England and elsewhere, in connection with our Craft Charities, but we question if there has ever been a more successful one than that over which the Duke of Connaught so genially presided last Friday. In the next place, a meeting of this kind has a far deeper significance in Ireland than it would have in this country or in Scotland. Our readers hardly need to be informed that Ireland is a Roman Catholic country, some four-fifths of its inhabitants professing that particular form of Christianity. They know, likewise, how bitterly hostile to Freemasonry is the Roman Catholic priesthood. The only parallel case to this Dublin gathering of Masons which occurs to us at the moment was that which took place some time since in Rome, under the very nose of His Holiness the Pope, when the new Masonic Temple was formally consecrated to the purposes of the Craft. Why there should exist this hostility to our harmless fraternity on the part of the Romish priesthood, is immaterial. They hate us, and they take every possible opportunity of evincing their hatred. No greater damage befals us than is done in mimic warfare, when a couple of armies blaze at each other with blank cartridges even for a long hour or more by Shrewsbury clock. Indeed, these onslaughts remind us of a story to which, we fear, we have alluded before, but which will bear repetition in this instance. We refer to the story of the big navigator, who allowed his little wife to pitch into him, for the twofold reason that it amused her, and did him no harm. So we Craftsmen all the world over have no objection to the little attacks of the old Scarlet Lady of Rome. They amuse her, and they do us no harm. But what must the Pope think of it all, and Cardinal Cullen, and other dignitaries of the same church, when they hear of this grand

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meeting of Freemasons in the capital of one of their own most favoured countries—that is, of course, from a Romish ecclesiastical point of view? What can the *Freeman's Journal* say when they know that the members of the first and most respected families in Ireland assembled in Dublin, under the presidency of a Prince of the Blood Royal, to do homage publicly to the meritorious deeds of Freemasonry? In one respect, the occasion was one of very ordinary occurrence in the United Kingdom, the mere annual distribution of prizes to the successful pupils of orphan girls' and boys' schools. Yet, certain distinctive features about it gave it unusual prominence. The schools were established by Freemasons, for the maintenance and education of the orphan sons and daughters of brethren. And the Hall was crowded with fair ladies and Craftsmen and non-Masons, who had come from all parts of the country, in order to evince their appreciation of Masonry. The people who thus met together had nothing about them of the conspirator. They were not diabolical in their appearance; they were simply a very numerous party of ladies and gentlemen, loyal subjects of Queen Victoria, who love their fellow creatures, without a thought for the religion or politics they profess. Some of our Irish contemporary journals may occasionally try to make out that Freemasonry exercises a baneful influence on the flax trade of Belfast, or promotion in the army, but it will task all their powers to extract any harm to religion and society out of the brilliant Masonic gathering of Friday last. We again offer our Irish brethren our warmest congratulations on the splendid success of their School Festival this year.

THE CENTENARY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

A SPECIAL Communication of this Grand Lodge was held on the 8th March, for the purpose of celebrating this auspicious event. A copy of the Proceedings at this and the regular Quarterly Communication on the 14th, as well as at another Special Communication on the 22nd of the same month, has reached us. For this we offer our fraternal thanks, and, as our readers will probably be pleased to learn some particulars of the celebration, we shall proceed to give a brief summary of the record of the Communication and its attendant festivities. It will be within the recollection of our readers that Freemasonry was introduced into Massachusetts under the auspices of Bro. Henry Price, who received his patent of appointment as Provincial Grand Master of North America from our then Grand Master, Viscount Montagu, in the year 1733, and that he opened a Prov. G. Lodge at Boston in July of that year. In Pine's List of Lodges for 1734—recently edited and published by Bro. Hughan—we find Lodge No. 126 located at Boston, Mass., this, no doubt, being the first Lodge warranted by the new Provincial G.M. This P.G. Lodge was known as the St. John's G. Lodge, and worked on regularly till 1775, after which no meetings were held till 1787. In 1756 the Grand Lodge of Scotland chartered the St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, and in 1769 the same Grand Lodge, during the Grand Mastership of the Earl of Dalhousie, issued a Commission to Bro. Joseph Warren, as Prov. Grand Master for Boston and one hundred miles round. Bro. Warren was slain at the Battle of Bunker's Hill, in 1775, and his commission died with him. In 1776 informal meetings of the Craft ("Ancients") were held. On 17th February 1777 the P. G. Lodge met, under the presidency of Bro. Joseph Webb, Deputy Grand Master, and it was agreed to take the necessary steps to organise an independent Grand Lodge. This was done on 8th March following, Bro. Webb being chosen to fill the office of Grand Master; and this was the event which our Massachusetts brethren assembled to commemorate on the 8th March of this year.

The meeting was worthy of the occasion. Bro. P. Lowell Everett, Grand Master, presided. The Grand Officers, Present and Past, mustered in strong force, and there were, in addition, about two hundred brethren from various parts of the jurisdiction present, together with representatives from the following Grand Lodges, namely:—the Grand Masters of New Hampshire and Connecticut, the Grand Master and a Past Grand Master of Rhode Island, the Grand Master, a Past Grand Master, and Grand Secretary of Vermont. Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form with the customary preliminaries, the Grand Master delivered an excellent, though brief, address, in the course of which he touched on the leading events in the history of Freemasonry in Massachusetts; after which, Past Grand Master C. Levi Woodbury, in obedience to the Grand Master's summons, delivered a long and, for the most part, admirably conceived *résumé* on the same subject. Bro. Woodbury having mentioned the events we have already chronicled above, proceeded to show how, after the declaration of Masonic Independence, the new Grand Lodge took steps to clear away the doubts which appear to have existed as to the legality of its constitution, and also how, in due time, steps were taken to bring about a union between it and the older, or St. John's Grand Lodge, which had its origin in 1733, under Bro. Price, but had not met together during the war or for a few years subsequently. This union was happily effected in 1792, thus anticipating, by thirteen years, that still more important union of the rival ancients and moderns, which did not take place in England till 1813. Bro. Woodbury further details the different steps which were taken for the establishment of a Supreme Grand Lodge for the whole of the United States. He points out, also, how in the course of time other Grand Lodges, such as those of Connecticut, Maine and Rhode Island, sprang into being. Indeed, Bro. Woodbury's historical sketch is a most exhaustive one, and—save in one particular, of which hereafter—most favourably impresses the reader with the idea that his task was undertaken as one of labour, and that to no one could it have been more safely entrusted. At the banquet which followed, Bro. Past Grand Master Nickerson very ably fulfilled the duties of toastmaster, and the speeches which were made in response to his various calls, breathed the true spirit of Freemasonry.

Appended to Bro. Woodbury's sketch is a mass of documents illustrating the progress of the Craft, not in Massachusetts only, but in other jurisdictions likewise. There are also included in the Proceedings a number of letters from officers of those Grand Lodges which were unable to accept the invitation to be present at the gathering. All these latter are written in the heartiest style of congratulation. There is but one point in the address to which, as we have said, any exception can be taken, and we doubt not, if Bro. Woodbury should happen to read our friendly criticism, coming as it does from a perfectly impartial source, he will say there is in it some validity. We fully recognise the patriotism of our American brethren of the War of Independence. We admire the loyalty they displayed in defence of their liberties. We understand the spirit which animated Bro. Joseph Warren and other of his compatriots who were members of the Masonic body. But we think that, as far as possible, the political and the Masonic should be dissociated. We do not like, for instance, at p. 16, to see any connection between the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at the Green Dragon Tavern, and the Tavern as the head-quarters of the Revolution, or any mention of the St. Andrew's not holding its regular meeting on a particular evening in consequence of its member "having business with the consignees of foreign tea." Equally obnoxious to good taste, in our judgment, is it to speak of the brethren of Lodge St. Andrew being "busy preparing the tea with salt water." History has fully justified the political acts of the American patriots, and therefore it would be supremely ridiculous in us to presume to question them a century after they occurred. But these acts they did as citizens—not as Masons. It would have been in better taste had he praised these worthy fellows for their patriotism, without connecting their political with their Masonic labours, especially as there were very many equally worthy Colonial brethren who took a different view of their political duty, and remained loyal to the King's Government. No doubt Bro. Woodbury only intended to record the events of that stirring period, and to show what fine patriotic fellows the brethren then were. We do not dispute this for one moment. We think he might have paid the same tribute to their memory as patriots, if he had not made it seem as though they were prompted to do what they did as citizens by the teachings of Freemasonry. Save in this particular, we commend Bro. Woodbury's historical effort unreservedly, and we take this opportunity of offering our Massachusetts brethren generally our heartiest congratulations on the success of their Centennial Masonic celebration.

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THE KEMEYS TYNTE PRECEPTORY, K.T.

THE Installation Meeting of this Preceptory took place at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Friday, the 18th inst. V.E. Sir Knt. Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney, P.P. Prior of Essex, as E.P. There were present—Major Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Sub-Prior, Major-General Henry Clerk F.R.S., R.A., P.E.P., P.P. Prior of Kent, Captain N. G. Philips, P. Prior of Suffolk and Cambridge, Hugh D. Sandeman, P.P. Prior of Bengal, Captain Portlock Dadson R.B.G., P.E.P., P.D.P. of Kent, Treasurer, Colonel C. W. Randolph, late of Grenadier Guards, as Constable, James Lewis Thomas F.R.G.S. as Marshal, the Rev. P. M. Holden as Chaplain, Thomas Harrison P.E.P. as Registrar, Peter Laird P.E.P. as Almoner, John T. Gibson, Captain C. F. Compton, Captain Adolphus Nicols P.E.P., S. Graham Bake, Captain Henry S. Andrews, Edwin M. Lott, and Captain Francis Pavy R.B.G. Also as Visitors—Sir Knights Dr. R. J. Nunn, of the Palestine Encampment, Georgia, the Hon. R. W. H. Giddy P.E.P., Diamond of the Desert, South Africa, and Charles S. Jekyll as Organist.

A resolution was entered on the minutes, expressing the deep sorrow of the members at the sudden death of the Great Prior of England and Wales, the Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, who had honoured the Preceptory by his presence at the last meeting. A communication was read from Convent General, ordering mourning to be worn for the next six months. Companions Major F. J. Ricarde-Seaver, Captain Francis Pavy, Captain William Arthur Hicks, Edwin Matthew Lott, and Captain Kilner A. A. Brasier-Creagh, were ballotted for and approved, together with Companions the Right Hon. Lord Henniker and Sir T. Douglas Forsyth C.B., K.C.S.I., and Companions Captain Pavy and E. M. Lott being in attendance, were duly installed as Knights Templar, and proclaimed accordingly. Companions Lieut.-Colonel Bonsfield M.P. and Captain W. M. A. Barnes were proposed as candidates for ballot at the next meeting. The Treasurer's report was submitted by the Audit Committee, showing a balance in favour of the Preceptory of £66 5s 6d, and on the charity account of £2 17s 3d, after giving donations and subscriptions to the R.M. Benevolent Institution, the R.M. Institutions for Boys and Girls, and other charities. Sir Knt. Captain Adolphus Nicols P.E.P. proposed, and V. E. Sir Knt. Colonel Somerville Burney E.P. seconded the following resolution:—

"That a cordial vote of thanks be tendered to Sir Knight Captain W. F. Portlock Dadson P.E.P., in recognition of his services in having, by his indefatigable zeal, raised the Kemeys Tynte Preceptory to its present very high position, both for strength of arms and the status of the Knights (such vote to be entered on the minutes), and that in addition thereto some appropriate gift or token of our regard, to the value of ten guineas, from the funds of the Preceptory, be also presented to our worthy brother; the Audit Committee being instructed to consult his wishes as to the form of the gift."

This was supported by Sir Knt. Peter Laird P.E.P., and carried nem. con.

Sir Knt. Colonel Randolph was then duly installed, and invested as E. Preceptor for the ensuing year, by Sir Knt. Colonel H. Somerville Burney, and appointed his officers as follow:—

Sir Knt.	J. Lewis Thomas F.R.G.S. as Constable.
"	The Rev. P. M. Holden as Marshal.
"	Captain W. F. Portlock Dadson P.E.P. as Treasurer.
"	Thomas Harrison P.E.P. as Registrar.
"	J. Sandilands Ward as Sub-Marshal.
"	Edwin M. Lott as Organist.
"	Captain C. F. Compton as Master of the Ceremonies.
"	Peter Laird P.E.P. as Almoner.
"	Captain R. F. Leeson as Captain of the Guards.
"	John T. Gibson as 1st Standard Bearer.
"	W. H. Kempster M.D. as 2nd Standard Bearer.
"	Captain H. S. Andrews as 1st Herald.
"	Captain W. S. Gilbert as 2nd Herald.
Frater	George Austin as Equerry.

The Preceptory was then closed in solemn form and with prayer. The members appeared in mourning, and the annual banquet was postponed in consequence of the death of the Great Prior.

The following interesting account of the family of Tynte was given by the P.E.P., Colonel Burney. Of the surname of this family, tradition (says Burke) has handed down the following derivation:—

"In 1192, at the celebrated battle of Ascalon, a young knight of the noble house of Arundel, clad all in white, with his horse's housings of the same colour, so gallantly distinguished himself, that Richard Cœur de Lion remarked publicly after the victory that the maiden knight had borne himself as a lion and done deeds equal to those of six crusaders. The King then rewarded him for his prowess, conferring on him for Arms; a lion argent on a field gules between six crosslets of the first, and for motto 'Tinctus cruore Saraceni.'"

The Palestine Chapter Rose Croix met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square W., on Tuesday, 22nd inst. Ill. Bro. Charles Hammerton 30°, M.W. Sov. Bros. F. G. Bailey and the Rev. W. S. Moses M.A. were duly perfected in the 18°.

The Installation Meeting of the Bayard Lodge 1615 will be held at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square W., on Monday, 28th inst., at 4 p.m. W. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Somerville Burney P.G.D. of Essex W.M. Bro. Captain R. P. Leeson W.M. elect.

The Albion Chapter Rose Croix will meet at the Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne, on Friday, 8th June, at 5 p.m., for the reception of candidates, and election of the M.W.S. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Ill. Bro. Thomas Lane, 30° M.W.S.

The St. Aubyn Chapter Rose Croix will meet at Devonport on Saturday, 26th instant, at 4 p.m., for the reception of candidates. Ex. Bro. Godtschalk M.W. Sov.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

ON Wednesday the annual communication of this Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held at Malton, under the banner of the King Edwin Chapter, No. 660. The Companions, who were assembled in considerable numbers from all parts of the Province, mustered in the large Assembly Room, and the Grand Chapter entered in procession, E. Comp. J. P. Bell M.E. Prov. Grand Superintendent being supported by E. Comp. George Marwood P.P.G. Supt., and many other past and present members of the Prov. Grand Chapter. After the completion of the formal business, the M.E. Prov. G. Supt. gave a very interesting address on the subject of the recent valuable discoveries made under the auspices of the Palestine Exploration Society, by Comp. Lieut. Warren, and exhibited a number of valuable photographs of the foundation stones of the temple of Solomon. The subject of the Masonic Educational Charities was discussed at some length, E. Comp. J. W. Woodall P.Z. advocating the importance of primary education being carried on under home influences as preparatory to the final removal of the children to the Boys' and Girls' Schools. The M.E. Prov.G. Supt. appointed his officers for the year as follow:—Comps. Handyside, Dundas 543, Prov. G.H., A. Fraser, Old Globe 200, Prov. G.J., M. C. Peck Prov. G.S.E., J. West Prov. G.S.N., C. H. Priestley, King Edwin 660, Prov. G.S., Thompson, Hull, First A. Soj., Chas. Johnson Second A. Soj., Thos. Smurthwaite, Zetland 236, Prov. G.R., G. H. Walshaw, Old Globe 200, Prov. G. Standard Bearer, Hunt, Hull, Prov. G. Organist, J. Ward, Zetland 236, I. Jan., Crier, Hull O. Jan. E. Comp. R. W. Hollon P.Z. was re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer, by acclamation. A banquet was subsequently served at the Talbot Hotel, at which the M.E. Prov. G. Supt. presided, supported by about forty companions.

PSEUDO-MASONIC JOKES.

AN amusing story is told in a recent number of the *Hebrew Leader*. A countryman was wandering about Paris during a republican *fête*, gazing at the various attractions of that lively capital, but frequently puzzled at what he saw. Finding a respectable young fellow close by him, he asked several questions, and was very civilly answered. At length, the young man remarking to his companion that the latter was evidently a stranger, offered to do the hospitality of the city, and suggested they should attend a somnambulist *séance* at the house of Alexander Dumas. The countryman was delighted. They set out for the purpose, and the young man entered the Porter's Lodge, but came out again in a few minutes, and said the *séance* was put off for a day. He suggested, therefore, a dinner at the Palais Royal, and a visit to the theatre afterwards. They dined accordingly, in very luxurious style, and the wines, which were of excellent quality, began to take effect on the old gentleman. Dessert and more wine followed, when the young man began making a series of signs, in which his fingers and nose played a prominent part. The countryman fancied he was being insulted, and was indignant. "Ah!" said the younger of the two, "I see you are not a Freemason." "Is that the sign of Freemasonry?" asked the old gentleman, and he was told it was "the first sign." He then expressed a wish to be made a Mason, when his companion readily undertook to introduce him, and announced that the Grand Orient was then sitting, so that he could procure his election immediately. The countryman was delighted, and at once submitted to what he was told was the ceremony. He divested himself of his coat and waistcoat, and had his eyes bandaged, and sat down to wait his companion's return. An hour passed, but no one came, and at last the old gentleman was violently seized by the arm, and the bandage was removed. The landlord and three waiters stood before him. "My silver spoons, my silver forks, my clock, my silver candlesticks," cried the landlord. "My coat, my waistcoat, my watch, my money," demanded the old gentleman. An explanation was offered, and the landlord, in spite of his loss, roared with laughter. The two at once got into a coach, and drove to the Prefecture of Police. The story was told, the detectives were set at work, and before the next morning the young man and his booty were captured. The countryman appeared and gave evidence, after which he returned, home, a wiser if not a better man.

A not dissimilar story, even more amusing, but with no felony mixed up with it, is told in *Percival Keene*, one of the late Captain Marryatt's sea-novels. Keene was fond of practical joking, as our readers may remember. A very soft young gentleman, named Green, joined the ship as midshipman. He had not been long on board before he was almost frightened out of his wits by overhearing the first lieutenant severely wig a fellow "mid." He at once takes Keene into his confidence, and explains his error. Keene tells him that he gets on very well with his superior officer, as they are both Freemasons, and young Green offers him anything if he will only initiate him into the important secret. A bargain is struck, and Green agrees to give his telescope as an equivalent for the information. Keene then tells him that if ever the first lieutenant is angry with him, he is merely to wait till the latter has left off speaking, and then apply the thumb of his right hand to his nose, and distend his fingers. This, he is told, will at first appear to increase the lieutenant's anger, when, waiting as before for the latter to have said his say, he is to apply the thumb of his left hand to the little finger of his right, and distend his fingers, and the lieutenant will be satisfied. A few days later, Green upsets a pannikin of water on the quarter-deck, and is called up for reprimand. He follows out Keene's instructions to the letter, the result being that the first lieutenant orders him to be placed in irons, and young Green is in a fair way to be expelled the service. Keene, however, explains the secret, the lieutenant nearly dies of laughter, and poor Green is liberated. Keene, moreover, very properly offers to return the telescope, but his fellow "mid" will not hear of it, and they are fast friends during the rest of their career together.

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THE DUBLIN MASONIC SCHOOLS.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES TO THE PUPILS.

THE Annual Festival of Masonic Charity was celebrated on Friday evening, the 18th inst., in the Exhibition Palace, Dublin, with a success alike worthy the cause and the influence of the Order. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, presided. Round him was gathered the cream of the Order and of Irish society. That his Royal Highness has faith in the principles of the Order, and desires initiation into all the arcana, the fact of his advancement beyond the domain of Craft Masonry fully attests. In conjunction with Lord Pelham Clinton, of the Rifle Brigade, he has lately obtained, at the Freemasons' Hall in this city, the Mark Degree, the Royal Arch, and, the other day, he became a Knight Templar. His Royal Highness is now Great Prior Elect for Ireland, and would have been in office ere this but for the sudden death of the Earl of Shrewsbury, who was to have come over specially to instal him. The sight which presented itself to his Royal Highness on Friday must have confirmed his opinion of the power and utility of the Order. Before him was arrayed a fashionable multitude of Freemasons and their lady friends, numbering fully seven thousand. Of the Masons, the number who displayed governors' badges was remarkable, showing to the eye what a wide-spread interest there exists in the cause of charity, and which the figures in the reports likewise testified. During the year the receipts for the Boys' School amounted to £2,375, exceeding those for the previous year by £493, and making, after paying expenses, a total to credit of £8,869. In this School 22 boys are maintained. Of the Girls' School, the account was still more satisfactory. During the year the receipts amounted to £5,315, and the total to credit, after paying expenses, £8,850. Forty-five Girls are maintained. Freemasonry, the ignorant allege, is opposed to religion, social order and the rule of kings! Yet Popes in past days granted the Masons bulls of protection and recommendations, as the precursors of religion and civilisation. Kings and princes of the present day are the chief rulers of the Craft. Its chaplains are, in most instances, eminent divines, one of those of the Irish Grand Lodge being a bishop. For sixty-four years the late Duke of Leinster—*clarum et venerabile nomen!*—was head of the Order in Ireland. There are those who will remember his Grace's testimony in the House of Lords to its worth, obtaining its exemption from the Illegal Oaths Act. Again, witness the testimony of Ireland's late popular Viceroy, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, the present Grand Master of Ireland, delivered this time twelvemonths on an occasion similar to the present:—"It gives me most sincere gratification (said his Grace) that my first public appearance in the high position in which I have been placed as Grand Master of the Freemasons of Ireland has been an occasion which so fully exemplifies the leading objects of our great and ancient Order. These objects are unity, benevolence, and charity to all men; and in no way can these great principles be better or more usefully carried out than in contributing, as far as lies in our power, to the education and instruction of our rising generation in such a way as, by God's providence, may serve to render them both sincere and good Christians, and also useful members of the universal brotherhood of mankind." On that same brilliant occasion, another speaker, Col. Ffolliott, who is remarkable both for his piety and loyalty, testified that the Charity in whose cause they had met was "the noblest example of Masonry, in which everything was carried out in the exercise of practical Christian feelings and principles." Few there are, whatever they may think of Masonry, who will not regret that the cause of the absence of the Duke of Abercorn from this ceremonial is the continued indisposition of the Duchess. It may not be amiss to mention here that the present Viceroy, his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, is also a brother of the mystic tie. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from the Marquis of Headfort S.G.W., the Earl of Bandon G.S., the Most Rev. the Lord Bishop of Meath G. Chap., the Hon. David R. Plunket, Q.C., M.P., S.G.D., the Earl of Huntingdon Prov. G.M. of the Midland Counties, Viscount Powerscourt, K.P., Prov. G.M. of Wicklow and Wexford, the Marquis of Donegall, K.P., Prov. G.M. of Antrim, Lord Harlech Prov. G.M. of North Connaught, and the Right Hon. Edward Gibson, M.P., Attorney-General for Ireland. Both reports, which are given *in extenso* as read, afford a gratifying account of the state of the Schools during the past year. The children were healthy, and some of them launched into the world to do for themselves. Miss Shegog, whose brilliant execution on the pianoforte at previous gatherings never failed to elicit warm appreciation, has been sent to Germany to finish her education. The girls who remain maintained the credit of the School last night for good musicians, their performance being characterised by accuracy and expression. At present a question of momentous interest to the well-being of the Schools is agitating the governors—no less than that of their amalgamation. It presents two points for consideration—the financial and the moral. Financially, some saving would doubtless be effected in the cost of management, while, on the other hand, many of the brethren who now subscribe £1 to each School, would, in subscribing for both together, probably limit their subscription to £1. Hence, even the financial gain is open to doubt. If that be so, the moral side of the question scarcely merits attention, for none can gainsay that the children are in this respect better off separated from each other, especially as their ages range from seven to sixteen. The difficulties inseparable from the proposed system of amalgamation invest the question on every side with such objections as might well deter the governors from the danger even of an experiment. The experience of other institutions, conducted on the amalgamation plan, is diverse. However, three questions have been submitted to the governors, whose answers, which are to be received on or before the 1st prox., will determine the issue. The questions are:—1st. Are you in favour of the boys and girls being educated in buildings erected on the same site? 2nd. Are you in favour of the Schools being amalgamated financially? 3rd. Are you in favour of the Schools being under the management of a common board? Accompanying the interrogatories is a summary of opinions expressed for and against amalgamation at a meeting of the governors held last February. It is no wonder that the question of amalgamation should have arisen, having regard to the too limited accommodation in the Girls' School, and the fact that the boys have not yet the fabric of a School for themselves.

On the arrival of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, at 8.30, he was received by the Stewards, the band playing the National Anthem. A procession was then formed, consisting of the Grand Officers, the Provincial Grand Officers, Foreign Representatives, and the officers of the Dublin Lodges, who conducted His Royal Highness from the robing-room to the dais in the Grand Concert Room, through an avenue composed by the brethren; Bro. Charles Grandison playing Gounod's "Marche Romaine" on the organ, and the combined bands of the 3rd Dragoon Guards, under Bro. J. Brophy, and of the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons, under Bro. H. Murray, playing Mendelssohn's march from "Athalie," until the processionists took their places on the dais. Then came the pupils of the Schools, two-and-two, led by Stewards, the hon. Secretaries, Bros. J. F. Elrington, Q.C., Major L. H. Deering, and the Assistant Secretary, Bro. Whitty, and some members of the Committee. The girls were dressed in blue and white, and presented a pleased and happy appearance. They took their places on the front tier of the dais to the left, the boys occupying the right. Led by the Right Worshipful the Rev. John James MacSorley, Grand Chaplain, the 100th Psalm was sung, "With one consent," the ladies joining the brethren in producing a glorious volume of praiseful sound to the Almighty Architect of the Universe.

His Royal Highness wore the collar of the Senior Grand Warden of England, and on his left breast the stars of the Orders of the Garter and St. Patrick.

Dr. Elrington, Q.C., Hon. Secretary, read the Governors' report of the Female Orphan School for the year ending the 31st December 1876:—"The amount received from all sources, including the balance of £825 12s 2d from the former account, and proceeds of sale of stock, amounting to £1,772 17s 8d, was £5,315 12s 3d. The net revenue exceeds that of the previous year by £75 7s 3d. The expenditure, including the purchase of a plot of ground adjoining the Schoolhouse, and £1,000 invested in Railway Securities, amounted to £3,746 10s 3d; leaving at 31st December 1876 a balance of £1,569 2s, out of which £1,046 2s 5d has been invested in India Four per cent. Stock since the commencement of the present year. The increase in the receipts of the School arises principally from the annual subscriptions of individual and official governors, which is a very satisfactory source of increase. This class of subscription exceeds that of last year by £128 3s 6d; while the donations of Life Governors of all classes presents a decrease in the whole of £47 2s, which makes the net increase from donations and subscriptions amount to the sum of £81 1s 6d for the past year. The Governors have to congratulate the friends of the institution upon the fact that they have nothing to report save the usual summary of the number and condition of the pupils. During the year 1876 five of the girls have left the School; four have accepted situations as governesses, and one has obtained employment in a business establishment in Dublin. Four new pupils have been elected into the School during the year; and the total number of girls in the School, including the pupil teacher, is forty-five, a number which can only be accommodated by the expedient of converting one of the class rooms into a dormitory, as mentioned in report for last year. The health of the girls has been very good during the year which has elapsed, and the Governors have once again to express their thankfulness that they are enabled to report so favourably upon the sanitary condition of the School. The Governors have again to report that they have every reason to be satisfied with the conduct and efficiency of those to whom the management of the School and the education of the pupils have been committed, while the condition of the Schoolhouse remains the same, and the inconvenience already more than once pointed out, owing to temporary arrangements for first-class work and the accommodation of the girls, still continues to interfere with the efficient working of the School. The Governors trust that some plan may be shortly agreed upon which will relieve the Institution of these inconveniences. They feel that the blessings which they acknowledge with gratitude as having been hitherto abundantly bestowed upon their labour should encourage all those interested in the Masonic Orphan School to make the Schoolhouse and its arrangements more fitted for the requirements of modern education than it is; and as the School is generously supported, so should the sphere of its usefulness be extended, so as to make the Institution more worthy of the support which the brethren have so long and freely given to it, and more capable of affording relief to the class for whom it is designed."

The following Report of the Boys' School was next read:—

"The Committee of the Masonic Orphan Boys' School beg to present their ninth annual report to the Governors of the Institution, and annex hereto the usual audited statement of accounts for the year 1876, from which it will be gratifying to observe that, during the year, the total receipts from all sources exceeded those for the year 1875 by the sum of £493 19s 5d. During the same period—the year 1876—six boys left the School, viz.:—George Macartney, Alexander Semple, Despard Humphreys, John Sayers, Richard Watson, and James Frazer. George Macartney is at present engaged in an establishment with the view of adopting the medical profession; Alexander Semple has obtained the position of first-class clerk in the London and North Western Railway; John Sayers that of clerk in the office of the Great Northern Railway of Ireland; Despard Humphreys has joined his mother, who is at present residing in Germany, with a view of furthering his educational studies; James Frazer, who only left the School at the commencement of the Christmas vacation 1876, is preparing for the examination for entrance at the Royal College of Surgeons, but neither he nor Richard Watson,

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who left at the same time, have as yet obtained any situations. The number of boys at present maintained in the Institution is twenty-one; and they are still in the establishment of Brother the Rev. S. S. Skeen, at Merrion. The Committee continue to have special examinations of the boys at Midsummer and at Christmas; and they are happy to be able to state that the several examiners generally reported favourably on the results of the examinations. The Committee cannot close their report without again urging the brethren in the country to come forward and support the Institution more liberally than they have hitherto done, and thus enable the Committee to extend the benefits of the School, and to provide for a larger number of the orphans of their deceased brethren."

The Right Worshipful R. W. Shekleton, Q.C., Dep. G.M.—I ask the brethren to assist me in saluting the patron of the Order, represented by the Senior Grand Warden of England, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught.

The salute was given according to ancient custom.

Bro. Shekleton—I have been directed by the M.W. Grand Master, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, to express his deep regret that he is not able to be present. He is absent in the south of Europe, and but for that he would have been at the annual distribution of prizes to the children of the Masonic School, in which he takes a deep and warm interest. (Applause.) I desire on behalf of the Order at large to return our thanks to the fairer portion of the audience for their kindness in attending here to-night. (Applause.) It is a great satisfaction to us that they have not been deterred from venturing amongst Masons by certain pictures which were exhibited recently in reference to Masonry. (Laughter.) I am sure our lady friends do not consider that we Masons in Ireland, or Masons in any country, would participate in those barbarous and cruel atrocities which are portrayed in those pictures to which I refer. (Applause.) I can assure you those pictures and these facts are as unfounded as their anatomy is at fault. In these pictures they represent Masons as having their hearts at the right side. Now, I can assure you Masons' hearts are at the left side, but though at the left side, they are in the right place. (Applause.)

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught on coming forward to propose the first resolution was received with enthusiastic applause. He said,—Most Worshipful Grand Master, my Lords, Ladies and Brethren, I have the pleasure to propose "That the report now read be circulated, and that the thanks of this meeting are due to the members of the several committees of the Institution, and also to the medical officers of the School, for the zealous and efficient manner in which they have discharged the duties devolving upon them, and for the lively interest they manifest in everything conducive to the prosperity and progress of the pupils of the Masonic Female Orphan School." I hope I may be allowed, Sir, this opportunity of expressing to every one here present the great pleasure I feel in being present on this interesting occasion. As Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England, this pleasure is very much enhanced by my being enabled to express to you the deep sympathy and interest taken by our fellow Craftsmen in England with their brethren in this country. (Applause.) I have to thank you, Sir, for affording me this opportunity of meeting so large and so influential a number of the Freemasons of Ireland. (Renewed applause.) Charity has ever been the first principle of Freemasonry; and I am sure when we look on this charming array of girls and boys, who show by their appearance, and by what we have just heard, that everything connected with the mind and with the body is cared for, I say when we see this, I am sure you will agree with me we should congratulate those connected with the Institution on the admirable manner in which they carry out this principle. I cannot sit down without expressing my deep regret that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, should be absent on this occasion. You all know the deep interest he takes in this Institution, and in everything connected with Freemasonry. (Applause).

Judge Townsend, in seconding the resolution, spoke of the flourishing financial condition of the Schools. He remembered the time when the total annual expenses did not amount to as much as one item of the expenses did now. A great deal of this was owing to those who were called governors, but who were really merely subscribers. It could not be expected that the large number of those who were governors would pay any attention to the management of the School, and so it was managed by committees elected from out of these, and he (Judge Townsend) was quite certain every one would agree with him that they had performed their duties well. The appearance presented by the pupils of the School that evening was a sufficient proof that their temporal condition had been well cared for, and the result of the examinations showed how well their education had been looked after. They were a credit to the Institution in which they had been brought up, and to the exertion of the committee who directed the School. (Applause).

The resolution was passed amidst applause.

General Darby Griffith moved the following resolution:—"That whilst acknowledging with gratitude the liberal support and assistance with which the Institution has hitherto been favoured, the Governors would earnestly invite the co-operation of the brethren, in order still further to extend its usefulness." He said that, as representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who always felt the sincerest interest and sympathy with the Freemasons of Ireland, he had very great pleasure in being present on that occasion, and on being called upon to propose a resolution in favour of the noble Institution, in which the interest felt was plainly manifested by the magnificent assemblage that evening. He felt the greater pleasure, and an additional pride, owing to the presence that evening of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, who had kindly consented to distribute the prizes to the orphans of their deceased brethren, the pupils of the Female Masonic School, which was a noble example of Christian charity. The report which had been read showed that the financial condition of the School was satisfactory; but the Governors had further efforts in view, and they were deserving of hearty support. (Applause).

The Solicitor-General, who was received with loud applause, seconded the resolution. He said—Most Worshipful Grand Master, Ladies and Brethren—I wish that the choice of the Deputy Grand Master had fallen on some other Brother to second this resolution, for I feel I can make no claim to the honour he has conferred on me, except that I hope I do represent a somewhat old body—namely, those of the youngers of this Institution, who are willing and anxious to do their best to fill the places which time will necessarily render vacant in the ranks above them. The resolution I have to second contains two parts. The first is an expression of thanks; the second is an expression of hope. The thanks are rendered to the brethren who have hitherto assisted the Institution which we are here to-night to help and advocate. The hope is that their brethren of the Order may be stirred to assist and do actual work in aid of so excellent an Institution. With regard to the thanks, I wish it to be distinctly understood that the gratitude conveyed in this resolution is largely leavened by the expectation of favour to come (applause). The annual governors of the Institution will no doubt be willing and anxious to continue the help they have hitherto given, and will, I hope, be prepared to confer on themselves the position of governors for life. The governors for life, I hope, will be willing to renew their annual existence, and continue to act as they have hitherto done. It should however be remembered that the work will be only half done, for we are here to night to advocate and assist the cause of the girls of the Orphan Masonic School only, and when that is perfected, the boys remain behind (hear hear). As to the expression of hope that others will come forward to assist, I think it should be remembered we have strong claims to expect that our appeal will not be made in vain. You have been told, and told truly, that charity is one of the first principles of Masonry. It is not all. I am not here to preach a charity sermon. I am here as a lawyer, and I want to enforce obedience, and I want to enforce the obligations of duty, and to tell the brethren that it is their duty to assist in the work we are endeavouring to remember not in the light of a mere work of charity, but in the performance of a grateful and becoming duty. (Applause.) In doing so they are discharging an obligation first to themselves, for the most selfish amongst us must remember that no one can foresee when the hand of death or misfortune may not be heavily laid; but those who know what the principle and spirit of Masonry is, will be glad to think that it has amongst its brethren an institution which will protect the orphans of its deceased members. But there is a higher duty. Reference has been made here to some amongst the many manifestations of ignorance and prejudice which have from time to time shown themselves outside our city. It is all very well for those high in the Order to come forward and manfully denounce those falsehoods and misstatements; but that is not a sufficient answer. These are our brother's children, and yet we are told that the Masonic brotherhood is a dead form—that we are but the dry bones of some repulsive monster that are here exhibited. I say that this meeting, this magnificent assemblage, is the best answer which can be given to such a calumny as that. (Applause). Still if you wish calumny—if you wish prejudice and falsehood to be overcome, you must bear in mind that you will not overcome it by mere prejudice. (Hear, hear). You must do it by deeds, and what deed can be better than that which is only part of the great work of Masonry that we are here to forward. If it be true we are brothers—if it be true that we are not engaged in a secret dark work, but in a work of charity and brotherly love, then, I say, by our fruit let us be judged. It is a fact as yet unparalleled in the history of the Order that this year the Grand Lodge of England is governed by three brothers, the sons of our Most Gracious Sovereign the Queen. (Loud Applause). May I express some ray of hope, from the manner in which the Freemasons of Ireland receive that announcement, that we may look forward to the time when their visits will not be few and far between, but when the Grand Lodge of Ireland will have some representative of Royalty to whom they may accord a welcome such as that given to his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught this evening. (Loud applause). I think the little circumstance in which these anticipations are received is a sufficient refutation to the charges made against them of not being obedient to the laws of the Constitution and to the Crown under which we live. (Applause). I repeat that we must show that the love which begins at the throne extends to the poorest brother of our Order, and that when the gate of death opens to some poor brother, his children will be cared for by his surviving brethren. (Applause). This School is doing a good work, but it might do much more. It might become one of the brightest jewels in the Masonic crown if every member present to-night determined to contribute according to his ability to this most deserving Institution, so that they might never see their brother's children want.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

In the intervals between the speeches a selection of music was admirably played by the pupils on the pianoforte.

The following is a list of the prizes awarded:—

The Ffennell Prize, value £3, for the best answerer in Scripture and English, founded by a donation from Lodge No. 248, Roscommon, in memory of Bro. John Ffennell, Past Master of that Lodge. This prize was not awarded in the year 1876, the examination not having been completed at the time of distribution of prizes last year. It is now awarded to Grace Harte, for 1876. Ffennell prize, 1877, Gertrude Gill.

The Astley Prizes, founded in memory of the late Charles D. Astley, Grand Superintendent of Works, consist of two divisions, two prizes being given in each division. First division, English (spelling, reading, writing and arithmetic)—1st prize (£2) Frances Smith, 2nd prize (£1) Grace Harte. Second division, French—1st prize (£1 5s) Gertrude Gill, 2nd prize (15s) Frances Smith.

Good Conduct Medals, presented by Bro. B. Samuel B. Oldham, Deputy Grand Secretary, awarded by the votes of the pupils themselves:—Silver medal, Elizabeth Emily Christian; bronze medal, Florence Hendley.

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For the general prizes the following were the successful candidates: First Class.—Grace Harte, Frances Shields, Gertrude Gill, Emily Christian, Emma Hendley, Minnie Burdge, Phœbe Shegog, Frances Smith.

Second Class.—Sophia O'Reilly, Jane Crymble, Lillie Bradshaw, Helen Perry, Kate Lowry, Jessie Wallace, Alice Richards, Sophia Fenton, Anne Orr, Gertrude Malone, Henrietta M'Nally.

Third Class.—Emily Wigmore, Mary Orr, Anne Christian, Emily Fraser, Henrietta Little, Edith O'Reilly, Emma Little, Florence Hendley, Susan Green, Lillie Haye, and Florence Anketell.

Boys' Prizes.—History—1st, Robert C. Barton; 2nd, Bagnel C. Harvey. Geography—1st, Frederick S. Clayton; 2nd, Edward L. Coleman. Arithmetic—1st, F. S. Clayton; 2nd, R. R. M. Groome. Latin—1st, Edward T. Shields; 2nd, R. C. Barton. Greek—1st, F. S. Clayton; 2nd, Julian H. Verdon. Dictation—1st, —Frazer; 2nd, George S. Hitchcock. Scripture—1st, George A. Du Noyer; 2nd, Henry George Wilson. Mathematics—G. Faris. Classics—E. Shields. English—G. S. Hitchcock. Good Conduct—R. Watson and Edward Atkins.

Promenading now became general, and, with the music of the bands, was so enjoyable that it was twelve o'clock before the assembly dispersed.—*Dublin Mail.*

REVIEWS.

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The Prince of Wales' Tour: A Diary in India; with some account of the Visits of His Royal Highness to the Courts of Greece, Egypt, Spain, and Portugal. By William Howard Russell. With illustrations by Sydney P. Hall, M.A., Artist in the Suite of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. London: Sampson Low, Marston, Searle and Rivington, Crown-buildings, 188 Fleet-street. 1877.

Those of our readers who are desirous of possessing some memorial of our Grand Master's visit to India will find this narrative of the journey, by one of the ablest descriptive writers of the day, a most suitable one. The name of Russell is sufficient guarantee of its merits as a history; it is, for the most part, well illustrated, and it has the further advantage of being excellently printed, and very handsomely bound. It is, indeed, in all respects a worthy memorial of an ever-memorable event in the annals of our Anglo-Indian Empire, and, we feel assured, will be properly appreciated by members of our Society. The Masonic ceremonials which occurred during the Prince's journey were few and far between, and, as they formed but a comparatively insignificant item in the glorious pageant, Mr. Russell has, very properly, bestowed on them only a passing notice, but none among Her Majesty's subjects evinced a deeper or more genuine interest in the tour than the Freemasons. Under these circumstances no apology is needed if we devote a considerable portion of our space to a review of the events recorded in these pages.

In a brief introductory chapter Mr. Russell tells us how the idea of visiting India first suggested itself. The Prince, he mentions, declared, a day or two after his arrival in Bombay, that it had long been the dream of his life to visit India. Lord Canning, the last Governor General of the old *régime*, under the East India Company, and the first under the new system of government which supplanted it, was the first to suggest the idea to the late Prince Consort, though it is not improbable, as Mr. Russell suggests, that the same idea would have occurred to the Prince Consort even in the absence of any such suggestion. Be this as it may, a number of circumstances intervened to prevent for a long time the realisation of the project. When the government of India was transferred to the Crown, the Prince of Wales was but a youth. For a long time the native princes and chiefs, as well as people, were unable to realise the change. Tranquillity was not immediately restored when the mutiny was put down. Then followed, at intervals, the death of the Prince Consort, and the marriage of the Prince himself, while the additional duties cast upon the latter by the comparative seclusion of his mother necessitated his remaining more at home than otherwise he need have done. Among other events, we may mention his own illness and the assassination of the Earl of Mayo as offering further delays. However, early in 1875, the proposed visit was seriously considered. It was officially announced in the March of that year that, in the event of no unforeseen circumstances occurring, it would take place in the ensuing autumn. In due course, the necessary moneys were voted by the House of Commons, and a programme of the journey drawn up, which it was thought likely would meet the exigencies of the case, and enable the Prince to make as general an acquaintance with the country as the time at his disposal and the season would permit. At length, in the middle of October, His Royal Highness set out from London, and travelling overland as far as Brindisi, found the Serapis and her consorts there, awaiting his arrival; and, with his departure from this port, the diary begins.

A very few pages suffice to put us on the best of terms with the diarist. We may imagine how pleasantly the time passed on board the huge ship as it sped on its way eastwards, bound in the first instance for the Piræus, which the Prince was timed to reach on the 18th, and where he would land on a short visit to his brother-in-law, King George. We read at p. 9, for instance, how the first morning after starting "electric bells begin to tinkle, and various figures, draped after the antique, appear outside the cabins, and hold converse on the main deck, whilst they await their turns for the bath, exchanging ideas about the weather, past, present, and to come, and the sensations which the sea has caused or which it yet menaces. The athletically-disposed take to various strengthening exercises. Dr. Fayrer armed with two mugdahs, or Indian clubs, whirls them round his head with an air of entire resignation and devotion, diligently improving his already very respectable biceps, and Canon Duckworth gives demonstration that he is no bad representative of the school of muscular Christians. Sir Bartle Frere is one of the very early risers, and begins his work before breakfast hour; but, no matter how busy he may be, he never minds any interruption, and is always ready to give information, of which he has such ample stores in most matters, with the greatest cheerfulness." Off Cerigo it became almost dead calm, but "there was a glorious sunset—beautiful exceedingly—a great fire on the western horizon, which cast a purple glow over the sea, and flung a broad hemisphere of saffron, gold, and green into the sky." No wonder that "all the company turned up on deck, and watched the radiance in silence." The day following, and almost to the minute, Athens was in sight, the harbour of the Piræus being crowded with ships of war—British, Greek, Russian, and others, and yachts and small craft of every imaginable description. Then, amid the thunder of salutes, the Serapis made her way carefully along the avenue left for her, but an accident happened at the moment she was about to anchor, which fortunately ended in no more serious consequences than the loss of two anchors. The order was given, "Let go the starboard anchor," and as the cable "snapped at the fourth shackle," the anchor went by the board, and settled at the bottom on its own account. A similar order respecting the port anchor was followed by a similar misadventure, and there seemed a chance that "either the Serapis would crash up the whole flotilla of wooden vessels like so many eggshells, and run aground, or she would be impaled on the spur of one of our own ironclads." By no means a pleasing alternative, but fortunately no such catastrophe occurred, though the Royal Greek yacht, Amphitrite, had a narrow shave of being sent to the bottom. But we will give the words of Mr. Russell himself:—

"Gathering way rapidly, the Serapis came down on the astonished Greeks on board the yacht; but the King of the Hellenes, who is a thorough sailor, saw what was the matter at once, and sent the crew forward to fend off the coming mountain. In a second more, there was a loud crash and snap, as the Serapis avenged the damage done by the yacht's bowsprit to one of her boats by the abrupt removal of that spar, and then continued her career astern. There was speedily a scene of much activity all round us. Off came the Russian's boat with the end of a warp, and landed it cleverly on board the Osborne, which had her steam up, and was manœuvring to help her erratic consort. There was not the smallest confusion, but there was a good deal of excitement on board. In a very short time the warp was made fast on board the Serapis, her way was checked just in time to avoid the danger of fouling, and, forging ahead again, she was brought up to her old ground, and then let go both shore anchors, which held her fast at last."

The scene on landing is very vividly described. After a short trip by rail from this port to the outskirts of the capital, a state procession was formed, and the line of route was pretty well thronged with people, among whom we read there were some who, albeit well-dressed and apparently well-to-do, pointed with a freedom unusual in Western cities. Others were dressed in Greek costume, and others again, with unwashed faces and wearing felt hats of every kind of shape, who were of all nationalities in the world, as may be seen in every crowd which assembles in a Levantine town. There is noticed the extremely modern aspect of the city, and the contrast of the splendid monumental remains of ancient Athens looking proudly down upon the new buildings. There is a lively scene on arriving at the Palace, and when the guests disperse to their rooms for the needful change of raiment, "even Canon Duckworth, whose Greek was of the freshest and best, was at fault when he came to 'hot water' and the like." But we must not dwell too long on the opening scenes of the Prince's Eastern expedition. Suffice it to say that everything passed off most admirably. The regrets when the leave-taking approached were mutual, and the departure of the Serapis and its consorts appears to have been even more brilliant than its arrival. Then follow again descriptions of the life on board the stately vessel, and we are told how the time was passed, now in discussing probable events in the future, now in the enjoyment of private theatricals, or a little negro minstrelsy, the company consisting of members of the ship's crew. Early on the 23rd October, the harbour-light of Port Said was reported in sight, and at 8.30 a.m. the Serapis and Osborne entered the Suez Canal. On mooring off the Custom House Quay, Consul General Stanton, and subsequently the Princes Tewfik, Hussein, and Hassan, attended by several officers of the Khedive's court, came on board to pay their respects to the royal traveller. The Prince then shipped his flag and went up the canal on the Osborne to Ismailia, where he landed and went by rail to Cairo, on a visit to the Khedive, who had set apart the Palace of Gezireh for the Prince's accommodation during his stay. We need not recount the events of the Prince's visit, but the picture of the Khedive himself is worth reproducing. He maintains a state of great magnificence, but this is only for purposes of state, and not from any personal love of splendour, as no one, it seems, is better pleased with a quiet life than Ismail Pasha.

"He is very happy when he can get out of gold-laced coats, put his jewelled scimetar and sash away; slip on his black Stambouliee coat, easy shoes, and sit down with a friend in a quiet corner for a little conversation, which on his side is always original and fresh, and is sustained by the aid of cigarettes, of which his highness keeps a store for himself and his friends in his breast coat pocket. To Europeans he speaks French, to his secretaries and to those who wait on him he generally addresses Turkish, and to the Egyptians he talks in Arabic. His powers of calculation are extraordinary, his conception rapid, his memory acute, and his love of work inexhaustible. He has a fair fund of anecdote, and appreciates a joke most thoroughly, for all his Turkish gravity. As an instance of his sagacity and foresight, it is related that when he returned to Cairo, after his visit to England and France, he expressed the strongest opinion that a war with Prussia was intended, or at least was inevitable, and tha-

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the Emperor, who then seemed at the summit of his splendour and power, was on the verge of a precipice.'"

After a visit to the Pyramids, which were illuminated in honour of the occasion, the Prince took leave of the Khedive, and journeyed by rail to Suez, where the Serapis and Osborne were awaiting him. On the 1st November Aden was in sight, and here he landed, and received the Arab chiefs, who were allies of England, the principal among them, namely, the Sultan of Lahej, being decorated at the hands of his Royal Highness himself. Having returned on board, the Prince entertained the Resident and the principal officers of his staff, after which he continued his voyage to Bombay, which was reached early on the morning of the 8th November. The scene as the Serapis drew near the harbour was grand in the extreme, and is thus described:—

"At eight a.m., the ships of the East India squadron, under his Excellency Rear Admiral R. J. Macdonald (Commander-in-Chief), viz., Undaunted (flag), Briton, Daphne, Philomel, and Nimble, as well as the harbour ironclad turret ships Abyssinia and Magdala, and the ships of the flying, or detached squadron, under Rear-Admiral Rowley Lambert, Narcissus (flag), Raleigh, Topaze, Doris, and Newcastle, dressed and fired a salute, with magnificent effect, though the Serapis was rather too far at the time. They lay in echelon in two lines, the Indian Squadron on the port, and the Detached Squadron on the starboard side of the grand sea alley through which the Serapis was to pass. Behind the Light House, which rises out of the sea like one of the huge painted candles to be seen in foreign churches, there lay spread out, when the smoke rolled away, the fair panorama of the Bay, fenced in by the blue Ghauts, with the fleet in front, and enclosing in its arms the great expanse of buildings, steeples, and houses, which give some impression of the importance of the city of Bombay; but the scene was once more shut out by the rolling cloud of smoke from the broadsides and forts, which drifted slowly away before the land breeze northward. It was just nine o'clock when the Serapis, the Prince's stately yacht, entered between the lines of the men-of-war, the marines drawn up and presenting arms, officers in full uniform with uncovered heads, and the crews on the yards cheering ship after ship. The fleet then fired another salute, the bands on board each ship playing 'God Save the Queen' and 'God Bless the Prince of Wales.' The spectacle is not one to be described. There might be naval displays with more lively backgrounds, greater life and animation in flying yachts and countless boats and steamers crowded with people and gay with flags elsewhere; but where, out of India, could be seen such a stretch of coast fringed with tropical vegetation, and lighted by such a sun?"

Of course, all the arrangements had been made beforehand, not without some difficulty, however, so that when the Serapis came to her moorings all was ready for the Prince's landing. But, first of all, the Viceroy had to pay his visit of welcome, and this did not take place till some six hours later. In the meantime, however, members of the Viceregal suite came aboard, and also the officers who had been charged with the duty of accompanying His Royal Highness during his journey. With the passage describing these four gentlemen, we must bring our notice to a close, for the present. The four "were Major-General Sam Browne, V.C., Major Ben. Williams, Major Bradford, and Major Sartorius V.C. The first-named officer was charged with all the transport arrangements, trains, carriages, baggage, and the like. The second was entrusted, with the care of the stud-horses, syces, &c. The third had, perhaps, the most difficult and arduous post, for he had to look after the safety of the Prince's person, and to act as the head of the police. The fourth had the control of the tents and *valetaille*, and service of the Royal Camps. Among these four officers there were two Victoria Crosses, and only six arms, for 'Sam' Browne had lost one of his in an action near the Rohilcund Terai, near the end of the mutiny, and Major Bradford had to suffer the loss of one by amputation, in consequence of injuries received from a wounded tiger. There are few men whose four hands could do as much work as these gallant soldiers managed with only two."

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Installation of M.W.G. Master. Appointment and Investiture of Grand Officers.

THE SUMMER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION of this Grand Lodge will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, London, on Tuesday, the 5th of June 1877, 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 Masons may be present.

Grand Lodge will be opened at Five o'clock p.m. The Banquet will be provided at Seven o'clock. Tickets—Fifteen Shillings (inclusive of Wine and Dessert) if taken before the day of meeting.

Brethren intending to be present are requested to send their names to the Grand Stewards, care of the Grand Secretary as under.

By command, FREDERICK BINCKES,
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AT the Annual General Meeting of the Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, Friday, 18th May 1877, W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, P.G.D., in the chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION of 29 MALE ANNUITANTS from an improved list of 34 candidates, and 24 Female Annuitants from an approved list of 36 candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:

MALES.

	Votes		Votes
Bro. Watson, William	1847	Bro. Doorne, Jno. C.	556
Bro. Smith, George	1570	Bro. Burgess, George	557
Bro. Barnes, Richard Edward	1266	Bro. Russell, Jas.	526
Bro. Phipps, Osmond G.	991	Bro. Newton, Henry	518
Bro. Wright, Henry	907	Bro. Langlands, Nathan	515
Bro. Neeve, Henry	851	Bro. Haworth, Jno.	507
Bro. Barnard, Alfred Lovey	829	Bro. Luter, Jno.	494
Bro. Goddard, Cornelius	802	Bro. Wilkinson, Benjamin	456
Bro. Seabrook, Edward	801	Bro. Frauvell, Jno.	453
Bro. Polkinghorne, Edwin S.	757	*Bro. Hodson, S.	448
Bro. Lovelace, John	635	*Bro. Ball, William	440
Bro. Barnard, John Christopher	616	*Bro. Bence, E. O.	412
Bro. Holmes, James	615	*Bro. Chapman, W. H.	412
Bro. Jones, Richard	582	*Bro. Bieuing, Jas.	394
Bro. Le Page, John	577		

WIDOWS.

Mrs. Flockton, Maria Isabella	1099	Mrs. Haselwood, Q. Ann	635
Mrs. Whiteman, Jane	1082	Mrs. Trotter, Ann	624
Mrs. Heming, Rhoda Mary	873	Mrs. Dewar, Mary Ann	623
Mrs. Jenkins, Jane Matilda	850	Mrs. Masters, Rebecca	603
Mrs. Woods, Eliza	797	Mrs. Dixon, Margaret	600
Mrs. West, Maria Ann	745	Mrs. Emery, Harriet	565
Mrs. Buck, Susan	738	*Mrs. Clarkson, Hannah	504
Mrs. Eastes, Frances	735	*Mrs. Brown, Ann	514
Mrs. Farnham, Sarah	691	*Mrs. Tilbury, Ann	507
Mrs. Sumner, Charlotte	690	*Mrs. Packwood, Emily	455
Mrs. Naylor, Martha	667	*Mrs. Rackstraw, Amy	416
Mrs. Allatson, Margaret	659	*Mrs. Busuer, M. A. Beynon	365

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next election. Those marked * are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the voting papers were issued.

JAMES TERRY, Prov. G.D. Cerem. Herts., Secretary.

18th May 1877.

TO THE SUBSCRIBERS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Gentlemen,—I beg most sincerely to thank you for the honor you have done me in placing my name so very high on the Poll at the late Election for the Widows of Freemasons. I return my heartfelt thanks to the Freemasons of Kent, especially to those Gentlemen who conducted my election. I cannot but accept this great act of Charity as a mark of esteem to my late husband, B. H. Eastes.

I beg to remain, Gentlemen, your faithful and obliged Servant,
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen left Windsor Castle for Balmoral on Friday evening, reaching her Highland residence in the course of the following afternoon. The Princess Beatrice, Prince Leopold, and Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales are with her. The Duchess of Edinburgh accompanied Her Majesty as far as the Great Western Railway Station, and then left for Buckingham Palace, where she stayed some days. The Princess of Wales will shortly quit Athens, where she has been visiting her brother, King George, and is expected back in London about the 2nd prox. The Duke of Edinburgh, during the brief stay of our fleet off the Suez Canal, paid a flying visit to the Khedive, by whom he was very cordially received. The Prince of Wales arrived at Portsmouth on Tuesday evening, on a visit to Sir Hastings Doyle, commanding the Southern District. A number of guests had been invited to meet His Royal Highness, among whom were Captain the Hon. Carr Glyn, C.B., R.N., Major Russell, Colonel Lord W. Seymour, Commander Lord C. Beresford, and the Duke of Montrose. The visit was as strictly private as possible, so that there were no decorations, crowds or addresses. On Wednesday morning, His Royal Highness, wearing the uniform of a Captain of the Royal Naval Reserve, accompanied by his host, Major Russell, and Captain Glyn, drove to the Dockyard, where the Admiral Commander-in-Chief, the Vice-Admiral in command of the Channel Squadron, and the Rear-Admiral Superintendent of the Dockyard were in waiting to receive him. A guard of honour of Marines and Marine Artillery were drawn up, and received him with a Royal salute. The Prince shortly after embarked on Admiral Elliot's barge, for the purpose of inspecting the vessels of the Channel Squadron. He first went on board the monster turret ship the Thunderer, over which he was conducted by Captain Wilson and Commander Lord C. Beresford. The crew were exercised at turret and torpedo drill, and the practice under the new system in the fore turret, containing two 38-ton guns, proved a special attraction for the Prince, who highly praised the men for their smartness. He then went on board the Lightning, torpedo vessel, which can steam at the rate of over 18½ knots an hour. He then landed again at the Dockyard and inspected the Inflexible, now in course of building, only one-fourth of her yet remaining to be completed. This monster turret ship is intended to carry four 80-ton guns. The Dreadnought was then visited, and he then returned and went on board Vice-Admiral Seymour's flagship, the Minotaur. Here he was entertained at luncheon, after which he witnessed a series of torpedo experiments. He then went on board the Vernon, and saw further torpedo experiments, in which gun-cotton was used, and then visited the Vesuvius, on board which Captain Morgan explained to the Prince some of the torpedoes and torpedo gear with which his craft is supplied, a fish torpedo being exploded for purposes of illustration. He then returned to Sir Hastings Doyle's residence, and afterwards dined on board the Thunderer. The Duke of Connaught on Friday last presided at the annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin, and the Boys' School in connection with it. The gathering was held in the Exhibition Palace, and the attendance of Craftsmen and ladies was very numerous and very enthusiastic. Everything passed off admirably.

The Holiday folk were not highly favoured in the matter of weather. In less than a month we shall

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have reached Midsummer Day, but as yet we seem hardly to have had any spring. Of course, these eccentricities of the meteorological department are not to be explained by any known law of philosophy, nor is it our special province to concern ourselves about them. Our business is to record facts, and we have stated a fact, namely, that this Whitsuntide, the Clerk of the Weather was far from being gracious towards our holiday folk. Saturday last, for instance, was a magnificent day for ducks, but as a wag once remarked, it is necessary to be a duck to appreciate such weather. Sunday was delightfully cold and chilly, though there was nothing to speak of in the way of rain. Monday was dry over head, if not under foot, and thousands of pleasure-seekers went abroad for the purpose of enjoying themselves. Whether they found the pleasure they were in search of is a question not easily solved. We have no great faith in an hour's "squeedge" at a railway station, followed by an hour's journey in stuffy and overcrowded railway carriages as a corrective for people who are supposed to have been working hard since Eastertide. This "squeedge" and travel are of course repeated towards the end of the day's excursion, and, as a rule, we have found that people who thus spend their holidays are unfitted for business for several days, owing to the fatigues they have undergone in their quest for enjoyment. We are churlish enough to think that these public holidays are a great nuisance. They are a serious interruption to business, for nine out of every ten persons abuse instead of using them. No one appreciates a rest from labour more than we do. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," but the play in which English folk indulge is more fatiguing than the hardest work. However, every man to his taste. Londoners made the best of their Bank Holiday under trying circumstances. Nearly sixty thousand people visited the Crystal Palace, where, as usual, a special programme was provided. There were nine military bands engaged, and these, it is almost needless to say, proved a great attraction. Then Mr. Coward performed on the great organ, and there was a children's pantomime, familiar enough to *habitués* of the Adelphi, but not so to frequenters of the Palace at Sydenham. Among the vocalists engaged were Mesdames Patti and Lemmens-Sherrington, and Messrs. Edward Lloyd, Patey and Hollins, while Mr. Manns was conductor of the combined military bands. At the Alexandra Palace, now re-opened to the public, some 50,000 people had entered up to 3 p.m., and this number was largely increased later in the day. Every variety of entertainment was provided. There were organ performances, a ballet, the inimitable Mackney, Mr. Howard Paul and his company, a Grand Concert in the large Concert Hall, which was crowded to overflowing, and in addition there were out-door sports for those who prefer witnessing athletic displays. The Zoological Gardens proved a great attraction, now that the new outdoor cages for lions and tigers, &c., have been erected and are in use, the visitors to these grounds being in excess of forty thousand. Among other places of amusement and instruction, the British and South Kensington Museums were crowded during the whole day, and so, too, was the Royal Aquarium, Westminster. Indeed, every place in London had its share of visitors, while the suburban attractions were equally well attended. We believe there are a good many people who have not yet recovered from their recent surfeit of pleasure.

A fatal fire occurred on Monday morning, in the neighbourhood of Charing Cross. About a quarter to four in the morning, a cabman noticed flames in the Charing Cross Restaurant, Villiers-street, Strand, a building four stories in height, and occupied at the time of the outbreak by a M. Calangue, who had staying with him some five and twenty persons, servants and others. The fire-escape men rescued M. Calangue and his wife. Some seventeen others got on to the roof, and thence to that of the next house, the Princess of Wales public-house, and were thus rescued. At the rear of the premises, which extended into Buckingham-street, two men jumped from one of the second floor windows, and were so terribly injured that they were conveyed to Charing Cross Hospital, where they lie in a critical state. The others, however, were saved, all but a cook, whose body was found by the firemen so terribly burnt that identification was well nigh impossible. The cause of the fire has not been ascertained, but the premises are said to have been insured. Only the front and back walls remain.

News was received at Bristol on Sunday that a terrible explosion occurred in mid Atlantic on board the Anchor Line Steamer Sidonian, by which seven men lost their lives. An accident had occurred to her engines, and they had been stopped in order that a pin might be repaired, when the boilers burst, and the captain, who was superintending the repairs, three engineers, two firemen, and a trimmer were so seriously injured that they all died in the course of twenty-four hours, the cook being also seriously hurt. Fortunately, no material damage was done to the sides or bottom of the vessel, and the chief officer decided to make for his port under sail, though assistance was offered by the Cunard Steamer China. The Sidonian reached King's Road on Sunday morning, and went up the river to Bristol, a day or two later.

The Wagner Festival came to an end on Saturday last, but there will be further opportunities for the British public to hear and judge of the music of the future, as two concerts have been arranged for next week, one on Monday afternoon at 3 p.m., and the other the day following at 8 p.m. They will be given in the Royal Albert Hall, and the prices of admission will be reduced. Several other concerts have been given, while among those that have yet to come, must be mentioned one for the benefit of the Royal Cambridge Asylum for Soldiers' Widows, to be held this afternoon, at the Royal Albert Hall, under the patronage of the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Princesses Christian and Louise, the Duchesses of Edinburgh and Cambridge, the Princess Mary Duchess of Teck, and several members of the nobility and gentry. Nine military bands and 80 drummers of the Guards will take part in it. The same day in St. James's Hall will be held the third concert of the Royal Albert Hall Amateur Orchestral Society, of which the Duke of Edinburgh is President, in aid of the funds of the Shipwrecked Mariners' Royal Benevolent Society. A series of three grand Opera Concerts has also been arranged at the Royal Aquarium, Westminster, to come off to-day, next Saturday, and the Saturday following.

The excitement in Paris over the dismissal of M. Jules Simon is very great. The event is now described as a *coup d'état*, and people are naturally speculating as to what will be the upshot of it all. The Duc de Brogli is the new minister, and the chamber has been prorogued for a month, but in spite of changes of prefects and the customary arrangements for securing a majority for the conservative party, there is reason to fear that some unpleasant consequences may follow. No doubt the President, with the army at his back, is strong enough to repress any outbreak, but so he would have been, it is argued, had there been no dismissal at all. Some consider he has made a great mistake in acting as he has done, and that it would have been better to have given the party of M. Simon, M. Gambetta, and others as much rope as they needed. The idea spread abroad that France contemplates a change in her foreign policy is not held to be worth much, especially as the Duke Decazes still retains his portfolio as Foreign Minister. There need be no alarm of France attacking Germany or Italy, though it may suit some folk to say so.

The news from the two seats of war hardly keeps pace with the impatience of the public, who, many say, are sadly disappointed because there have not been already some half-dozen sanguinary battles. However, the Russians have gained an important success by the capture of Ardahan, for this will open for them another road by which they may approach and complete the investment of Kars. More, it is believed, has been made of this victory than the case warrants, for Ardahan was not in a position to offer any serious or protracted defence, as its walls and earthworks were out of repair, and the force stationed there was greatly outnumbered by the Russians. This does not, however, alter the fact that the Czar's troops have gained possession of an important place. There is no doubt either that the Turks, by the capture of Soukoumkaleh, are seriously disturbing the communications of their enemy, and that the Circassians are likely to rise and cause some trouble. On the Danube there have been no military movements of importance. The Russians are still concentrating their forces, but the weather is very unfavourable. The river has risen, and the distance to be traversed is considerable. But if there is nothing in the way of war news, the political events of the last few days are of some importance. Roumania has thrown off her allegiance to the Porte, and declared herself independent, and Servia is believed to be contemplating a renewal of the war. What effect these events will have it is premature to determine; but an opinion very widely prevails that Austro-

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Hungary may possibly become involved in the war at no distant date. As regards the relations between Russia and this country they remain the same, but our Government are keeping a strict outlook, and Malta, Gibraltar, and other places are having their defences strengthened, and the Channel fleet will rendezvous off Plymouth to-day. Let us hope that these preparations to meet all eventualities may be the utmost limit of our undertakings.

The second meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 17th instant. Bro. T. Meggy, acting Vice-President, presided. The Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to look after the musical arrangements was submitted. The Sub-Committee recommended that the tender of Bro. Louis Emanuel be accepted, and it was accepted accordingly. By this arrangement the following *artistes* will appear, namely, Mdlles. Pattie Laverne and Sinclair, Mesdames Poole and Capponi, and Messrs. T. G. Carter, Theodore Distin, Weigl, and Burton McGucken, together with Herr Van Biene as solo violoncellist. The Special Stewards were appointed, and the next meeting arranged for the 18th proximo. There were present Bros. C. F. Matier, Rosenthal, S. Barton Wilson, John Seex, F. Newton, J. Tanner, Captain Wordsworth, G. Phythian, T. W. Murley, and J. D. Massey.

At the annual meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Friday last, a letter was read from Bro. Francis Knollys, private Secretary to the Prince of Wales, announcing that His Royal Highness approved of the next Festival of the Institution being held on the 13th February 1878.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be worked by Bro. Jas. Terry P.G.D.C. Herts., P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, and Secretary Masonic Benevolent Institution, at the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, on Wednesday next, May 30th, at 7 p.m. Brethren are to appear in Masonic clothing.

The installation ceremony will also be worked at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday evening next, at 7.

The *Masonic Review* announces that the two branches of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine now existing in the United States have come to a partial settlement of their differences, and that there is every probability they will be blended into one body in the course of next month. We learn, from the same source, that the Grand R.A. Chapter of Maryland has thirteen subordinate Chapters, with an aggregate membership of 1,304. Illinois has fifty-one Commanderies, with 8,664 members. We are further informed that William Astor, the well-known New York millionaire, while sojourning in Florida, for the benefit of his health, has joined King Solomon's Lodge at Jacksonville in that State.

We read in the *Masonic Record of Western India* for last month that a Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal was held on the 27th December last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bentinck-street, Calcutta. Bro. J. B. Knight, D. Dist. G.M. presided as Dist. G.M., and there was a numerous attendance of Dist. G. Officers and representatives of Lodges. After an address from the acting D.G.M., and the transaction of certain usual business, the names of the officers for the ensuing year were announced, and Bros. W. H. Fitze, A. Le Franc, and G. Alexander were re-elected Dist. G. Treasurer, Custodian of the Hall, and Tyler respectively. The roll of officers is now as follows:—Bro. J. B. Knight D.D.G.M. acting as Dist. G.M.; Bros. T. Jones and T. J. Whilly, Dist. S.G.W. and J.G.W. respectively; Bro. Rev. W. B. Drawbridge, D.G. Chaplain; Bro. W. H. Fitze, D.G. Treasurer; Bro. G. C. Farr, D.G. Secretary; Bros. J. H. Turner and J. H. E. Beer, Dist. S. and J.G. Deacons respectively, Bro. C. F. Egerton Allen D.G.D. of C., and Bro. T. W. Fitch, Dist. Assist. ditto; Bro. Col. G. A. Browne, Dist. G.S.B.; Bro. J. V. Woodward, Dist. G.O.; Bro. H. Friedemann D.G.P.; Bro. H. M. Rustomjee D.G. Standard Bearer; Bro. A. Le Franc, Custodian of Hall; Bros. G. T. Snead, C. F. B. Siddons, E. J. Dean, E. G. Sinclair, Thos. Duke, and E. Perry, D.G. Stewards, and Bro. G. Alexander D.G. Tyler. A letter was read from Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, requesting, on behalf of the Pro Grand Master, to be informed of the name of the brother whom the Lodges are anxious to elect as Dist. G.M. in succession to Bro. J. B. Roberts. Shortly after this the Dist. Grand Lodge was closed.

The *Natal Witness*, of 3rd April, announces that by the last mail a warrant was received from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., constituting a new Lodge in that city, under the name of the "Natalia" Lodge, No. 1665. The first Master to be Bro. G. O. Matterson, who last year occupied the Senior Warden's chair in the Prince Alfred's Lodge; the first Senior Warden, Bro. Jesse Smith, who was last year Junior Warden in that Lodge; and the first Junior Warden, Bro. R. I. Finnemore, late Hon. Secretary of the Prince Alfred Lodge. The "Natalia" Lodge, was, they understood, to have been formally consecrated on Wednesday evening, the 4th April.

We learn from the *Keystone* that the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania was held at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on the 3rd instant. M.E. Grand High Priest Comp. Alf. R. Potter presided, and there was a more than usually large attendance on the occasion.

The *New York Courier* is our authority for stating that according to the latest returns there are 132,675 R.A. Masons in the United States, and of these 18,539 are in the state of New York alone.

Der Freimaurer for the current month contains two interesting biographical sketches—one of the Emperor Francis I., the same who was initiated into Freemasonry in 1731 at an occasional Lodge specially convened for the purpose at the Hague, and the other of Bro. Joseph Haydon, the celebrated composer, who was received into Masonry, in 1785, in the Lodge *Zur Wahren Eintracht* at Vienna. Of this Lodge he remained a member till the day of his death, on the 31st May 1809.

Old Warrants.

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No. 67.

No. 245, "Ancients;" No. 309 at the Union of 1813, No. 219 from A.D. 1832, and No. 186 from A.D. 1863 to the present time.

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To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry, Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample Form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful, Most potent and puissant Lord, the Right Honorable Randal William McDonnell, Earl and Bar'n of Antrim, Lord Viscount Dunluce, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Antrim, in the Province of Ulster and Kingdom of Ireland, Knight of the most honorable Military Order of the Bath, one of His Majesty's most Honorable Privy Council, and in that part of Great Britain called England, and Masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful James Perry, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful James Agar, Esq., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), do hereby authorise and impower
No. 245 our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Jacob Fisher one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful John Askew his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Emanuel Mansfield his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the sign of the Friar, Play House

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Yard, Black Friar's, London, or elsewhere in the City's of London and Westminster, on all seasonable Times and lawful Occasions: and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And We do hereby farther authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Jacob Fisher, John Askew, and Emanuel Mansfield (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. John's Day, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Fifteenth day of January, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and Eight, and in the Year of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and Eight.

JOHN MCCORMICK,
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 6, Letter F.

The present title, No., &c. are, The "Lodge of Industry," No. 186, held at the Restaurant, Westminster-chambers, Westminster.

No. 68.

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THOMAS CARTER, S.G.W. R. DAVY, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six) in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful and Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveney and Gask, Heritable Captain and Constable of the Castle of Kinoleaven, and Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Falkland, and that part of Great Britain called England and Masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Laurence Dermott, Esquire, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Thomas Carter, Esquire, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Robert Davy, Esquire, Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warrant Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), do hereby authorise and empower our trusty and well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Timothy Kelly one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful John Croke his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful George French his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Rosemary Branch, in Rosemary Lane, or elsewhere in London, upon the third Tuesday of each Kalendar month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all ages and nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby farther authorise and impower our said trusty and well-beloved Brethren, Timothy Kelly, John Croke and George French (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Freemasons, &c. And such successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their successors, always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

No. 23

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Twenty-third day of June, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy and Seven, and in the year of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy and Seven.

JAS. JONES,
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 1, Letter A. And bears date, 10th October 1753.

Renewed 23rd June 1777.

The present title, No., &c. are, The "United Mariners'" Lodge, No. 30, Great[illegible]-street, London.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

WITH a few exceptions, each of the Masonic Grand Lodges of this country has adopted the system of appointing a Grand Representative near all the other Grand Lodges. As a general rule the representative is a member of the Grand Lodge to which he is accredited, and in most instances at the time of his appointment one of its Grand Officers. The appointing power is given to the Grand Master, who issues credentials to the representative, duly attested by the Grand Secretary and the great seal of the Grand Lodge he is to represent. This document he presents to the Grand Lodge of which he is a member, and he is welcomed as the Grand Representative of the one by which it is issued, and the proceeding is made a matter of record. At each succeeding annual meeting of the Grand Lodge thereafter his name appears on the records as such Grand Representative.

The above gives about all there is in the Grand Representative system. Whatever may have been the design of those who inaugurated it, or how much they may have expected to make the system of practical utility, it has evidently proved a failure. In looking through the printed proceedings of the various Grand Lodges, one will find a score or more of these Grand Representatives reported as present, but he will find nothing submitted by or referred to one of them in that capacity. They perform no duties of any sort and nothing seems to be expected from them. They are not even made the medium of correspondence between the Grand Lodges. Their elaborately prepared credentials, signed, sealed and delivered, amount in reality to so much white paper. The writer knows whereof he speaks, for he is the happy possessor of several of these elegant commissions, gotten up in the most approved style. The Grand Lodges are always very kind and allow the representatives to retain them to exhibit to their friends, or even to display in gilt frames in some conspicuous place, if they so prefer. One of the Grand Lodges he has the honour to represent in the Grand Lodge of Indiana had a grievance against the latter, but his attention was not called to the matter until it was referred to a committee of which he was chairman in the Grand Lodge of which he was a member, and contrary to the decision of the one appointing him a Grand Representative.

If the system can not be used to advantage in cases like the above, there is not much in it to commend itself to the favorable notice of our Grand Lodges. It all sounds well enough and looks fine on paper, and affords an opportunity to bestow a high-sounding title upon those who are so fortunate as to be honoured with an appointment, but if that is all there is to be of it, as a matter of economy it had better be abolished at once and save expenses in printing.—*Masonic Advocate.*

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS.

It is announced that the sections will be worked at the following Lodges of Instruction:—

On Tuesday, 29th inst., at the Yarborough, No. 554, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7. Bro. J. J. Berry P.M. 554 as W.M., Austin P.M. 933 S.W., Lacey W.M. 1625 J.W., Barnes P.M. 933 and 554 I.P.M.*

On Thursday, 31st inst., at the Great City, No. 1426, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C., at 6 p.m. Bro. G. W. Saul J.W. 1201 as W.M.

On Friday, 1st June, at the Burgoyne, No. 902, Grafton Arms Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town, at 7. Bro. J. F. Wacet P.M. 753 as W.M.

* The following are the brethren who will work the various sections at the Yarborough Lodge, on the day referred to above.

1st LECTURE.

1st	Section	Bro. Harvey, 174.
2nd	"	Walter, S.D. 554.
3rd	"	Livermore, W.S. 554.
4th	"	Taylor, D.C. 554.
5th	"	Williams, 933.
6th	"	Myers, P.M. 1445.
7th	"	Yetton, P.M. 933.

2nd LECTURE

8th	"	Godwin, J.W. 1343.
9th	"	Andrews, I.G. 1227.
10th	"	Musto, P.M. 1349.
11th	"	Austin, P.M. 933.
12th	"	Turquand, P.M. 1556.

3rd LECTURE.

13th	"	Cohen, W.M. 205.
14th	"	Hallett, W.M. 781.
15th	"	Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Any dyspeptic sufferer aware of the purifying, regulating, and gentle aperient powers of these Pills, should permit no one to cloud his judgment or to warp his course. With a box of Holloway's Pills, and attention to its accompanying "Directions," he may feel thoroughly satisfied that he can safely and effectually release himself from his miseries without inquiring his neighbour or distressing his digestion. By acting natural nutrition, this excellent medicine raises the bodily strength to its extreme limits, and banishes a thousand annoying forms of nervous complaints. An occasional resort to Holloway's remedy will prove highly salutary to all persons, whether well or ill, whose digestion is slow or imperfect, usually evidenced by weariness listlessness, and despondency.

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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, 26th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 28th MAY.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (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 o'clock.

588—St. Botolph, Corn-exchange, Sleaford.
703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
1168—Benevolence, Town Hall, Sherborne.
1449—Royal Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1477—Sir Watkin, Savings Bank, Mold.
1564—St. John's, Prince of Wales Tavern, Knaphill, Surrey.
M. M. 148—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.

TUESDAY, 29th MAY.

55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Coopers Arms, Silver-street, Falcon-square, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.

310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1356—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.
Red Cross 137—Eboracum, Masonic Rooms, Micklegate, York. (Dedication, &c.)

WEDNESDAY, 30th MAY.

193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, 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.)
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.)
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.)

606—Segontium, Masonic Hall, Carnarvon Castle.
661—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.
906—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.

THURSDAY, 31st MAY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Felicity, 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. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., 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.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
966—St. Edward's, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
R. A. 998—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool.

FRIDAY, 1st JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.
814—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, 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.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1643—Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne Road, North Kensington, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
998—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Rush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.

SATURDAY, 2nd JUNE.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

140—Peace, Masonic Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.
462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

MONDAY.

302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
627—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury, Yorks.

TUESDAY.

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

WEDNESDAY.

304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
347—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
1283—Rylburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby-bridge.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

THURSDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield.
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
934—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
1514—Thornhill, Deara House, Lindley, Huddersfield.

FRIDAY.

242—St. George's, Victoria Room, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
1648—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

FRIDAY—291—Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting at Bro. Hallows, Chequers, Walthamstow, on Thursday, the 24th inst. Present—Bros. Claridge W.M., W. G. Hallows S.W., Franklin J.W., F. Hallows S.D., Delvalli J.D., Hunt I.G., Saunders Secretary, Upward Organist, Pinder Preceptor; also Bros. Groome, Clarke, Pargetter, Simms, Pullen. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Clarke acting as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Upward candidate. Bro. Pinder worked the 1st section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed in the 2nd degree, and Bro. Pinder worked the 2nd section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. G. Hallows was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the W.M., for the very able manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair. The Lodge was then closed.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday evening last, 24th May. Present—Bros. Hewlett W.M., Grammer S.W. and Sec., Hunter J.W., Webb Preceptor, Maidwell S.D., Richards J.D., Isaacs I.G. The third ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Webb acting as candidate, the W.M. giving the T.H. The Lodge was then closed in the third degree, and Bro. Hewlett vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Maidwell, who rehearsed the ceremony of the second degree, Bro. Hewlett acting as candidate. The Lodge was then resumed to the first degree. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Grammer, and the third by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Grammer was elected W.M. for next Thursday. Bro. Hewlett, with some emotion, announced the death of Bro. C. Baxter, of No. 174, which sad event took place on Tuesday evening last. This announcement was received by the brethren present with feelings of deep regret, Bro. Baxter having been very constant in his attendance at this Lodge of Instruction. The Lodge was then closed.

Glasgow Chapter, No. 50.—Held its regular meeting on 10th May. Comp. Wm. Bell Z. presiding, assisted by Comps. J. Lonttit H., C. MacKenzie J., Jas. Morrison S.E., G. Leeds S.N., P. Agnew Tr. A Mark Lodge was opened, with Comp. J. W. Brownlie as S.W., and Hoare J.W. On the dais we also observed Comps. G. W. Wheeler Z., D. Gilchrist P.Z., and J. Bannerman Tr. of 73, R. Traynir 1st S. of 87, and J. O. Park P.Z. 122. An interesting discussion took place on the best mode of advancing R.A. Masonry. It was suggested that essays should be delivered on the various degrees of Scotch Royal Arch Masonry, and eventually the M.E.Z. Comp. Wm. Bell agreed to deliver the first, at the next regular meeting of the Chapter.

Angel Lodge, No. 51.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Lodge-room, Cups Hotel, Colchester. Present—Bros. G. Gard Pye W.M., Samuel Chaplin P.M. as S.W., Thomas J. Ralling J.W., John J. C. Turner acting Sec., Alfred Cobb P.M. Treasurer, Isaac Harris S.D., Jos. Hanly J.D., W. P. Lewis P.M. D.C., Charles E. Denton as I.G., C. Gunner Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. A. Welch I.P.M., John Coppin, W. Richey, Charles Cobb, Thomas Rix, and C. L. Acland Chaplain. The Visitors included the W.M. of the United Lodge, No. 697, W. Bro. the Rev. E. H. Crate, the W.M. Lodge of Hope, No. 433, Bro. W. Clary, the Sec. No. 433, Bro. J. E. Wiseman, and several members of 433; the P.G. Chap.

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Bro. the. Rev. A. Pertwee, &c. The first business of the evening was a ballot for four candidates, which being declared in their favour, they were duly initiated by the W.M. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year followed, when the brethren unanimously selected Bro. Thomas J. Ralling the J.W., who has been nearly seven years Sec. to the Lodge. Bro. Alfred Cobb was unanimously re-elected Treas., and Bro. C. Gunner Tyler. The W.M. announced that he intended to represent the Lodge at the Annual Festival of the R.M.I.B., on the 27th June, and several sums were promised in the room to add to his list. The Lodge having been closed, upwards of thirty brethren assembled round the festive board, and a very harmonious evening was spent.

Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73.—An emergency meeting of this Chapter was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark, on the 10th May. The Chapter was opened by Comps. J. W. Baldwin M.E.Z., F. Walters P.P. 1st Asst. G.S. Middlesex P.Z. as H., J. T. Moss P.P.G.R. Middlesex P.Z. as J., W. Smeed P.Z. The following Comps. were then admitted: M. D. Loewenstark S.N., B. Isaacs P.S., J. H. Spencer, J. S. Sweasey, L. Samuel, W. Dunham, T. W. Adams and others. Strange to say, there were not any visitors. The ballots, taken seperately, were declared to be unanimous in favour of the admission of Bros. Henry Moore 1326 and James Moore 1326. Comp. William Smeed, acting as M.E.Z., exalted Bros. Barney, Lamb and H. Moore into Royal Arch Freemasonry. The other officers being well posted in their duties, rendered able assistance to the good, correct, and excellent working of the acting M.E.Z. Business ended, the Chapter was closed and adjourned, to meet on Thursday, 18th October, at six o'clock p.m. Banquet and dessert followed. Songs, glees, and recitations were given. The usual toasts were gone through. The members separated, well pleased with a delightful evening's re-union. Apologies were received for the absence of Comps. John Mason, caused through illness, and James Cattley Mason J., who was out of town.

Thistle and Rose Lodge, No. 73.—Held its regular meeting on the 15th inst., in St. Mark's Hall, Glasgow. In the absence from town of the R.W.M., it was opened by Bro. G. McDonald I.P.M., A. McLeod S.W., W. T. Kay J.W., R. R. Richards Sec., G. McDonald jun. I.G. Visitors—Bro. J. McInnis R.W.M. 408, and Bro. Hugh Murray 33°, of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, G.J.W. of Canada.

Caledonian of Unity Chapter, No. 73.—Held an emergency meeting on the 15th inst., at 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, for the purpose of giving the Mark degree to Bro. Samuel Baker, No. 73. The Chapter was opened by G. W. Wheeler the M.E.Z., assisted by J. Kennard H. as S.W., J. McInnis as J.W., J. Balfour S.E., J. Bannerman Tr., and G. McDonald as S.D. The Chapter had as a visitor Comp. Hugh Murray 33°, G.S.N. of Ontario, who expressed himself highly satisfied with the way in which the degree was wrought, though differing in some high points from the way they work in Canada.

Commercial Chapter, No. 79, Glasgow.—This Chapter held its regular meeting on Friday, the 11th inst., at 30 Hope-street. A Mark Lodge was opened by the P.Z. Comp. Jules Brodie, with Comps. R. Traynir as S.W., R. Reid J.W., and G. W. Wheeler Conductor, when Bro. James Henderson, of Lodge 360, was advanced to that degree by Comp. D. Lamb. Comp. C. McKenzie, J. of Chapter 50, gave the lecture. Comp. Lamb then assumed the chair, and opened a Lodge of Excellent Masters, and Comp. G. W. Wheeler Z. of 73 conferred that degree on Bros. J. Henderson and A. Burnett. The Chapter was then opened,—Comps. D. Lamb Z., G. W. Wheeler H., R. Brodie J., J. Munro Deputy Z., J. M. Oliver S.E., R. Reid Tr., R. Traynir 1st S., R. Burnett 2nd S., and J. McLean 3rd Ass., when Bros. Alex. Burnett and James Henderson were exalted into that degree by Comp. G. W. Wheeler.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, on 19th inst. Bros. Hewlett W.M., Moss S.W., Defriez J.W., Fenner S.D., Groner J.D., Bedwell I.G., Pearcy Preceptor, Halford Treas., Killick Sec., and about twenty members were present. The Lodge was opened, and minutes confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed in full, Bro. Poore acting as candidate. The sections of the 3rd lecture were worked by the W.M. and Preceptor. Bro. Hunter 1677 was elected a member. Bro. Moss was chosen W.M. for the next meeting.

St. James's Union Chapter, No. 380.—The regular convocation of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, 22nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Comps. Cameron P.Z. as M.E.Z., Smithett H., W. C. Parsons J., H. Reed P.Z. S.E., Knyvett S.N., Pillin P.S.; P.Z.'s Comps. Stonor, L. Hert, and Dawson; and Comps. Farwig, C. Smith, Pink, Van Duren, Martin, W. Smith, &c. The Chapter was opened and the minutes confirmed. The installation of Principals then took place, Comp. Smithett being installed M.E.Z., W. C. Parsons H., Knyvett J.; the ceremonies were perfectly and impressively delivered by Comp. H. Reed P.Z. The investiture of officers then took place:—Comps. Cameron P.Z. Treas., H. Reed S.E., Pillin S.N., L. Annett P.S., G. Bubb 1st Ass., Farwig 2nd Ass., Gilbert Janitor. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to a very sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. E. Dawkins. The M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts.

Royal Union Lodge, No. 382.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 21st inst., at the Belmont Hall, Uxbridge. Bros. T. C. Swallow W.M., Webb S.W., Holliday J.W., Coulton P.M. Treas., W. Coombes P.P.G.S.B. Middx. Soc., Cook S.D., Dairey J.D., Ross I.G., J. C. W. Davis I.P.M., Forebenbach P.M.; Bros. Brown, Pearce, Drinkwater, Matthews, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bros. Price and Gaylard showed their proficiency, and were raised to the sublime degree by the I.P.M., Bro. C. J. W. Davis, in his usual perfect and impressive manner. The W.M. then occupied the chair, and passed Bros. Marshall and Serf to the 2nd degree. Mr. F. Lucy (who had previously been ballotted for) and, by fiat, Messrs. F. W. Hubnichen and T. De Courcy Meade were duly initiated into the Order by the W.M. It was proposed and carried unanimously that the sum of £2 2s should be given to the Prov.G.M.'s (Col. Burdett) Testimonial Fund. In accordance with the resolution of the Lodge, it was carried that the future meetings of the Lodge should be held at the Belmont Hall, instead of the Chequers Hotel. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a very excellent banquet, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

Union Chapter, No. 414. — A regular convocation of the above Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Friday, the 18th May. Present—Comps. Lemon M.E.Z., Grisbrook H., Bradley J., Weightman P.Z. Scribe E. and Treasurer, Portsmouth Scribe N., Parsons P.S., Lamb A.S.; P.Z.'s Bothey, Biggs and Dew. Members—Comps. C. F. Webb, H. Webb, J. Bance, J. T. Browne, Thatcher, Mount, Herbert, Lear, Daniels, Yetts, and Bailey. Visitor—Comp. W. P. Ivey, Windsor Castle, 771. The minutes of the last regular Chapter were confirmed. Bros. A. Brakspeare and J. H. Moore were exalted. Bros. J. H. Hawkes 1101 and F. W. Albury 414 were ballotted for, elected, and exalted. Comp. Portsmouth withdrew his motion for a grant of ten guineas to the R.M.I.B., on account of the funds in hand being less than he anticipated. The election of Principals and Officers took place, and resulted in the following return: Comp. E. Grisbrook M.E.Z., R. Bradley H., A. Portsmouth J., Weightman E. and Treas., W. Parsons N., Lamb P.S. The working of the Chapter was very good. Comp. Parsons is evidently an enthusiastic worker, and his duties were performed admirably. The Chapter may be congratulated on having taken good root. Another Chapter was in contemplation, in connection with 1101, but as the Basingstoke Companions are about to consecrate one of their own, which will draw pretty strongly from 414, it is thought better to defer another in Reading for the present. After appointing the Audit Committee, the Companions retired for refreshment to the Upper Ship Hotel.

Lodge Dramatic, No. 591, Glasgow.—Held an emergency meeting on Friday, May 11th, at 11 p.m., to confer the M.M. degree on Bro. J. Cook, of Hengler's Cirque, prior to his leaving the city. The Lodge was opened punctually at the appointed hour by the R.W.M. Bro. H. W. Jackman, with Bro. Chute D.M., Wm. Sievewright S.W., J. Mitchell J.W., J. Marshall S.D., A. Smith J.D. There was a good attendance of the professional brethren, and amongst the other visitors we recognised Bros. J. Stewart 3 bis., G. W. Wheeler 73, J. Findley R.W.M. 333, John Stewart 360, D. Lamb P.D.M. 360, and Kilper S. 581. At the request of the R.W.M., D. Lamb raised Bro. Cook, in a very careful manner, for which he received the thanks of the Lodge. The R.W.M. having reduced the Lodge, said it had been thought desirable to spend a little time on refreshment with the brethren who would be leaving the city with Mr. Hengler's company next week. The Lodge was accordingly put under the care of the J.W. After the usual Lodge toasts, ably proposed, the Master, Bro. J. Findley R.W.M. of 333, responded for the Provincials. The health of the new M.M., Bro. Cook, was given in eloquent terms from the chair. Bro. Cook was glad to be associated with so noble an Order, and hoped to uphold the fame of Lodge Dramatic in many parts of the kingdom. Bro. Kilpin proposed the Brethren of Mr. Hengler's Company. Bro. Hill replied. Bro. J. Stewart replied for the Visitors, and gave Lodge Dramatic. The Press was replied to by Bro. J. Stewart. The singing and recitals were excellent.

Andrew Chapter, No. 834.—The regular meeting of this Chapter was held on Thursday, the 17th instant, at the Bell and Anchor Hotel, West Kensington Gardens. Comps. W. Y. Worthington M.E.Z., L. Bryett H., W. H. Adamson J. The attendance of the Comps. was (as is usually the case) numerous. After the Chapter had been duly opened, and minutes confirmed, the M.E.Z. proceeded to exalt Bros. Ward, Moyle and Mickelbargh, in whose favour the ballot was unanimous at the previous meeting, and it is almost needless to state the ceremony was performed in the masterly style that always characterises the working of the M.E.Z. The election of officers for the forthcoming session then took place, and resulted as follows:—L. Bryett M.E.Z. elect; W. H. Adamson H., G. F. Butt J. After the Chapter was closed, the Comps. sat down to an excellent repast, provided by Comp. Millis, which deserves the highest praise. The evening was spent in a most pleasant manner, and the list of toasts well discussed by the various speakers. After the Loyal toasts had been duly honoured, the health of the M.E.Z. was proposed. In responding, Comp. Worthington said that as it was the last occasion he should have of occupying the Principal's chair, he could not let the opportunity pass without thanking the Comps. for the cordial way in which they always accepted this toast. He was not aware that he had done anything in particular to merit their approval, but he could assure them how pleased, and proud he was to see the continued success of the Andrew Chapter during his year of office. The goodwill of the various officers and Comps. he felt certain had been extended towards him, and he might almost say that he was more than satisfied. The health of the Visitor was then proposed, and Companion Cooper, P.Z. 19, said, how pleased he was to meet the Comps. once again, after being separated by distance from them for so many years. Before he

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left London, as some were aware, he took a great interest in attending the different meetings of the Craft, particularly the Royal Arch; but circumstances had for some time past compelled him to relinquish attending to those duties as he wished. He saw among the Comps. assembled that evening around the table several whom he could recollect as lads attending school when he resided in the vicinity, and he could assure them that the pleasure to him was very great when he could mark the success that had attended the Andrew Chapter, founded by, and named after his late lamented friend Andrew. The toast of the officers was well responded to by Comps. Bryett and Lines, and, after the Janitor's toast, the Comps. separated.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The meeting of this Lodge was held at the Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, on Tuesday, the 22nd inst. Bros. Perry jun. W.M., Lovelock S.W., Allen J.W., Hewlett S.D., Pullen J.D., Dallas I.G., Wallington Preceptor, also Bros. Perry sen., Sanders, Bonner, Christian, &c. Ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bonner candidate. Bro. Allen worked 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lovelock was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was to be recorded on the minutes, for the able manner in which the W.M. worked the ceremony, it being the first time he had occupied the chair. Lodge closed in due form.

Upton Lodge, No. 1227.—The brethren of this Lodge held their usual meeting at the Spotted Dog, Upton, on Thursday, the 17th inst. Bro. David Posener W.M. presided, and amongst the brethren present were—Bros. George Brown S.W., Benjamin Lyons J.W., W. Webster S.D., Andrews I.G., A. W. Fenner acting Secretary, Leo Engell W.S., Cowell, H. Jones, W. Lane, E. G. Bratton P.M., R. W. Goddard P.M., T. Simpson, C. H. Belsay, Adolphus Elland, &c. Among the visitors present were—Bros. Samuel Moss, Euphrates 212, Alex. Giles, Earl Spencer 1426, W. G. Kent, West Kent 1297, W. Christie, Tranquillity 185. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Jones and Simpson were raised to the Sublime Degree, and Bros. Cornell and Austin passed. It was unanimously agreed that the summer banquet should take place, on the 5th of July, at Broxbourne; the sum of five guineas was voted, from the Lodge Benevolent Fund, to the widow of a deceased member, to be placed in the hands of the W.M., and to be used at his discretion. The labours of the evening over, the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 18th instant. Present—Bros. Crouch W.M., Fenner S.W., Simpson J.W., Townsend S.D., Smith J.D., Lane I.G., Hewlett, Bolton, Austin, Cave, Scales, Lupinsky, &c. Lodge was opened in due form. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bro. Cave answered the usual questions. Lodge was opened in the third degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Cave being candidate. The traditional history was given by the acting Preceptor, Bro. Hewlett, in his usual correct manner. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. The second and third sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. A. W. Fenner, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Fenner was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned.

Lebanon Lodge, 1326.—Held its first meeting of the season on Saturday, 19th May, at the Red Lion Hotel, Thames-street, Hampton. Bro. Edwin Gilbert W.M. opened the Lodge, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were confirmed. The ballot for Mr. W. Clark was declared to be unanimous in favour of his admission. Bros. W. Priddy and S. Page were passed, and Bro. W. Blakeley was raised. On the motion of Bro. F. Walters, it was unanimously resolved that a congratulatory letter be sent to Bro. R. W. Little on his appointment as D.P.G.M. Middlesex. The subject of the "Burdett" testimonial was deferred until the next regular meeting, double the amount (on notice of motion made) being intended to be given than what had been proposed at this meeting. The usual notice of motion was given to present the W.M. with the customary P.M. jewel, of the value of seven guineas. Several names of brethren for joining and gentlemen for initiation were given to the Secretary. Business ended, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Saturday, 21st June, to meet at half-past three. The usual banquet was served, and reflected the greatest credit on Bro. Murphy, the host, who personally superintended it. There were present during the afternoon and evening—Bros. E. Gilbert W.M., C. W. Fox S.W., H. Gloster acting as J.W., F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex P.M. Sec., J. B. Shackleton W.M. 1514 J.D., W. Stanton acting as S.D., J. W. Baldwin P.A.G.P. Middlesex I.G., G. Shotà D.C., H. Potter P.M. W.S., W. Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M., and many others. The only visitor was Bro. H. C. T. Murphy, 1512, Hemming Lodge. The J.W., Bro. R. W. Williams P.G. Organist Middlesex, was absent through ill health.

Falcon Lodge, No. 1416.—The Archæological Section, in company with Rev. Bros. C. E. Camidge M.A., P.G.C. West Yorkshire, W. C. Lukis M.A., F.A.S., and A. T. Atwood M.A., Rural Dean, the W.M. and his Wardens, on Saturday, the 12th inst., visited Felliskirk and South Kilvington. The Rev. H. Clayforth B.A. and the Rev. W. T. Kingsley B.D. very kindly received the party, and afforded them much information. The Church at Felliskirk has been almost entirely rebuilt, but has some interesting remains, having at the Dissolution belonged to the Commandery of Knights Hospitaliers on Mount St. John. There are two remarkably fine effigies, of a cross-legged knight in chain armour, and a lady, both in excellent preservation. The great curiosity of Kilvington Church is the font, made at the cost of Lord Thomas Scrope, and said to have been removed there from Upsall Castle. The formation of this section has conduced very greatly to pleasant and profitable intercourse among the members, and secured for them good report in the neighbourhood generally. Other Lodges might take up the matter in a similar form with great advantage.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—This Lodge met at Masons' Hall Tavern, on Thursday evening, at 6.30 p.m. There were present Bros. Saul W.M., De Leliva S.W., Goodman J.W., Wood S.D., Cadiot J.D., Taylor I.G., Colmer Treasurer, Blackie Secretary, and other brethren. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed. The Lodge was afterwards opened in the second and third degrees, and the ceremony of passing and raising very ably rehearsed by the W.M. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. De Leliva unanimously elected W.M. for Thursday week, the 7th June. All Masonic business being ended the Lodge was closed in due form.

West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 17th inst., at the New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield. Bro. J. Smith P.G.P. P.M. W.M. opened the Lodge. There were present during the afternoon and evening Bro. T. W. Adams S.W., G. S. Elliott J.W., F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex P.M. Secretary, J. Howes P.M. S.D., J. Johnson J.D., G. S. Wintle I.G., W. Pennefather P.M. D.C., J. Gilbert Prov. G. Tyler Mid. Tyler, J. J. Howes, E. Crombie, F. West, G. H. Stevens, W. Smyth, H. J. Lardner, T. Butt, W. Snow, T. M. Butt, &c. Amongst the numerous visitors we noticed Bros. J. W. Baldwin P.A.G.P. Middlesex P.M. 1423, &c.; H. Potter P.M. 11, G. Wallace 95, A. Stevens 1298, J. H. Pearson 423, &c. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was unanimous in favour of the admission of Mr. Craddock Seymour; also for Bro. James Payne, of No. 245, as a joining member. Bros. J. J. Howes, E. C. Crombie, F. West, G. H. Stevens, and H. J. Lardner, were passed to the second degree, and Bro. W. Smyth raised to the third degree. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and some brethren for joining. An important notice of motion was given by the Secretary. The Lodge was closed and adjourned to Thursday, 19th July. The usual banquet, &c., followed.

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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

BALANCE-SHEET, 1876-77.

A BARE enumeration of figures is by no means attractive reading; but the statement of account of this Institution for the past year, albeit it presents no extraordinary features in the way of either receipt or expenditure, is worth noticing in detail, if only on account of the increased munificence of the Craft, and the resultant increase of means wherewith to aid the distressed and aged members of our Craft and their widows. As our readers are aware, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is two benevolent Institutions rolled into one. Each of these twain has its special purpose, which, in the one case, is the relief of old indigent brethren, and in the other that of the widows of brethren, who, by the death of their husbands, or other approved cause, are found unable to maintain themselves. Hence, in stating the accounts the two are kept distinct, and we have really two balance-sheets—one for the Male Fund, and the other for the Female Fund. It would not, we imagine, be altogether unsatisfactory if a general balance-sheet, in which the accounts of both these funds were incorporated, were made of it. It would entail some additional labour, but it would enable many who may not understand the reason for keeping the two funds separate, to see at once the annual receipts and expenditure of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This, indeed, is done so far as to show the total balance at the end of the year; yet we think it might be with advantage extended to the whole account, especially as there are many items of expenditure which are apportioned equally between the two Funds. However, let us pass to the accounts themselves, and first as to the MALE FUND. On the 1st April 1876, there was a balance to the credit of the fund amounting to £3,825 7s 2d. The sums received during the year from all sources reached the sum of £7,495 7s 8d, so that the total receipts were £11,320 14s 10d. Of this, £500 represents the donation from Grand Lodge, and £100 that from Grand Chapter. The general body of the Craft contributed £6,056 2s, namely, in the way of Lodge, Chapter, or individual donations £4,907 19s, and in respect of annual subscriptions £1,148 3s. The interest on invested moneys amounted to £828 18s 11d, while the small remaining sum of £10 6s 9d was casual. Turning to the expenditure, we find that it reached the very considerable sum of £7,799 12s, of which, however, two items alone absorb by far the greater portion, namely, annuitants, who divide among themselves £4,851, and the purchase of £2,000 3 per cent. Consols, on which the sum of £1,880 was expended. The remainder, amounting to £1,068 12s, must be described as managerial expenditure. The four principal items are the salary of the Secretary and Clerk, Collector's commission, stationery, &c., and postages, &c., including expenses of election. These, together, account for £743 16s 3d. The other items are too numerous to report, but they include, among other matters, the Secretary's provincial expenses, medicine, wages of Warden, Gate-keeper, and Gardener, repairs, &c., Taxes, and Fire Insurance, together with £50 gratuity to Mrs. Lane, widow of the late Collector, and rent, &c., at Freemasons' Hall £18. Thus there remained, at the end of the year, that is, on the 31st March 1877, a balance to the credit of the Institution amounting to £3,521 2s 10d.

We turn now to the FEMALE FUND, with the following result. The opening balance on the 1st April 1876, was £1,341 17s 11d, and the moneys received during the year reached £6,792 19s, making the total receipts for the Fund £8,134 16s 11d. The principal heads of receipt are Grand Lodge Donation £300, and Grand Chapter ditto £50, while the Craft contributed £5,857 2s 3d, of which £4,847 15s 6d is set down in respect of donations from Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals, and £1,009 6s 9d for annual subscriptions; Dividends on Government Stock £532 8s 3d, proceeds of a legacy of £50 from the late Bro. W. Brooks Gates £45, and a small casualty. The expenditure reached £5,560 11s 5d, but as in the Male Fund two items alone suffice to account for the bulk of this outlay. These are the annuitants who received among them £3,545 10s, and the purchase of £1,000 3 per cent. Consols which accounts for a further £940. As these together amount to £4,585 10s, there was expended for management the sum of £975 1s 5d. The four principal items, namely, Salary of Secretary and Clerk, Collector's Commission, Stationery, &c., and Postage, &c., including expenses of election, represent an aggregate of £685 15s 9d, leaving £289 5s 8d to be distributed under the various heads of Secretary's Provincial Expenses, Medicine, Matron, Repairs, Fire Insurance, and the like, and including £50 for gratuity to Mrs. Lane, and £18 for office rent. If, then, we take the two Funds together, for the purpose of arriving at the total expenditure of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for the year, we find the figures are as follow:—Balance on 1st April 1876 £5,167 5s 1d, Sums received, including from Grand Lodge £800, from Grand Chapter £150, from Craft £11,913 4s 3d, for interest £1,361 17s 2d—together amounting to £14,288 6s 8d. Total Receipts £19,455 11s 9d. Total Expenditure—including for annuities £8,496 10s, for purchase of £3,000 stock £2,820, and for management £2,043 13s 5d—£13,360 3s 5d. Thus there remained on 31st March 1877 a total balance of £6,095 8s 4d. Then there is the Sustentation of Building Fund Account, which opened with a balance of £6 18s 7d. The interest of the £1,000 stock set apart for this Fund raised the receipts to £36 18s 7d, and as the expenditure only amounted to £9 14s 3d for repairs, there remained a balance of £27 4s 4d; and if we add this to the balance, as stated above, of the Male and Female Funds, the total balance to the credit of the Institution amounts to £6,122 12s 8d.

As regards the permanent income on which the Institution has to rely for support, this amounts to £2,341 7s 2d, of which £950 are contributed by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter together, while the rest is interest on moneys invested in Government Stock, of which investments there is to the credit of the Male Fund £28,950 Government Stock, to that of the Female Fund £18,450, and to the Sustentation of Building Fund £1,000; total investments, £48,400, all Government Stock. As regards the number of beneficiaries, we may say that last year there were 130 men and 110 widows borne on the funds of the Institution, but owing to the magnificent result of the last Festival, it was determined to place an additional 15 men and 15 women on the respective funds. Thus there are now 145 male and 125 female beneficiaries, besides thirteen widows who are entitled to receive each a moiety of her late husband's annuity for a certain term of years, surrendering it, however, in the event of election on the fund. In order to meet this annual expenditure, to which the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution now stands committed, there will have to be raised annually for annuities alone, no less than £10,035, and as the management costs, apart from repairs,

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&c., over £2,000, there must be provided, in order to cover the normal annual expenditure, quite £12,500. The permanent income is, as we have said, £2,341 and some odd shillings and pence, or less than one-fifth. Need we say more, by way of conclusion, than that, under the circumstances, the Craft are bound in honour to contribute at least £10,000 towards the support of this Charity, or—but we do not care, in such a case as this, to contemplate the possibility of there being an "or." Our readers know well-enough what must happen if the sum we have stated is not forthcoming annually.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. S. Rawson, D.G.M. China, in the chair. The Sec., Bro. R. W. Little, read the minutes of the General Committee, which were read and adopted. The nominations for the General Committees were read and adopted. The nominations of the members to serve on the House and Audit Committees were also read. The notice of motion proposed at the last meeting, by Bro. Dr. Ramsay, in reference to the bad accommodation at the Secretary's office, was seconded by Bro. Kenyon, and supported by Bros. J. Smith, J. R. Rucker, and Rev. Bro. Cox. This was carried unanimously. Four candidates were placed on the list. A letter was read from Bro. Colonel Creaton V.P., stating his regret at not being present, owing to his military duties requiring him at Aldershott. The scrutineers reported the result of the election for the House Committee as follows:—Bros. John Boyd, H. Browse, H. A. Dubois, Benjamin Head, Peter de Lande Long, Joshua Nunn, Lieut.-Colonel Peters, J. A. Rucker, Griffiths Smith, A. H. Tattershall, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, and T. W. White. The result of the Audit Committee was as follows:—Bros. J. G. Chancellor, H. Dicketts, T. Kingston, H. C. Levander, H. M. Levy, J. Nunn, W. Paas, W. Roebuck, and R. B. Webster. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. S. Rawson, for his able and impartial presiding, and the meeting was adjourned. There were present—Bros. Sir Albert Woods, John Boyd, H. Browse, B. Head, Lieut.-Colonel Peters, Dr. Ward, J. Last, R. B. Webster, Pierce Egan, Barnes, J. Stevens, Roebuck, C. E. Lacey, W. Venn, Waters, H. A. Dubois, R. W. Stewart, Captain J. Wordsworth, F. Adlard, Murley, H. Massey, J. C. Parkinson, John Hervey, T. J. Sabine, C. Moutrie, W. Howe, B. Swallow, Nicols, J. Pinder, J. Coutts, L. Ruff, H. Dicketts, Elliot, W. H. Hemsworth, Rev. P. M. Holden, G. Kenning, C. F. Burmeister, Dr. Ramsay, A. H. Tattershall, T. Cubitt, &c.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the late Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Monday last, Bro. Capt. H. A. Bennett G.S. in the chair. Bro. R. W. Little, the Hon. Sec., stated the result of the Annual Festival, when the R.W. Lord Suffield, P.G.M. Norfolk, occupied the chair. He announced that there were 169 Stewards, and 137 ladies were present. 279 brethren dined. The donations amounted to £9,828 3s. It was announced that the Stewards' visit to the Institution and the Distribution of Prizes would take place on the 18th of June. In connection with the Stewards' fees, a sum of £31 10s included a day's recreation at the Crystal Palace. After the payment of all matters in connection with the Festival, a sum of £38 was left, and Bro. H. M. Levy proposed that the sum in question be presented to the Hon. Sec., Bro. Little. On former occasions, where a balance was left, he had generously given it to the Institution, but whilst labouring under many difficulties, Bro. Little had succeeded in getting a large amount for the Festival, and his services in connection with the Institution deserved the commendation of every brother. This was seconded by Bro. Newland, and Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D. supplemented it. He entirely endorsed the remarks of the former speakers. He only regretted that the balance in hand was not double the amount, as Bro. Little well deserved it. He had contributed to the success of the Institution. Bro. Philbrick then proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for his able and impartial presidency. Capt. Bennett G.S. thanked the brethren for their vote. He thought it necessary, before the Stewards separated, that a cordial vote of thanks should be recorded to Bro. R. W. Little for his great and untiring efforts, and also for his zeal in connection with the Institution. In conclusion, he hoped Bro. Little would have renewed health and vigour to continue his duties as the Secretary of this noble Institution. Bro. Little returned thanks, and the final meeting of the Stewards of 1877 ended, with the hope of still greater success to the Institution—owing to the accession of new Lodges—in 1878. There were present Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., T. Massa, E. Stamwitz, Newland, W. Buck, R. B. Webster, J. Bingemann, Dr. Brette, G. Allen, F. Rath, S. Cooper, and H. M. Levy.

It is announced, in the *Masonic Record of Western India*, that at the meeting of the Eastern Star Lodge, No. 1189, held at the Masonic Temple, Bombay, on the 19th March, a Past Master's jewel and clothing, together with a silver cup and salver, of exquisite Cashmere workmanship, were presented to Bro. Sorabjee Navarojee Cooper I.P.M., for his eminent services to the Lodge during his Mastership in 1875-6. The testimonial was presented by Bro. Hon. James Gibbs, Dist. G. Master. The day following, Bro. Gibbs presided in the St. George Lodge, No. 549, and installed Bro. Tyrrell Leith as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Leith appointed and invested as his officers Bros. W. A. Baker S.W., J. M. Sleater J.W., Lyon S.D., Balfour J.D. and Treasurer, Langley I.G., and J. W. Seager Tyler, the W.M. himself undertaking the duties of Secretary. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Gibbs and his assistants for the able manner in which they had performed the Installation Ceremony, and subsequently a P.M.'s jewel was voted to the retiring W.M. Bro. Dr. Lyon.

Last month, *La Monde Maçonnique*, which was published in 1858, entered on the nineteenth year of its existence. We trust this journal will go on as prosperously as heretofore. We cannot endorse all the views to which our French contemporary is pleased to give utterance, but we know it works conscientiously for the advancement of Freemasonry. It has, therefore, our most profound respect, even when we feel least disposed to concur with the views it enunciates.

We gather, from the *Australian Freemason*, that on the 15th March, Bro. Past Dist. G. Master J. Williams was elected District G. Master of New South Wales in succession to Bro. A. T. Holroyd resigned, by a majority of thirty votes over Bro. E. O. Smith Dep. District. G. Master, the votes recorded being for Bro. Williams 73, and for Bro. Smith 43.

We acknowledge, with fraternal thanks, a copy of the very handsome programme of the service in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church attended by the Hanselmann Commandery, No. 16, Cincinnati, on Ascension Day. Sir Knight John B. Peaslee is the Eminent Commander of it, and the editor of our esteemed contemporary, the *Masonic Review*, Sir Knight Thomas J. Melish is Prelate.

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

1668.—Samson Lodge, Freemasons' Hall.
1669.—Royal Leopold Lodge, Camberwell.
1670.—Adelphi Lodge, Strand.
1671.—Mizpah Lodge, Aldersgate Street.
1672.—Mornington Lodge, Soaresbrook.
1673.—Langton Lodge, Queen Victoria Street.
1674.—Caradoc Lodge, Rhyl, Flintshire.
1675.—Antient Britons Lodge, Liverpool.
1676.—St. Nicholas Lodge, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
1677.—Crusaders' Lodge, Clerkenwell.
1678.—Tonbridge Lodge, Tonbridge, Kent.
1679.—Henry Muggeridge Lodge, Dalston.
1680.—Comet Lodge, Dingo Creek, Queensland.
1681.—Londesborough Lodge, Regent Street.
1682.—Tamworth Lodge, Tamworth New South Wales.
1683.—Geraldton Lodge, Champion Bay, Western Australia.
1684.—Carnarvon Lodge, Richmond, Natal.
1685.—Guelph Lodge, Leytonstone.
1686.—Paxton Lodge, Sydenham.
1687.—Rothesay Lodge, Lincolns Inn Fields.
1688.—Buxton Lodge, Buxton, Derby.
1689.—Lazar Lodge, Kennard, Westland, N.Z.
1690.—Phœnix Lodge, Westport, Westland, N.Z.
1691.—Quadratic Lodge, Hampton Court.
1692.—Hervey Lodge, Hayes, Kent.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

GRAND Lodge will meet on Wednesday next, 6th June 1877. The following is the business to be transacted :—

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 7th March for confirmation.

2. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 25th April for confirmation.

3. Election of Members of the Board of General Purposes.

4. Election of Members of the Colonial Board.

5. Election of Members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."

6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Virtue and Silence, No. 332, Hadleigh	£75
A Brother of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 206, London ...	£100
The Widow of a Brother of the Old Dundee Lodge, No. 18, London	£150
The Widow of a Brother of the Burlington Lodge, No. 96, London	£100
A Brother of the Fitz-Roy Lodge, No. 569, London... ...	£50
A Brother of the Polish National Lodge, No. 534, London	£50
A Brother of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, London	£150
The Widow of a Brother of the Welchpool Lodge, No. 998, Welchpool	£100
A Brother of the Nyanza Lodge, No. 1197, Ilminster ...	£75
The Widow of a Brother of the British Kaffrarian Lodge, No. 863, Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope	£50

7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

(1.) It having been represented to the Board that a Brother had been raised to the third degree in twenty-five days only after having passed to the second degree, the circumstances were fully enquired into, and, in result, it was ordered that the Brother be re-obligated and the Lodge (No. 529) fined one guinea, and admonished to be more careful in future.

(2.) A complaint having been laid before the Board, alleging that a candidate had been initiated into Masonry by the W. Master of Lodge No. 820, whose name and description had not previously appeared in the Lodge Summons, as enjoined by the Book of Constitutions, such candidate being afterwards passed to the second degree in the face of a protest, the Lodge was duly summoned to appear before the Board by its Master and Wardens, with the Lodge Warrant and Books, and after the complaining Past Masters had been heard, as also the W. Master, I.P. Master and other Members, the Board arrived unanimously at the conclusion that not only was the Masonic offence fully proved, but so unsatisfactory a condition of things was found to exist in the Lodge, that the Board suspended it from all its Masonic functions for the space of six months, and directed that the candidate in question should be regularly initiated and passed before being entitled to Masonic position and privileges.

(3.) The Board of General Purposes further report that the number of the Trustees of the real property of Grand Lodge, originally ten, has become, by death and resignation, reduced to four, and the Board recommend that the original number be made up by Grand Lodge, and that it be referred back to the Board to take the necessary steps for vesting in them the real property of Grand Lodge.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON,
16th May 1877.

At the Meeting of the 16th May, after the ordinary business was concluded, it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the best thanks of the Members of the Board are eminently merited by the President for the great attention he has paid to the duties of the office, for the admirable manner in which he has discharged them, and the great courtesy and kindness he has on all occasions evinced to his colleagues, and they are therefore fraternally tendered to him.

(Signed) PETER DE LANDE LONG,
Vice-President.

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 11th day of May instant, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £5,035 3s 5d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

8. Appeal of Bro. John Locke, W. Master of the Royal Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 867, Trinidad, against a sentence of expulsion from the Craft, pronounced upon him, and the erasure of the Lodge, by the District Grand Lodge of Trinidad.

N.B.—The papers relating to this Appeal will be in the Grand Secretary's Office till the Meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the Brethren during Office hours.

9. The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 17th of May 1877, will be laid before Grand Lodge, and the following proposed alteration in the Rules which was then agreed to will, in accordance with the Laws of the Institution, be submitted for the approval of Grand Lodge, viz. :—

To add to Law 1, page 15, after the words "husband's petition" the following :—"And in the event of a Widow marrying again and being again left a Widow, she shall still be eligible to be a candidate."

10. Proposed motion by W. Bro. Benjamin Head P.G.D. :—

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," to supply the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

CONSECRATION OF THE EBORACUM CONCLAVE, No. 137.

ON Tuesday last, at York, took place the very interesting ceremony of consecration of a Conclave of an Order whose traditional origin may be said to be intimately blended with the early history of the *quondam* "Capital of the North." Early in January of this year preliminary steps were taken by a few brethren residing in York, and a warrant having been obtained from the Grand Council, active efforts were made to get the Conclave into working order. Committees were appointed for the purpose of making preparations, and "Royal Oak Day" having been appointed as the date of consecration, everything was in order when the time arrived. It happened, rather unfortunately, that the consecration of the new Masonic Hall, at Grimsby, had been fixed for the same day, and the consequence was that several members of the Red Cross Order, belonging to the De la Pole Conclave, at Hull, who had previously accepted invitations to Grimsby, were debarred from being present. Notwithstanding this circumstance, however, there was a very good muster on the occasion, and the ceremonies passed off most favourably.

A party of Sir Knights from Sheffield, including Ill. Sir Knt. S. B. Ellis, Intendant General unattached, and several other members of the White Rose of York Conclave, arrived in York by an early train, and were received at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, by E. Sir Knt. T. B. Whytehead, under whose guidance they spent some hours in viewing the more interesting of the archæological relics which are so numerous in the ancient city. The Guildhall, a very fine old Gothic hall, erected in 1446, and which was used by the Freemasons on the occasion of the installation of the present Earl of Zetland as Prov. Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, in 1874, was first visited, after which the party proceeded to the Yorkshire Philosophical Society's Gardens, and inspected the ruins of St. Leonard's Hospital, founded by Athelstane (of Masonic fame), in 936, and rebuilt by King Stephen. Portions of the walls of ancient Eboracum afforded much interest, and the ruins of the Abbey of St. Mary, with the innumerable specimens of Masons' marks to be found on its stones, were greatly admired. The large collection of antiquities, and the geological collections of the Society, were not unnoticed, as well as the picturesque old palace erected by Henry VIII., and now used as a school for the blind. Thence, proceeding through Bootham Bar, the premises belonging to the York Lodge, No. 236, in Duncombe-street, were visited. The interior of the Lodge room, with its handsome decorations and appropriate arrangements, was the source of much admiration, and an examination of the large collection of Masonic engravings, &c., the property of the Lodge, occupied some little time. The noble Church of St. Peter of York was the next object of attraction, and the party there visited the ancient crypt, where the old operative Masons used to hold their Lodges, and where the remains of the old Saxon and Norman Churches, over which is erected the present Gothic pile, have been opened out for the benefit of the student of architecture; the unrivalled octagon Chapter House was also visited, and the party then passed through the ancient Ecclesiastical College of St. William, erected in the reign of Edward IV., and so to Monk Bar, the ancient barrier at the eastern entrance of the city, whence, proceeding through Goodramgate, the site of the palace of the Emperor Constantine, the Merchants' Hall in Fossgate was reached; it was in the handsome and quaint meeting-room of this Ancient Corporation of Merchant Adventurers that Francis Drake the historian, as Junior G.W., gave his oration, since reprinted, at a Grand Lodge on St. John's Day, the 27th December 1726, the Right Worshipful Charles Bathurst Esq. Grand Master. At Walmgate Bar the ancient outwork or barbican was the subject of much curiosity, together with the old gates and portcullis, which are still in existence. Thence the party proceeded, by way of the old city walls, dating about the time of Edward I., to St. George's Fields, on their way gaining a view of Clifford's Tower, erected by William the Norman, as the keep of the Castle of York. Crossing the river, the walls were again the route adopted, and a few minutes' walk brought the party to Micklegate-bar, the finest of the four chief gateways, and the arch of which is of Roman construction. Thus the circuit of the City was completed, and an adjournment was made to lunch, at the Queen's Hotel.

At three p.m. the Conclave was opened, by V.I. Sir Knight the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, E. Sir Knight Roddewig M.P.S. 120 acting as E.V.E. Ill. Sir Knt. S. B. Ellis as Grand Marshal, and other Knights from Hull and Sheffield occupying the several offices. Five candidates for the Order, having previously been elected, were then duly installed, and proclaimed Knights of the Order in ancient form. A procession was then formed in the ante-chamber, and the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with. At its completion, E. Sir Knt. T. B. Whytehead and E. Sir Knt. Thos.

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Cooper were respectively installed as M.P.S. and V.E. A vote of thanks to the consecrating officer and his assistants was carried by acclamation, and the Conclave was then closed. A sanctuary of K.H.S. and Commandery of St. John, in connection with the Conclave, under the title of the St. Peter Sanctuary, was then opened, and several Sir Knts. were admitted to those degrees. At the conclusion of the proceedings the visiting Sir Knights were entertained at a banquet, at which the M.P.S. presided, supported by a number of officers, members and visitors. The following is a list of the officers of the Conclave:—Sir Knights J. Morgan Senior General, J. S. Cumberland Junior General, Rev. W. Valentine High Prelate, G. Simpson Recorder and Treasurer, C. G. Padel Prefect, G. Balmford Standard Bearer, A. T. B. Turner Herald, M. Millington and G. Renton First and Second Aides, H. Jackson Sentinel.

The following is a list of the Sir Knights present on the occasion, in addition to the officers of the Conclave and others already mentioned:—J. W. Woodall Past Inst. Genl. of North and East Yorkshire, Henry Preston V.E. 132, H. J. Barnett 120, J. E. Darling 120, J. Binney H.P. 120, A. G. Duncombe 132 and 137, W. S. Wade 120, H. Churchill 137, J. J. Boswell 137, E. Pullan 137, &c.

In the course of his remarks, in replying to the toast of "Prosperity to the Eboracum Conclave," the M.P.S. took occasion to remark that the inauguration of the Conclave had been most auspicious. Amongst its members it numbered the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, Grand Viceroy of England, the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Grand Senior General of England and Intendant General for North and East Yorkshire, Ill. Sir Knight J. W. Woodall, Past Intendant General for North and East Yorkshire, Ill. Sir Knight S. B. Ellis, Intendant General unattached, as well as a number of other well known and prominent Masons, and that there was every promise of a very happy future. He thought that around that table, and comprising the officers of that Conclave was such a nucleus as might bode well for the coming existence of the Order in York. Regarding the close connection between the history of the Order and that of the ancient city in which they were then stationed, the event of the day became doubly interesting, and from the interest that had been manifested in many quarters in the initiation of the movement which had resulted in the meeting of the day, and from the very kind and fraternal feeling that had been exhibited, both East and West of York, he felt convinced that the pathway of the Eboracum Conclave was already marked out for it, and that everything augured well for a prosperous and pleasant future.

BAYARD LODGE, No. 1615.

INSTALLATION meeting, Monday, 28th May 1877, at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square. Present—Lt. Col. H. S. Somerville Burney P.M., P.P.G.D. of Essex, W.M., Captain R. P. Leeson S.W., Alfred E. T. Watson J.W., Rev. R. J. Simpson M.A. P.G. Chap. as Chaplain, Captain Charles Hunter P.M. 755, P.G.M. Aberdeenshire East as P.M., Frank Richardson P.M. 14 as Treasurer, Captain W. F. Portlock Dadson R.B.G. as Secretary, Captain C. F. Compton S.D., Robert D. Fyers J.D., Francis C. Compton as Organist, The Chevalier Habicht P.M. 197, Captain N.G. Philips P.M. 1383, G.S.D., Major Shadwell H. Clerke P.M. W.M. 1383, P.P.S.G.W. Devon, John Hervey G.S., Hugh H. Rioch P.M., Major George Barlow S.W. 1383, Captain T. Morris P.M., John Shadwell P.M. P.G.S. Deacon Somerset, Captain Henry Lumsden, Herr Edward Sauerbrey, Walter B. Lethbridge, S. H. d'Avigdor, Arthur White, Major J. G. Skene, Frederic la C. Thorne, Edmund B. Bernard, Vavasour Sandford M.D., Captain W. Oughton Giles, Captain H. S. Andrews, Rev. G. Sutton Flack M.A., Lieut. G. le C. Egerton R.N., W. Bezly Thorne, Rev. Hugh Pearson B.A., C. P. Kempe, Captain Stewart J. Dyer, Frederic Calrow, Lieut.-Colonel Bonsfield M.P., William Rogers, Dr. Rudolph C. Messel, B. Lancaster Rose, Captain Murray Robertson. Visitors—Bro. J. B. Monckton President Board of General Purposes, Thomas Fenn P.G. Deacon, the Right Hon. Lord Inverurie, No. 1, Scotland, W. H. Hood, No. 1, Scotland, T. W. Gordon 523, Scotland, Colonel Randolph J.W. 1383, George L. Eyles 1383, J. Lewis Thomas P.M. 142, F. H. Mc.Calmont 130, P.P.G.R. Oxon., George Coyte 8, W. A. Barrett St. Andrews, Colonel Maydwell P.M. 1216, W. E. Stewart P.M. 140, Charles Dickens P.M. 969, F. H. Haynes P.M. 284, H. Massey P.M. 619, Peter de L. Long G.S.D., A. Sadler P.M. 14, &c., &c. The minutes having been read and confirmed, letters regretting inability to attend were read from Bros. the R.W. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G. Master, the Earl of Donoughmore P.G.S. Warden, Sir Thomas Dyer, the Rev. C. J. Ridgeway, E. T. R. Tenison P.M., Capt. E. Cecil Johnson, the Chevalier Lloyd K.S.G., &c. Bro. the Rev. Hugh Pearson, B.A., was raised to the 3rd degree. Bros. Dr. Rudolph C. Messel and William Rogers were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and after ballot, Captain W. Oughton Giles, 1st Royal Lanark Militia, and Dr. Vavasour Sandford, late of the Royal Navy, were initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Somerville Burney P.M. P.P.G.D. of Essex. The report of the Audit Committee was read and approved, showing receipts £638 9s, against expenditure £624 0s 11d, and a balance of £6 0s 3d on the Charity account, after making several donations to special cases well recommended. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Captain R. P. Leeson, was most ably performed by the retiring W.M., and after he had been duly saluted, he appointed his officers as follow:—Bros. Captain R. P. Leeson W.M., Lieut.-Colonel H. Somerville Burney I.P.M., Alfred E. T. Watson S.W., Robert D. Fyers J.W., Frank Richardson Treasurer, Captain W. F. Portlock Dadson, Secretary, Major F. C. Wemyss S.D., Francis C. Compton J.D., Rev. C. J. Ridgeway, M.A., Chaplain, Captain C. F. Compton D.C., Herr Edward Sauerbrey Organist, W. Bezly Thorne I.G., Captain S. J. Dyer Steward, Arthur White Steward, George Austin Tyler. On the proposition of the W.M., a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Colonel Somerville Burney, for his great services in the chair, and in founding the Lodge, and was presented to him, for which he returned thanks. On the proposition of Bro. Rioch, a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Frank Richardson P.M., for his services as acting Past Master and Treasurer of the Lodge, and was presented to him by the W.M., for which he returned thanks. A beautifully embroidered alms bag was presented to the Lodge by Bro. Frank Richardson P.M. The annual banquet took place at the Café Royal, 68 Regent-street, upwards of 50 brethren being present.

This Lodge was consecrated 17th May 1876, by R. W. Bro. the Earl of Limerick P.G.M. Bristol. Lt.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney P.M., P.G.S.D. of Essex, first W.M. It now numbers 78 members, of whom 29 have been initiated in the year, or one less than could have been made by the Constitutions at the six regular meetings. These include 1 Peer, 1 Count, 1 Baronet, 2 Chevaliers, 2 M.P.'s, 1 Ex-M.P., 5 Priests, 5 Justices of the Peace, 17 holding University or Literary Degrees, and 38 who hold, or have held, Commissions in the Army, Navy, or Militia. Donations have been made of one hundred guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, one hundred guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and £50 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, qualifying the Lodge as a Vice-President of all the Charities, a thing never done before by any Lodge in its first year of existence. The lists of the W.M. for these Charities were large ones, one member giving an annual subscription of five guineas to each of the three Charities.

The Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, met at the Masonic Hall, Oxford, on Tuesday, 29th May, at 7 p.m., for initiations and other business. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. W. E. Sackville-West M.A., P. Prov. G. Sup. W. Oxon W.M.

The Philips Chapter Rose Croix met at the Athenæum, Lancaster, on Wednesday, 30th May, at 8 p.m. Bro. W. J. Sly 18° M.W.S.

The Vernon Chapter Rose Croix met at Birmingham, on Friday, 1st June, at 3 p.m., for the perfection of candidates, and the installation of the M.W. Sov. for the ensuing year. Bro. Richard T. Horley M.W. Sov.

The Canute Chapter Rose Croix met at Southampton on Monday, 28th May, when one candidate was duly perfected in the 18°.

The Friends-in-Council Lodge, No. 1383, will meet at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Tuesday, 5th June 1877, at 3 p.m., for the initiation of candidates, and the election of the W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Major Shadwell H. Clerke P.P. S.G.W. Devon W.M.

The Studholme Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 197, will meet at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Thursday, 7th June 1877, at 4.45, for the reception of candidates. R.W. Bro. Lieut.-General J. Studholme Brownrigg C.B. W.M.

The Royal Bruce Chapter of the Royal Order of Scotland will be consecrated at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Monday, 11th June.

The Musical Fête of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, will take place in the gardens of Worcester College, Oxford, on Wednesday, 13th June.

A Meeting of the Degree of Royal and Select Masters will be held at the Café Royal, 68 Regent-street W., on Friday, 15th June, at 5.30 p.m., for the reception of candidates. Bro. the Rev. G. Raymond Portal M.P.G.M.

The Bayard Chapter Rose Croix will meet at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Tuesday, 12th June, at 5 p.m., for the perfection of candidates, and the election of the M.W.S. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Ill. Bro. Colonel Somerville Burney 31° M.W.S.

The St. George Chapter Rose Croix will meet at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Thursday, 14th June, at 5 p.m., for the perfection of candidates. Bro. E. J. Castle 18° M.W.S.

The Oxford University Chapter Rose Croix will meet at the Masonic Hall, Frewen-court, Oxford, on Saturday, 2nd June, at 8 p.m., for the perfection of candidates, and the election of the M.W.S. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. W. E. Sackville West 31° M.W.S.

THE MACE FUND.

THE Treasurer of the Dorcas Beneficent Society acknowledges, with many thanks, the following donations received in answer to the appeal of the 14th May:—

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Bro. W. W. Burrell	3	3	0
" Rev. F. King, M.A. 30°	2	2	0
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" E. E. Wendt	1	1	0
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" I. J. Hooper Wilkins, 18°	0	10	6

Further donations are asked to enable him to complete his University course, and will be thankfully received by the Treasurer, Captain Dadson, 33 Golden-square, W., or Bro. F. Binckes, Freemasons' Hall. The Trustees of the Fund are Bros. W. Paas and B. Head.

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REVIEWS.

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The Prince of Wales' Tour: A Diary in India; with some account of the Visits of His Royal Highness to the Courts of Greece, Egypt, Spain, and Portugal. By William Howard Russell. With illustrations by Sydney P. Hall, M.A., Artist in the Suite of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. London: Sampson Low, Marston, Searle and Rivington, Crown-buildings, 188 Fleet-street. 1877.

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Towards three o'clock in the afternoon of the day in which the royal travellers reached Bombay, the preparations for the reception of Lord Northbrook on board the Serapis were completed, and soon a salute from a shore battery, taken up by the ships of the two squadrons, announced that Her Majesty's Viceroy had embarked. On boarding the ship, his Excellency was conducted by Lord Suffield to the Prince, who received him very cordially, and the two introduced to each other the several members of their respective suites. About half an hour later the Governor General of Bombay, Sir Philip Wodehouse, and the Commander-in-Chief, Sir Charles Staveley, went on board, and were received in an equally ceremonious manner, but Sir Philip did not long remain, having to return to the dockyard to join the party awaiting the Prince's landing. At length the moment had come when His Royal Highness should first set foot on Indian soil. A number of boats containing his suite preceded the royal barge, and, writes Mr. Russell, "looking back from one of these, a noble pageant, lighted up by a declining sun, met the eye—the hulls of the fleet, bright streamers and banners, long rows of flags from yard to yard and mast to mast, white boats, a flotilla of steam-launches, gigs, pinnaces, and a crowd of on-lookers hastening fast as oar could send them in wake of the royal barge to the Dockyard." But brilliant as was the water pageant, the scene in the Dockyard must have eclipsed it. Where ordinarily was to be seen only a common-place and very ugly landing, appeared "a vast triumphal arch, spanning the water-way between two piers, but gay with banners, branches and leaves, and with decorations of palm and cocoa-nut." But the scene beneath this arch was "perhaps the most strange and picturesque assemblage ever seen of late days in any part of the world." There were long lines of benches, covered with the inevitable scarlet-cloth, and the same material was laid along the avenue as far as the gate where the carriages were waiting. But it was the occupants of the benches who lent the scene its strange appearence. There were "Chiefs, Sirdars, and native gentlemen of the Presidency, multitudes of Parsees, rows of Hindoos, Mahrattas, and Mahommedans," "a crowd glittering with gems," and presenting "the appearance of bright enamel, or of a bed of gay flowers, agitated by a gentle breeze." In addition, were the officers of government, the Municipal body of Bombay, all the naval and military officers who could be spared, and various other dignitaries, and "all the ladies who could be found within the radius of some hundreds of miles, and who had hastened to greet the Prince with their best smiles and bonnets." When the Prince had landed, Mr. Russell tells us "the anxiety of the chiefs to see him was almost painful," and "for once, they were much agitated, and the proudest departed from the cover of their habitual reserve."

They had some difficulty in identifying him, but when they did so, "the frankness of his smile, and the candid look with which he surveyed them," produced a favourable impression. Of course, sundry addresses were presented, to each of which the Prince vouchsafed a suitable reply. Then as he passed along, he shook hands with most of the chiefs, being especially gracious to the younger ones. The procession had an apparently interminable distance to traverse, and Mr. Russell considers it would have been better had there been more music and a greater military display. As to the scene thus presented along the route, Mr. Russell writes: "There was something almost supernatural in those long vistas, winding down banks of variegated light, crowded with gigantic creatures tossing their arms aloft, and indulging in extravagant gesture, which the eye—baffled by rivers of fire, blinded with the glare of lamps, blazing magnesium wire, and pots of burning matter, sought in vain to penetrate." And a little further on he writes thus:—

"Windows filled with Parsee women—matrons, girls, and children—the bright hues of whose dresses, and the brilliancy of whose jewels, emulated the coloured fires burning along the pavement—scarcely attracted one's notice before it was challenged by the next house, filled with a crowd of devout Mahommedans, or by a Hindoo temple opposite, with its Brahmins and its votaries, on steps and roof; flanked appropriately by a Jew bazaar, or by an Armenian store, or by the incongruity of a European warehouse; or was solicited by the grotesque monitors on a Jain Temple. For if the changes in the chess board are so numerous as to furnish matter for profoundest calculations, the extraordinary varieties of race and population in Bombay present endless subjects for study."

At length, however, Parell House, where the Prince was to stay, was reached, and then came, to crown the labours of the day, a long official banquet. The record for the following day begins with a neat little sketch of life in India.

"Once more in a tent, with black faces all around me! People and trees and surroundings all different—mango trees and mango birds, the gold mohur-tree, cocoa nut and toddy trees (*Borassus flabelliformis*), the wheeling kites overhead—higher still, the soaring vultures—the cry of the great woodpecker, and the chattering of the familiar minar; a new land, but a glance revealed that you were in India, and you felt it too. There is the Headquarters' barber, in a great red Mahratta turban, waiting outside—a handsome, smooth-faced fellow, who makes his English go a long way, and who is a master in his art, though his fingers are deadly cold, and he is for his trade overfond of garlic. Him, be sure, you will never lose sight of as long as you are in India. There is the bheestie with his water-skin ready to fill your tub. There is the syce with your horse outside, if you are minded for a morning ride. There is the sweeper hovering in the distance, the khelassies or tent-pitchers awaiting orders, the khitmutgar with a cup of coffee, and the Bombay 'boy'—in my case one Jivan—a slight, quiet, demure-looking man of forty or so—who has already taken possession of my property—boxes, bags, clothes, money and all—to the intense astonishment of Maclachlan, who would have resisted his assumptions by force, but that I told him it was the custom of the country. These and others. Each tent is a centre of existence to seven or eight of the people called 'Natives,' to whom you are for the time being lord and master. The impudent and irrepressible crows, which are already marking you for their own, are taking accurate note of your proceedings, and studying your character from the branches of the mango-tree overhead, and have been trying your patience by making a prodigious cawing and croaking on the top of your tent."

This being the first day of the Prince's visit, was devoted to the Chiefs. It happened, likewise, to be the anniversary of his birthday, and, consequently, the fatigue he had to endure was unusually great, while the ceremonies in which he was to play the leading part were novel, and must have been exceedingly tiresome. Thus, "the heat even at 8 a.m. was quite sufficient to warn us that we were in India, and yet the Prince was obliged to wear a uniform of European cloth, laden with lace and buttoned up to the throat, and to stand and sit for hours, going through the same kind of labour with each of the Rajas whom he received, who, after a time, must have appeared very much like the same people who had just left the room and were coming back again—figures lighted up with jewels, followed by crowds in white robes and gay head-dresses." In the audience-chamber where the chiefs were received, the preparations were very gorgeous. Servants in scarlet and gold surcoats and turbans were ranged along the room. For the Prince had been prepared a silver throne; behind it were four servitors, two with peacocks' feathers and horse-tails, and two with broad fans; and ranged along the wall, to the left and right of it were twenty-four chairs, with a second row behind. But the most important of all was the carpet, which plays so conspicuous a part in these Eastern Durbars—on this occasion, however, the visits were considered as private—a purple or crimson cloth with gold lace borders, and in the centre an emblazonment of the Royal Arms and motto in full. We need not, however, dwell long on the scene, gorgeous and ever-varying as it was as regards the visitors, albeit its general aspect was one of sameness. The first visitor was the Rajah of Kolhapur, a boy of twelve years old. "He was attired in purple velvet and white muslin, and was encrusted with gems. His turban was a wealth of pearls and rubies; his neck like an array of the show-cases of some great jeweller." He was accompanied by his Sirdars "in their Oriental bravery of shawls, jewels, and tissue of gold." Then came the Maharajah of Mysore, a boy of thirteen—"The jewels which literally hung on him must be of enormous value. One stone of the many of his necklace is said to be worth nine lacs of rupees. . . . . He wore a coat of black velvet. His neck, wrists, arms, and ankles, were encircled with strings of pearls, diamonds, and rubies. His turban was graced with an aigrette of brilliants of large size, and a large tuft of strings of big pearls and emeralds hung down on his shoulder from the top." The third to appear, we are told, according to Sir Thomas Roe, is descended from Porus, and is described as tall, good-looking, and very fair, very dignified in his carriage and manners, and seemingly conscious of his origin. "He was dressed all in white—turban, robe, and pantaloons. But on his head-dress there was an aigrette of magnificent diamonds, and he exhibited on his neck and on his arms some great pearls and rubies, and his gold sash was ornamented with a buckle set with the finest brilliants. His sword-hilt and sheath were richly studded with precious stones." The Sirdars, who accompanied him were even more gorgeous. Of the other chiefs may be mentioned the Rao of Cutch, who had made a long and painful journey in order to see the Prince for just a few moments, and indeed only returned to his state to die; and the young Gaekwar of Baroda, whom the Paramount Power placed on the throne. He is described as "a small, delicately-framed lad for his twelve years and more, with a bright pleasant face. He was weighted, head, neck, chest, arms, fingers, ankles, with such a sight and wonder of vast diamonds, emeralds, rubies, and pearls, as would be worth the loot of many a rich town." He was accompanied by Sir Madhava Rao, who is regent during the little Gaekwar's sovereignty, and of whose career a short, yet interesting sketch, is given. The Nizam of Hyderabad was unable to pay his homage in person on account of his feeble health, but a deputation, headed by Sir Salar Jung G.C.S.I., his Prime Minister, attended. Many other chiefs were received, and we should imagine the Prince was heartily glad when the receptions were at length ended. But the work of the day was not yet ended. The crews of the Serapis and Osborne were celebrating the Prince's birthday, His Royal Highness having made special provision for this, so that a visit to the former was included in the programme. Then, in the evening, there were the illuminations of the city and fleet to be inspected, and an extremely grand display was made. Following this, a State banquet was given by Governor Sir Philip Wodehouse in honour of the happy event. Last of all, came a reception, which was attended by many of the chiefs. On the next day the Prince received the minor chiefs, after which he held a kind of levee at the "Secretariat" or Government buildings, where he spent an hour in bowing to the two thousand, more or less, of native gentlemen, who passed before him. Then came the Children's Fête. "Boys and girls of all castes, classes, and creeds, dressed in the most brilliant colours, were collected under their various teachers, to the number of 7,000, with banners flying, and insignia denoting the schools to which they belonged, driving one again for comparison to the oft-used image of wide-spread banks of flowers in full bloom; and these were in full bloom, if not with ruddy cheeks, at least with that peculiar light and glow which indi-

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cate youth and health in this part of the world, and with an intensity of eye which, except in Spain and Italy, is not seen out of India; and as the Prince, almost with difficulty, made his way up to the elevated stand, where he was to hear the song in his honour, and to present himself to the little multitude, the cries, the cheers, and hurrahs which arose, indicated their possession of excellent lungs. Finally, he was almost smothered in garlands and wreaths of flowers." This must have been one of the most agreeable of the innumerable episodes which marked his progress through India. The evening was devoted to paying return visits to the chiefs, and on this occasion, most of the restraint which had been felt by the latter on visiting the Prince, had disappeared altogether. The Byculla Ball, which was a brilliant scene, closed the proceedings of the day. Under date of 11th of November, we have a graphic description of Indian juggling. Then more return visits, and then the entertainment given by the City of Bombay to the two thousand sailors of the fleet. The Prince visited the gallant tars during their entertainment. How he was received will be best given in the narrator's own words:—

"And to hear these two thousand sailors cheer when they saw the Prince of Wales enter and advance to the centre of the canvas hall, all draped with flags, was great comfort in itself—a sort of marine assurance that there was, without Chauvinism, no want of the old stuff which some think thinned and worn out by chafing innovation! No wonder the Prince wanted to see them as they saw him, and so he called for a chair to stand upon, and mounting the plank with a glass in his hand, exclaimed, 'My lads!'—such a combination of roar and laugh as broke out at this!—'my lads! I am glad to meet you all! I drink your good health and a happy voyage home.' Well, it would be very difficult to say what these two thousand men would not have tried to do at the Prince's bidding when he spoke these words. I am glad their only task was to keep quiet and get on board, and that they did in the most orderly fashion—albeit they put the wreaths of flowers on their necks, and ornamented their caps with the little flags which graced the table. There never were better behaved fellows, not only at the vast feast spread in immense tents, wherein tables had no time to groan under beef, pudding and beer, and had to bear a good deal of dancing all during the festivities, but in the streets."

The other event of the day was the laying the foundation-stone of the Elphinstone Dock with Masonic honours. Of this Mr. Russell gives only a passing notice, remarking that "the only mistake lay, perhaps, in inviting the chiefs to come and see, and placing them where they could not see anything;" and further, that "it was a surprise to the ignorant to see Parsee, Mahommedan, and Hindoo members of the Craft, but they were there in considerable numbers." All passed on well, and the stone was laid amid general rejoicing. The day was brought to an end, after more return visits, with another grand dinner and reception at Parell. On the 12th of the month, the Prince was entertained in the evening at a banquet in the caves of Elephanta, after which came an inspection of the different chambers of the Temple, and fireworks, amid which he left on his return to Parell. On the 13th the Prince set out on an excursion to Poonah, passing *en route* Kirkee, where was fought the battle in which the British had overthrown the Mahratta Empire some fifty-eight years previous. Arrived at Poonah, there was a round of festivities—receptions, a ball, a visit to the famous temple of Parbuttee, and a review of the Division—the Prince returning to Bombay early on the 16th, and quitting it the 18th, on a visit to Baroda, which was reached the day following. Some anxiety had been expressed as to the propriety of paying this visit, having regard to the political complications of a short time previous, our dethronement of the Gaekwar's predecessor, and that many of the dethroned ruler's followers were likely to be in the neighbourhood. However Sir R. Meade was satisfied the visit might be safely made, and it was made. The Prince on reaching Baroda, by rail, found the little Gaekwar awaiting him at the station, and after a few minutes conversation, was conducted by the latter to the elephant which they were to mount together. This is described as "an elephant of extraordinary size; on his back was a howdah of surpassing splendour, which shone like burnished gold in the morning sun, and which was either made of gold or of silver gilt. It was covered with a golden canopy. This exquisitely finished carriage, reported to have cost four lakhs of rupees, was placed on cloth of gold and velvet cushions, fastened over the embroidered covering that almost concealed the outline of the great elephant, which stood swaying his painted proboscis to and fro as if he kept time to the music of the bands outside. His head was coloured of a bright saffron, and on this ground were traced quaint scrolls. His proboscis was especially ornamented in different coloured patterns, and his ears were stained of a pale yellowish green. His tusks had been sawn off to the length of three feet, and false tusks of greater diameter, also shortened, were wedged over them by bands of gold. His painted legs were encased in thick round coils of gold. The mahout was attired in a costume befitting such a gorgeous charge. Attendants stood by with state umbrellas, fans of peacocks' feathers, yaks' tails, and streamers of scarlet and cloth of gold, which they waved before the Prince, others held the silver ladder for him to ascend to the howdah." The Prince having been helped up, the Gaekwar and Sir Madhava Rao followed, and took their seats, the former by the side of his guest. Then, at the word to rise, "the mountainous creature swayed to and fro, and the Prince held on strenuously to the rail in front, while the animal was establishing itself on its forelegs." As the animal made its first stride, a salute of artillery was begun. Other elephants, gaudily, and in some cases as gorgeously attired, followed, and there was a line of elephants to clear the way, preceded by an advanced guard and escort of the 3rd Hussars, while in the rear was a half battery of Royal Artillery, a detachment of the 83rd Regiment, and troops of the Gaekwar, followed by a miscellaneous crowd of Parsees, Sirdars, Mahrattas, and others. On reaching the Residency, where the best arrangements had been made that circumstances would permit, the Gaekwar left for his Palace, after a Durbar at which the Sirdars were presented, and the suite presented to the Gaekwar. In the afternoon the Prince returned the visit, traversing the city of Baroda for that purpose, there being a large crowd lining the route that was traversed, and several triumphal arches. He also paid a visit to the Gaekwar's mother, described as "an exceedingly engaging and graceful lady, not yet thirty years of age, with a pleasant face, bright eyes, and agreeable smile. Her hands and feet are particularly small and well-shaped." His Royal Highness then set out for the Agga, or arena for wild-beast combats, and here he witnessed in succession several wrestling bouts, combats between a pair of elephants, two rhinoceroses, and two buffaloes, the whole concluding with an exhibition of fighting rams, &c. In the evening he dined with the officers of the 9th Native Infantry. The following day, the Prince went on his first shikar party, there being a strong muster of sportsmen, together with some half-dozen cheetahs, and some fierce dogs of the Persian type. Towards the latter part of the day, the Prince tried stalking, and shot a fine buck, after which the party returned to Baroda, and dined with the officers of the 22nd Native Infantry. The next day a visit to the Gaekwar's palace, inspection of Crown jewels, and grand banquet; then another day's shooting, and then a return to Bombay, and then departure from the latter on board the Serapis on a visit to Goa.

Chapter VII. contains a highly interesting account of the visit to Ceylon. One great drawback to locomotion here is the leech, which abounds everywhere. At the outset the narrator experienced discomfort from these bloodsuckers. "A sharp prick above the ankle directed my attention downwards, and I saw a small black body, not much thicker than a pin, which gave decided signs of life, contracting and expanding itself vigorously from one point, just above the shoe. I caught hold of the little black thread in my hand, and pulled it away; where it had been a spot of blood appeared; in a second the leech fastened upon my finger. The place was swarming with the wretches. I had inadvertently walked on the greensward, populous with these bloodsuckers. I instantly fled, and resolved to wear shoes no more in these latitudes." A few pages further on we read, "'Will you take this off my neck, if you please?' 'Hang it! there's one on the calf of my leg!' They came wriggling and jumping along the grass. They must smell one's blood. If you stood on the gravel walk for a few moments, you could see them making their way from all parts of the surrounding country towards you as a common centre of interest. Most horrible of all their properties—they can stand erect on their tails and look out for what is coming." Among the objects of special interest which the Prince inspected was the "Sacred Tooth of Gotama Buddha," in a Wihara, or sacred chamber, in a tower adjoining the Malagawa Temple. While here also, the Prince enjoyed some elephant hunting, and brought down his first elephant in excellent style. On the return home, the carriage conveying His Royal Highness came to grief, and shot the occupants one against the other, but without doing any damage. On leaving Ceylon, Tinnevelly, Trichinopoly, and Madras are successively visited, and among the sights at the last-named must be mentioned the Madras Races, and the illumination of the surf. On the 23rd December the Serapis reached Calcutta, and Lord Northbrook came off to welcome him as at Bombay. We need not dwell upon the events of the visit to the metropolis of our Indian empire, as they closely resemble those of which we have made mention, at Bombay. There were the receptions of the chiefs, and the return visits paid them; ceremonials almost as tiresome to record as to witness, but necessarily part and parcel of the Royal progress. Here, however, on New Year's day 1876, was held a Grand Chapter of the Order of the Star of India, at which the Prince, as representing Her Majesty, conferred the different degrees of the Order on different native chiefs and English officials. In the afternoon, His Royal Highness unveiled the statue erected in memory of the late Earl Mayo, and, later on, was present on the race course, as spectator of a Polo match, between the Calcutta and Munipari players. On the 3rd January, the Prince's visit to the capital ended, and he left for the interior. The reception at the old fort of Ramnagar, by the Maharaja of Benares, was one of the most brilliant episodes in the whole journey. It is thus described:—

"The river-bank was blazing with the twittering of *feux de joie*; the air lighted up by the discharges of artillery from the ancient parapets; the battlements of the fort were illuminated. Silver flambeaux and torches were held by people on parapets, walls and river banks, which were as light as day. Preceded by mace bearers, spearsmen and banners, the Prince and the Maharaja were borne in gold and silver chairs, on men's shoulders, up the ascent from the river to the castle gate, between lines of matchlockmen and cavalry. Elephants, accompanied by wild music, marched on the left, shootee sowars rode on the right. Before the massive gateway, flanked by men in chain armour, the Maharaja's infantry presented arms. There, in the courtyard, was a line of elephants, bearing gold and silver howdahs. In another courtyard were assembled the retainers and the officials of the household, who received the Royal visitor with profound salaams. The Maharaja led the Prince upstairs, where, after the usual presentations and a short conversation, a long file of servitors laid examples of gold brocade, of the famed kinkob of Benares, Dacca muslin, and costly shawls at the Prince's feet, while the Maharaja sat, like a benevolent old magician in spectacles and white moustache, smiling in his hall, with his hands joined in a deprecating way as each tray was laid on the ground, as though he would say, 'Pardon that unworthy offering!' The Maharaja then conducted the Prince to a room, where other beautiful presents were laid out on tables. In a third room, a rich banquet was served, which was untouched."

At Lucknow, the Prince laid the foundation stone of the memorial to the native officers and soldiers who fell in the memorable defence of the Residency. When the ceremony was over, by a "happy unpremeditated thought," as Mr. Russell puts it, the Prince requested that the surviving veterans who were in attendance should be presented to him. The scene which followed was most touching. We read of one veteran "led in by his sons, nearly blind from a wound,"

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who exclaimed, "'Let me see him.' The Prince, understanding what he meant, told the officers to permit him to approach. The veteran, with his hand to his turban at the salute came quite close, peered into the Prince's face, drew a deep sigh, and said, 'I thank Heaven I have lived to see this day and the Prince's face;' but when he felt that the Prince had taken his hand, he burst into tears, and was led sobbing away." Then came the visit to the Memorial at the Well of Cawnpore. Then Delhi was visited, where was held a grand review in honour of the occasion. Afterwards Lahore, Agra, Gwalior, and other famed cities were similarly honoured. Lastly, the Prince had the opportunity of enjoying some rare sport in the Nepaul jungle, under the conduct of the late Sir Jung Bahadoor, tiger and elephant being the principal quarry. The reader will doubtless enjoy this part of the volume, as there is some of the best descriptive writing in it, and more than one exciting adventure. However, we feel it imperative to bring this notice to a conclusion. We have enjoyed reading it, and though it is inevitable that in books of this kind there should be a certain degree of monotony, yet this, our readers will well believe, in the skilful hands of Mr. Russell, is reduced to a minimum. The illustrations are numerous, and several of them are exceedingly happy; but we hardly think they are on a level with the requirements of such a work. Were they all of the same standard as that representing "The Pleasures of the Chase—Pad Elephant," "A War Dance at Delhi," or "Ceylon—the Dead Elephant," we should experience a greater amount of enthusiasm for the work of the artist. With these remarks, we take leave of one of the most interesting books of its kind which it has been our good fortune to read.

WHAT MIGHT BE.

IF we look over the written history of our Fraternity, we shall find that very shortly after the revival of 1717 in London, it was brought to this country, and finding congenial soil, it took root and grew, slowly at first, as was but natural in a sparsely settled country, and more vigorously when the colonies had became a nation, so that Ben. Franklin and his Lodge, at the Hoop, in Water-street, Philadelphia, have grown into ten thousand Lodges and more than half a million Masons. The end is not, for annually there is an increase in the number of the brethren and the family circles, called Lodges, where they meet and transact business. During the period of little more than a century in which the transformation from a handful to a vast army has taken place, we shall find that, apart from the mere routine, the reception of profanes, the making of laws and supervising their execution, the giving to the needy—of which we desire, in the spirit of the Institution, to make no boast, rather wishing that, in so far as that particular branch of our labour is concerned the right hand may not know what the left is doing—during this period we may say we have devoted ourselves to growing. We have so cared for our stewardship that its roots have deeply penetrated the soil, and its leaves and branches spread themselves abroad until in every state of humanity we find it represented, and within its grasp a power not equally possessed by any other human association, for the reason that within our assemblies there is nothing to arouse the divisions and animosities among men that naturally grow out of their varying opinions on matters pertinent to this or the other world—to this in the scramble for wealth, position, power; the heartburnings of rank and caste and station—to the other in that old battle between Armageddon and the rest, in which, as a general rule, you can only go to heaven if you see your way through my spectacles, or *vice versa*, you are sure to bring up in outer darkness if you look through your own. This at least then we have accomplished, that we have gathered together half a million intelligent men, not one of whom has given up or been expected to give up an idea of his religious faith, or of his political convictions, but yet who see for themselves that it is possible for men to entertain the most thoroughly opposite ideas, and yet recognise the fact that they are still men, and may live in accord, and work happily together for good, notwithstanding that they vote different tickets, or take different roads to reach the final rest. That in reaching this result we have been the disciples and exemplars of toleration in the largest and most beneficial way cannot be successfully contradicted, and this especially, because while we have no special faith to advocate neither have we any to oppose, and so leaving every one unmolested in the pursuit of what may be happiness to him, we are, so to speak, the custodians of a pleasant retreat, where men may forget for a time the world and its strife in the enjoyment of friendship and social communion unmarred by jarring incentives.

But the question presents itself, are we not capable as an organisation of more extended usefulness? Are we, considering the material of which our association is composed, exercising our real weight in the community and demonstrating, as we might do, the real value of associated effort? Every thinking man will at once say No—decidedly No. Take an illustration: Masonry has a literature, as witness its thousands of published volumes, from the balderdash of the parrot up to the effusions of the scholar and philosopher, and yet, except the mere manuals and guides to the ceremonial, we doubt whether any Masonic author ever got as much for his labour as he could have earned with a shovel in the same length of time. No Masonic journal has ever had more than a temporary success; not one has ever been permanently established, and there is not, to the best of our belief, one brother who has devoted himself to the literature of Masonry, to the instruction of the brethren, and to the championship of the Institution, who has not poverty for his reward. And yet, how different all this might be? If only one brother in ten would feel called by his pride in the Craft to remember the agency by which, more than all others, it has been enabled to resist the attacks of its enemies, and stand before the world as proudly as to-day it does, its power and security would be still further enhanced, and its servants have some brighter visions in the future than that of a pauper's grave.—*N. Y. Dispatch.*

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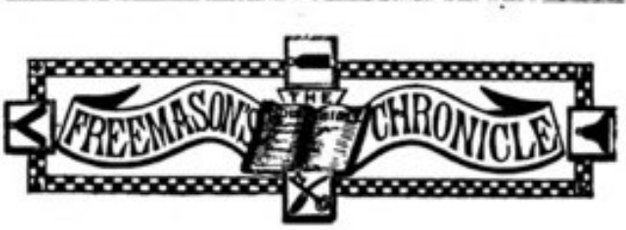
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

TO-DAY is fixed for the official celebration of Her Majesty's birthday, the actual anniversary having fallen on the 24th ult. Of course there will be the usual demonstrations of loyalty; for, though the day itself may be set apart for the purpose, there is not in England, as in some other countries, the slightest necessity for organising any periodical displays of affection for the sovereign who has so long and so ably ruled over us. There will be the usual parade at the Horse Guards, and a field-day on Woolwich Common, while in all garrison towns there will certainly be some kind of military display more or less effective. Then, in the evening, the streets at the West End will be thronged with sightseers, all anxious to see the illuminations. No doubt it will require careful steering to find one's way comfortably along such thoroughfares as Regent-street, Bond-street, and Piccadilly. We may reckon that Mr. Poole, the tailor of Saville-row, will make as brilliant a display as in past years, that the clubs will be all ablaze with light, and indeed generally, that there will be plenty to see, and vast crowds to see it. The different ministers have already issued invitations for the customary banquet this evening, so that from the highest to the lowest there will be ample opportunity for celebrating the auspicious event. Let us hope the Clerk of the Weather will be reasonably kind, and allow Londoners and their country cousins to enjoy themselves in their own way.

On Thursday last the Prince of Wales returned from his visit to Sir Hastings Doyle. The day following he lunched with the Prince and Princess Christian at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Park, dining in the evening with the Baron and Baroness Lionel de Rothschild at their residence in Piccadilly. On Saturday he was present with his two daughters at the Grand Military Concert at the Royal Albert Hall, in aid of the funds of the Royal Cambridge Asylum for Soldiers' Widows. On Tuesday, accompanied by Prince Christian, he honoured the Earl and Countess of Wilton with his presence at dinner, and on Wednesday he was at Epsom, and witnessed the great race of the year, as he has done almost regularly for many years. The Princess of Wales left Athens on Tuesday morning, accompanied by the King and Queen of Greece. On reaching Corinth, the latter were to take farewell, and the Princess was to continue her journey in the Osborne to Brindisi, whence she was to travel by rail the greater part of the way home. The Duchess of Edinburgh, is at Cobourg with her children. On Tuesday, Prince Leopold left Balmoral Castle for London, Oxford, and Boyton.

Even wars and rumours of war do not lessen to any appreciable extent the interest which the general public takes in the Derby. The race itself, perhaps, may not have been as attractive as in some years we remember, but the course was as thronged as ever, amongst the most illustrious of those who witnessed the contest for the Blue Riband of the turf being, as we have said, the Prince of Wales, with whom also was Prince Christian. Among others who flocked to the Downs were the Chinese Ambassadors, who probably did not understand the exact nature of the festivities it was their fortune to be spectators of. The roughness of an English crowd is not likely to commend itself to the grave dignitaries of the Celestial Empire. As regards the race itself, there was a field of seventeen, or two more than the number which ran last year. An excellent start was effected, and a good race ended in favour of Silvio, a Blair Athol colt, which passed the winning post first, by half a length, Glen Arthur obtaining second place, while Rob Roy was just three quarters of a length behind, Rhidorroch losing the honour of a place by a head only. The owner of the winning horse is Lord Falmouth, and this is the second occasion on which his lordship has secured this important prize.

It seldom happens that England has the opportunity of showing hospitality to a more illustrious visitor than General Grant, ex-President of the United States, who reached Liverpool on Monday afternoon, and has since arrived in London, where he will be the guest of the American Minister, Mr. Pierrpoint. General Grant received his education at West Point, but at the time the Civil War broke out between the Northern and Southern States he did not hold very high rank. He soon, however, showed his fitness for important commands, and in time achieved several important successes, especially the capture of Fort Donnelson and Vicksburg. When McClellan, Hooker, Burnside, Pope, and other Generals were successively beaten in their attempts against General Lee, President Lincoln summoned General Grant to take the command and after a series of desperate engagements, in which, it is hard to say, whether the stubborn determination of the Federal or the skill of the Confederate were the more admirable, he succeeded in driving the Confederates from their Capital, and thus achieved a decisive victory for the Northern arms. When President Johnson's term of office was about determining, General Grant stood as candidate for the Presidency on the republican platform, and was elected. He enjoyed a second term of office, and in March last retired to make way for President Hayes. Other ex-Presidents of the United States have visited these shores, but none of them were so illustrious as Grant. There may, of course, have been times during his period of office when the relations between the two countries left something to be desired, but it was as natural that President Grant should take an American view of the interests of his country as that we should regard British interests from a British point of view. We feel certain, however, that General Grant will meet with an enthusiastic welcome in old England. He has, indeed, already been most flatteringly received at Liverpool and Manchester, and there is every reason to

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believe that he will be presented by the Corporation of London with that mark of respect which custom prescribes should be shown to illustrious foreigners. For the matter of that, indeed, we can hardly speak of one who bears the British name of Grant as being a foreigner. We can only add that England will extend to him the right hand of good fellowship without the slightest *arrière pensée*.

And while speaking of the arrival among us of the most illustrious of American soldiers and statesmen, it is only fitting we should pay our humble tribute of respect to the memory of another worthy citizen of the United States, who died as recently as Tuesday, at Kingston, Dorsetshire. We are alluding to Mr. J. L. Motley, whose name as the historian of the Dutch Republic is as familiar among all classes of Englishmen as a household word, and whose fame will be co-existent with the English language. Mr. Motley was born at Dorchester, Massachusetts, on 15th April 1814, and had therefore entered on his 64th year. He graduated at the Harvard University in 1831. In 1841 he became United States Secretary of Legation at St. Petersburg. In 1851 he again visited Europe. In 1861 he was appointed Minister Plenipotentiary at Vienna, from which position he was recalled in 1867. On the accession of President Grant, in 1869, he was appointed Minister in London, but held the office for a year only. Mr. Motley was a member of the principal literary societies in Europe and America, and had had conferred upon him the honorary degree of D.C.L. at Oxford, and that of LL.D. at Cambridge. We have already mentioned the work on which his literary fame principally rests, but besides this and other historical works, he was the author of many contributions to periodical literature. In him the United States undoubtedly loses one of its foremost men of letters.

On Tuesday the City of Brussels, which left New York on the 21st April, reached Liverpool, after an unusually protracted passage of thirty-eight days. She had scarcely left New York when the screw-shaft broke, and she had to continue her voyage under sail, and as the weather was most unfavourable, the progress she made from day to-day was very slow. However, the passengers behaved admirably, and managed to pass the time comfortably. Of course they had to put up with some inconvenience, but this was endured philosophically. All of them speak in the highest terms of the conduct and kindness of Captain Watkins, the commander of the vessel. There were 76 cabin and 111 steerage passengers on board, and of the latter, one who suffered from chronic bronchitis died.

It is somewhat of a novelty to read of a highway robbery of the old-fashioned sort occurring within a few miles of London—indeed, within the limits of the metropolitan district. Yet, on Monday evening, the carriage of Mr. Hodgson, one of the Treasury solicitors, when traversing a lonely part of Blackheath, was stopped by two men, who first compelled the coachman to pull up, and then presented pistols at the head of Mr. Hodgson. The latter, who was accompanied by his sister and niece, fearing for the ladies, gave the men five shillings, but this did not content them, and he then gave them his purse, containing £17 in notes and gold. The men then made off, but as yet the police have obtained no clue to this daring robbery.

The excitement over the recent dismissal of the Simon Ministry continues throughout all France; but it is noticeable, of course, chiefly in Paris. It is impossible to forecast the issue of the struggle between the President who has declared he will remain firm, and the Republican party who possess an immense majority in the Legislative Chamber.

As regards the war, there are some items of news to record. The Special Correspondent of one of our daily contemporaries speaks of a fresh repulse of the Russians before Batoum, and of the recapture by the Turks of Ardehan. In addition, the attempt to bring about a rising in the Caucasus is said to be causing the Russians a great deal of anxiety and trouble, not only as regards the locality of the insurrection itself, but also on the banks of the Danube, whence all the Circassian troops are said to have been retired into the interior at a distance from the seat of war. On the Danube the Turks have experienced the loss of another ironclad gunboat, which was sunk by torpedoes, so that naval men, when fuller news arrives of this exploit, will be in a better position to judge of the power of this devilish instrument of warfare. It is unpleasant to contemplate the possibility that any one of our own magnificent ironclads may be sent to the bottom, or blown into the air, by a comparatively insignificant, yet terrible engine of war. This, however, is merely a remark *en passant*. As regards other news from Eastern Europe, there is little to add, as no attempt as yet has been made to cross the Danube. But there is political trouble apparently looming in the near future. Servia is becoming again restless, and the Greek Ministry, which was anxious to maintain neutrality, has been driven from office, and a demonstration made before the Royal Palace at Athens. All this is very unsatisfactory, as it indicates a possibility that the war may not long be confined within its present limits. Meantime, the greatest activity reigns in our dockyards, and the Channel Fleet is on the point of sailing—it is said by one daily paper, for Gibraltar. Let us hope that England will not have to change this attitude of careful observation.

Most of our readers have necessarily heard of Bro. Constable's tickets; we are assured that a majority have seen them. An esteemed brother, speaking only the other day, told us that for the last six months they had haunted him by day, and he had dreamed of them by night. "However," added he, "they have a mission to fulfil, and that mission will soon be brought to an end." We are led to these remarks by the fact that, knowing as we do the number of tickets our "Man of Energy" has issued, and the absolute necessity for an early return of the same being made, sufficient time may be allowed for the return of those yet outstanding between now and the day fixed for drawing. There is, moreover, another reason. A contemporary of ours has spoken of Bro. Constable having launched no less than 12,000 of these tickets on the Masonic waters, and our anxiety is that none of the said tickets may be left floating about uselessly, as "flotsam and jetsam," till the time is past. Speaking seriously, we wish our brother success, and announce that the day for drawing will be the 13th inst., the place, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall Street, E.C., and the hour 7 p.m.

Elsewhere in our columns will be found a report of the installation meeting of the Bayard Lodge. This Lodge, as we pointed out a few weeks ago, has distinguished itself by becoming Vice-Patron of all the Masonic Charities during the *first* year of its existence; implying the dedication of a considerable sum to the sacred cause of Charity, reflecting no less credit upon its rulers than upon the hearty co-operation of its members. We offer our cordial congratulations to No. 1615.

A Lodge of Instruction has been formed under the sanction of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780. It meets every Friday evening, at 7.30, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow.—Concluded their official visitations for the season on Thursday, 17th ult., by going, at 7.30, to St. Andrews, No. 465, were they were received by the R.W.M. Bro. David Reid P.G.S.B. and the officers. The report showed the Lodge to be working very satisfactorily, and they had initiated 26 brethren during the official year. They then proceeded to St. Mark Lodge, No. 27, were Bro. Dr. McInnis R.W.M., D. Buller and the officers, as well as a good many visitors were waiting to receive them with due honours. The Deputation consisted of Bros. Easten acting D.P.G.M., J. Jellis P.G.T., G. Sinclair Treas. to Benevolent Fund, W. H. Bickerton P.G.S., Allison P.G.S., James Balfour P.D. of C., A. Bain P.G.B.B., T. Halket P.G.D. of M., J. Booth P.G.I.G. and J. B. Hardie T. The report stated "The books were fairly kept, and the Lodge generally working in accordance with the Constitutions." They had initiated 20 members. The acting P.G.M. said that having now visited all the 29 Lodges of the Province; they were glad to find the great majority of them in such good working order. They wished, however, to see the Benevolent Fund in a more flourishing position, and more worthy of the Order and its own beneficent objects. He would then ask the Treas. of that fund to say a few words to them. Bro. G. Sinclair said, the fund was increasing, but not so fast as they wished. They had a sum of £900 invested, and £40 in hand to carry them through this year; that was, including their receipts of this night; but he wished to make the investments up to £2000, and then with the interest of it, and current subscriptions, he might be able to dispense greater benefits than he was now able to do. He knew an old and wealthy Lodge, like St. Mungo, would assist in soon procuring this sum. Bro. Gillis, Treasurer of the Province, said, he was working with Bro. Sinclair in this, and they looked for the support of every Mason in the Province. Bro. Sinclair had told them that subscription sheets

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were to be sent to each Lodge. He trusted every member would give at least 1s, many would give more, some £1, others, like the P.G.M., £5 annually, and then the fund would enable them to dispense real and substantial relief to all deserving cases. The R.W.M. said the case was deserving of their serious consideration, but as it was getting late, they had better defer it, especially as the deputation had now concluded their labours. The Lodge would be only honoring themselves by asking them to take a little refreshment. The Lodge was then called off, and a pleasant hour spent in harmony with the brethren.

Provincial Grand Chapter of Lanarkshire.—This Chapter held its Quarterly Communication in St. Mark's Hall, Glasgow, on 25th May, the Prov. G. Supt., F. A. Barrow, presiding, assisted by Comps. W. H. Smith P.G.H., J. Michell P.G.J., James Balfour P.G. Scribe E., G. W. Wheeler P.G.S.N., T. W. Campbell P.G.P.S., D. M. Lamb P.G. 2nd S., George McDonald P.G. 3rd S., and J. Duthie P.G.S. of W. The Scribe E. reported the result of the P.G.C. visitations to the various Chapters in the Province. Comp. Barrow P.G. Superintendent expressed the pleasure he felt in finding all the Chapters in a better position than at the former visitation, and expressed a hope that the Comps. would not slacken their efforts to maintain the dignity of the Order throughout the Province. Comps. W. H. Smith and J. Mitchell, both of whom were unable to be present at the annual meeting, were then initiated into their chairs as P.G.H. and P.G.J. Comp. Muir Z. of Chapter 117 wished to know if it was constitutional to work a Lodge of Mark Masters as a separate degree under the Charter of a Craft Lodge. The Superintendent held that it was not, though in Scotland a Craft Lodge had the power of conferring the Mark degree on Master Masons. The P.G. Scribe read the correspondence between himself and the Grand Scribe E. on this subject, also a communication from the Craft Grand Secretary; and from the replies of both these brethren he held it was unconstitutional for any Royal Arch Mason to take part in working such separate degree. Eventually the P.G.S.E. was instructed to communicate with the Comps. referred to, and also to write to the First Principals of their Chapter, calling their attention to the facts of the case, so that their position may be definitely understood.

Phœnix Chapter, Port Royal, Jamaica, No. 914, Prov. No. 6.—The installation of officers of the above Chapter took place at the Phœnix Hall, Port Royal, on 12th April, when the [illegible] the M.E.Z.'s G. J. de Cordova, Altamont de Cordova and R. Langley P.P.Z.:—M.E. Comps. Osmond Delgado sen. P.Z., David Barned P.H., Osmond Delgado jun. P.J. The following officers were invested:—Comps. W. J. Lovesy Rutherford S.E., W. Dey Smedmore S.N., L. Cole Hollar P.S., R. Thompson Treasurer, G. P. Myers and J. B. Allen Assist. Sojourners, F. W. Hollar Janitor. Two candidates were duly exalted by the newly installed officers. After the Chapter was duly closed, the brethren retired to a banquet, where the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. This Chapter is now twelve months old, and about thirty brethren have been exalted. This Chapter being intended for the use of the Navy and Army, the fees have been reduced, so that those who belong to the Navy and Army will avail themselves of this opportunity.

Bro. L. C. Hollar was elected Master, on 10th April 1877, of the Phœnix Lodge, Port Royal. This brother has served the Lodge in capacity of Secretary for three years, and one year as Senior Warden. The installation will take place about 24th May. Bro. R. Thompson has been elected for the fourth time as Treasurer. The installation of officers of the Royal Lodge took place at the Friendly Hall, on 7th May, when the following officers were duly installed:—Wor. W. Andrews jun. Master (second time), A. E. Burke I.P.M., Bros. G. Sargeant Senior Warden, Thorwell Secretary, G. Campbell Treasurer (second time), J. Duff Senior Deacon, J. Romney Junior Deacon, G. Garsia Inner Guard, Simpson and Jackson Stewards, G. Magnus Tyler. The following Past Masters were present, and assisted in the ceremony:—Wor. R. Langley, A. E. Burke, Taylor, Davis, Andrews, and Dias, the installing and retiring Master being Wor. A. E. Burke. After the ceremony of installation had been closed, the brethren retired to a banquet, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. The Royal Lodge is the oldest in the island, being nearly 100 years. During the past year, under the mastership of Wor. A. E. Burke, the finances of the Lodge have been more than it has been for the past six years. The Friendly Rooms will shortly be completed as regards extension and repairs, and the building will then be able to be called a Masonic Hall.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 31st of May, at the Union Tavern, Air-street W. Present—Bros. G. Davis W.M., E. Farwig S.W., F. J. Wray J.W., T. Cull Sec. and acting Past Master, Parkhouse S.D., J. H. Watts J.D., Ward I.G., and a large number of brethren. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge opened in second and third degrees, and resumed to the first, when the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture: Bros. W. Corner, — Elborn, T. Cull, C. A. Woods, D. M. Belfrage, J. Bentley, J. H. Watts. Second Lecture: Bros. Sparrow, F. J. Wray, E. Farwig, A. Stewart, R. J. Smith. Third Lecture: Bros. A. C. Burrell, W. J. Collens, J. Davis. Several brethren were elected joining members. A vote of thanks and honorary membership was accorded to the W.M. (Bro. G. Davis), who had so ably worked the sections, and in proposing the vote, Bro. Cull took occasion to remark upon the great proficiency exhibited by the W.M., seeing that he was not two years a Master Mason. The W.M., in acknowledging the compliment, paid a deserved tribute of thanks to the excellent Preceptor, Bro. J. Mander, who had been indefatigable in his tuition. The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the fifteen brethren who had so ably seconded his efforts. Bro. Farwig S.W. having responded, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Thursday next at the hour of 8 p.m.

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INCREASE IN THE CRAFT.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The agenda paper for the meeting of Grand Lodge, to be held next week, gives a list of no less than 25 new Lodges which have been warranted during the past three months. Such an accession to the roll of the Grand Lodge of England is, I believe, unprecedented, and shows a marked increase on most of the returns made during the past two years. These, from Grand Lodge papers I have before me, were as follow:—

	New Lodges.	Home.	Abroad.
September 1875 ...	12	8	4
December „ ...	17	13	4
March 1876 ...	18	14	4
June „ ...	22	19	3
Sept. „ ...	19	18	1
Dec. „ ...	13	8	5
March 1877 ...	16	8	8
June „ ...	25	19	6
	142	107	35

I question much whether this great accession to the number of our Lodges is productive of good to the Order at large. I fear many Lodges are established solely for the sake of getting certain aspiring brethren through the chair, and I sincerely hope that no evil effects will follow.

Feeling this is a matter that might be discussed with advantage, I am induced to trouble you with these few lines.

Yours fraternally,

ONE OF THE OLD SCHOOL.

HINTS TO BATHERS.—There is a little difficulty, either in town or country, in obtaining access to the water. We believe all our large towns are now supplied with swimming baths, in which it is preferable that the beginner should practise, rather than that he should seek an open stream for the purpose. The baths are usually attended by experienced persons, from whom lessons may be obtained if desired, or whose help may be useful in an emergency; and at such places the learner may also gain kindly hints and assistance from others who have recently experienced, and are ready to sympathise with his difficulties. But if the beginner is the denizen of a rural locality which is destitute of such an advantage, he should exercise care in the selection of a spot in which to practise. Let him, in the first place, choose a stream, the bottom of which slopes gradually from the bank, and ascertain its precise depth at various distances. Let him be very careful to select a place which is free from weeds, either attached to the bottom and scarcely seen from the bank, or floating freely on the surface. A clear stream, with a gravelly or sandy bottom, is by far the best. One with a muddy or rough and stony bottom should be avoided; and especially keep clear of water the bed of which is full of deep and sudden holes. Bathing on the sea-shore can only be practised with safety when the beach is shelving, and its general features, as to freedom from rocks, etc., are well known. The novice should select still weather only for the purpose, or the sudden coming in of a wave may take him off his legs and carry him helplessly out to sea. A terrible calamity occurred a few years ago in this way, seven youths out of eight who were bathing on the Hampshire Coast being swept away and drowned. The best time for practising is in the morning, an hour or two after sunrise; but bathing or swimming on an empty stomach is not advisable. A crust of bread, with the addition of a cup of coffee, if practicable, is all, however, that will be necessary. Bathing either shortly before or after a full meal is injurious, but the latter especially so. Take a brisk walk before you enter the water, that the body may be in a glow when you step in; then strip as quickly as possible, and take your plunge while the blood is still coursing freely through the veins. When you have learnt to swim, you will be able to enter by diving; but until you have, you must walk into the water, and in this latter case you should dip the upper part of the body in and out again, otherwise the blood will be driven too much to the head.—*From Swimming, in Cassell's Popular Educator* for June.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—In all outward complaints a desperate effort should be made to at once remove those annoying infirmities, and establishing a cure. The remarkable remedies discovered by Professor Holloway will satisfactorily accomplish this desirable result, without any of those dangers or drawbacks which attended the old method of treating ulcerative inflammations, scrofulous affections, and eczematic annoyances. The most timid need not stay to use both the Ointment and Pills with the utmost safety with certain success, provided a moderate attention be bestowed on their accompanying "Directions." Both the preparations soothe, heal, and purify. The one assists the other most materially in effecting cures and renewing strength by helping exhausted nature just when she needs such succour.

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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, 2nd JUNE.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1233—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 4th JUNE.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
1636—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road.

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.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
431—St. George's Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
482—St. James's, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.
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.
1061—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1064—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 23 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.

TUESDAY, 5th JUNE.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Coopers Arms, Silver-street, Falcon-square, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stamford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
130—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
134—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
188—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
263—St. David's, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Peterafield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1344—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1533—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.

WEDNESDAY, 6th JUNE.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7 p.m.
193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
902—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, 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.)
1388—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1434—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (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.
295—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.
1085—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.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

THURSDAY, 7th JUNE.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., 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.
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
31—United Industrious, Guildhall, Canterbury.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 23 Hope-street, Liverpool.
794—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
309—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
443—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
486—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)
793—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Ballring-lane, Grimsby.
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
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.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.

FRIDAY, 8th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
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, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, 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.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1299—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1643—Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne Road, North Kensington, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1067—Boandesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.

SATURDAY, 9th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

[illegible]—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1108—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1302—De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1543—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.

TUESDAY.

265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

WEDNESDAY.

R. A. 256—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

THURSDAY.

269—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.
R. A. 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.

FRIDAY.

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

SATURDAY.

R. A. 903—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—429—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—56—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—332—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" R. A. 119—Rosslyn, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
TUESDAY—3 bis.—St. John's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 73—Thistle and Rose, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 87—Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, 30 Cathedral-street, Glasgow.
" 437—Govandale, Partland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow.
" 506—Clydesdale, 166 Rose-street, Glasgow.
WEDNESDAY—4—Kilwinning, 241 Dumbarton-road, Glasgow.
" 124—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.
" 354—Caledonian Railway, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" 571—Dramatic, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, at 3 p.m.
" R. A. 87—Shamrock and Thistle, 12 Trongate.
THURSDAY—465—St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-rd., Glasgow.
FRIDAY—R. A. 79—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
SATURDAY—39—St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch. At 6 p.m.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge of Instruction held its weekly meeting at Bro. Hallows, the "Chequers," Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Thursday, 31st ult. Present—Bros. W. G. Hallows W.M., Franklin S.W., F. Hallows J.W., Hunt S.D., Upward J.D., Clarke I.G., Pinder Preceptor, Saunders Secretary; also Bros. Bell, Groome, Dendy, Carter, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Groome acting as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and the ceremonry of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Groome acting as candidate. The Lodge was closed in the 2nd degree, and Bro. Pinder worked the 3rd section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Franklin was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 31st May. Present—Grammer W.M., Maidwell S.W., Isaac J.W., Daniel S.D., Cay J.D., Powell I.G., Webb Preceptor, and Bros. Hewlett, Ellis, Marks, Aarons. After the Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Hewlett candidate. Bro. Ellis answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, the ceremony of passing was worked, Bro. Ellis candidate. The Lodge was resumed to first, when the W.M. worked 1st and 2nd, and Bro. Horsley the 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Maidwell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Webb was unanimously elected an honorary member. The Lodge was closed, and adjourned until Thursday, 7th June.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, 28th inst. Present—Bros. Cook W.M., Bisset S.W., R. Pearcy J.W., Trewinnard S.D., Tolmie Acting Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Kidder J.D., Christopher I.G., Clarke, Hunter, Stack, &c. Lodge opened in due form, minutes read and confirmed. Lodge opened in second and third degrees. Bro. Pearcy worked the 1st and 3rd sections of the lecture. Lodge closed in third and second degrees. The ceremony of initiation was [illegible] Bro. Stack acting as candidate. Bro. Bisset was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was awarded to the W.M. for his able conduct in the chair. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 12th May. Present—Bros. Barnett W.M., Posener S.W., Daniel J.W., Wharman S.D., Gieberman I.G.; and Bros. Hollands, Cambridge, Loewstaff P.M., Lipscombe, Aarons, Harris, Marks, Cay, and several other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree. The ceremony of installation was worked by Bro. Barnett, in a very perfect and impressive manner, Bro. Maidwell as W.M. elect. Bro. Maidwell resumed the Lodge to the 2nd degree. Bro. Cambridge answered the questions leading to the 3rd degree perfectly, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and Bro. Cambridge was duly raised. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Barnett, for the able and efficient manner he had worked the ceremony of installation, to the gratification and instruction of all present. Bro. Barnett responded, stating he felt it a duty and pleasure to do all he could for the interest of the Craft, and particularly for Prosperity Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Posener was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and, from the able manner he works, a large attendance is expected.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—The regular convocation of this excellent working Chapter was held on Monday, the 28th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. W. Littaur P.Z. as M.E.Z., E. P. Albert P.Z. as H., L. Jacobs J., S. V. Abrahams P.Z. Treas., P. Dickinson S.E., L. Lazarus P.S.; P.Z.'s Comps. S. M. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, J. Lazarus, S. Pollitzer; and Comps. G. Ellis, L. Auerhaan, Brall, Haines, N. Baum, R. G. Howell, J. S. Lyon, Davis, M. Silver, W. J. Jennings, W. H. Cremer, P. Moore, Myers, &c. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. I. P. Cohen W.M. 205, W. Brall 1017, J. W. Dewsnap 188, H. P. Isaac 188, and A. Botibol 188, which ballots were accepted. Bros. S. Botibol, H. P. Isaac, A. Botibol, and C. Roberts, being in attendance, were duly exalted into R.A. Masonry, in a perfect and impressive manner. The election for Principals, Treasurer, and Junior Officers then took place—Comp. W. Littaur P.Z. was elected M.E.Z., L. Jacobs H., P. Dickinson J., S. V. Abrahams P.Z. Treas., Gulliford S.E., J. S. Lyon S.N., M. H. Myers P.S., Smith Janitor. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to a banquet, provided by Comp. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver. Grace having been said, by Comp. Myers, the M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the newly exalted Companions. By the attention they had paid to the ceremony, he was sure they would prove an accession to the Order. He then gave a beautiful and instructive illustration of the duties of R.A. Masonry, and hoped the Companions would drink the toast as it merited. The Companions having severally responded, Comp. E. P. Albert P.Z. proposed the toast of the Acting Z., Comp. Littaur; all who had seen his working must have had a great Masonic treat. He had ably performed the duties of the three chairs, and every office he had held he had filled in a praiseworthy manner. The acting M.E.Z. then rose; he thanked Comp. Albert for his kind manner in speaking of him; he and Comp. Albert had worked together, and he hoped he had gained the good will of all present. He thanked them sincerely. The M.E.Z. then said he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the Visitor who had honoured them with his company. The introduction he comes with is sufficient voucher for them to give him a hearty welcome. Comp. Bausor, No. 174, said he was gratified at the manner he had been received, he had been to many Chapters, but had never seen better working, nor more genial hospitality. The toast of the P.Z.'s was then given, and Comp. J. Lazarus responded. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the newly elected H. and J., both Companions are well worthy to fill those offices, he was sure, to their entire satisfaction. Comps. Jacobs and Dickinson severally responded. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the P.S., and spoke well of his capabilities. Comp. L. Lazarus P.S. responded. The Janitor's toast was then given, and the Companions separated.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on 26th May. Bros. Moss W.M., Defriez S.W., Fenner J.W., Bedwell S.D., Gibbs J.D., Elliston I.G., Pearcy Preceptor, Halford Treasurer, Killick Secretary. The Lodge was opened in the usual order, and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. The three ceremonies were rehearsed in a masterly manner. Bro. Defriez was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the W.M.

Commercial Lodge, No. 340, Glasgow.—The regular meeting was held in the Hall, 30 Hope-street. In consequence of the absence from town of the R.W.M., Bro. J. Munro, the Lodge was opened by Bro. J. M. Oliver D.M., W. Findlay S.W., Graham J.W., C. Duncan S.D., A. Barnett I.G. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Smith 3½, A. Watson S.D. 30, J. Callam 48, G. W. Wheeler 73, G. Fisher R.W.M. 129, St. Mirren's, Paisley, with a deputation, namely—Bros. Edwins I.P.M., Macpherson S.P.G.T. of R.E., P.M. Allen, and Wm. Jameson, F. Hardie 354, Wm. Dobbie P.M. 362, McKay 556, and Bro. James McKay 728 (E.C.) Mr. James McDonald, having been unanimously ballotted for, was then introduced and carefully initiated by the acting Master. The Lodge was raised to the sublime degree, and Bro. Thomas Ferguson was obligated by the D.M., when Bro. Munro, having arrived by train, assumed the chair, and completed the ceremony of the 3rd degree, in his usual impressive style. When the Paisley deputation had to [illegible] proposed the thanks of the Lodge to them for their friendly visit. Bro. Fisher acknowledged the compliment; he had had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Oliver there, but the brethren of St. Mirren's would be most happy to receive a return visit from the Lodge. Bro. Munro then, in feeling terms, alluded to the recent death of Bro. Dr. Martin, their I.P.M., and suggested they should hold a funeral Lodge to mark the event, which was agreed too.

Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780.—Tardy though spring has been in its advent this year, Friday, the 25th ult., was a day that the most fastidious of grumblers about our changeable climate could have but little to complain of. As a consequence, the members of the Royal Alfred Lodge, who always come well to the fore, literally besieged the famed Star and Garter, at Kew Bridge, and the worthy host, Bro. Stanbury, had his work cut out to provide accommodation for all who presented themselves. The business of the day commenced at two o'clock, when the W.M., Bro. J. Chambers Roe, took the chair; he was supported by Past Master Brown as S.W., Walter Goss J.W., J. Smith P.M. Treasurer, William Hilton P.M. Secretary, Charles May S.D., William Gomm J.D., J. Dorey I.G., Hale W.S., Gilbert Tyler. Amongst the P.M.'s present we noticed, in addition to those previously enumerated Bros. Gardiner, Littlewood, Potter, Beasley, &c. Bro. Beasley, who we regret to say has just suffered a severe and trying illness, was only present for a short time, but he must have been greatly cheered by the hearty reception he met with, and if the good wishes of his friends are of avail, he will soon be in a position to declare himself once more capable of active duty. After the formal opening of the Lodge, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bros. Joseph Edwin Carter, Alfred Tolliday, Charles P. Brown, and John Child were raised to the sublime degree; the latter Brother at the request of the W.M. of the St. Clement Danes Lodge, No. 1351. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. George Webb, Edward Francis Wyer and William Slater, and the result was in their favour. These gentlemen, with Mr. Thomas Clarke, who had been ballotted for at a previous meeting, were then duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the ceremony being performed in a most creditable manner by the W.M. Bro. J. Chambers Roe. The routine business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed. After a short interval, the brethren sat down to a capital banquet, with which all present expressed their satisfaction, and to which full justice was done. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the Loyal and Masonic toasts. In proposing the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, he said it was a toast that was always well received wherever Englishmen assembled, and needed no words of his to commend it. After speaking briefly to the health of the M.W.G.M., the health of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, was given, and with this was coupled the name of Bro. P.M. Smith, who referred to the fact that the three principal chairs of Grand Lodge were now held by members of the Royal Family, and expressed a hope, which he was sure would be endorsed by every member of the Craft, that the engagements of the Royal brothers would permit of their being present at the meeting of Grand Lodge fixed for the 6th June. Bro. Smith next referred to the candidature for a seat on the Board of General Purposes of one of their members (Bro. William Hilton P.M.), and urged all present to assist, by their vote or their influence, in promoting his election. He

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(Bro. Smith) had held a seat there for 30 years, and he would be gratified if a second member from the Royal Alfred Lodge were selected. The I.P.M. Bro. Gardiner, in felicitous terms, proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Roe, who, in reply, characterised the present meeting as the happiest and most successful they had had under his presidency. He thanked Bro. Gardiner for his kind remarks, and stated he had strenuously endeavoured to do his duty, and also to induce his officers to render themselves competent for all that was required of them. It was highly gratifying to know that his efforts were appreciated by the members. He then proposed the health of the Visitors. After a capital song by Bro. Goss, Bro. Kysor J.D. 820 responded; he was followed by Bro. W. W. Morgan, and several others, who spoke highly of the way in which the business of the day had been conducted, and of the hospitality shown. The remaining toasts comprised the initiates, severally replied to by the four newly made brethren; the P.M.'s, replied to by Bros. Gardiner and Brown, the latter brother pertinently remarking that a Mason could not be made in a day, and that he did not believe in the "hot-house" process, where a brother was considered capable of doing all that might be required of him within six months after his initiation. Bro. Hilton P.M. replied for the Treasurer and Secretary, and appealed to the brethren assembled to assist him in his candidature for a seat at the Board of General Purposes. After the toast of the Officers had been honoured, the health of Bro. Stanbury, the host of the Star and Garter, was heartily drunk, and suitably replied to. The call for the Tyler brought this pleasant gathering to a termination. During the evening some capital songs were given, Bros. Fernandez, Child, and others, ably distinguishing themselves.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, 27th May, at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. Lovelock W.M., Hewlett S.W., Barker J.W., E. T. Worsley Sec., Davies S.D., Dallas J.D., Christian 860 I.G., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Johnson, W. J. Smith, Haine, Pavitt, Saunders, &c. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer. The minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Haine acting as candidate. Bro. Worsley worked the first and second sections of the lecture, and Bro. Smith the third, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. Bro. W. J. Smith was unanimously chosen W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. It was afterwards arranged that if Bro. Hewlett attended in time, Bro. Smith would give up the chair in his favour. This was in consequence of Bro. Hewlett having to leave the Lodge after the ceremony had been worked. We were pleased to find that this Lodge commenced punctually at 7·30, so that all business was completed and the Lodge closed at 9·20, thus giving those brethren who live at a distance an opportunity of getting away much earlier.

Whittington Chapter, No. 862.—A regular meeting of this flourishing Chapter was held on Friday last, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. The Chapter was opened by Comp. William Stephens M.E.Z., Thomas Kingston H., and W. A. Tinney J. The minutes of the last regular convocation, and Chapter of Emergency were then read and confirmed. Bro. S. Smout, of 1489 and 1642, and Bro. J. Collinson, of the Mother Lodge, were exalted to the R.A. degree, by the M.E.Z.; this was rendered most impressive by the excellent working of the whole of the officers. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, Comp. Kingston being elected M.E.Z., Tinney H., W. J. Marlis J., Wm. Stephens Treas., J. Weaver Scribe E., John High Scribe N., and Wm. Norman P. Soj. A Past Principal's jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring M.E.Z. Several brethren were proposed for exaltation, which will necessitate another emergency meeting during the next month. Business ended, the Chapter was closed, and the Comps. adjourned to banquet, when the usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured. Comp. Wright P.Z. 22, and a Companion of the Grand Chapter of Ireland, were the only visitors present. The former flatteringly replied on their behalf.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Friday evening, 25th May. Bros. Fenner W.M., Tayler S.W., Smith J.W., Crouch S.D., Townsend J.D., Lane I.G.; and Bros. Hewlett, Bolton, Austin, &c. The Lodge was opened in the 1st degree, and advanced to the 2nd. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Austin acting as candidate. The Lodge was closed in the 2nd degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Austin as candidate. The 4th section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren. Proposed by Bro. Hewlett, seconded by Bro. Lane, that Bro. Tayler, of Yarborough Lodge 554, become a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Proposed by Bro. Hewlett, seconded by Bro. Smith, that Bro. Tayler take the chair at the next meeting. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Falcon Lodge, No. 1416.—The members of the Archæological Section have visited the village of Topcliffe, associated with many memorable events in English history. The Rev. Bro. Hawkins M.A. most hospitably entertained the party, and accompanied them through the church, which probably dates from the sixth or seventh century, and contains some interesting monumental remains. On their return, they inspected the modern church at Baldersby (Butterfield, Arch.), commenced by the late Lord Downe, the lofty spire of which is a conspicuous object many miles round, and where they were met by the Rev. E. Malleson M.A. Some of the members, on Whit Tuesday, spent a very pleasant day at Askrigg and Bainbridge, having special facilities kindly afforded them by the Rev. C. Whaley M.A., and the Rev. W. Balderston M.A.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Masons' Hall Tavern, on Thursday, 31st May, at 6 p.m. This being the night for working the Fifteen Sections, there was a good number of the members present, and among the visitors were Bros. Harris 1185, Nuding 140, Abel 55, Tolmie S.W. 861, Sherrington 1546. The Chair was occupied by Bro. Saul W.M., Poore P.M. S.W., Goodman J.W., Moss I.G., Colmer Treasurer, Blackie Hon. Sec. The Lodge was opened in the first, second, and third degrees and resumed to the first. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Fifteen Sections were worked in a very efficient manner by the following brethren:—Bros. Wood, Cadiot, Taylor, Barker, Saul, Poore P.M., Tolmie, G. Moss, Stevens P.M., Bisset, Blackie. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the very able manner in which Bro. Saul, as W.M., put the questions, and also to those brethren who had assisted him. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

Duncombe Lodge, No. 1486.—The anniversary of the consecration was held last Monday, at the King's Arms Hotel, Kingsbridge, Devon, when a large number of brethren were present. The special business of the day was the installation of the Worshipful Master, the Rev. E. Augustus Lester, M.A., Duncombe Lecturer, and the investment of his officers for the next year, according to ancient usage. The Lodge commenced business about twelve o'clock, and having performed its duties *in camera*, the brethren sat down to dinner, which was well supplied with everything except waiters, who were somewhat deficient in their attendance. The members of the Lodge, and especially the founders, were much gratified on seeing one of the first that was initiated after its foundation in the chair. On such an occasion it was considered opportune to present the two Past Masters with jewels, indicating their rank in the Craft, and as an acknowledgment of their zeal in founding the Lodge, which was done in appropriate terms by Bro. Lester. Dinner being over and the cloth removed, the usual loyal toasts were proposed. The first was "The Queen," in proposing whose health Bro. Lester said there were two kinds of secret societies—one whose members not only kept their peculiar secrets, but also made their membership itself a secret; consequently, although they might know there was such a society, no one could say who were its members or where they met. An institution of that kind was dangerous to society, it had some object which would not bear the light of day to shine on it, and hence it was nearly always disloyal. But the institution of Freemasonry was wholly different. They took as their motto the text from which their brother, the Lord Bishop of Peterborough, preached in connexion with the Craft:—"Love the brotherhood, fear God, honour the king!" The spirit of Freemasonry was a spirit of love to all mankind in the fear of God and due obedience to the sovereign of their native land. For this reason they were proud of being Masons, and felt it a privilege to have such a sovereign as their beloved Queen. "The Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was the next toast. In proposing his health, Bro. Lester said that the history of the appointment of H.R.H. as Grand Master was an apt illustration of the nature of their Institution and its title to the epithet "Free." And when the Prince of Wales accepted office in the Craft, he performed a duty worthy of his house and the freedom of his future subjects. The late Grand Master resigned at the dictation of a foreign prince whose influence had never tended to liberty, and some of whose public speeches had not been very complimentary to their free institution; but when their own Prince of Wales accepted the vacant office, they could not but see in that acceptance a guarantee that so far as their future sovereign was concerned this country would continue to maintain its freedom from the dictation of any foreign prince or prelate. The health of "The Grand Master of the Province, Rev. J. Huyshe, and his deputy, Bro. L. P. Metham," was next proposed, both of whom Bro. Lester said were in a very critical state of health, especially their Right Worshipful Brother Huyshe, who had been, and he feared was still, in a dangerous state. He did not despair, however, of his recovery, and he was quite certain that if sympathy could do him any good he had the sympathy of all those who knew him. He was well known, not only in that Province, but in Grand Lodge and was held in the highest respect by the whole Craft. To this Brothers Curteis, Col. Ridgway, and Rev. J. C. Carwithen responded, in appropriate terms, Bro. Carwithen especially mentioning that he had good news from Bro. Huyshe that day, which gave him great hope of his ultimate recovery. Bro. Col. Ridgway then proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, Rev. E. A. Lester. He said he had great pleasure in proposing Bro. Lester's health, as he and all present must be gratified at what they had seen that day. He had no doubt of Bro. Lester's ability to perform the duties of his office, indeed he had never seen those duties better performed than they had been by their respected Master.

Marquis of Ripon Lodge of Instruction No. 1489.—The usual weekly meeting of the above Lodge was held on Monday, at the Pembury Tavern, Hackney. Bros. Jacob W.M., Driver S.W., Grist J.W., W. Stephens Preceptor, Defries S.D., High J.D., and Mann I.G. At the conclusion of labour, it was proposed to adjourn during the summer months. The matter was however, deferred (for the consideration of the members) until the last Monday in June, upon which occasion the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed.

Sir Hugh Middelton Lodge, No. 1602.—The first anniversary and installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Friday, the 25th May, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. Bros. Elias Somers W.M., E. G. Sim S.W., T. J. Coombs J.W., J.

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Weston Treas., J. Osborn Sec., A. F. Rowley S.D., W. Norris I.G., Upward Organist; and Bros. Oppenheim, Dawson, Field, Tilson, Franklin, Abrams, Gibbs, Paterson, Hiscock, Payne, W. H. Lee, S. Rowley, &c. The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. It showed the Treasurer had received £298 18s 6d; after paying all expenses since the foundation of the Lodge, there was a balance of £8 12s 9d. The Treasurer, Bro. Weston, having resigned office, an election took place, and Bro. Payne was selected. The brethren wore Masonic mourning out of respect to the memory of the late Bro. F. Ellen J.D. Bro. E. G. Sim S.W. and W.M. elect was then presented, and a Board of Installed Masters was formed. The ceremony was ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Somers. Bro. W. H. Lee P.M. very impressively gave the concluding addresses. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. received the customary salutations. He then invested his officers:—Bros. E. Somers I.P.M., T. J. Coombs S.W., A. F. Rowley J.W., J. Osborn Sec., Weston S.D., Norris J.D., Poulton I.G., Upward Org., Field D.C., Oppenheim W.S., Steadman P.M. Tyler. The W.M., in investing his officers, showed the brethren had made a very excellent selection. The pertinent remarks uttered by him were fully appreciated. Bro. Furlong proposed a vote of condolence, and that a letter be sent to the widow of the late Bro. Ellen J.D. He was one of the founders. Every brother regretted his loss. He leaves a widow and one child. The W.M., in putting the resolution to the Lodge, said the last tribute to the memory of their deceased Brother was shown at his funeral, where nearly every member of the Lodge was present. It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously, that honorary membership be conferred on Bro. W. H. Lee, W.M. 975 and P.M. 1524, in recognition of services rendered to the Lodge. The W.M. and the S.W. spoke in flattering terms of the manner in which Bro. Lee had given valuable instruction. Bro. Lee suitably returned thanks. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the "Cock Tavern," Highbury, where a very excellent banquet and dessert was provided by Bro. Baker. Grace having been sung, the W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft; every Englishman reveres The respects her for the manner in which she has ruled the nation. and National Anthem was then sung. The toast of H.R.H. the M.W.G. Master was next given. He is not only revered as heir to the Throne, but also as head of our Order; he is beloved by every one in the nation. Glee—"Haste ye Soft Gales"—was then sung. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the M.W. the Pro G.M. the [illegible] to attend Grand Lodge have an opportunity of seeing how that distinguished Brother [illegible] his duties. Bro. A. Hubbard then very artistically sang "Jack's Yarn," after which the W.M. gave the toast of the R.W. Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers. We all know how his duties are carried out by this noble Brother; we have present three Grand Officers, Bros. H. G. Buss Asst. G. Sec., E. P. Albert P.G.P., and Howe A.G.P., we are proud to have those brethren amongst us, and he hoped all would drink the toast with the enthusiasm it merited. Bro. T. W. Simons then sang "Just as Well." Bro. Buss, in responding, said his office was a very novel one. In the Deputy Grand Master you have one who is always ready to render assistance in any way for the benefit of the Craft. I have a brother on my left, Bro. Albert, who has discharged his duty to their satisfaction. The other brother who has been selected for Grand Office is in every way worthy to receive the honour. He thanked the W.M. and the brethren for their kind expressions and hospitality. Bro. E. Somers I.P.M. then rose, he said it was the first time he had the pleasure to propose the toast of the W.M., and he could say that they were proud and pleased to see him in the chair. The Lodge is but young in the Order, but we hope to do our best; he trusted the brethren would support the W.M. as they had supported him. After a part song—"The Hunt is Up"—the W.M. thanked Bro. Somers for his kind expressions. He felt a great obligation to the brethren for placing him in that proud position. The duties devolving on him he would endeavour to carry out to their satisfaction. He then proposed the toast of the Visitors, to whom he accorded a hearty welcome. Bro. F. Meen played a solo on the pianoforte. Bros. Barnham, Todd, and Braine responded to the toast. The W.M. then gave the health of the Installing Master. He had pleasure in proposing the toast, and great gratification in presenting him with a P.M.'s jewel; he was sure he would look on it with pride. The jewel is of solid gold, of artistic design; it has the word Primus, with the arms of Sir Hugh Middelton, and the motto, "Virtus Palma." It also bears a suitable inscription. Bro. F. H. Cozens then sang the "Woodpecker." Bro. E. Somers said he was pleased to see that his endeavours to do his duty in the Craft had met with their approbation, he felt proud and honoured to receive the jewel placed on his breast, it was one of those things he would wear with pride and honour. He could never forget the kindness of the brethren. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Masonic Charities, spoke of the benefits those noble Institutions were doing. We have present to-night one of our zealous Secretaries, and to-day was a peculiar incident, viz., the birthday of our esteemed friend, he hoped they would enthusiastically drink his health. Bro. Hubbard then sang "Nancy Lee." Bro. James Terry P.P.G.D.C. Herts, returned thanks; he was sure their Lodge would be a great supporter of the Charities. The I.P.M. had represented the Aged, the W.M. the Girls' School, and Bro. Abram had selected to be a Steward for the Boys' School, and had already on his list £65. He, Bro. Terry, had consecrated 19 Lodges, and in February last 16 brethren had contributed £900. £13,300 was the result of the last Festival. The Festival of the Girls' School had been also successful, and he was sure the Steward to represent the Boys' School would bring up a large amount. He was pleased to know that they were contributing to all the Charities, but he must urge them not to forget the Aged in their declining years. (Cheers.) The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Officers of the Lodge; all are qualified to do the duties required of them, and he hoped to see them in turn occupying the position of W.M. Bro. Osborn returned thanks, and was followed by Bros. Norris and A. F. Rowley. The Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated, after enjoying a very harmonious and agreeable evening. The visitors were—Bros. C. F. Barham 754, E. W. Braine 65 and 1471, G. B. Jaffa 1579, A. Johnson 468, E. P. Albert P.G.P. P.M. 188, J. H. Jones P.M. 917, H. Massey P.M. 619, S. Lazarus P.P.G.W. Wilts, Nathan 215, J. Wilson 1298, J. Tongue 534, W. T. Howe A.G.P., H. G. Buss Asst. G.S., James Terry P.G.D.C. Herts, Daniel W.M. 65, Todd P.M. 183, Pare 185, Bailey 917, J. Anshell 1464, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge of Instruction attached to the Sir Hugh Middelton Lodge meets every Friday evening, at the "King Edward VI.," King Edward-street, Liverpool-road, at half-past 7 o'clock; Bro. W. H. Lee W.M. 975 and P.M. 1524 Preceptor.

Langton Lodge, No. 1673.—An emergency meeting of this newly-consecrated Lodge was held on Wednesday, 30th inst., at the London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street. Bros. H. D. Stead W.M., Joseph Langton S.W., F. C. Dobbing J.W., and a numerous assemblage of the brethren. The Lodge was opened, and the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members:—T. Lane. A. J. Reid, A. Rosenthall, Rev. H. G. Rosenthall, J. Fuentes, J. A. A. Rumpff, A. C. Cooper, T. J. Smith, G. C. Boor, W. W. Blackston, D. F Cook, F. Flint, A. P. Fabian, B. T. Fountain, H. Rockingham Gill H. Mathews, J. F. Morley, E. W. Parkes, J. Ridley, E. G. Sim, George T. Thorne, Taunton, S. White, J. P. White. A dispensation was read from the M.W. the G.M. to allow Mr. J. David Langton (a son of the S.W.) to be initiated, he being a Lewis, and in his 20th year. Ballots were then taken for Messrs. J. D. Langton, P. McKinlay, and C. E. Barnett, and being unanimously in their favour, these gentlemen were duly initiated into the Order by the W.M., in a very perfect and impressive manner; he was ably assisted by the officers. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a *recherché* banquet, under the efficient management of Bro. G. S. States. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In speaking to the toast of the Initiates, he said he was pleased to have the honour of initiating the son of his esteemed friend Bro. Langton, whom the Lodge was named after; he was sure, under such auspices, and the attention they paid to the ceremony, they would eventually prove themselves ornaments to the Craft, and pillars and supporters of our antient and honourable Order. Bro. Langton, in replying to the toast, said he had felt feelings of pride and gratitude in being allowed to be the first initiate of this Lodge. The ceremony so impressively delivered, would make a lasting impression on him, more especially in a Lodge bearing the name of his honoured father. Bros. P. McKinlay and C. E. Barnett followed, with appropriate speeches. The toast of the W.M., Wardens, Officers, Visitors &c., followed, and the Tyler brought an enjoyable and harmonious evening to a close. The visitors were Bros. Morrell P.M. 111, Thomas P.M., H. Massey P.M., Gates W.M. 715, and Hunter 1494.

London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction.—This Lodge held its meeting at 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., on Monday, 28th ultimo. Present—Bros. N. Reed W.M., J. E. Shand S.W. and Sec., W. Sharratt J.W., C. J. Hogg S.D. and Treas., T. Eastgate J.D., H. Wilkinson I.G., E. Farwig 180 acting Preceptor; Bros. Ward 1563, G. Davies 167, Murchin 1269, and other brethren. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. initiated Bro. Ward, in an impressive manner. Bro. Farwig worked the 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Davies worked the 4th and 5th sections of the lecture. It was proposed by Bro. Farwig, seconded by Bro. Sharratt J.W., and carried unanimously, that Bro. Shand be W.M. at next meeting, Monday, 11th June, at 6 o'clock. After which, Lodge closed in due form and harmony.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The Regular Weekly Convocation was held on Tuesday last, at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill. Present—J. Constable M.E.Z., A. A. Drew H., J. C. Cox J., Thos. W. White Scribe E., J. Dennis S.N., S. Pownceby P.S., J. Ramsay, E. J. Row, W. J. Parish 538, T. H. Meredith 77, G. L. Walker, F. A. White, Major E. H. Finney, H. Darcy, H. Bartlett, C. W. Noehmer, John Seex, Thos. Griffiths, &c. After the usual preliminaries had been gone through, the exaltation of Comp. F. A. White, candidate, was ably and completely rehearsed by the presiding officers. Comps. W. J. Parish and F. H. Meredith were unanimously elected joining members. The latter expressed his grateful acknowledgments for the honour conferred, and the treat that had been afforded by the ability displayed throughout the ceremony. He assured the Companions that whenever opportunity offered he would be present. The sum of one guinea was voted from the funds of the Chapter, to be invested in shilling tickets in Bro. Constable's ballot for Life Governorships of the Boys' School. The Chapter was then closed for the season, and adjourned until the first Tuesday in October.

The annual installation of the Master and Officers of the Hamilton Lodge, No. 1440, Prov. No. 6, took place at Spanish Town on Thursday evening, the 3rd May. The installing officers in conclave were:—

Wor. Joseph Reid, Master of the Hamilton Lodge, C. W. Tait, Past Master of the Sussex Lodge, A. E. Burke, Master of the Royal Lodge.

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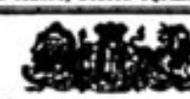
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REMOVAL OF LODGES.

IT is worth while calling attention to the fact that, lately, a circular letter was issued from the office of Grand Secretary, addressed to the Worshipful Masters of the several Lodges, and enclosing a form to be filled in and returned forthwith, in order that the needed information may be incorporated in the Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book for 1878, which will be published in the first week of November. We say it is worth while calling attention to this Circular, not because the information to be embodied in the form is other than is usually required to be furnished in accordance with the Constitutions, but because of the notorious laxity with which the regulations of our Society are observed. Were brethren who are elected to rule our Lodges as mindful of the responsibilities of their office as they are of the honour it is presumed to confer, and the decorations they become entitled to wear, the information contained in our Grand Lodge Calendar would be infinitely more valuable than it is, or, as it seems more desirable to phrase it, infinitely more accurate, and therefore trustworthy. As the case stands now, little reliance is to be placed in the announcements made in it as to the days and places at which our different Lodges meet. This is not owing to any want of diligence on the part of those charged with the duty of preparing the list of Lodges and Chapters, or to any want of supervision on the part of the Calendar Sub-Committee of the Board of General Purposes, but simply because the requirements of the law are in so many instances entirely disregarded by whom it does concern. We speak with a painful experience of the errors which occur in Grand Lodge Calendar. Again and again have we been taken to task for misleading brethren as to the day and place of meeting of this or that Lodge. Our answer has been, we prepare our Weekly Calendar from Grand Lodge Calendar. We have simply reproduced the announcements contained in the Official Guide-book, published, as its title-page declares, "under the sanction of the United Grand Lodge of England, and by the command of the M.W. Grand Master." Thus have we been able to acquit ourselves of all responsibility for the errors complained of. However, as our readers are aware, it is extremely unpleasant to be called to account even for the mistakes of others, or, be it said, for the mistakes into which others have been unwittingly betrayed. We therefore resolved that in our Weekly Calendar no Lodge should, under any circumstances, be inserted, the accuracy of which was not duly vouched for by the Secretary. Naturally, these Weekly Calendars of ours are imperfect, but they have the merit, so far as they go, of being accurate.

We, who in our time have had much laborious compilation of a somewhat similar character thrust upon us, know perfectly well the difficulties attendant on the production of a perfect Calendar. But if perfect accuracy be not attainable, it is possible to approach it. In order to secure this happy consummation, the Grand Secretary has just invited Worshipful Masters to lend him their hearty co-operation, and we trust that Worshipful Masters will promptly obey the summons. We must remember that the proceeds of the sale of the Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket-book is paid into the coffers of our three Masonic Institutions, and the more trustworthy the Calendar is, the more considerable will be the sale; and, as a consequence, the greater will be the amount of benefit conferred on the Charities. While, however, we properly hold out this as an inducement to W. Masters to do what is required of them, it is incumbent on us to point out, at the same time, that what they are now invited to do is neither more nor less than their duty. As laid down in article 8, page 64 of the Constitutions, "Every Lodge, when removed to a new place of meeting, or whenever the day of assembling shall be altered, shall immediately send notice thereof to the grand secretary, and, if a country lodge, also to the provincial grand master. The officers of a removed lodge shall not be permitted to attend the grand lodge or provincial grand lodge until the removal be properly notified." Again, by article 3, page 93, it is laid down that "when a lodge shall have resolved to remove, or to alter the day of meeting, the master or a warden shall forthwith send a copy of the minutes of the lodge for such alteration to the grand secretary, and also to the provincial grand master or his deputy, that it may be ascertained whether the above laws have been strictly complied with, and that the alteration may be duly recorded." Here, then, are two laws, which lay it down most clearly and emphatically, that the removal of a Lodge and any alteration in its day of meeting *shall be* notified—there is no option—to certain authorities; and in one of the laws a penalty is attached to the officers of a Lodge if the law is not observed. It further occurs to us that in the event of such removal or change of day or meeting not being duly notified to the authorities, then, *ipso facto*, the propriety or accuracy of the Lodge proceedings might be vitiated. In other words, the requirements of the law not having been strictly observed, its proceedings would be illegal. There are then three sufficient reasons why the recent invitation of the Grand Secretary should be complied with. It will ensure greater accuracy in the Calendar, and greater accuracy in the Calendar may confer a greater amount of benefit on our Charities. It is the duty of W. Masters to do what they are asked to do. Thirdly. Non-compliance with the law may render illegal the proceedings of a defaulting Lodge.

ORGANISATION OF LONDON LODGES FOR VOTING PURPOSES.

A FEW weeks since there appeared in these columns the report of certain proceedings of the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction. To Bro. Lacey belongs the credit of having—on this occasion at least—initiated the movement, the object of which is to secure a larger share of success for London candidates at the elections to our several Institutions. Bro. Lacey took the more recent elections to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and proved to demonstration that, in proportion to the amount of her contributions, London was not as successful in the ballot for vacancies as she might, could, should, or would be, if her voting powers were properly directed. He urged, therefore, that London Lodges should combine together, in order to promote the success of the London candidates, just as in very many of the Provinces the Provincial Lodges combine together for the purpose of carrying the day for their candidates. He remarked that London gave far more towards the maintenance of these Charities than did the whole of the Provinces taken together, while the numbers of the elect in certain cases, which he cited, were hugely out of proportion, as between the two, London with its excess of contributions having a most noticeable defect in the number of its successful nominees. There is a great show of reason in

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Bro. Lacey's argument, and the discussion which followed was both exhaustive and interesting. Yet, without for one moment wishing to throw cold water on a very laudable object, we fancy that, in the first place such a combination, as is proposed, would be very partial in its character, and, in the next, that the object in view may be gained by other means. The number of Metropolitan Lodges is not exactly legion, but it is now over 250, and they 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. Even in one of these four divisions, it would be a tremendous undertaking. *A fortiori*, would it be the case if *all* London were formed into one voting district. Combination in the provinces is far easier. The average number of Lodges in each is perhaps twenty. They are so located as to be come-at-able without much difficulty. A few energetic brethren might direct the voting power of a Province into the proper channel, and secure the success of the particular candidate, while the claims of the different London candidates were being discussed. Moreover, 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, while the voting strength of London is necessarily distributed among a large number, all presumably of equal merit. There are, perhaps, other difficulties, which need not be enumerated, in the way of Metropolitan combination. Those, however, which have already been stated, will doubtless suffice for the purpose. Our opinion is, that London would obtain a larger share of success if those who undertook the charge of cases were more zealous and energetic in their labours. Far too many brethren consider they have fulfilled their duty when they have allowed their names to appear as recommending this or that particular candidate, whereas it is only when a brother—entitled to vote or not, as the case may be—has consented to recommend the case, that his duty really begins. Once he has satisfied himself that a candidate is worthy of support, and it becomes his duty to use all his efforts to promote his success himself. He may not command many, or even any, votes. He may simply know enough of the case to be sure of its merits. But no matter how little the assistance he may be able to render personally in the way of votes, he is bound to obtain as many votes as he possibly can from others. He must leave no stone unturned, or, to speak more precisely, no donor or subscriber uncanvassed, until he is satisfied, as far as human foresight will enable him to judge, that success is possible, if not probable. He may easily form an idea of the number of votes that will be issued. He must take the votes issued and the results of previous elections as affording him an approximate notion as to the number of votes that will be required in order to carry the election. When he has done this, when he is assured that by no farther efforts on his part can a single additional vote be obtained, then he may rest satisfied that he has done his duty; and if, in spite of his efforts, the day comes, and his nominee or *protégé* is not successful, he will have no conscience to accuse him of indifference or neglect. What can be done by the efforts of two or three brethren working well together was shown by Bro. Stevens, who said that he and Bro. Barnes had never but once had to make a second attempt to carry the candidate of their choice. The friends to whom they looked for support were always ready to assist them. They could always command, or, as Bro. Stevens put it modestly enough, manipulate a considerable number of votes, and the result we have stated; they only once failed to carry their candidate at the first attempt. Surely if two can do this—have, indeed, done it again and again—a combination of ten or a dozen brethren, equally influential, might always command success. Then multiplying these so as to have a sufficient number of zealous canvassers to carry the proposed number of candidates, and we see not the slightest reason why the London district should not have its due proportion of success. Let the Lodges in the more immediate neighbourhood of the locality from which the case emanates join together, and, considering the numerical strength of London voters, we think they would stand an excellent chance of success, especially among our East-end brethren, who have always set a good example to the Craft in the work of benevolence.

We are very far from being surprised there should be some soreness among Craftsmen in London when they find a Province carrying the election of its candidate which has done little or nothing to help our Charities. We need not trouble ourselves to repeat the names of districts in England which are invariably, to use a familiar phrase, conspicuous by their absence from the annual subscription lists of our Institutions. We have no desire to force people into giving, though it is our duty to plead the cause of the poor, the widow, and the orphan, to the best of our poor ability. Nor do we think it proper that the benefits of our Institutions should be distributed only among those, or the belongings of those, who have helped towards their maintenance. We must not too keenly criticise the past when a case of distress stands before us imploring our aid. But, undoubtedly, those who have supported our Institutions have a prior claim upon our sympathy and assistance over those who, in the time of their ability to assist, have fallen short of their duty. Nor is there any graduated scale by which the benefits conferred by a Charity can be distributed proportionately to the benefits it receives. Yet we think it not unnatural that those who give more abundantly should bestir themselves more to ensure the success of their own nominees than that of comparative strangers, how worthy soever the latter may be. However, Bro. Lacey and his coadjutors will have reason to congratulate themselves if the utmost they achieve is to arouse London brethren generally to a proper sense of their duty.

THE LODGE OF THE NINE MUSES.

THIS Lodge, which now stands No. 235 on the roll of Grand Lodge, recently celebrated the Centennial Anniversary of its Constitution, and, in order to commemorate the auspicious event, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, Bro. Walter Webb, has published a brief sketch of its history. Unfortunately, the materials from which a complete record might be compiled are not forthcoming, as the minute books anterior to the year 1814 are missing. Nevertheless, Bro. Webb has succeeded in compiling a very readable account of the Lodge over which he presides as W.M. Moreover, in the *Freemasons' Magazine* for the year 1796, there happened, fortunately, to be published a brief sketch of the Lodge, from its constitution to date, so that Bro. Webb has been in some respects able to supply a portion of the *hiatus valdè deflendus* in the history. From this sketch, which is quoted *in extenso* in the Appendix, and the main features of which are incorporated in Bro. Webb's narrative, we learn that a preliminary gathering of certain brethren was held at the Thatched-House-Tavern, St. James's-street. John Hull presided as R.W.M., Raphael Franco as S.W., and the Rev. Dr. William Dodd as J.W. Robert Biggin as Treasurer, and the Chevalier B. Ruspini were also present, together with Rich. Barker, Will. Porter, J. Baptiste Cipriani, and — Borghi as visitors. On the 23rd of the month, permission having been granted in the interim for the above to assemble as Masons, and to make and raise Masons, Bro. Cipriani was raised to the degree of Master Mason. At this meeting Bro. Biggin offered to supply a Bible and jewels, and Bro. Cipriani to suggest suitable designs, while Bro. Franco engaged to provide three elegant candlesticks. The unfortunate Dr. Dodd, it seems, was never really a member of the Lodge, as he was expelled from the society, as constituted above, before the formal issue of the Warrant on the 25th March of the same year. Then follows a list of sundry of the more distinguished members, with the dates of their admission or making appended. Among these we find Count Siedlecki, Chamberlain to the King of Poland, His Excellency General Paoli, Earl Ferrers, the Venetian Ambassador, the Earl of Effingham, Lord Cranstoun, the Earl Kelly, Sir Robt. Salusbury Cotton, Hon. Wm. Ward, Lord Macdonald, Count Soderini, another Venetian Ambassador, Marquis Trotti, Sir Nicholas Nugent, Sir John Ingleby. Lastly are given the names of the officers at the time (1796), namely, Chevalier B. Ruspini R.W.M., W. Blackstone (son of the Commentator on the "Laws of our Country") S.W., Sam. Beazley J.W., C. Carpenter Treasurer, Simon Stephenson Secretary, and Thomas Tinson Mas. Cer. We gather also from this account that the Lodge still continued to meet in 1796 as in 1777, at the Thatched House Tavern. This is the sum and substance of what Bro. Webb is indebted for to the *Freemasons' Magazine*, and, with the exception of the Warrant, dated, as we have said, 25th March 1777, in which occur the names of the petitioners, as well as of John Hull as W.M., R. Franco S.W. and Richard Barker J.W., this is all he is able to furnish re-

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specting the history of the Lodge till the year 1814. Thenceforward he has had the minute books of the Lodge to consult, and he is enabled, therefore, to chronicle the principal events that have since happened, as well as to describe the general conduct of the Lodge, so far as it may be learned from these records. Thus we are told of the difference between the Nine Muses and the brethren of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, in connection with the Candlesticks. Bro. Ruspini, for reasons best known to himself, appears to have quitted the Muses and joined the Prince of Wales's, and to have presented to the latter the candlesticks which Bro. Franco had so generously given about the time when the Lodge was constituted. A smart interchange of resolutions took place between the two Lodges, but the candlesticks were restored to their first owners, and the difference, which Bro. Webb considers to have originated in a misapprehension, was at an end. The moral he deduces from this episode, namely, that Lodge property should be adequately cared for, will suggest itself to most of our readers. Later, we have mentioned the circumstances attending the temporary loss of the W.M.'s jewel. This had been lent to H.R.H. Duke of Sussex, and for some time mislaid, but it was restored in the year 1823, and the jewel provided as a substitute "seems to have been," ever since, "devoted to the use of the immediate Past Masters." As to what may be called the *vie intime* of the Lodge, this appears to have passed most pleasantly. The meetings were spent in a most agreeable manner, members took an interest in each other's welfare, not only within, but likewise outside, the precincts of the Lodge. The summer gatherings, when ladies were present, were mostly held at the Star and Garter, Richmond, and were most enjoyable, while benevolence, and a sympathetic and liberal regard for the claims of our poor and distressed brethren, were duties which the Nine Muses appear to have fulfilled most conscientiously on all occasions. We agree with Bro. Webb that it is most undesirable for a Lodge to change frequently its place of meeting, nor do the Nine Muses appear to have erred greatly in this respect. They met during the first forty-four years of their existence at the Thatched House Tavern. For the next forty-three years they met at Freemasons' Tavern, and for the nine years following at the Clarendon Hotel, Bond-street. In 1873 they removed to St. James's Hotel, Piccadilly; in 1874, after one meeting at Freemasons' Tavern, to the Queen's Hotel, Cork-street; and in 1875 to their present locality, Long's Hotel, Bond-street. In the Appendix is given a list, as far as it was possible to complete it, of the Worshipful Masters, and in connection with this, the author cites the names of four who have specially contributed to the maintenance of the Lodge in a state of efficiency during the latter half of the century. These are Bro. John Propert, who filled the chair in 1822, 1823, 1839, and 1846, and was Treasurer for some time; Bro. Francis Kearsey, W.M. in 1847, 1848, and 1850; Bro. C. B. Claydon, W.M. in 1842 and 1849, and Bro. John M. Clabon, whose zeal in the cause of Masonry is so well known and appreciated, who was W.M. in 1863 and 1869, and likewise fulfilled the duties of Secretary for several years. A transcript of the Centenary warrant, an inventory of the Lodge Jewels, Furniture, and Books, and a list of the present members, together with a copy of a memorandum on fly-leaf of the earliest Minute-book in possession of the Lodge, complete the contents of the Centenial sketch. It is to be regretted there were so few materials available, for it is evident, from the manner in which he has dealt with what existed, that had Bro. Webb been able to trace a connected history of the Lodge, he would have compiled a most interesting narrative. As it is, his fellow admirers of the Sacred Nine are deeply indebted to him for the very able manner in which he has discharged a self-imposed task. We, too, thank him for the opportunity he has so courteously afforded us of reading his history, and as every little scrap of information relating to the Lodge will doubtless be acceptable to him and to his co-members, we are pleased to be enabled to direct his attention to an entry in the *Freemasons' Calendar* for the year 1813, published under the sanction of Grand Lodge. Therein occurs, at p. 34, under the head of "Lodges *erased* for not conforming to the Laws of the Society, or *discontinued* on being united to other Lodges, since the alteration of the Numbers in 1792," the following entry in the year 1796, "350 L. of Rural Friendship, *united* to No. 330, L. of the Nine Muses." This union is also mentioned in the *Freemasons' Magazine* as having been ordered at the meeting of Grand Lodge on 13th April 1796. The words are:

> "ORDERED, That No. 350, Lodge of Rural Friendship, be discontinued on the List of Lodges, being *united* to No. 330, the Lodge of the Nine Nuses, at the Thatched-House-Tavern, St. James's-street."

It will also interest him, perhaps, to learn that in the same *Freemasons' Calendar* are to be found, in the List of "Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, from its revival, A.D. 1717, to the present Time," the following names, which occur in Bro. Webb's narrative, in the ancient Warrant, or in the record quoted from the *Freemasons' Magazine*, 1796. John Hull, one of the petitioners for the Warrant, and the 1st W.M. of the Lodge was Secretary of the Board of Grand Stewards for 1773, and Junior G.W. in 1775. There is a "Rt. Biggin" among the Grand Stewards for 1778, and a Robert Biggin is one of the petitioners. There is a "Dr. Isaac Sequeira" among the G. Stewards in 1777, and an "Isaac Sequeira M.D." among the petitioners. Bart. Ruspini was a G. Steward in 1772 and G. Sword Bearer from 1791 to the time of his death in 1814. In the list of members in the extract from the *Freemasons' Magazine* are entered "Lord Viscount Tamworth, made December 8th 1778," "Earl Ferrers, admitted June 1779," "Earl of Effingham, admitted March 15th, 1779," "the Hon. Washington Shirley, made April 4th 1782," "Hon. William Ward, made 9th January 1783," "Lord Macdonald, admitted 13th February 1783," and "Sir Nicholas Nugent, Bart., admitted 1785." On referring to the *Freemasons' Calendar* in question, we find that the "Right Hon. Viscount Tamworth" was Senior G. Warden in 1779, and "the Earl Ferrers" was President of the Board of Grand Stewards in the same year. It should be noted, by the way, that Viscount Tamworth is the second title of the Earl Ferrers, and is borne, by courtesy, by his eldest son, so that if these are severally identical with the Viscount Tamworth and Earl Ferrers named in the extract, father and son may have been Grand Warden and President of Grand Stewards the same year. But this is not necessarily the case. Referring to the same authority, we find "Thomas Howard, Earl of Effingham," Acting Grand Master 1782-89; the "Hon. Washington Shirley"—a relative of the Earl Ferrers and Viscount Tamworth just mentioned—as Senior G. Warden and President of Board of Grand Stewards in 1783, and Prov. G. Master of Warwickshire in 1813; the "Hon. William Ward," Senior G. Warden and President of G. Stewards in 1784; Lord Macdonald, President of G. Stewards in 1786, and Senior G. Warden 1787; and Sir Nicholas Nugent, President of G. Stewards in 1785, and Senior G. Warden in 1786. Of those named as being officers in 1796, William Blackstone S.W. is among the G. Stewards for 1795, and there is a "Charles Carpenter" a G. Steward in 1794, who may be one and the same with "Charles Carpenter, Esq., Treasurer." Lastly, "Sir W. Rawlins, Knt.," who is referred to specially as one of the most active and valued members of the Lodge—at all events from 1814 to 1837, and for how much longer it is impossible to say, as the Minute books are lost—was W.M. from 1814 to 1818, resigning in the last year, and filled the same office again for the biennial period, 1820-2. Bro. Webb further states that he was Treasurer, 1824-35, and, on the authority of Debrett, that he was knighted in 1802, in which year he held the office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex. On glancing down the list in *Freemasons' Calendar*, we find a "Sir William Rawlins" was a G. Steward in 1798, and, being marked with an asterisk, that he was a member of G. Stewards' Lodge in 1813. There is likewise a "Sir William Rawlins" named as Senior Warden in 1802. We do not say that all we have quoted from the Calendar are identical with those named in Bro. Webb's Record and Appendices, but there is a reasonable degree of probability they are. It should be added, that in the same Calendar, in the "LIST of SUBSCRIBERS to the HALL LOAN, agreeable to a Resolution of the GRAND LODGE on 21st June 1779" will be found the following names of members of the Lodge, on the assumption, of course, that the bearers of the respective names were severally identical with the names quoted by Bro. Webb:—"Earl of Effingham P.A.G.M.," "Earl Ferrers P.S.G.W." — this may possibly be the "Hon. Thomas Shirley," Senior Grand Warden in 1764 (or, perhaps, the Hon. Robert Shirley, Senior G.W. 1747-51) and Earl Ferrers of 1779; "Earl Ferrers P.S.G.W."—the same perhaps as Viscount Tamworth

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S.G.W. 1779; the Hon. Wm. Ward, Sir Nic. Nugent, Bart., both P.S.G.W.'s; John Hull P.J.G.W., and first W.M. of the Nine Muses; and Chev. Bartholomew Ruspini. while No. "330 L. of Nine Muses, St. James's-street," is one of the twenty-six contributing Lodges. It may not be out of place to mention—though in doing so we are necessarily deviating from the strict record of the Lodge career—we say, it may not perhaps be out of place to state briefly that this subscription was raised for the purpose of paying off the debts due on account of the Hall, which at the time were found to be very considerable. In accordance, therefore, with the resolution as given above, it was resolved to raise £2,000 by loan, without interest, at the discretion of subscribers; £25 to be the limit for each subscriber, and one hundred to be the number of subscribers; the moneys so subscribed to be repaid, in equal proportions, among the subscribers, at such time as the Hall fund should admit. It was further resolved that an honorary medal should be presented to the subscribers, and, if a Master Mason, the wearer of such should be entitled to be present at, and vote in all, future meetings of Grand Lodge. The sum was soon raised and applied as intended.

We have exhausted our limited stock of information—which must be taken for what it is worth—as to the earlier and more obscure portions of the annals of this Lodge. If any of the particulars we have furnished should turn out to be of value, it will be a source of satisfaction to us to feel that we have done some service, no matter how trivial it may be, towards the greater elucidation of the history of so worthy and worshipful a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. May the same prosperity attend it in the future as in the past! And with this wish we wish you, O ye Nine Muses, heartily farewell!

BRO. THEODORE M. TALBOT,

LATE PROV. G.M. SOUTH WALES, EASTERN DIVISION.

AT the recent installation of Bro. Sir George Elliott, as Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, at Aberdare, no reference was made to the rare ability with which Bro. Talbot, assisted by his Deputy, Bro. Morris, had administered the affairs of the Province for eleven years. This omission gave grave offence at the time to several of the leading brethren in the Province, and it was felt that something should be done to remedy the grievance. Owing to the continued absence of one or two very influential Past Grand Officers of the Province, nothing, however, was done; the feeling of dissatisfaction gained strength, so that upon the return to South Wales of the influential Masons above spoken of, it at once found vent, and has resulted in a firm, but temperate Memorial, signed by nearly all the Past Grand Officers of the Province, addressed to Sir George Elliott, the P.G.M., requesting him to call a Grand Lodge of Emergency, at an early date, and at such place as may be most convenient to him, when the grave omission may be rectified, and the feelings of deep respect and warm regard to the late chief of the Province may have fitting expression. The rapidity and completeness with which the Memorial has been got up speaks volumes for the earnest wish of the Masons of South Wales that the conspicuous merits of their late Provincial Grand Master should be acknowledged and properly recognised.

We understand that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex is to be held next Thursday, at Romford, under the banner of the Hope and Unity Lodge, No. 214. In consequence of the continued indisposition of the Rev. P.G.M., Bro. R. J. Bagshawe, the R.W.D.P.G.M. (Bro. Matthew Clark) will preside over Provincial Grand Lodge.

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THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE Regular Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, England, was held on Wednesday. R.W. Bro. John Fawcett, Provincial Grand Master of Durham, presided. Bro. Captain Platt P.S.G.W. acted as S.G.W., and the Hon. W. Warren Vernon P.J.G.W. as J.G.W. The minutes of the last Quarterly Communication, and of the Grand Festival having been read and confirmed, the acting Grand Master announced that before the business of the evening was proceeded with, it would be as well, perhaps, that Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore should make the statement he was charged to make in respect of the two Lifeboats recently voted by Grand Lodge in commemoration of His Royal Highness the Grand Master's safe return from India. Thereupon his Lordship rose and said that the Committee appointed to confer with the authorities of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution as to the localities where it would be most desirable Commemorative Lifeboats should be placed, after a most careful consideration of the different places which had been mentioned, had arranged that one of them should be placed at the new watering-place, known as Clacton-on-Sea, and the other at Hope Cove, near Salcombe on the Coast of Devon. He further announced that the permission of the Prince of Wales had been asked for, and graciously allowed, to call the lifeboats the Albert Edward and the Alexandra respectively. His lordship's statement was greeted most warmly by those present. The Acting Grand Master then said that the Grand Master had been pleased to reappoint Bro. J. B. Monckton as President of the Board of General Purposes, and Bro. J. R. Rucker as President of the Colonial Board. Scrutineers were then appointed in connection with the election of the Board of General Purposes, the Colonial Board, and the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Report of the Lodge of Benevolence, recommending the several grants enumerated in our last issue, having been submitted, a discussion was raised by Bro. Brackstone Baker as to one of the sums, in which other brethren took part. Satisfactory explanations, however, were given, and the whole of the grants were approved. The Report of the Board of General Purposes was next submitted and agreed to. As regards the suggestion, in the third paragraph, that the number of trustees of the real property of Grand Lodge, now reduced to four, should be raised to ten, as originally fixed, Bro. McIntyre proposed, and Bro. P. de L. Long seconded, and it was unanimously agreed, that the trustees should be as follow, namely:—Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, Lord Tenterden, Sir Albert Woods (Garter), the Earl of Donoughmore, Bro. J. B. Monckton, Bro. John A. Rucker, and Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. The annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for the past year was then submitted, and the alteration in Law I., p. 10, to the effect that in the event of a widow marrying a second time, and again becoming a widow, she should be still eligible as a candidate, was approved. Bro. Benjamin Head then proposed the motion of which he had given notice, that the sum of £70 should be set apart from the Fund of General Purposes, and placed in the hands of the Secretary of the R.M.B.I. to provide the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season, and the motion having been duly seconded, was agreed to unanimously. The following, as regards the newly elected members, are the Board of General Purposes, Colonial Board and Committee of Management of the R.M.B.I. as now constituted, namely:—Board of General Purposes:—W. Masters: Bros. Major Shadwell H. Clerke, A. B. Cook 259, W. G. Cusins 197, Frank Green 1567, E. March 410, Jas. Muzio 1150, J. G. Stevens 933, Alfred Strong 1118, Arthur J. R. Trendell 29; Past Masters Bros. Daniel Betts 1351, Bishop 66, Dubois 1326, C. F. Hogard 205, H. C. Levander 633. Colonial Board—Bros. Brackstone Baker 21, Fr. Bennoch 1, J. Brett 177, J. Gibson 259, R. F. Gould 92, Griffiths Smith 569, Dr. Erasmus Wilson 2. Committee of Management—Bros. J. Brett, C. A. Cottebrune, T. Cubitt, J. A. Farnfield, C. F. Hogard, H. M. Levy, J. G. Stevens, A. H. Tattershall, H. G. Warren, T. W. White. Grand Lodge was then closed. Among those present were Bros. H. D. Sandeman, S. Rawson, Rev. R. J. Simpson, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Rev. W. Lake Onslow, J. C. Parkinson, J. M. Clabon, J. B. Monckton, J. A. Rucker, Raynham W. Stewart, Willing jun., H. A. Dubois, W. Hyde Pullen, C. L. Matier, Capt. Philips, P. de L. Long, Sir Albert Woods, Æ. McIntyre Q.C., C. F. Hogard, Jas. Terry, S. B. Wilson, G. F. McKay, Taylor, J. Constable, Captain Wordsworth, &c.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

ON Saturday, the 2nd inst., the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of Sussex assembled at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, for the purpose of the installation of Bro. Sir Walter Wyndham Barrell, Bart., M.P., of West Grinstead Park, Sussex, as Prov. G.M. The meeting was held under the presidency of V.W. Bro. John Hervey, P.G.D. and G.S. England, assisted by members and officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Shortly after four o'clock, the Installing Master, together with the Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers, present and past, entered the Music Room, and opened the Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. Vincent P. Freeman, Prov. Grand Secretary, read the minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge; they were unanimously confirmed. The Prov. G. Sec. reported that he had received numerous letters from distinguished brethren, regretting their inability to attend; the Installing Master then proceeded to address the Provincial Grand Lodge, stating the object of the meeting, and remarked that his feelings were those of regret, mingled with pleasure—regret that so worthy a brother as Lord Pelham had been compelled from ill-health to relinquish the post he had adorned—and pleasure that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, had selected R. W. Bro. Sir Walter Wyndham

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Burrell to succeed him. The arrival of the R. W. Provincial Grand Master of Sussex designate having been announced, he was requested to send in his patent. This having been secured by the Director of Ceremonies, and presented to and examined by the Installing Master, a deputation of Masters and Past Masters was directed to retire with the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies to introduce the R. W. Provincial Grand Master designate to the Installing Master. This ceremony having been completed, the Provincial Grand Secretary read the Patent, and after prayer by the Acting Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Installing Master proceeded with the impressive installation, and invested the R. W. Provincial Grand Master designate with the marks of office, and placed him in the chair. Bro. Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell having been duly proclaimed and saluted, expressed the pleasure he felt in occupying so high a post of honour, and proceeded to correct an erroneous impression that existed in the minds of "outsiders," that Bro. Furner had resigned his position as Deputy Provincial Grand Master because he had been passed over in the appointment of Prov. G.M. He read letters showing that Bro. Furner had tendered his resignation previous to that of Bro. Lord Pelham, but that the latter had prevailed upon him to reconsider his retirement. Lord Pelham too had placed his own resignation in the hands of the M.W.G.M. of England, but withdrew it, feeling that he could secure much valuable assistance from his Deputy Prov. G.M. When, however, the latter felt compelled to retire, Bro. Lord Pelham relinquished the post of Prov. G.M., and thus enabled him (Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell) to occupy the proud position of Prov. G.M. of Sussex. As to his own appointment, he intended to visit every Lodge in the Province. Bro. John Henderson Scott was appointed Deputy Prov. G.M.; after his patent had been read he was addressed by the R.W. Prov. G.M. on the duties of his office, then obligated, invested and placed in the chair. After the usual proclamation and salutation, the R.W. Prov. G.M. appointed and invested the following as Provincial Grand Officers:—Bros. Trollope M.D., P.M. No. 40, Prov. S.G.W., C. J. Pocock P.M. No. 271, Prov. J.G.W., C. Walker W.M. 811, Prov. G. Chap., C. A. Woolley P.M. No. 811, Prov. G. Reg., V. P. Freeman No. 732, Prov. G. Sec., B. H. Thorpe P.M. No. 1,184, Prov. S.G.D., R. Bramwell P.M. No. 271, Prov. J.G.D., C. Tomes P.M. No. 1,110, Prov. G.S. of W., J. Dixon P.M. No. 271, Prov. G.D. of C., T. H. Cole P.M. No. 40, Prov. G.A.D. of C., Walter Smith P.M. No. 732, Prov. G.S.B., Alfred King No. 271, Prov. G. Org., J. Eberall P.M. No. 315, Prov. G. Purs., G. Tatham Prov. G. Treas., C. Sandeman P.M. No. 315, J. M. Kidd P.M. No. 732, G. Moren P.M. No. 916, and T. S. Byass P.M. No. 1,465, Prov. G. Stewards; and T. Hughes G. Tyler. The Provincial Grand Officers having been saluted, Bro. Trollope proposed, and Bro. Challen seconded, the appointment of a Committee to examine and amend the bye-laws, and report to Grand Lodge, the Committee to consist of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Prov. S.G. Warden, Prov. J.G. Warden, Prov G. Registrar, Prov. G. Secretary, Prov. G. Treasurer, and Bros. Kidd, Challen, Cunningham, C. J. Smith, and Eberall. Bro. C. J. Smith moved, as an amendment, that the Committee should consist of one brother from each Lodge. Bro. Mark Tanner seconded, and after a brief discussion the original proposition was declared carried. It was also resolved that votes of thanks should be tendered to the retiring Prov. G.M. and Deputy Prov. G.M., for their eminent services in the past, the form of thanks to be inscribed on vellum. This concluded the business of the meeting, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The banquet followed, and was supplied by Bros. Sayers and Marks—caterers who never fail to give the utmost satisfaction. The chair was taken by the newly installed Prov. G.M., while over a hundred brethren were present. The toasts, to which ample justice was done, were "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. of England;" "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M.;" "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale Deputy G.M. and Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Bro. W. Kuhe, P.G.O. of England, responded to the last, and apologised for the absence of other members of Grand Lodge, who had been compelled to leave to catch their trains. He congratulated the R.W. the Prov. G.M. upon his appointment, and expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing his old friend Bro. Scott appointed as Deputy Prov. G.M. He embraced the opportunity of thanking those brethren who joined with the members of his own Lodge in presenting him with the clothing of P.G. Organist of England. Bro. Hallott proposed the health of "The R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Sussex." In responding, the Prov. G.M. acknowledged the cordial reception which had been accorded to him in the afternoon. Reverting to his appointment, he assured the brethren that he at first hesitated to accept the honourable post, but at the earnest solicitation of Bro. Scott and others he consented to take it. Had he a "tongue more tuneable than lark to shepherd's ears," he could do ample justice in responding to the toast; he, however, assured the brethren that he intended (as he stated in the afternoon) to visit each Lodge in the Province should he continue to be blessed with health and strength. He threw out valuable hints as to the business of the Province, and felt assured that so long as the brethren continued to encourage charity, love and truth, morality and loyalty, no one could speak against the cause of Masonry. The remaining toasts were the "R.W. Bro. J. H. Scott, Dep. Prov. G.M. of Sussex, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge present and past," "The Visitors," "The Worshipful Masters of the Province of Sussex," and the "Tyler's Toast." Bro. J. H. Scott, in responding to the toast bearing his name, was deeply sensitive of the honour conferred upon him—an honour he had on a previous occasion refused. He felt a difficulty in following his illustrious predecessors, but would do his utmost to merit the confidence reposed in him. Bro. Scott was warmly applauded. During the evening some glees and songs were rendered, in excellent style, by Bros. Frank Elmore, Henry Taylor, and C. Tinney, while Bro. W. Roe was a most efficient accompanist. The Prov. Grand Stewards must be congratulated upon the success of the whole meeting.—*Brighton Daily News.*

CONSECRATION OF THE LONDESBOROUGH LODGE, No. 1681.

AMONG the numerous Lodges lately constituted bearing the name of brethren distinguished in the Order few have been consecrated under more favourable auspices than the Londesborough, which has been specially honoured by the Right Hon. Lord Londesborough, P.M. 734, giving it the sanction of his name, and by his becoming its first Master. The recent death of the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot has taken from the Lodge one of its founders, for, as we mentioned in referring to that nobleman's death, he was one of the brethren who signed the petition. Much as all must regret this occurrence, we hope the new Lodge will not suffer from the loss of so distinguished a brother, but will prosper, and become, as from its inauguration it bids fair to be, one of the most influential of our London Lodges. Bro. W. Ranting, P.M. 740, was the S.W., and Bro. Geo. Babb, P.M. 180 and 795, the J.W. designate, while Bro. Geo. Read P.M. was the acting Secretary. The Consecration ceremony, which had been entrusted to the R.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, took place on Thursday last, at the Masonic Hall, Air-st. Regent-st., and was carried out by him with his well known ability, he being ably assisted by Bros. Col. Stuart P.G.D. as S.W., T. Fenn P.A.G.D.C. as J.W., H. G. Buss A.G.S., Rev. P. M. Holden P.G.C. Middlesex, B. Swallow P.M. 1563, &c. Bro. John Hervey, in very appropriate terms addressed the brethren, and congratulated the Lodge on the acceptance by the noble Lord of the position of its first Master; his social, as well as his Masonic position, made it an honour to the Lodge, and the brethren might be proud of having him amongst them. He represented a Masonic Family, his father having been initiated 40 years since, and had held the position of Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England. Their W.M. designate was initiated 20 years since, and he also was a Past Senior Grand Warden. In undertaking the Mastership of the Lodge, he incurred a great responsibility, but he (Bro. Hervey) was sure the brethren would support their Master, and, by being punctual and perfect in their respective duties, take a great part of the trouble off his hands. A Masonic Lodge might be compared to a piece of machinery, and, as such, ought to be perfect in all its component parts, he hoped the brethren for their part would carry out their duties, as he felt perfectly sure their Master would his. They must consider themselves as the *New* Londesborough Lodge, there being another Lodge of the same name in the Provinces, and he hoped that by good working their Lodge would become a credit to the Craft. The Rev. P. M. Holden followed, with an oration on the nature and principles of the Order, his impressive remarks being listened to with attention. He congratulated the brethren on the favourable auspices under which they had started, and complimented them on their Master, whose motto, "Adversa virtute repello," adorned the room. A board of 23 Installed Masters being formed, the W.M. elect was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Hervey. On the re-admission of the brethren, who saluted the new Master in due form, he proceeded to invest the following as his officers: W. Ranting S.W., Geo. Babb J.W., Barfield P.M. Treas., G. Read P.M. Sec., W. Cole S.D., R. Burleton J.D., D. H. Harrison I.G., T. Schofield P.M. Tyler. Hearty good wishes having been given by the members, the W.M., in felicitous terms, proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. J. Hervey, Col. Stuart, T. Fenn, Rev. P. M. Holden, and H. G. Buss for their valuable services in consecrating the Lodge. This was seconded by Bro. Barfield, and carried. Bro. G. Babb, the J.W., proposed that, in addition to the thanks which had already been voted to them, "that these several brethren be elected honorary members of the Lodge." Bro. Col. Stuart acknowledged the compliment paid the consecrating officers, and after several propositions for initiation and joining had been handed in, the Lodge was closed, until August. The musical portion of the ceremony was efficiently conducted by Bros. Farquharson, Cozens, Fox, Fountain and Meen, under the direction of Bro. L. Beck. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, which was provided by Bro. Nicols, and gave great satisfaction. After grace had been said by the Rev. P. M. Holden, the Right W. Lord Londesborough, the W.M., proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. The national Anthem followed, Bros. Fox and Coste singing the solo parts. The toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. was next given, the W.M. expressing his pleasure that they had so popular a man to preside over them. Bro. F. H. Cozens sang God bless the Prince of Wales. The toast of the Pro Grand Master was then duly honoured, and was followed by that of the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, with this toast the W.M. had great pleasure in coupling the name of Bro. John Hervey G.S. The present was the first day he had had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Hervey, and he hoped that a friendship, which might continue for years, would arise from the meeting. Bro. Hervey said he would always be pleased to acknowledge the toast of the Grand Officers, especially so long as they had such Masons among them as Lord Skelmersdale. He had to thank the brethren for the very hearty reception they had given them. As consecrating officer, he hoped he had done the work to the satisfaction of the brethren; he personally had to thank Bros. Col. Stuart, Fenn and Buss, for their able assistance, and on their behalf, as well as for himself, he thanked the brethren. He must ask them now to allow him to propose a toast, one he was sure that would give them great pleasure. Their W.M. had hitherto done duty in the Province to which he belongs, and comes among them as a Past Grand Officer of England; he hoped he would become a shining light in London Masonry; he concluded by calling upon them to drink the health of their W.M., and prosperity to the Lodge. The W.M. thanked the brethren for selecting him to preside over them; he hoped the Lodge would become a credit to the Order. Bro. Philbrick Q.C. P.G.D. rose. He felt it an honour to propose the toast of the Founders. He spoke of the chronological events in connection with the date of consecration, and the application of the number of the Lodge. What was required in a new Lodge was

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quality, not quantity. He hoped they would be successful. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Col. Stuart P.G.D., who replied in a very able manner. Br. Fenn said he had been selected to propose the health of the visitors, he hoped they would visit the Lodge on some future occasion. They were numerous, and many of them distinguished in the Order. He would couple the name of Bro. Philbrick with the toast. Bro. Philbrick said he could hardly find words to return thanks for the array of visitors. On their behalf he could only hope the Lodge would continue as flourishing as it had commenced. Col. Bannister and Rev. P. M. Holden also replied to the toast. The former said it was his first visit to a London Lodge. He had the honour to be associated with their W.M. in the provinces. He hoped they would have the pleasure of seeing the Grand Secretary down in Yorkshire, where he is universally esteemed, and if any of the brethren present were down in Yorkshire he would always be pleased to meet them. Bro. Holden thanked the members for having selected him to perform the duties of Chaplain; he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the Charities, with which he coupled the name of Bro. Bubb the J.W. Bro. Buss proposed the health of the Wardens, after which the Tyler's toast was given, and the evening's enjoyment brought to a conclusion. The visitors were Bros. J. Hervey G.S., E. H. Hirch S.W. 235, T. A. Philbrick Q.C., P.G.D., B. Swallow P.M. City of Westminster, Grunebaum P.M. 1017, Levitt 180, T. Fenn P.G.D.C., Fletcher 180, J. Wade 860, H. H. Hodges, P.G.S. Berks and Bucks, T. Pinn 860, Farquharson, E. C. Willan 511, H. G. Buss A.G.S., S. Jones W.M. 1425, L. Beck 1559, S. C. Scott 771, Edmunds, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Emanuel Nine Muses, Fletcher 180, Major Bannister P.G.D. North and East Yorkshire.

THE GRAND MARK LODGE.

THE half-yearly communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of England and Wales, &c., &c., was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday afternoon. The Earl of Limerick R.W. G.M.M.M. presided. There was a numerous gathering of Grand Officers and other brethren. The Report of the General Board was submitted. It began with a most gratifying announcement as to the increase and prosperity of the Mark Degree, as shown by the issue of no less than 522 certificates during the half-year ended 31st March, and further stated that early in April the new Mark Province of Monmouthshire was constituted, Bro. Lorenzo Augustus Homfray being installed as the first Prov. G.M.M.M. The Board also stated that old T.I.M. Lodge, "The Lebanon," of Liverpool, had accepted a warrant of confirmation from the M.W.G.M.M.M. Three grants of £20, £25, and £20 respectively were recommended and agreed to. The suggestion that the number of Grand Deacons should be increased from two to four was accepted. The question whether, without consent of Grand Lodge, the M.W.G.M.M.M. had power to confer Past Master's rank on brethren who had not served the office of W.M. for a whole year was decided in the negative. It was also arranged, in accordance with the Board's recommendation, that the accounts of Grand Lodge should be audited every month, and that the auditor's fee should be increased to £25. The Grand Treasurer's accounts, as audited, were then submitted and received. They showed a balance in favour of Grand Lodge on the General Fund of £205 16s 10d, and on the Fund of Benevolence of £161 13s 8d. The Earl of Limerick was then installed as M.W.G.M.M.M., and having been proclaimed and saluted, expressed his gratification at the increasing prosperity of Mark Masonry, and his hope that the increase might be maintained. The following were then appointed as Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and invested and saluted, namely:—Lord Skelmersdale Deputy G.M.M.M., the Earl of Donoughmore G.S.W., Sir Henry St. John Halford, Bart. G.J.W., Revs. P. M. Holden and F. W. Thoyts G. Chaplains, Frederic Davison G. Treas., H. C. Levander G. Reg., Frederick Binckes G. Sec., A. B. Cook G.M. Overseer, D. M. Dewar G.S. Overseer, J. D. Moore M.D. G.J. Overseer, W. Rowe and R. C. Else G.S. Deacons, A. Spears and T. C. Roden M.D. G.J. Deacons, W. Wiggington G.S. of Works, Robt. Berridge G.D. of C., Walter Spencer G.A.D. of C., W. Hyde Pullen G. Sword Br., Joseph G. Podevin G. Std. Br., W. T. Belcher G. Org., Thomas Poore G.I.G., J. Tomlinson, S. S. Pearce, M. Crowden, S. Robinson, G. J. McKay, H. M. Baker, George Boulton G. Stewards. Bros. the Rev. G. R. Portal, W. F. Gumbleton, T. Meggy, S. Rosenthal, C. F. Matier, R. W. Edis and Dibdin were appointed by the M.W.G.M.M.M., and Bros. Magnus Ohren, Sabine, Dewar, Cubitt, W. Roebuck, were elected by G. Lodge as members of the General Board. It was then announced that an invitation had been received to hold a moveable Grand Lodge in the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, and the invitation having been renewed on this occasion by Bro. G. J. Mackay, was accepted, it being arranged that it should be held some time in the month of September, at a locality to be hereafter determined. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, the Earl of Donoughmore, in the absence of the M.W.G.M.M.M., occupying the chair. It is almost needless to add that his lordship proved a most excellent president, and in the course of his different speeches made several amusing hits, which were greeted most heartily. The following are the new Lodges for which warrants have been granted since the last Communication:—Earl of Chester, Exeter, 196; Studholme, London 197; Croydon, Croydon, 198; Duke of Connaught, Dalston, 199; Lazar, Hokitika, 200; Wahab, Bengal, 201; St. Mark's in the South, Tasmania, 202.

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RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE.

CONSECRATION OF THE INVERURIE CONCLAVE, No 9, AT DUNDEE.

LORD INVERURIE, who has recently been elected Grand Viceroy of Scotland, in the place of Major Hamilton Ramsay, deceased, presided at the opening of a New Conclave, at Dundee, on the 31st ult. His lordship being also Intendant General for Forfar and Kincardineshire, the petitioners, Sir Knights Kelt, Brown, Henry MacFarlane, Mac Durand and Hay, had determined to name it after his Lordship. The meeting was held in the Upper Hall of the premises belonging to the Lodge Ancient, No. 49, Dundee, which, with its appropriate decorations, was well adapted for the purpose. A Grand Imperial Conclave was opened by Lord Inverurie as Grand Sov., Dr. Beveridge I.G.S.G. in the chair of the Grand Viceroy, G. W. Wheeler Grand Chancellor, R. S. Brown Grand Recorder, J. Crighton Grand Treasurer, John Crombie Grand Examiner, J. B. Shaw Grand Vice-Chancellor, and C. Grimsby E.V. No. 1; there were also present deputations from Edinburgh, Aberdeen, and Glasgow. There being eleven approved candidates in waiting, the I.G. Sov., with the assistance of his Officers, in a very able manner installed them as Knights of the Order. He then proceeded to Consecrate the New Conclave, and also the Hall to the purposes of the Order. The newly constituted Conclave having elected Andrew Kelt as the first M.P.S., R. Brown as E.V.E., and also recommended Sir Knts. MacFarlane and Capt. Leith Hay as Hon. Sovs., a Council of Viceroy was held, and afterwards a Senate of Sovereigns, in which the Sov. and past Sov. of Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 6 were present, when these grades were conferred on the four Knights named above, who were duly saluted by the Knights on their re-admission to the Conclave, which was then closed in due form. A number of duly qualified Knights having expressed there desire to take the degree of K.H.S. and St. John, whilst the deputations were present, his Lordship kindly consented, and opened a Sanctuary of K.H.S. as I.R.K.P., Dr. Beveridge as I.P., J. Gregory I.P.S., G. W. Wheeler 1st L., J. Creighton 2nd L., P. S. Brown G. of S.V. When Sir Knights Kelt, Brown, MacFarlane and Captain Leith Hay were entrusted with the sublime secrets of that degree, and subsequently with those of the Knights of St. John the Evangelist.

The Sir Knights, after their protracted labours, repaired to the St. David's Chapter-rooms, Bank-street, which had been kindly placed at their disposal. The chair was filled by Sir Knight Kelt, the newly installed M.P.S. of No. 9, who is also the R.W.M. of Lodge Ancient, No. 49, Sir Knight MacFarlane Hon. Sov. No. 9, first Principal of St. David Chapter, and R.W.M. of 225, Forfar and Kincardine Lodge, being croupier. Upwards of forty sat down to the banquet, and after full justice had been done to the excellent purveyance of Bro. Barthe, the Chairman gave the usual Loyal toasts. Captain Leith Hay, Hon. Sov. No. 9, responded for the Army, and Capt. J. Crombie M.P.S. of No. 6, Aberdeen, for the Volunteers. The Chairman then gave the Grand Council of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine for Scotland, and Lord Inverurie. They had all seen how well his Lordship had performed the arduous labours of that day, involving as it did so many different ceremonies,—they were also deeply indebted to him, not only for his kindness in coming there and so ably presiding, but also for the very valuable present of the banner he had given them, and he thought that as they had taken his name for their Conclave, they would never disgrace it by any unworthy act of theirs. (Cheers.)

Lord Inverurie, in reply, said, He felt a real interest in Masonry, and was determined to be something more than a mere idle member. He felt a great regard for the Red Cross Order, and having been appointed Intendant General for Forfar and Kincardine, he felt that he must do some work. Naturally, he turned his thoughts to Dundee, with its seven Lodges. He saw his friend Kelt, and one or two others, and the result was before them. He was proud to think that what he had been able to do to-day had given them satisfaction; it was his first attempt at any of the ceremonies in public, but he hoped to be able to do better when he had more practice; a Consecration was not an every day affair, and he should not be satisfied till he had consecrated another Conclave in Dundee, one in Arbroath, and four or five others in the Province. (Cheers). For what little he had been able to do for them, they were very welcome. The Banner and the Conclave bore his name, and he thought it was he that should return thanks rather than receive them. (Cheers.)

His Lordship again rose, to propose a vote of thanks to the Sir Knights who had come forward to assist him. They had been honoured with large deputations, both from Aberdeen and Edinburgh, and he felt that without their assistance in the work the meeting would not have been so successful.

Dr. Beveridge, I.G.S.G. and Intendant General for Aberdeen, replied for the Aberdeen Knights. They had been pleased to attend to welcome a new Conclave into their midst; at present he had only one Conclave under him, but, like Lord Inverurie, he was in hopes of soon having others to consecrate.

R. S. Brown I.G.R. replied for Edinburgh, and congratulated them on the progress the Order was making. The Grand Council for Scotland was formed in July last, with six Conclaves; since then one had been opened at Nairo, another in Ayr, and to-day they had No. 9, at Dundee. The Order was not like a Craft Lodge, or even a Chapter; he therefore thought they should be proud of the progress they had made in the first year. G. W. Wheeler G.C., as the only representative of the Glasgow Conclave No. 3 present, wished to propose prosperity to No. 9; they had been started to-day under very favourable auspices, with a good number of candidates, and he was informed six more gentlemen would be installed at their next meeting. They had had the advantage of seeing the best workers, from the oldest Conclaves; the assistance of their indefatigable Recorder, who was a host in himself, the patronage and name of the nobleman who stood second in the Order, the help of Dr. Beveridge, whose name was a tower of strength in the north of Scotland, and he, with the other visitors, was deeply indebted to their Dundee friends, for affording them such an opportunity of meeting together, to wish

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prosperity to the Inverurie No. 9, and long life to her first Sovereign. (Cheers.) Sir Knt. Kelt M.P.S. thanked Bro. Wheeler and the rest of the visitors for their kind wishes. He was not a speaker, but he hoped to prove himself a worker in the cause, and if the Conclave did not prosper, it should not be for want of any help he could give it. The Croupier, in very felicitious terms, proposed the health of Colonel Robertson, the United States Consul at Leith, who had come to grace their meeting, and who had displayed all that enthusiasm that distinguishes our Masonic brethren on the other side of the Atlantic. Colonel Robertson expressed the pleasure it had given him to be present to witness the opening of a new Conclave of the Order, as he was sure the Order only wanted to be known to be more widely appreciated. The visiting brethren were here obliged to leave, to get to their respective trains; but the Dundee brethren continued for some time longer, to enjoy the Feast of Reason and the Flow of Soul.

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To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I noticed, some time since, a report in your columns of a meeting of the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, at which it was suggested that London Lodges should combine together for voting purposes, as is the practice in many Provinces. I think the scheme is in the first place objectionable on general grounds, but especially because it omits all consideration of the merits of the different candidates. This, of course, applies equally to Provincial organisations of a similar character as to this proposed London one. In the next place, I consider the suggestion is impracticable. I do not see how even the most influential brethren will induce all London to combine together for this or other purposes. Different Lodges are likely to be actuated by different views, and I fancy it will be found that in many cases these different views are irreconcilable. More good is likely to be done if brethren interested in the success of a candidate will follow the example of Bros. Stevens and Barnes. Assuming they are satisfied, on inquiry, that a case is worth supporting, let them find out who the men are they will have to work with them, and if they think them capable, and that there is a fair chance of succeeding, let them set to work might and main, and I do not think they will be less fortunate than the two worthy brethren whose names I have cited.

Yours fraternally,

GREY FRIAR.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

A FEW years since the question was fully discussed in this country whether the existence of a secret society should be tolerated in a republican government; and when those who belonged to such societies were found not to yield to the force of the arguments adduced, the learned legislators of several states concocted and enacted certain sage laws, the object of which was to destroy all societies of this character. This was one of those chapters of human history which all men should read, both in its inception and results. It was, by no means, our first trial. We had before been "excommunicated by the Pope, because we were antimonarchial—assailed by some Protestant sectaries, because we were anti-republicans—and proscribed by Tom Paine, because we were too religious." Having previously escaped unscathed from this amusing variety of attack, we "waited patiently," agreeable to our principles, to see what we were to be shown next. And we have not been disappointed in our expectations. Masonry remains precisely where it was; but how has been the result as to secret socities in general? Odd Fellowship—a society scarcely known twenty years ago—took new life, and that three linked chain now numbers its tens of thousands, and competes, in the cause of humanity, with the "old handmaid"—Sons of Temperance, and Brothers of Temperance, and Rechabites, now display publicly their collars and their rosettes, and hardly drink cold water together without the word, the sign, or the grip. Surely that old argument against secret societies has produced strange results, and in its effects is a good specimen of the old apothegm for interpreting dreams—always "to explain them by the rule of contrary." In short, secret societies seem to have increased in a geometrical ratio under the influence of argument, and that increase is the natural and fair commentary upon the merits of the discussion. And then, those sage pieces of legislation—almost equal in wisdom to those against the Quakers, and Baptists, and witches of Massachusetts—where are they, and where are the convictions under them? Echo answers "where." They stand already as "obsolete ideas" upon the statute books, no very honourable memorials of the spirit which inspired them.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE House of Lords met on Monday, for the first time after the Whitsun recess. A question was asked by Earl Granville respecting the Burials Bill, and the Earl of Belmore drew attention to the inconvenience and danger to the public of having joint railway stations. A few minutes sufficed for the despatch of business on Tuesday. The House of Commons reassembled on the 31st ult. On the motion to go into Committee of Supply, various questions were discussed in connection with the Eastern Question, telegraphic communication with Lundy Island, and the policy of the Government. In Committee, an amendment to reject the estimate for the Lord Privy Seal was defeated by 104 to 46. Many other of the Civil Service Estimates were passed, and after rejecting a proposed new clause for the Customs, Inland Revenue, and Savings' Bank Bill, and despatching other business, the House adjourned. On Friday, a motion of Lord C. Hamilton, respecting Harbour Accommodation on the North-east coast of England, was rejected, shortly after which the House was counted out. The greater part of Monday's sitting was occupied in Committee in discussing the remaining clauses of the Oxford and Cambridge Universities Bill. Several divisions took place, some of which were close enough to be received with cheers by the Opposition, but the Government carried their Bill safely through this stage. The rest of the business was quickly disposed of. On Tuesday, a desultory conversation took place as to Russia's intentions as to the observance or non-observance of the Maritime Declaration of Paris, and the neutrality of the Suez Canal, in the course of which Mr. Jenkins, in speaking of the "arrogance" of certain British pretensions, was greeted with cries of dissatisfaction. A debate ensued on the Prisons' Bill as amended, its further consideration being ultimately postponed. A motion of Mr. Mitchell Henry, on Irish taxation, was rejected by 191 to 70. Then Mr. Whalley, in calling attention to a petition about the Tichborne case, in which the petitioner prayed to be heard at the Bar of the House, frightened members away, and the House was counted out, at a quarter to one o'clock. On Wednesday afternoon, the House discussed the second reading of the Women's Disabilities Removal Bill. Several members took part in the debate, which resulted in the Bill being talked out, amid ironical cheers.

On Saturday, which was set apart for the public celebration of Her Majesty's 58th birthday, the weather was anything but the proverbial Queen's weather. But then Her Majesty was at Balmoral, and that circumstance may have made the Clerk of the Weather somewhat less condescending than of yore to Her Majesty's lieges. Be this as it may, there was a considerable crowd of spectators to witness the interesting ceremony of trooping the colours. The three younger children of the Prince and Princess of Wales viewed the sight from some windows overlooking the Horse Guards' parade, and there were present, likewise, the children of the Duke and Duchess of Teck, and the Prince Imperial. The ceremony was performed in presence of H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-Chief, and the Prince of Wales, who were attended by a numerous and brilliant staff. When the trooping was over, the Guards marched past in slow and quick time, a Royal salute was fired, and the Princes and staff left the ground. At noon, the usual salutes were fired from the Tower and Park guns, and the Hon. Artillery Company had the wonted parade at their Head Quarters in Finsbury. Banquets in honour of the occasion were given by the Earl of Beaconsfield, Sir Stafford Northcote, Mr. Cross, the Earl of Derby, the Marquis of Salisbury, Mr. G. Ward Hunt, the Earl of Carnarvon, and Mr. Hardy. There were the usual illuminations at the West-end, and crowds paraded the streets till a late hour, admiring the display, which in Regent-street, Piccadilly, and the region of clubs, was very effective. The same evening the Prince of Wales left London for Paris, in order to meet the Princess, who reached the latter city from Athens, *vid* Brindisi, late that night. The Prince arrived in the French capital on Sunday morning, and their Royal Highnesses left it on Wednesday evening, arriving at Marlborough House on the following morning. The young Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales have been appointed supernumerary Naval Cadets to H.M.S. Britannia. The elder of the two boys is in his fourteenth year, while the younger completed his twelfth year on Sunday last. A Levee, which was numerously attended, was held, in accordance with Her Majesty's command, by the Prince of Wales, on Thursday afternoon, at St. James's Palace.

It is with regret we announce the death, after a brief illness, of the Queen of the Netherlands. Her Majesty, who was a frequent visitor to this country, was the daughter of the late King of Wurtemburg, and was born 17th June 1818. She was married on 14th June 1839, and leaves issue two sons, the Prince of Orange and Prince Alexander, the latter of whom was some time since initiated into Freemasonry by his great uncle, Prince Frederick of the Netherlands. The funeral is fixed for the 20th instant. In consequence of this event, the State Concert, which was fixed for Wednesday, did not take place; and, moreover, the Court has gone into mourning for the usual period.

It is satisfactory to know that Mdlle. Titiens, who has recently undergone a serious surgical operation, is progressing favourably towards recovery, her medical attendants having, in reply to the inquiries of Her Majesty, pronounced her out of danger. This news has been received most thankfully by the public, with whom Mdlle. Titiens enjoys a wide and well-merited popularity.

It is not yet certain that Bro. Sir John Bennett has been elected Alderman of the Ward of Cheap. The poll was in his favour by a majority of one, the votes being—for Sir John Bennett 234, and for his opponent, Mr. Waddell, 233. The latter, however, demanded a scrutiny, which has been fixed for the 22nd instant, and will be looked forward to by the citizens with great interest. The ground of the scrutiny was that many of the votes taken were irregular.

A serious accident occurred at Bath, on Wednesday, by the fall of a bridge over the river Avon. This week has been held in that city the annual exhibition of the Bath and West of England Agricultural Society, and consequently the fine old place has been crowded with visitors from all directions. About 11 a.m. an excursion train arrived, bringing a fresh contingent of sightseers, many of whom made for the bridge, by which they were given to understand they would reach the show more speedily. Accordingly, some two hundred people made their way to the frail structure, when it suddenly gave way, and all were precipitated, either into the water or on to the banks of the river. At first, the most alarming rumours prevailed as to the loss of life thus caused, but eventually it was learned that seven

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people had been killed, and a very considerable number more or less seriously injured. It is believed that many others are still missing, so that the lists of death is not yet complete; while of the injured many are reported as having been fatally hurt. The inquest was begun on Thursday.

The Horse Show was opened on Saturday morning, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. The attendance that day was greatly in excess of any previous opening day. Shortly after ten o'clock the judges of the Hunter classes commenced operations, and the work was continued through Monday and Tuesday, the leaping prizes for ponies having been reserved for the latter day. The genial summer weather of Monday drew crowds of visitors, nor has the more variable weather of the following days proved any drawback to the attendance. Yesterday was the last day, and, all things considered, we imagine the management will have every reason to be satisfied with the results of the Exhibition.

On Saturday the Civil Service Athletic Club, availing itself of the usual holiday which is granted for the Queen's birthday in all Government offices, held their annual athletic meeting at the Lillie Bridge Grounds, West Brompton. There was a good muster of spectators, though the day was by no means favourable for outdoor recreation. The arrangements were under the charge, as usual, of Mr. William Morse, and gave entire satisfaction. Mr. F. A. Hawker acted as judge, and Messrs. Beauford and Eaton as starters. The only new feature was the introduction of the now deservedly popular Tug of War, in which one of the teams representing the India Office ultimately won the prize. The same day the London University College held their Annual Athletic Meeting at the New Stamford Bridge Ground of the London Athletic Club. In the way of cricket there have been several first class matches, in one of which, between North and South, for the benefit of the Cricketers' Fund, Mr. W. G. Grace made one of his tremendous scores. He played for the South, and made 261 out of 452 from the bat. The North were easily beaten in one innings, their two totals together only reaching 296. In the match between Cambridge and the Gentlemen, the former were victorious in one innings by 56 runs. The Inter-University match is fixed for the 25th instant and following days, and to judge from the performances of the rival elevens, there is every reason to expect that victory will incline to the Light Blue. Yachting and other sports are in full swing, and on Saturday last was held the usual Middle Park Yearling sale. There were forty-two lots sold, the amount realised being 12,285 guineas, or an average of 273 guineas per lot. The highest price was 1,500 guineas.

On Wednesday evening, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained, at dinner, at the Mansion House, Her Majesty's Judges, together with a considerable number of the members of the bar of England, there being over 200 guests. The Lord Chief Justice replied to the toast of the Judges, Lord Hatherley responded for the House of Lords, Mr. Roebuck for the House of Commons, and the Solicitor General for the Bar. The health of the Lady Mayoress was proposed by the Lord Chief Justice, and acknowledged on her behalf by Sir Robert Carden. The health of the Lord Mayor having been duly honoured, and the other toasts disposed of, the company separated, about eleven o'clock. The same evening, several important festivals were held. At that of the Royal General Theatrical Fund, held at Freemasons' Tavern, the Duke of Beaufort presided, and subscriptions were announced to the amount of nearly £800. At the dinner in aid of the Funds of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, Bro. J. D. Allcroft presided, and over £700 were subscribed. The Earl of Dunmore took the Chair at the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, at Willis's Rooms. In the course of the evening the Secretary announced subscriptions and legacies to close on £11,000. At the Albion, Mr. Baron Pollock presided at the Solicitors' Benevolent Association Festival. Subscriptions to between £500 and £600 were announced.

The political excitement in France, especially in Paris, has not yet cooled down. On the contrary, the greatest bitterness prevails. Whatever else they may manage better in France than in other countries, it is manifest they do not get on so well in matters political as we or the Germans do. However, though the present crisis there would, in ordinary times, be the talk of everybody, it is the war which attracts the chief attention of the political world. Thus far the operations on the Danube have been confined to occasional bombardments, now of Widdin, now of Kalafat, and other places. Hitherto, of course, the weather has been the chief obstacle to greater activity on the part of the Russians, having rendered the rapid movement of troops impossible. However, we hear now, that the Danube, which had risen amazingly by reason of the rains, is now falling to its usual summer level, and no doubt when the Czar has arrived on the scene of action, an attempt to cross the river will be made in several places at once. Such at least appears to be the general belief. There are also rumours that Servia is again about to mix herself up in the war, as though the beating she received from the Turks last autumn were not enough for so small and insignificant a principality. As for Roumania, she must be in a sorry plight. Whether Turkey or Russia wins, there is little doubt it will take years before Roumania recovers from the present disturbance of peace. As for Montenegro, we hear, at length, that these hardy but cruel mountaineers have been seriously defeated by the Turks, and if the latter can succeed in capturing Celtigne, it will be possible for them to despatch a portion of their forces to do battle, either on the Danube, or in the neighbourhood of the Balkans. The tenor of the news from Asia is generally unfavourable to the Turks. They have not only not recaptured Ardahan, but they are said to have been obliged to retire their force, before the superior armies of Russia. There is a rumour that Kars is invested, and that it is only a question of days when Erzeroum will fall. Batoum, however, still holds out, in spite of the efforts of the Russians, and it is said that the insurrection in Caucasus is extending. No doubt, as the summer advances, we shall hear of infinitely more momentous events than any that have as yet occurred.

Bro. Charles Bonnett, official shorthand writer to Grand Lodge, desires to inform the Craft that he is not the Charles Bennett, shorthand writer, whose name is now so frequently before the Courts of the country in certain legal proceedings.

The *Keystone* anticipates that the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, which is to be held in August, at Cleveland, Ohio, will prove as magnificent a gathering as that of the same Grand Body held in 1871 at Baltimore, or at New Orleans in 1874. We learn from the same source that at the annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, on the 9th ult., the following were elected Grand Officers for the year—namely, Sir Knights Hugh McCurdy G. Comm., H. F. Knapp D.G. Comm., F. Henderson G. Genlmo., W. B. Wilson G.C. Genl., G. W. Wilson G. Prelate, R. G. Chandler G.S.W., J. B. Newton G.J.W., M. S. Smith G. Treasurer, W. P. Innis G. Reg., and W. V. Griffiths Grand Sent. The day previous, the Grand Chapter of Connecticut elected Comps. H. W. Coye Grand High Priest, Joseph K. Wheeler Grand Secretary, and other Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

The *Masonic Jewel* contains a long account of Bro. S. Patton, Past Grand Master of Mississippi. Bro. Patton was born in the year 1813, and was initiated in 1842, in Livingston Lodge, Alabama. In the same year he received all the Chapter degrees. In 1843, he took the Council degrees in Tuscaloosa Council, No. 4, and the same year became S.W. of his Mother Lodge, being advanced to the position of W.M. the following year. In 1850, having removed into Mississippi, which was his native State, he obtained a dispensation for Patton Lodge, No. 129, and became its first W.M. In 1853, he obtained a dispensation for the Patton Chapter, No. 152, Lauderdale Springs, and was chosen its first High Priest. In 1854, he was elected G.H. Priest of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi. The same year he took part in the organisation of the Grand Council of Mississippi, and was appointed its first "T. Ill. Grand Master." He received the order of Knighthood the year following, in Mississippi Commandery, No. 1, Jackson, and became Grand Captain General in the Grand Commandery in 1858, and Grand Commander in 1872. He was elected Grand Master of Mississippi in 1864, and re-elected the following year. Bro. Patton played a not unimportant part in the Civil War, holding high rank in the Confederate army. He was the means of rendering service to two Federal

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prisoners confined at Meridian, who proved to be brother Masons. He was also indebted for the preservation of what little property remained to him, when Sherman captured the place we have just named, to the fact of some Masonic jewels, which he had made for an army Lodge, being found in his house; the Federal Captain, who meant capturing all, being himself a Mason. We have seldom read a more interesting career, whether private or Masonic, than that of Bro. Patton.

Old Warrants.

No. 69.

No. 198, "Ancients;" No. 237 at the "Union" of A.D. 1813, No. 166 A.D. 1832, and No. 142 from A.D. 1863.

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ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

LAU. DERMOTT, D.G.M.

WILL^M. TINDALL, S.G.W. THO^S. CARTER, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry, Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample Form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful The Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount of Ballquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heretable Captain and Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Falkland, and in that part of Great Britain called England and Masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Laurence Dermott, Esquire, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful William Tindall, Esquire, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Thomas Carter, Esquire, Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and empower our trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful George Ganfield one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Alexander Eason his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Sam^l. Apletree his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Angel and Crown, Maiden Lane, Wood Street, or elsewhere in London, upon the Second and Fourth Thursday of each Kalendar Month, and on all seasonable Times and lawful Occasions: And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all ages and nations throughout the known world. And we do farther authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, George Ganfield, Alex. Eason, and Sam^l. Apletree (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Freemasons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of Grand Lodge in London, this eleventh day of May, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five, and in the year of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five.

WM. DICKEY,

Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 6, Letter F.

L.S.

The present title, No., &c. are, The St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 142, City Terminus Hotel, London.

No. 70.

No. 258, "Ancients;" No. 325 at the Union of A.D. 1813, No. 227 A.D. 1832, and No. 192 from A.D. 1863 to the present time.

ANTRIM, GRAND MASTER.

JA^S. PERRY, D.G.M.

THOS. HARPER, S.G.W. JAS. AGAR, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

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Given under our hands and the seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this twenty-fourth day of December, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and Nine, and in the year of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and Nine.

JOHN MCCORMICK,

Grand Secretary.

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The present title, No., &c. are, The Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

THE MACE FUND.

THE Treasurer of the Dorcas Beneficent Society acknowledges, with many thanks, the following donations received in answer to the Appeal of the 14th May:—

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Further donations are asked to enable him to complete his University course, and will be thankfully received by the Treasurer, Captain P. Dadson, 33 Golden-square, W., or Bro. F. Binckes, Freemasons' Hall. The Trustees of the Fund are Bros. W. Pass and B. Head.

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SYMBOLISM.

From the "Hebrew Leader."

TRUTH does not end with the fact alone that symbols were the first language of mankind. That kind of communication appears to have been a favourite one with all men and in all ages. They have been the preferred expletives of all the religions of the earth. They stand out on the temple of Salsette, the cave of Elephanta, and the palaces of Delhi. Egypt reveals them from her monuments and her tombs; Scandinavia, Yucatan, Mexico, but repeat the story; Greece and Rome only reiterate it when it had become old; and if all Europe and America are not now repeating it, it is simply because a purer feeling and a higher and holier morality have descended to them from the "still small voice" once breathed upon the mountains of Judah and perfected in the teachings of that pure Being, who upon the fields and mountains, and lakes, and seas of Palestine, brought "life and immortality to light."

The love of symbols among mankind, anciently used as a language, and afterwards as the expletives of religion, has, in all ages, preserved the favourable opinion of the world and has come down to us, even politically, with a force scarcely, perhaps not at all, lessened in its power, by the intelligence of this enlightened age. We need not go far for examples. The two-headed eagle of Russia, the lilies and the tricolour of France, the red cross of St. George, our own ever glorious stars and stripes—what are they all but symbols of nationality, and to what purpose is their symbolic character, but for distinction, national honour, national pride, or national glory? The "eagles of victory" and of triumph have furnished the common metaphor of numerous centuries, the national banner is as ever sacred to the humblest citizen as to the highest statesman; its protection from stain constitutes the highest pride of the soldier and the sailor, and he proudly walks to carnage or to death, while the symbol of his country's honour spreads its folds to the breeze. The slightest contempt for it will electrify a nation. When a celebrated English statesman once ventured to speak contemptuously of the American Navy, as "a half dozen fir frigates, with pieces of striped bunting at their mast heads," he little imagined that the lightning spark thus thrown forth would expire not until that piece of "striped bunting" should mark its triumph upon every sea and proudly float above the red cross of his own powerful country; and that the unreflecting remark would burst forth from thousands of bosoms in retort, whenever and wherever the defenders of that piece of "striped bunting" saw it borne aloft as the representatives of victory. We allude to this instance in illustration of the subject only, and not with any invidious feeling.

Symbols, then, have not passed out of use, even in this matter-of-fact age, and if they have always been favourites with the world, and still are so, the Institution of Freemasonry—which has always used them—ought not to be thought unwise, or foolish, or ridiculous, because, agreeably to her original practice, she continues to use them, and applies them to the same purposes for which they were originally designed. When, therefore, we invest the Master with the square, the Wardens with the level and the plumb, the Deacons with the gavel, and the Tyler with the sword—when we give in charge to the Master the holy writings, the square and the compass—and when our brethren appear in aprons—we ask only that common charity which is extended to all other men's modes of thinking and of acting, in this nineteenth century, when we ask others to believe that all this form and show, to us, is but "the exhibition of useful truth." To some men it may perhaps appear useless mummery; to others, the trappings of a useless vanity; to others, even, the garb of a supposed past disgrace. To us, it is our language—the idiom in which we teach. It is more than this—it is an impress of what is taught.

And let it not be forgotten here what Freemasonry, in its present speculative character, is. No one claims that it is now a society of actual architects and Craftsmen, engaged in the actual employment of building and architecture. No Freemason claims, at the present day, that his brotherhood with this Society necessarily makes him a workman in a stone quarry, a hewer of stone and wood and worker in brass and metals; but we do instruct, and we also teach that a brother must be well skilled as Apprentice and Craftsman before he is fitted to be Master. If the college imparts its Greek and its Latin, we also teach our Masters a language which, for all practical purposes, has the advantage of both, in ease and universality—and while the Church is labouring for some one of the ten thousand dogmas of the ten thousand sects, we are quietly teaching at the Masonic altar, the simple theology in which nearly all the world agree, that there is one God and father of all, who is above all, and over all; and that there is no doubt about the duty of offering prayers, and thanksgiving, and adoration to His ever great, glorious and holy name.

Freemasonry may, very properly, as we thing, be defined as the teaching of a moral science by a method peculiarly its own. We unite, in our teachings to the initiate, the building of a splendid temple with the practice of morality, friendship and Brotherhood—we connect with the creation of this earthly edifice a system of private recognition, useful to ourselves, of obligation and protection towards those who are dear to us, and of continual remembrance of that "mystic temple," whose

> "Altars are the mountains and the ocean—
> Earth, sky, stars—all that springs from the great whole
> Who has produced and will receive the soul."

We can well anticipate the inquiry which will, very naturally, be made here, by some learned, independent, free-thinking outsider, (as the modern phrase has it). It will be something after this manner;—

Do you think that all Masons look at this subject from the same point of observation—that they view it in the light and shade now exhibited—that they see it as you see it, and apply its teachings as you apply them?

The anticipated inquiry is both natural and fair. It is one that we wish it was in our power, consistently with truth, to answer more favourably and more satisfactorily than we are able to do. We candidly answer:

In ordinary life the difference between industrious and lazy men—between the bee or the ant, and the glutton, are fully recognised. There is no difficulty in approaching it. Results are written upon its face, in characters of "living light." Is it strange, then, that the same results should be seen among a class of men professing the same belief, some of whom have laboured with the industry of the ant, while others have rolled themselves up in the inaction of the sloth. There is, between studious Masons and their slothful, uninquiring brethren, the same difference in the views they take of Masonry as their is between an artist and a peasant in their respective estimations of an old painting—it may be a Raphael or a Rubens. The peasant gazes, with stupid wonder, or with cold indifference, on the canvass redolent with life, without the excitation of a single emotion in his barren soul. Its colours, mellowed to a rich softness by the hand of time are to him less pleasing than the gaudy tints which glare upon the sign of the village inn; and its subjects, borrowed from the deep lore of history, or the bold imaginings of posey, are less interesting to him than the daubed paint which hangs conspicuously at his cottage fireside. But to the eye of the artist how different is the impression conveyed? To him everything beams with light and beauty. To him it is the voice of nature speaking in the language of art. Promethens-like, he sees the warm blood rushing through the blue veins, and the eye beaming with a fancied animation. The correctness of the outlines; the boldness of its fore-shortenings, where the limbs appear to burst from the canvass; the delicacy of its shadows, and the fine arrangement of its lights, are all before him, subjects of admiration on which he could ever gaze, and examples of instruction which he would fain imitate.

And whence arises this difference of impression produced by the same object on two different individuals? It is not from genius alone—for that, unaided, brings no light to the mind, though it prepares it for his reception. It is cultivation which enlarges the intellect and fits it for its reception, and this cultivation we arrive at as Masons, through instruction by symbols and legends—by that through which we work closer into the hearts of our fellow-men than by mere words.

We are informed there will be a very startling innovation introduced in connection with the Stewards' Badges at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. We have reason to believe the new feature will give the greatest satisfaction.

The new Lodge, No. 1677, bearing the style and title of the Crusaders' Lodge, will be consecrated on Wednesday, the 13th instant, at St. John's Gate Tavern, Clerkenwell. Bro. James Terry, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will officiate on the occasion.

Mark Masonry will hold high festival in Hull on the 12th instant.

Canterbury Cathedral.—Canterbury Cathedral cannot thoroughly be appreciated unless it be studied from a considerable distance; for its great size and unusually intricate plan make the task of apprehending it a difficult one from any near point of view, so that we unconsciously compare only some part, not the whole, with surrounding objects. But when the building is seen in all its grandeur, rising far above the trees and houses of the town—almost like a mountain of carved stone—dwarfing all surrounding objects, we realise that it is indeed worthy to be a mother church of a great country. The Cathedral is certainly most fortunate in its surroundings. The old grey walls and circular towers, which still enclose part of the town, the narrow streets with their picturesque houses and occasional fragments of ancient buildings, chief among which is the gateway of St. Augustine's Abbey, tell of a peaceful present and an unbroken continuity with the past, and fitly introduce us to the Precinct or Christ Church Gate, an extremely rich and beautiful work of the early part of the sixteenth century. We pass through this into the Close, and at once obtain one of the most striking general views of the Cathedral. A grassy lawn, bordered with trees, runs all along the southern side, allowing of a much more uninterrupted view than is possible from any other quarter. The central tower rises grandly above the nave, its firm, simple, yet graceful lines, contrasting well with the more florid and less satisfactory outlines of those at the western end, the northern of which is quite a modern work replacing an old Norman tower pulled down some forty years since. Immediately in front of us is the fine southern porch, from the earliest times the principal entrance to the Cathedral.—*From Picturesque Europe* for June.

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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 JUNE.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 11th JUNE.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 13 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
1685—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 o'clock.

75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
323—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 23 Hope-street, Liverpool.
397—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
589—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
655—Montagne, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1308—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1448—Royal Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury.
1502—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Micklegate, York.
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.

TUESDAY, 12th JUNE.

55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Coopers Arms, Silver-street, Falcon-square, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-street, E.C.
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
184—United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
606—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (Instruction.)
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1405—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
R. A. 901—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberland.

WEDNESDAY, 13th JUNE.

Prov. Grand Lodge of Worcester, Corn Exchange, Tenbury.
Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, 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.)
1388—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1506—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1534—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (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.)

199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
235—St. Luke, Couch and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
281—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
975—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1209—Lewisea, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1348—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1362—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1508—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
1563—Llandiloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llandiloes, North Wales.
1643—Perseverance, Station Hotel, Hebburn.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 14th JUNE.

Prov. Grand Lodge of Essex, Corn Exchange, Romford.
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. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
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.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
477—Mersey, 53 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
961—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1071—St. George's, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1114—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1204—Royd's Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.

FRIDAY, 15th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
786—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 148 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.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1305—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1543—Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne Road, North Kensington, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

247—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton.
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.)
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.

SATURDAY, 16th JUNE.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

TUESDAY.

495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
608—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
1523—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

FRIDAY.

1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 321—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 857—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.
TUESDAY—1—Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hall, Waterloo-place.
WEDNESDAY—3—Canongate, Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.
" R.A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.
THURSDAY—8—Journeymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.
FRIDAY—R.A. 83—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—102—St. Mark's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
" 362—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
TUESDAY—413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 419—Neptune, 35 St. James's-street, Glasgow.
" 441—Glasgow, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.
" R. A. 69—St. Andrew's, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
WEDNESDAY—178—Scotia, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
" 333—St. George, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 510—Maryhill, 167 Main-street, Maryhill.
" R. A. 113—Partick, School-room, Douglas-street, Partick.
THURSDAY—R. A. 50—Glasgow, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, Glasgow.
FRIDAY—275—Shamrock and Thistle, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.
" 553—St. Vincent, Freemasons' Hall, Dumbarton-road.
SATURDAY—512—Thorntree, School Room, Thornliebank, at 6.30.
" 571—Dramatic, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, at 3 p.m.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 7th of June, at Bro. Hallows, The Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. Franklin W.M., F. Hallows S.W., Upward J.W., W. T. Christian Acting Secretary, Pinder P.M. Treasurer, Carter S.D., Groome J.D., Claridge I.G.; also Bros. W. G. Hallows, Varley, Delvalli, Brown, Shepherd, Hunt. The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting confirmed. Ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Varley acting as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Delvalli acting as candidate. Bro. Pinder worked the 1st section of the lecture. Lodge resumed to the 1st degree. Bro. Pinder worked the 1st section of that lecture. Lodge resumed to the 1st degree, and Bro. Pinder worked the 1st section of that lecture also. Bro. Shepherd, of Ley Spring Lodge, No. 1598 was elected a member of this Lodge. Bro. F. Hallows was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form.

St. John's Lodge, No. 28, Kirkintilloch.—This old Lodge held its regular fortnightly meeting on Saturday, 26th May, at 6 p.m. The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. S. Allen R.W.M., J. Cameron I.P.M., with A. Kirkwood S.W., Thos. Miller as J.W., J. S. Phillips acting Sec., B. Hysley I.G., J. Frankleburv Tyler. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, amongst whom we noticed Bros. J. Dick, A. Leslie and J. S. Phillip 3 bis, G. W. Wheeler 73, A. Garsia 171, Doune, A. Miller 400, J. Martin, and

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others from 195, Campsie. A deputation was appointed to seek for a new hall, or for the ground on which to build one for themselves, as the Lodge is in possession of considerable funds. At the request of the R.W.M., Bro. G. W. Wheeler of 73 passed Bro. R. Cowrie to the F.C. degree, for which he received the thanks of the Lodge. The R.W.M. was about to raise a brother to the 3rd degree, but owing to the time spent on the Hall business and a pro'est of Bro. Turnbull, train time had nearly arrived, and it was resolved to hold an emergency meeting, on Tuesday, to raise him.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, 4th inst. Present—Bros. Bissett W.M., R. Pearcy S.W., Trewinnard J.W., Ross S.D., Tolmie acting Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Harvey J.D., Gibbs I.G., Christopher Tyler, Hunter, Morgan jun., &c. Lodge opened in the 1st degree, minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Millward acting as candidate. Bro. Harvey worked the 4th, Bro. Tolmie the 5th section, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Tolmie worked the 6th section, assisted by Bro. Harvey. Bro. Tolmie worked the 7th section, assisted by the brethren. A sum of £1 was voted from the Lodge funds to a distressed brother Mason. A vote of thanks was cordially passed to the W.M. for his conduct in the chair. Lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on 5th June. Present—Bros. Posener W.M., Daniel S.W., Sayer J.W., Walker S.D., Gieberman J.D., West I.G., Hollands, Harris, Maidwell, J. Posener, &c. Bro. Posener worked the three ceremonies in a very able manner, thereby rendering instruction to all present. Brethren wishing to perfect themselves in the ceremonies are given every opportunity of holding office at this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Daniel was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday.

Doric Lodge, No. 81.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 6th of June, at Private Lodge Rooms, Doric-place, Woodbridge, Suffolk. Present—Bros. Benjamin Gall I.P.M. W.M. *pro tem*, Benjamin David Gall Treas. S.W. *pro tem*., C. F. Browne J.W., W. Wilmshurst Secretary, F. Bradbrook S.D., E. Fitzgerald D. of C., Richard Allen I.G., G. Hall Tyler. Past Masters Bros. B. Dove, W. P. T. Phillips and J. Cullingford. Visitor—Bro. H. E. Roe 555. Business. The minutes of the previous Lodge were read and affirmed. An application from a distressed brother, a member of this Lodge, for relief from the Provincial Lodge, was recommended; also an application signed for a candidate for the Boys' School. Fellow Craft J. Roe having been questioned and entrusted, retired, and, on re-admission, was duly raised to the third degree. The Lodge was adjourned to the first Wednesday in September next. The brethren retired to their banqueting room (adjoining the Lodge), to refreshment, and spent a few hours agreeably, in the usual Masonic style.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—This Lodge met on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Bros. L. Lazarus W.M., Miller S.W., M. Spiegel J.W., L. M. Auerhaan Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., H. Hymans S.D., A. J. Campion J.D., R. Baker I.G., H. P. Isaac D.C., P. E. Van Noorden Org., P.M.'s Bros. Israel Abrahams, L. Alexander, M. Alexander, H. Berkowitz, H. M. Levy, S. Hickman, A. Dodson I.P.M. After the formal opening of the Lodge, and the preliminary business had been disposed of, a letter was read from the W.M. of the Lodge of Israel, requesting that Bro. De Silva, who had been passed to the 2nd degree in that Lodge, be raised to the 3rd degree. This request was readily complied with. After which Bro. Cogwill was passed to the 2nd degree. The Lodge was then closed until October, and the brethren, 108 in number, sat down to a very sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Bro. M. Silver. Grace having been said by the Rev. Bro. H. Berkowitz P.M. and Chaplain, the W.M. proposed the toast of Her Majesty the Queen, and the Craft. The National Anthem was then sung. Miss Pattie Laverne and Miss Florence Levander singing the solo parts. The toasts of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers successively followed, and with the latter was coupled the name of Bro. E. P. Albert, who in a very appropriate speech returned thanks. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Benevolent Fund, and coupled with it the name of Bro. L. Alexander P.M., President, who said the fund was instituted in 1849, by Bro. N. Canstatt P.M. Since then there had been given to brethren eligible to receive it various sums, even up to £100. With pride we can say we yet have £1300 in hand, and in the course of the next eight months we shall have £100 more. (Cheers.) Bro. Campin gave 21s, and Miss May F. Auerhaan (a granddaughter of the Treasurer) also gave 21s to the Fund. Bro. A. Dodson I.P.M. then proposed the toast of the W.M., which was received with loud cheers. When silence had been restored, Bro. Dodson said he could scarcely find words sufficiently eulogistic of his working, which was perfect, and was fully appreciated by every Bro. and Visitor. Of his capability in presiding they had a specimen, and he was sure they would give the toast the hearty welcome it deserved. The W.M. said the words uttered by Bro. Dodson, and the hearty response the brethren had given, would never be effaced from his memory. He was pleased his efforts had been successful. Whatever he had done, or would do in Freemasonry, would be for the good of the Craft in general, and this Lodge in particular. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Visitors, said they were honoured by the presence of several distinguished in the Order. The Lodge was always pleased to see them, and he hoped the brethren would drink the toast as it merited. Bro. Major Shadwell Clerke P.P.G.S.W. Devon, P.M. 1383, returned thanks; in the course of his remarks he said it was a great amount of pleasure to him to be present. He had been a Past Master for twenty years, and had never heard better working, not only from the W.M., but from the several officers; the brethren may congratulate themselves on their selection. Another great and noble attribute you possess; your Benevolent Fund, which would be a credit to any Lodge, and is worthy of imitation throughout the Craft. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters, and mentioned their names seriatim. He spoke of their Masonic qualifications, and the services they had rendered to the Lodge. The toast having been responded to by Bro. Alexander, the W.M. proposed the health of the Wardens. He was sure no better selection could have been made; those who had witnessed their working would agree with him that, in the ordinary course, they would be selected to occupy the chair. Bros. Miller and Speigel severally returned thanks. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. Those brethren are a host in themselves; it is to them that the success of the Lodge is to be attributed. This having been responded to, the Tyler's toast was given. The W.M. provided a very excellent concert, under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden, the Organist of the Lodge, who accompanied the following talented artistes—Miss Pattie Laverne, Miss Florence Levander, Miss Kate Vere, and Messrs. Prenton and White, who were deservedly applauded and encored. The visitors were Bros. Major Shadwell Clerke P.P.G.S.W. Devon, P.M. 1383, G. S. States P.G.S. P.M. 145, H. Leah J.W. 193, Austin P.M. Doric, E. Williams, E. Behrends, W. Russell, W. R. Phillips 975, I. Botibol 1201, C. Ochse 1668, A. Naas 27, J. H. Cummings W.M. 534, Anabell 1464, N. Moseley 228.

Hayle Chapter, No. 450.—The Annual Meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, Hayle, on Tuesday, when the retiring Z., Ex. Comp. John Coombe, ably installed Comp. John P. Smith as Z., F. H. Pool as H., and James Poole as J., after which Comp. Smith appointed as his officers Comp. Joseph G. Osborn E., Dr. Madge N., G. H. Eustice P.S., John J. Taylor and G. B. Pearce First and Second Assist. Sojourners, and I. V. Bray Janitor. A capital supper was laid in the banqueting-hall, and a very agreeable evening was spent.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 5th June, at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. Hewlett W.M., Barker S.W., Davies J.W., E. T. Worsley Secretary, W. J. Smith S.D., Johnson J.D., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, Pullen I.G.; also Bros. Saunders, Haine, Lovelock, Dallas, Dendy, Lorkins, &c. Business—The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Saunders acting as candidate. Bro. Hewlett worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Barker was unanimously elected W.M. for next Tuesday, and appointed his officers in rotation. The proceedings will commence punctually at 7.30. Bros. Lorkins, of 1524, and Dendy, of 1662, were unanimously elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. We should like to see a good muster next Tuesday, to support Bro. Barker, as it will be the first time of his working the 2nd degree.

Asaph Lodge, No. 1319.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Monday, 4th June, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Present—Bros. W. Tinney W.M., G. McLow, St. Dunstan 1580 S.W., G. Buckland J.W., Stanton Jones Sec., E. Swanborough S.D., J. Wellard J.D., Harry Cox I.G., J. Gilbert Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Chamberlain, C. Coote sen., and Jekyll. Visitors—Bros. H. Hall 541, T. Webb 892, Cutler, Andrews J.W. 231, Chearn 145. Bros. Soutar, MacLean, Barnett, Delevante, Saunders, Pearson, Poulter, Calcott, Fogarty, W. Smith, Carter, Henson, Rogers, Egerton, Ball, and Gittoes. The minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. H. J. Calcott was elected a joining member. Bros. W. B. Fair, P. le C. Castell, C. B. Powell, and C. F. Tinney were raised to the sublime degree. Bros. Bell, Hatcher, Kent and Beveridge were passed to the second degree; the working being perfectly rendered. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated.

Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656, Hampton Wick.—Although comparatively of recent formation, the province of Middlesex has, under the genial sway of its esteemed Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Bro. Colonel Burdett, made rapid strides. Lodge after Lodge has been added to the roll call, which now numbers, we believe, twenty-four, but any mere accession of numerical strength is by no means a criterion of Masonic success. The Middlesex brethren are however fully alive to their responsibilities. Amongst them may be found those who rank second to none throughout the Craft in the effective rendering of the Ritual, while, what is of equal importance, they are not unmindful of their duty to the sacred cause of charity, as a reference to any of the Festival lists of our three Metropolitan Institutions in late years will amply verify. The Wolsey Lodge, the last offshoot of the province, although only then consecrated ten weeks, was represented by Bro. Bond, as Steward, at the recent Girls' Festival, the result being most creditable to that worthy brother's efforts, especially when, in the first place, we bear in mind the short time at his disposal to canvass the brethren, and in the second, that most of them, being members of a neighbouring Lodge, were already pledged to fulfil prior promises for the same excellent Institution. When a Lodge is thus mindful of its charitable obligations, it is not likely to be unsuccessful in other matters, and we are pleased to record there is every prospect of future prosperity. The bye-laws limit the number of members to thirty, of these ten are founders, thirteen have enrolled, either as initiates or joining mem-

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bers, while on Monday last, the 4th inst., two more were added, of the former class, at an emergency meeting, held at the White Hart Hotel. The Lodge was summoned for 6.30, and after its opening the ballot resulted in the election of Messrs. J. H. Duffell and A. Elphick, who were impressively admitted to Masonic light by the W.M., Bro. Wm. Hammond P.P.G.D. Bros. Masters, Malcolm and Piller were next examined and entrusted, and they retired. On re-admission they were duly passed as F.C.'s. Bros. Taylor, Pinto and Forge were then presented as candidates for the 3rd degree, and having undergone the usual preliminaries, were in due course raised to the sublime degree of M.M. To state that the W.M. performed the entire ceremonial ritual in most effective and impressive manner, is but to repeat a thrice-told tale. Further business being despatched, the Lodge was closed, at 10 p.m., and the brethren adjourned, not to banquet, but to their respective homes, the W.M. having determined to dispense with refreshments at emergency meetings for the time being; an excellent policy, which the brethren adopt with pleasure, proving that the Wolseyites are prepared to discharge the labours of the three degrees without the attraction of the fourth. There were present—Bros. W. Hammond P.P.G.D., &c. W.M., J. Hammond P.M. 201 Hon. I.P.M., Bentley P.M. 193 acting S.W., J. Hurst W.M. 1512 acting J.W., F. Honeywell P.M. Org., T. M. Ockenden Secretary, Marvin D.C., Scott W.S.; Bros. Featherstone, Forge, Fitt, Piller, Richer, Andrews, Masters, Malcolm, Pinto, Taylor, and Pickering P.M. 30. We regret to say that Bro. Sharp S.W. was unable to be present, owing to serious indisposition; and business engagements detained Bro. Bond J.W. until a late hour. A letter, regretting inability to attend, was received from Bro. the Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny, Chaplain, who was some distance away in the country.

Samson Lodge, No. 1668.—This new Lodge held its first Emergency Meeting on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. There were present Bro. M. D. Loewenstark W.M., Joseph D. Barnett P.M. S.W., W. H. G. Rodderforth J.W., A. D. Loewenstark I.P.M., Charles Ochse S.D., Baron D. Barnett J.D. and Sec., Charles Lover W.M. 1178 I.G., S. Wasserberg D.C., G. Bilbey Organist, Hyam Aarons, C. Loughton. Visitors—W. H. Lee P.M., J. Lyons, Shamrock and Thistle Lodge, Glasgow, S. Jewell, New Cross Lodge. The Lodge was opened in first degree, and ballots were taken for the following candidates for initiation:—Mr. John Grose Thomas, Mr. Samuel Joseph, Captain Joseph Larke, which were unanimous for their admission; also ballots were taken for the following joining members—Bro. Isaac Quincey, Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178, Bro. Morris Wilson, Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, which also proved unanimous for their admission. Bros. Aarons and Loughton, candidates for passing, having been entrusted, the Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and the W.M. duly passed them. The Lodge was then resumed to the 1st degree, when the following approved candidates were initiated: Messrs. Samuel Joseph, David Jewell, Henry Jewell, John Grose Thomas, and Capt Joseph Larke. The brethren then proceeded to elect their Treasurer and Tyler, which had been omitted at the last meeting. The selection was unanimous in favour of Bro. A. D. Loewenstark I.P.M. (who had been acting as Treasurer since the formation of the Lodge) as Treasurer, and Bro. A. Oberdoeffer as Tyler, both of whom returned thanks in suitable terms. A committee of the officers of the Lodge was then elected, in order to frame the Bye-laws. Several candidates for initiation and joining were then proposed. The W.M. announced his intention to have another emergency meeting the first Tuesday in July, to initiate some of the candidates on the list, there being already eight for initiation. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment to the Holborn Restaurant, where, under the able management of Bro. Hamp, a very nice supper was provided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, interspersed with several songs and solos, by Bros. J. D. Barnett S.W., W. H. G. Rodderforth J.W., and Baron D. Barnett I.G. and Secretary, assisted also by Mrs. Loewenstark (wife of the W.M.), who sang sweetly, and Miss Eugenie Samuel, the latter singing, with great taste, two contralto songs, which were very much appreciated by the brethren. This lady possesses a fine voice, which she exercises with great judgment. Miss Loewenstark also gave a solo on the pianoforte, which was well received.

PERIODICAL LITERATURE,

"MY Guardian," the second of the two serials which have been appearing for some months past in *Cassell's Family Magazine*, is concluded this month. Those of our readers who have followed it closely, as we have done, must agree with us that it is a well-written tale, and well contrived, and that several of the characters are extremely well-drawn. We have not yet reached the term of the career of "Paul Knox, Pitman." In addition, there are two short stories, one entitled "A Ride for Life," of a very exciting character, as indeed the heading suggests, while the other affords an illustration of the stupefying powers of a certain drug called "Bang." In the way of papers are an admirable one by Professor Andrew Wilson, descriptive of "A Forest of Animals Under the Sea," a most interesting account of "Cornell University, America," and particulars as to "Summer Climates for Invalids," by "A Family Doctor." Mr. Edward Oxenford introduces to us some "Curiosities of Coronations." In the way of domestic matter will be found "The Story of Furniture," the usual "Chit-Chat on Dress," and a most interesting paper on "Other People's Servants," in which the writer shows that, much as we in England complain of the difficulties in finding good servants, others, and especially the Americans and those who dwell in our Australian colonies, are a thousand times worse. There is another excellent paper with the familiar signature—Phillis Browne—at foot, telling us "How We Managed our Garden Party," and what adds to the merit of this particular code of directions is, that it is very prettily illustrated. Very amusing is the picture of "An Artists' Conversazione," by an Artist, and very pleasant is the story of "Our Summer Holiday in Donegal." Not the least acceptable of the contents is the description of "The Children's Day in the Country." Indeed, there is nothing in the number which we should hesitate about commending to the notice of our readers.

Part 10 of *The Countries of the World* is chiefly occupied with descriptions of different places in the State of California, but Oregon, Alaska, &c., &c., come in for a share of the attention paid to the portion of the United States bordering on the Pacific. The frontispiece is an illustration of "Hydraulic Mining in California." Other full page engravings are, "A View in the Rocky Mountains (Colorado)," "View of Mount Rainier, Washington Territory (from the Nisqually Plains)," "The Capitol Sacramento," and "A Chinese Quarter, San Francisco." Among the smaller illustrations are, "View of Silver City, Nevada," "At Work in the Silver Mines of Nevada," "A Street in San Francisco," and "An Hotel in San Francisco." This last gives an excellent idea of the palatial buildings our American cousins delight to erect for the accommodation of travellers and sojourners. The Capitol at Sacramento, to judge from the engraving, must be a grand pile of building. The letter-press contains a mass of valuable and interesting information.

There is, as usual, a highly attractive programme in *The Leisure Hour*. "A Young Wife's Story," which has been one of the chief items for so many months, is concluded. Miss Isabella L. Bird is still favouring the public with her experiences of "Australia Felix," and her "Impressions of Victoria," in the same agreeable manner which has marked all her contributions. There is a fourth paper on the important subject of "New Helps for Hospitals," in which the writer directs attention to "Special Hospitals," such as the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital in Moorfields, the different Orthopædic Hospitals, St. Mark's Hospital for Fistula in the City-road, and the Hospital for Consumption at Brompton. Another article, which deserves to be read carefully, as bearing upon the education of youth, is that on "School Natural History Societies," in which, after pointing out the value of such societies, the writer enumerates sundry which have already been established, either at our public schools or elsewhere. Then we have noted the description of "An Italian Wedding," an excellent paper on "Japanese Music and Musical Instruments," an account of "Three Weeks in Rhineland," a second paper on "The Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts." But, perhaps, the most interesting in the whole series of contributions is a biographical sketch of "Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Hall," than whom there do not exist two more diligent workers in the cause of art and literature. Mrs. Hall is well known for the many admirable works she has given to the world from time to time, but none exceed in merit her well known sketches of Irish life and character. Mr. Hall has also attained a high position in the literary world, but he is chiefly known as the editor of that most admirable of all publications connected with art education—we allude to the *Art Journal*, which has maintained the first position in this class of periodical ever since its first appearance in 1839, and which was, indeed, founded by him on his own and sole responsibility. There is an effective frontispiece, representing an "Episode in the Battle of Waterloo."

"Number Twenty-Nine" is the title of a new and promising story in the *Sunday at Home*. Among the other contents must be noticed the second and third of "Welsh Peasant Sketches," No. II. of Miss Alcock's contribution entitled, "Uncrowned: A Page of Jewish History," the sixth of the late Rev. R. Demaus's series of articles on "the English Bible," the story of "A Night on the Yorkshire Wolds," and the "Pictures from Jewish Life," by J. Alexander. There is an illustration of the new "Herbert and Cowper Memorial Window in Westminster Abbey," the place of honour at the commencement of the number being assigned to it.

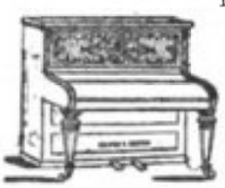
MESSRS. MASKELYNE AND COOKE AT THE EGYPTIAN HALL.—The manifestations in the new Séance are far in advance of anything done by so-called Spirit Media, and also superior to anything Mr. Maskelyne has before introduced in this way. Hitherto, ropes have been used, and both Mr. Maskelyne and Mr. Cooke have been secured together in the cabinet, à la Davenport Brothers. In this instance Mr. Cooke alone is secured, and in the following manner:—Seated in a cabinet, his hands are tied with whipcord behind his back, the ends of the cord being passed through holes and tied and sealed on the outside; a net is then passed over both the cabinet and the performer, and enclosed by a simple screen. In the space of a few seconds audible manifestations take place, and hands are seen over the top of the screen, which being immediately thrown open, Mr. Cooke is discovered fastened up in every respect as the Committee had secured him. The back as well as the front of the screen is narrowly watched during the whole time, thus preventing the possibility of any person getting in to produce the effects. The room is placed in darkness for a few moments, and then the stage gas is turned on, and powerful lights are also thrown from the body of the Hall into the screen, and Mr. Cooke is clearly seen floating into the room, taking with him the cabinet. He pursues his aërial flight from the stage to the ceiling in the centre of the room, and then returns with his cumbersome burden to the starting point. One minute of darkness, and the Committee re-examine their work, and are amazed to find that all the fastenings, which had been thought sufficient to render Mr. Cooke helpless, were completely intact. Two minutes are occupied by Mr. Cooke to release himself from the bonds, and untying all the knots. During the floating, the light is not obscure, but very brilliant, thus enabling the audience to see distinctly the features and every part of Mr. Cooke.

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LODGE NOMENCLATURE.

OUR attention has not unfrequently been called to the singular want of taste evinced in the selection of Lodge titles. Taking into account the rapid increase in the number of our Lodges, we recognise the difficulty which must occasionally be experienced in providing appropriate names. It will not do to go on calling too many new Lodges after the same eminent brother. In the first place, it betokens extreme poverty in nomenclature. In the second place, what was intended originally as a compliment stands a fair chance of degenerating into fulsome adulation. As regards those names which denote this or that abstract quality, such as wisdom, strength, beauty, harmony, felicity, perseverance, fortitude, and the like, the list is speedily exhausted, and it becomes necessary to append thereto some distinctive qualification. If there are, for instance, half-a-dozen Lodges of Antiquity, and as many of Harmony and Fortitude, we must be in a position to distinguish one from the other, or we shall be in the same dilemma as *Punch's* unfortunate cabman, who carefully arranged his four jovial fares, so that he might put them down at their respective houses. When, however, he reached the first house, and opened the door of his vehicle, he found them so confoundedly mixed up together, he was unable to make any selection whatever, and they were too far advanced to be in a position to help him. Thus, the first Antiquity on the list may stand on its own merits, and remain, as it has been always, "Antiquity" pure and simple; but more modern "Antiquities" must, as in some cases they do, have something to distinguish them from their more ancient colleague. Still, the abstract qualities, whether pure and simple, or compounded with other names, are, as we have said, very quickly exhausted. The names of places are another source to which we may look for the titles of Lodges, but even here our choice is limited by the number of places in which it is likely that a Lodge of Freemasons will find a proper degree of support to warrant its establishment. The mere multiplication of Lodges is not by any means desirable. The erection of a new Lodge means the expenditure of a considerable sum of money. To plant one in a comparatively unknown spot were as wise a proceeding as to build a lighthouse in the heart of Birmingham for the safer navigation of the Channel. Scriptural names, taken from both the Old and the New Testament, are frequently adopted, but there are several instances in which these are too often repeated. We see no objection to St. George, who is the patron saint of England, being chosen as the title of a Lodge, but we think it an act of weakness when we find there are some twenty on the roll, all bearing the same name. However, if there are some twenty St. Georges, there are nearer fifty St. Johns on the Grand Roll of England, but as there were two St. Johns, and a learned brother once laid it down that both were Grand Masters of Freemasons, we ought not, perhaps, to be surprised at the frequent adoption of this name. But we need not enumerate all the sources whence the title of a Lodge may be derived, or the limits which good taste will suggest should regulate the appropriation of such titles. Let any of our readers take up a Grand Lodge Calendar, and cast a glance over the list of our Lodges, and we venture to say they will be struck with wonder at the extraordinary combination of names in our Lodge titles. Let us take at hazard a name which occurs more than once, either singly or in combination, such, for instance, as Royal. By itself it sounds well, and in a monarchical country like this it is appropriate. Nor is there any reasonable objection to there being a Royal Lodge in Jamaica, as well as a Royal Lodge at Filey. But what shall we say of such combinations as the "Royal Trinity," or the "Royal Prince of Wales." We understand well enough the Royal York, Royal Edward, Royal Athelstan, Royal Victoria, but what about the Royal Phœnix, the Royal Alpha, or the Royal Oak, the last of which is most commonly associated—in London at all events—with the name of a well known terminus for certain public vehicles. Again, Ivy Lodge, Camberwell, is suggestive of a suburban villa rather than a Lodge of Freemasons. A Crystal Palace Lodge were advisably placed in the neighbourhood of Sydenham, but why have a Lodge of that name at Ealing, of all places in the world, unless, perchance, the brethren who compose it are, to use a cockneyism, distinguished by their possession of certain "Healing" virtues or properties. "Florence Nightingale" sounds prettily, and has the further advantage of commemorating the name of a most excellent lady. Therefore, though ladies are not admissible into the Craft, we see no inconsistency in naming one of our Lodges after so estimable a person. So again with the Burdett Coutts Lodge; there is even a greater fitness in the use of this title. The lady is the daughter of a Mason, and, moreover, she is one of those who practise that particular virtue of Charity which it is the purpose of Freemasonry to inculcate in all its disciples. We are not deeply impressed with such names as the Marquis of Granby and the Old King's Arms, but they belong to old Lodges, and doubtless commemorate the places at which they were in the habit of meeting at their first establishment. We have no great difficulty in reconciling ourselves to Hengist as a Lodge title, though there are no authentic records of his having been a Mason. A Saxon Prince, whose name is intimately associated with the legendary grant of a Charter to the Freemasons, lived close on five hundred years after Hengist. We know that a few centuries, more or less, whether they be antecedent or subsequent to any particular epoch, are of no great importance in tracing the history of Freemasonry. The supposition that Prince Edwin was a Mason may to a certain extent justify the assumption that Hengist, who preceded him, was also a member of the same body. Be this as it may, Hengist both looks and sounds well as the name of a Lodge, but then the Lodge so distinguished should hail from some part of Kent, not from Hampshire, Kent being the first of the seven kingdoms composing the Heptarchy and Hengist its first sovereign. Such titles as "Peace and Harmony," "Social," "Love and Honour," "Scientific," "Unanimity," "Perpetual Friendship," "Prudent Brethren," "Integrity," and "Honour and Generosity," have the twofold advantage of being appropriate and euphonious, but a Grenadiers' Lodge sounds too warlike for so peaceful a body of men as Freemasons. And what shall we say to an "Atlantic Phœnix," or to an "Amphibious" Lodge. An "Adam's" Lodge has about it a certain sense of antediluvianism, and when people speak of a thing or person being antediluvian, they do not usually intend their remark to be complimentary. Moreover—we trust our readers will excuse any error in the rhyme or rhythm—

> When Adam delved and Eve span,
> Who was then a Freemason?

Another singular title is that of "Noah's Ark," which is the name of a Lodge at Tipton. The idea we commonly associate with a "Noah's Ark" is that of a child's toy. But it may also be considered applicable to the place

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wherein a family party assembles, and this most likely explains the connection of the name with a Lodge of Freemasons. A "Silent Temple" is hardly appropriate, except on the ground that silence is one of the virtues on which Freemasonry lays the greatest stress, while as to the "Limestone Rock" Lodge, we can only account for the selection of such a name by the fact that geology has something to do with Freemasonry. An "Arboretum" is oftentimes a trysting-place for lovers, but the love which is cultivated in its shady recess is not exactly fraternal love. Still Masonry covers a multitude of loves and "Arboretum," may pass muster. Moreover, as a certain school of philosophers were wont to pace the groves of Academe, when imparting their lessons of wisdom, so the modern Masonic philosopher may find many a less convenient place than the quiet nooks of an arboretum for inculcating the truths of Freemasonry. It is fortunate, perhaps, that the "Octahedron" Lodge is located somewhere in the neighbourhood of the Cape of Good Hope. Were it in London it would, we fear, stand a chance of being severely damaged in the pronunciation. However, as suggestive of solidity, it is admissible. But these are only a few of the more remarkable names to be found in the Calendar. We need not be at the pains of selecting other examples of the hap-hazard manner in which names are selected. It occurs to us, there are sundry essential points to be considered in providing a title for a new Lodge. It should read smoothly; there should be no inconsistency between it and the Lodge to which it is applied. For instance, a Mason is not an amphibious animal, though there be Masons both on land and water. Nor do we think that the names of brethren should be too commonly used in distinguishing Lodges from one another. The names of Connaught, Leopold, Carnarvon, Skelmersdale, Moira, Cabbell, and other eminent brethren past and present, naturally enough suggest themselves to the founders of a new Lodge, but these, we have said, can be used too often, and we do not think it wise to adopt as titles the names of brethren who have not pre-eminently distinguished themselves. But we shall better indicate our meaning if we take a few names at random, as instancing what it is desirable to avoid in our Lodge titles. We will suppose we are co-founders with some of our readers of a Lodge as yet unnamed. We are in the agonies of consultation, but no inspired thought has occurred to any one; suddenly one who is given to the study of palæontology suggests, "Ichthyosaurus." "Why?" say we. "Well," it is at least as good as amphibious, more definite, and eminently respectable from — well, from an antiquarian point of view." "Why not 'Charles Matterface?'" says the W.M. designate. "Or 'Periwinkle Bay' Lodge?' It will be located there." "Pardon me," says a third, "I fancy 'Castor and Pollux' would do admirably. In the first place, they never had anything to do with speculative Freemasonry, so we should avoid arousing any sense of jealousy among our patrons. In the next, as they together form one of the signs of the zodiac, we should be paying a compliment to celestial Freemasonry, which nobody understands." "Let us call it 'The Six Grand Periods,'" says another. "Or, 'The Queen's Head,' where we purpose meeting." The last evoked a chorus of disapproval. "Smacks too much of the Postage Stamp," was the universal rejoinder. "Or the 'Plantagenet' Lodge; it sounds regal, and ours is a Royal Art. Besides, a Plantagenet issued an edict about operative Masons, and there are those who think this had something to do with the rise of Speculative Freemasonry." An "Obtuse-angled Triangle" was favourably received at the outset, but was discarded, on somebody pointing out that it, or a part of it, might be considered as personal to the members. Many other names were suggested, and the meeting was on the point of separating without coming to a conclusion, when the inspired thought presented itself. "Let us call it the 'Pro Bono Publico Lodge.'" "Why?" exclaimed all but the inventive genius who proposed the name. "Well," remarked he, "being expressed in a strange language, it will sound more impressive to English ears. Moreover, it directly explains some of the objects of Freemasons. Thus, we cultivate the study of Freemasonry 'for the Public Good,' and we shall meet at mine host's of the 'Pig-and-Sticking-Plaister,' let us hope, as much to our own satisfaction as 'for the Good of the Public.'" And it was called the "Pro Bono Publico" Lodge accordingly. Speaking seriously, we think the present fashion of naming Lodges might with advantage be improved, and we trust the practice of naming them after brethren, who, albeit respectable and respected, are not pre-eminent, will cease.

FREEMASONS AT ISSUE.

DIFFERENCES will inevitably arise between Masons, as between other men, nor is it to be expected that brethren will always be successful in arranging such without having recourse to law. No doubt it is very lamentable to think that litigation is a necessary evil, but unfortunately it is so; and until the millennium shall arrive, when, like the lion and the lamb, we shall sit down in perfect harmony with one another, we may regard it as an absolute certainty that, whether they be Masons or non-Masons, men, who are infinitely more quarrelsome than all the rest of the animal kingdom put together, will go on quarrelling. However, as one of the objects of Freemasonry is to induce a stronger sense of concord among its disciples than prevails in the word generally, the spectacle of two or more brethren submitting their disputes to one of the legal tribunals of the country is not often witnessed. Our Constitutions lay it down that if the Craftsmen cannot agree together, they should endeavour to settle their differences in the Lodge, and if that expedient fail of success, then they must seek the intervention of the Grand Master. But as many Masons have business relations together, and as differences often occur in respect of such business, a difficulty arises as to where the line shall be drawn between these and their Masonic relations. It is not always possible to say where, in the case of such brethren, Masonry ends and business begins. This may sound strange in the ears of many of our readers, but we have business relations with Craftsmen, and we know to our cost that Masonry and business are often confounded together in a most unjustifiable manner. We know many well-intentioned brethren who are quite willing to patronise our Masonic literary wares, and consider they are promoting the welfare of Freemasonry by permitting us to bear all the expense. When they call for dinner, either at home or at an hotel, they must pay for it; but when they ask for such plain Masonic pabulum as it is in our power to purvey, they feel aggrieved if we suggest that a pecuniary return is necessary. But we are slightly wandering from the main point of our article. We say there is oftentimes a diversity of opinion as to where, in the case of brethren who have business relations together, the Masonry ends, and the business begins, and a certain amount of odium unduly attaches to the brother, who is bold enough to draw a hard and fast line between his Masonic and his business relations. For ourselves, we see no reason for this confusion, and still less reason is there for blaming a brother who makes a point of insisting that business is business, and not Freemasonry. At the same time, as we have a perfect horror of litigation, we would advise brethren to settle their differences amicably, if possible, not only for their own sakes and the avoidance of cost, but in order to avoid bringing, even indirectly, any reproach upon Freemasonry. But an angry man is seldom amenable to reason, and the confusion already existing in his mind as between business and Masonry leads him to commit an error of judgment. The result is, that a dispute, which is purely Masonic in its character, is submitted to the stern arbitrament of the law, while another, which is essentially non-Masonic, is referred to the decision of a Masonic tribunal. However, two cases have figured in the law courts within the last few days, which will enable us to enlighten our readers as to what should and what should not be settled legally. In one an action for libel came on for hearing in the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Judicature. Justice Field presided, and when the case was about to be argued, he, having in the meantime noted the leading particulars of the suit, interposed, and suggested that the case was one which should properly be submitted, not to one of Her Majesty's Courts of Law, but to the Grand Master. His words, as quoted in the report of one of our daily contemporaries, were "It is contrary to the rules of Masonry to come into a court of law on such a matter. It will be much better to ask the Grand Master to interfere, and decide the question." The counsel for the defence expressed the readiness of his clients to adopt this course, when the counsel for the plaintiff remarked that such a course had been taken, but the Grand

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Master considered it was a case which could only be lawfully decided in a court of law. Justice Field, however, repeated his suggestion, declaring, at the same time, that in his opinion, it was eminently a matter for the Grand Master. The case, therefore, stands over for reference as suggested, and we trust the Grand Master, acting on the advice of so eminent an authority, will decide the issue between the contending parties. Our readers, of course, will inquire what were the circumstances which induced the judge to make the recommendation he did. They were these. In a young Lodge, in one of our northern provinces, the election of the present Master was only carried by a small majority of votes, and we are informed that the minority, in order to avenge themselves for their defeat, adopted the very objectionable course of black-balling candidates proposed by members of the majority. This, of course, provoked a bitter quarrel, and a letter was written which was interpreted as libellous, by one who was, but no longer is, a member of the Lodge. Hence the action for redress which Justice Field so promptly arrested. Now, without offering any opinion upon the merits of the dispute—to do so would of course betoken an utter disregard of all sense of propriety and justice—we say, without touching the pros and cons of the case, we lay it down most emphatically, that this was a matter which was very properly referred in the first instance to the Grand Master, who alone, according to the Constitutions of Freemasonry—that is, if plain English has any meaning whatever—is competent to decide the difference. It follows, of course, that in our judgment, the Grand Master was wrongly advised when he declined to interfere and referred the disputants to a court of law. The quarrel was purely and simply Masonic. It arose, in the beginning, out of a closely contested election for the Mastership of a Lodge. The rejection of candidates was a direct consequence of the ill feeling begotten out of the contest, and the words which were taken as libellous were the direct outcome of the rejection of candidates. If ever there was a dispute which called for the intervention of the Grand Master, it was this; and we repeat, with all the emphasis which it is possible to throw into half-a-dozen words, and assuming the correctness of the facts as they have been represented to us, that the Grand Master was improperly advised when he refused to intervene, and told the litigants to seek legal redress. The words of our law are clear: "All differences between, or complaints of members, that cannot be accommodated privately, or in a regular lodge, shall be reduced into writing and delivered to the grand secretary, who shall lay the same before the grand master or the board of general purposes, or other board or committee appointed by the grand Lodge, or in the country to the provincial grand master, if there be one. When all parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon, and the case investigated, such order and adjudication shall be made as is allowed by the laws and regulations of masonry." The distinction between referring a case to the Grand Master, or the "provincial grand master, if there be one," is a distinction without a difference. The Provincial Grand Master is the Grand Master's representative in the Masonic district over which he, the P.G.M., presides. The intention of the law is, obviously, that a purely Masonic dispute shall be referred for settlement to a purely Masonic tribunal. So much for one of the two cases. The other was tried on Friday last in the Rolls Court, before the Master of the Rolls. The plaintiffs were Messrs. Hutton and Co., of Newgate-street, the defendants, Messrs. Bayliss, Agg, and Gilles, who carry on business as wholesale fancy warehousemen in Paternoster-square. Mr. ex-Sheriff Hutton is a Past Grand Deacon of England, and the other parties to the suit are Freemasons. The plaintiffs' object was to restrain the defendants from selling a certain thread to which Mr. Hutton, as far back as 1869, had given the name of "Flossette." This thread had for many years previously been known as "Floss," or "Flourishing Thread." The defendants sold the same thread under the same name as the plaintiffs. In his affidavit, Mr. Hutton claimed to have "invented an improvement in the manufacture of the thread in 1869, but it was given in evidence by the defendants, in affidavits of the manufacturer from whom both parties purchased the thread, that precisely the same articles had been manufactured and sold to the trade generally for five-and-twenty years. His lordship did not even call upon the defendants' counsel. He dismissed the action with costs, and in doing so remarked that Mr. Hutton, to judge from his affidavit, must have a very peculiar idea of the "Queen's English," and that he had no trade mark, no copyright, and no property in the name whatever. Messrs. Chitty and Williamson were counsel for the plaintiff, Messrs. Davey and Fullerton for the defence. Now, in this instance, the dispute between the parties was purely and simply a trade dispute. They were Masons, but their differences were of a business, not a Masonic character. We may deplore the fact that two well-known firms should have engaged in a law suit, but it is as clear as the sun at noonday that the fact of both parties being Masons had nothing whatever to do with the case. Indeed, it would have been as conspicuously wrong to have introduced the Masonic element into the question at issue as it was in the other question to refer a Masonic squabble to one of our ordinary legal tribunals. As to the decision of the judge, it was manifestly a righteous one. The rights of the case were absolutely and entirely with the defendants, and Mr. ex-Sheriff Hutton, in common parlance, had not even the fraction of "a leg to stand upon." Common sense and law are not always at one with each other, but in this case they were so closely allied, that we are astonished at any man of business having had the foolhardiness to refer a dispute of this kind to the decision of any person possessing the usual allowance of sanity. However, to resume the thread of our article. Here, fortunately, we have before us two cases, occurring within forty-eight hours, which suffice to show what may and what may not be justly referred to the decision of a judge. Henceforth, we think there will be little, if any, difficulty in drawing the line between the two kinds of quarrel, the Masonic and the non-Masonic. A Mason, like an official, acts in two capacities. An official does certain acts, and has a certain knowledge *qud* official; he does certain acts, and has a certain knowledge, *qud* ordinary individual. But his two capacities are entirely distinct. So a Mason. He does certain acts, and has a certain knowledge as a Mason; he does and has certain other acts and knowledge respectively as an ordinary individual. Yet the two capacities are entirely distinct. In the two cases we have taken for illustration, the squabble in the former was a Masonic one, and should have come before the proper tribunal. In the latter, the squabble was a trade one, and was very properly determined by a legal tribunal.

NORTHERN LIGHTS.—No. III.

A MOST EXCELLENT LIGHT.

IF being applauded and made much of were as injurious to societies as to individuals, then, indeed, would our ancient Order be in some danger; for, whether for good or for evil—let us hope the former—we Freemasons have become decidedly fashionable, and the one great fear that agitates our body is, that in the crowd of candidates who are daily seeking admission into our ranks, some elements of a non-masonic standard may be introduced. It is not a profitable task to gild refined gold, nor is the painting of the lily calculated to afford much gratification to those who undertake the operation; it is equally questionable whether the laudation that the Craft receives at the hands of the outside world is likely to improve the general status of the Brotherhood. It is doubtless more pleasing to find ourselves the object of friendly and flattering criticism, the recital of our movements filling considerable space in the London dailies, than to see covert sneers and animosity in a vituperative publication, which actually libels the very title it adopts; but we have that within ourselves, our institution, and our teachings, that renders us independent of, and indifferent to, outside praise or censure. Ours is not a history of to-day, and our past is so glorious that it will irradiate our noble science to all time.

Not to outer commendation, however well meant, do we owe our present position, but to the assiduity and hard work of those good men and true who are within our gates. What do we not, as a body, owe to those brethren who bring great talents and perseverance to bear on the proper performance of our ceremonies, who devote time and labour to small matters of detail, which render our system a harmonious whole, and whose constant aim seems, both by precept and example, to impart a true knowledge of

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our working to those who are willing to learn? These are the pillars of Masonry, and when we find a Province or Lodge enjoying great prosperity, be sure it numbers amongst its members men who have taken a delight in studying the intricacies of Freemasonry.

It is surprising what the efforts of one mind will do, and how its influence is felt far and near. What the Province of Northumberland owes in this respect to its Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies is not easily told in the limited space devoted to one of these sketches. In the discharge of the duties of his peculiar office, our worthy brother brings to bear all the energy of a mind singularly in accord with his position. His early dramatic culture gives him a keen eye to effect, and under his direction our ceremonials gain a warmth of tone and a breadth of colour that add greatly to their solemnity. Officers seem to glide imperceptibly into doing the right thing, and the working proceeds as smoothly as if every one concerned were to the manner born. The great gift, however, of our respected brother is his natural eloquence, added to the charm of a highly-cultivated elocution. It is here that he shines out so pre-eminently. In Chapter he is a Most Excellent Light (holding the office of P.G.H., and being P.Z. of no less than five Chapters in this and the adjacent Province); his rendering of the grand Ceremony of Exaltation is an intellectual treat to all, and very many Companions of the R.A. have said that they knew very little of the supreme degree till they had heard him expound it. That the subject of this sketch should be greatly esteemed is but natural, and that his opinions and advice carry weight, is evident from the support given to our Charities, of which he is ever a persistent advocate. Very few of those present will readily forget the burst of eloquence in which he urged the claims of the Masonic Institutions at the last installation banquet of Lodge 24. It is only on matters of this kind that our worthy brother speaks at length during the fourth degree. He is not generally given to after-dinner eloquence, and consequently never runs the risk of becoming tiresome. For this pleasing trait of character he deserves our heartfelt gratitude. In private life our brother has made many friends; in fact, we may say their name is legion; in all circles, Masonic or otherwise, he shines steadily, as a sturdy English gentleman, and a Most Excellent Light.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks will be held, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, the Prov. G.M., on Monday, the 25th inst., at the Town Hall, High Wycombe. Lodge will be opened at 1.30 p.m., and after the business of the Province has been transacted, the brethren will adjourn for banquet to the Red Lion Hotel. Tickets for the banquet (7s 6d each) may be obtained of Bro. W. S. Cantrell, W.M. 1501, Thames-street, Windsor. Special arrangements have been made with the Great Western Railway whereby return tickets will be issued at single fares from London and other of their principal stations.

Bro. Fred. Albert announces his farewell benefit for the 22nd inst., at the Cambridge Hall of Varieties. A host of talent will support him on the occasion. Bro. Albert will present the audience with 1,000 copies of one of his popular songs, and also with 100 photographs.

We learn from the *Portsmouth Times and Naval Gazette* that by means of the concert recently given under the auspices of the Phœnix Lodge, No. 257, Portsmouth, in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, an amount was realised sufficient, with that already standing to the credit of the Lodge on account of former subscriptions, to complete the sum of 100 guineas. This gives the Lodge ten votes in perpetuity and the privileges of a Vice-Presidency.

ERRATUM.—In our article on the "Removal of Lodges," *for* "into the coffers of our three Masonic Institutions," *read* "into the coffers of the Charity Fund." The mistake in no wise affects the argument. It will be obvious to our readers that the error is due to a *lapsus calami*, as the latter half of the sentence in which the words we should have used occur was quoted from the title page of Grand Lodge Calendar.

REVIEWS.

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The Knot Tied. Marriage Ceremonies of all Nations. Collected and Arranged by William Tegg, F.R.H.S., Editor of "The Last Act," "Wills of their Own," &c., &c. London: William Tegg and Co. Pancras-lane, Cheapside. 1877.

THIS is a highly interesting work, in two parts. Part I. contains the marriage customs of different nations, together with particulars relating to novel, eccentric, and irregular marriages, the Dunmow Flitch of Bacon, &c. Part II. notes the various superstitions relating to marriage, and many curious details respecting wedding rings, golden weddings, aristocratic and historical marriages, besides anecdotes and other matter connected with the marriage ceremony. It must have been a laborious task to compile so much matter, and Mr. Tegg has evidently had his heart in the work. He has not only put his materials together in a manner which is highly creditable, but he has likewise shown great judgment in their selection. The marriage service according to the Church of England naturally takes precedence, and then are noticed any peculiarities in Scotch and Irish marriages. Jewish, Greek, and Roman marriages, both ancient and modern are described, as likewise marriages among the Babylonians and modern Egyptians, in China, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Hungary, Peru, Australia, and, indeed, nearly all the world over. It will be easily imagined that many quaint customs are alluded to. One of the most entertaining of these accounts is that of a Hungarian Wedding, taken from the *Evening Hour*. The writer was roused from his bed, to which he had retired early in the evening, and solemnly invited to a wedding feast. He went accordingly, and was ushered into a large-sized apartment, where some sixty guests were assembled, the gentlemen with their backs to the wall, and the ladies opposite. He was hoisted into the seat of honour, which was at the furthest corner of the wall, among the old gentlemen, who sat to his right and left, "sedate, solemn, but most courteous, all attired in vests, tight *breeks*, and boots, with linen sleeves of immense magnitude." The bride and bridegroom are described as a fine and well-to-do couple. The former "wore a large circle of white roses in her hair, short sleeves, a handsome bodice, twenty petticoats, I believe, and red boots;" the latter "alone kept his hat on, which was decorated with ribbons, and one large black ostrich feather, a bare neck, with a large white collar, and a black handkerchief, bordered with gold fringe; immense shirt sleeves of the finest cambric, with a border (no coat, of course), and a blue vest and *breeks*." There was one drawback—that none of the party spoke German, and the writer was somewhat at a loss, but he seems to have fared well. The feast was conducted simultaneously at the houses of the bride and bridegroom—it is of the latter entertainment the account is given—the provision being the same, "namely, two oxen, forty geese, and sixty elmers of wine in all"—an elmer, we are told, is a cask containing from sixty to eighty quarts. The supper lasted two hours. There were ten courses in all. The old gentlemen ate and drank abundantly, and spoke well and affably, but the young remained silent. The writer's health was proposed, and he returned thanks in a composite language, made up of Gaelic, English, French, and every language he knew, concluding with a Highland toast. Then came the dancing. "In the most solemn and sedate manner arms were akimbo'd, and nothing could exceed the astonishing burlesque of the commencement, which lasted about ten minutes. Every species of gymnastic dislocation was performed with the gravest countenance, and in the proudest and slowest manner possible, heel and toe, and knee and toe, and toe and heel, and walking after your partner, and slowly steering round, and when the quick step began, the old gentlemen actually flew round, clapping their spurs and their boots with their hands, till I was perfectly ashamed of my performance." We are told that "the oldest man in the room was at the taking of Mantua in '97; but, "I scarcely," adds the writer, "saw a young man dance better, though a bulky, fat man, and he kept it up till the morning." The *fête* lasted three days, but though a good deal of wine was drunk by the old gentlemen, the young ones drank little, and none were intoxicated.

In China, among the opulent classes, marriages are settled by the parents. The intending husband sends a sum of money to the bride, which is laid out in clothes, &c., &c. When the day fixed for the nuptial ceremony arrives, the bride is put into a sedan chair, magnificently adorned with festoons of artificial flowers, her clothes, &c., being carried by her servants or hired attendants, who bring up the rear of the procession, which is further set off by lighted flambeaux, even though it be noonday. The nearest relative carries the key of the sedan, which is completely closed, and on arriving at the bridegroom's he gives it to the latter. As the couple have never seen each other before, there is naturally great curiosity on the man's part to see his intended. Sometimes he is dissatisfied, and shutting the door again, lets her return to her friends, putting up with the loss of his money, rather than marry one he does not like. This seldom happens, however, and when the bride steps out of the chair, the bridegroom hands her into a hall, where is a table specially set apart for them, the guests being at other tables. Before sitting down, they make four reverences to *Tien*, a spirit, and before eating they pour wine on the ground, also setting apart some provision for their idols. The moment each has tasted of the viands, the bridegroom invites the bride to drink, and she returns the compliment. Two cups of wine are then brought, of which they drink part, and pour the remainder into another cup, of which they drink alternately, this latter part of the ceremony ratifying the nuptials. The pair then separate for the day, the bride going among the ladies, and the bridegroom entertaining his friends in a separate apartment. The marriage is preceded by three days' mourning, as the marriage of their children is regarded by the Chinese as a presage of their own death. The day after the ceremony, the newly-married couple visit the nearest temple and offer sacrifices to their gods, at the same time having

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their names enrolled among those of their ancestors. The priest then bestows a benediction upon them. If a wife elope from her husband, she is sentenced to be whipped, and he may dispose of her as a slave. If a man leave his wife and family, she may apply, at the end of three years, to the Mandarin for permission to take another husband.

In Mexico, the nuptial contract consisted in the priest tying a point of the bride's gown with the mantle of the bridegroom, the two being seated on a new and curiously wrought mat placed in the middle of the chamber, and close to the fire, which was kept lighted. In Peru, the Inca called the bride and bridegroom together before him, made them pledge fidelity to each other, after which they were returned to their parents, and the event was celebrated during three or four days, or even more. Among the aboriginal Australians, wives were often carried off by force, and sometimes, in order to atone for this violence, the young men would have to submit voluntarily to the "trial of spears." Ten men, belonging to the captive woman's tribe, armed each with three spears, discharged them at the offender, who had only his shield to protect him, and it rarely happened, owing to the skill of the natives in the use of their weapons, that any wound was inflicted. In Lapland it is a capital offence to marry a maid without the consent of her parents, and the fashion is, when a young man has formed an attachment for a girl, to appoint a day when the two shall race together, the girl having a start allowed her of one-third the distance to be run. If the man overtakes her he wins his bride. Under the head of "Irregular Marriages," will be found particulars of Fleet, Savoy, May Fair, and Gretna-green marriages. Among the local manners and customs are mentioned some very curious Scottish local customs. By one of these the parties having agreed to marry "licked the thumbs of their right hands, which they pressed together, and vowed fidelity." By another, when the girl had accepted her lover's offer, the pair proceeded to the nearest station, and "washing their hands in the current, vowed constancy, with their hands clasped across the brook." In Highland districts, "a marriage was held only to promise good fortune, when, prior to the ceremony, all knots on the apparel of both parties had been loosened. Formerly, in St. Petersburg, we are told, the ceremony of choosing brides took place on Whit Monday, on which day the sons and daughters—the latter arrayed in all their jewels and finery—assembled in the Winter Garden. The young men paraded among the damsels, and eight days after the bride show, interviews took place at the houses of the parents, and marriages were all but concluded, the young couples departing fully bethrothed to each other.

In the anecdotes and miscellaneous information some strange particulars have been collected. As regards "Perplexing Marriages," —rightly enough so called, the reader will say—We read the two following taken from Hone:—"At Gwennap, in Cornwall, in March 1823, Miss Sophia Bawden was married to Mr. R. Bawden, both of St. Day. By this marriage the father became brother-in-law to his son; the mother, mother-in-law to her sister; the mother-in-law of the son, his sister-in-law; the sister of the mother-in-law, her daughter-in-law; the sister of the daughter-in-law, her mother-in-law; the son of the father, brother-in-law to his mother-in-law, and uncle to his brothers and sisters; the wife of the son, sister-in-law to her father-in-law, and aunt-in-law to her husband; and the offspring of the son and his wife would be grandchildren to their uncle and aunt, and cousins to their father." We leave it to our readers to solve this knotty problem, and quote the second, which reads as follows:—"In an account of Kent, it is related that one Hawood had two daughters by his first wife, of which the eldest was married to John Casbick the son, and the youngest to John Casbick the father. This Casbick, the father, had a daughter by his first wife, whom old Hawood married, and by her had a son; with the exception of the former wife of old Casbick, all these persons were living at Faversham in February 1650, and his second wife could say as follows:—

'My father is my son, and I'm mother's mother;
My sister is my daughter, I'm grandmother to my brother.'"

We add a third case, a little less complicated perhaps, but no doubt more familiar to our readers. The late Queen Hortense was step-daughter of the First Napoleon, being daughter of the Empress Josephine by her first husband, the Count de Beauharnais. By her marriage with the Emperor's brother, King Louis, she became sister-in-law to her mother and step-father, her husband step-son-in-law to his own brother, and son-in-law to his sister-in-law; and their issue, the late Emperor Napoleon III., was step-grandson as well as nephew of the First Napoleon, and grandson and nephew of the Empress Josephine, while King Louis was grand-uncle-in-law, as well as father to his own son. We have, however, said enough to show that our opening statement holds good, to the effect that this work on marriage ceremonies and customs is replete with interest, containing, as it does, a mass of carefully-collated information, of various kinds, relating to the history of one of the most important events in a man's lifetime.

One Hour's Reading. Remarkable Customs, Seasons, and Holidays, Epithets and Phrases, &c., &c. Collected and Arranged by William Tegg, F.R.H.S., Editor of "The Last Act," "Hone's Three Trials," &c., &c. London: William Tegg and Co., Pancras Lane, Cheapside. 1877.

THIS is another equally useful and interesting compilation. It is divided into three Parts, of which Part I. is devoted to "Remarkable Customs," Part II. to "Seasons and Holidays," and Part III. to "Epithets and Phrases." Many of the customs described in the first Part are no doubt familiar to our readers, or, at least, to those among them who, having a taste for this kind of study, have paid any attention to, and noted them from time to time, But there are many which, when in force, had a local interest only. Thus at Ashton-under-Lyne, there is a custom on Easter Monday which is known as "Riding the Black Lad." On that day, "the rude figure of a man, made of an old suit of clothes, stuffed with rags, hay, &c., is carried on a horse through all the streets." Those who attend it call at the different public houses, in order to beg liquor for the thirsty attendants. *En route*, the figure is shot at, and when the journey is ended, it is then tied to the market cross, and the shooting is continued till it is set on fire and falls to the ground. This is supposed to perpetuate the memory of one of the Ashetons who was Vice-Chancellor to Henry VI., and exercised great severity towards the tenants on his estates in Lancashire, establishing the *gool* or *guld* riding. On Easter Monday he made his appearance, clad in black armour and attended by a numerous train, for the purpose of claiming the penalties arising from the neglect of the farmers clearing their corn of the "carr gulds" or "marygold." He is said to have been shot when riding down the principal street on one of these occasions, and the tenants not only took no trouble to discover the murderer, but made a subscription for the purpose of erecting an effigy to his honour. The memory of the stern landowner is still preserved in the following verse:—

"Sweet Jesu, for thy mercy's sake,
And for thy bitter passion;
Save us from the axe of the Tower,
And from Sir Ralph of Asheton."

But the origin of the custom has been forgotten.

In Part II., under the head of "Plough Monday," is given an account of the manner in which in the northern counties, and especially in Yorkshire, the day is celebrated. One of the principal items in the programme is the sword-dance. "The dancers arrange themselves in a ring, with their swords elevated, and their motions and evolutions are at first slow and simple, but become gradually more rapid and complicated: towards the close, each one catches the point of his neighbour's sword, and various movements take place in consequence; one of which consists in joining or plaiting the swords into the form of an elegant hexagon or rose, in the centre of the ring, which rose is so firmly made, that one of them holds it up above their heads without undoing it. The dance closes with taking it to pieces, each man laying hold of his own sword. During the dance, two or three of the company, called *Toms* or *Clowns*, dressed up as harlequins, in most fantastic modes, having their faces painted or masked, are making antic gestures to amuse the spectators: while another set, called *Madgies* or *Madgy Pegs*, clumsily dressed in women's clothes, and also masked or painted, go from door to door rattling old canisters, in which they receive money, and when they are well paid, they raise a huzza; when they get nothing, they shout out 'hunger and starvation.'

In the third Part are given explanations of the origin of different epithets and phrases. Some of these appear to be sufficiently familiar, while others, occurring no doubt more rarely, strike one as fresher and more curious. Thus, in the case of "shamming Abraham," many there are probably who have not heard the origin of this kind of imposture. The idiots who were formerly received into Bethlehem Hospital were lodged in the Abraham ward, and were hence known as Abraham men. On the 1st April, those not too incapacitated were allowed a holiday in order to see their friends, while those who had none wandered about the streets begging. Their pitiful appearance brought them much alms, and this induced vagabonds to imitate their dress and pretend idiotcy, till an order was issued that any one caught "shamming Abraham," should be whipped and set in the stocks. Among sailors, and we believe among some schoolboys likewise, "an Abraham" is a person who is out of sorts or unwell. To "sham Abraham," therefore, is to shirk duty or school. Our James I., albeit a pedant, said many wise things. Mr. Tegg traces two familiar sayings to this monarch, namely, "Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones," and "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." The importunate Scottish gentry who thronged the court of the English Solomon were very unpopular with the English, and the favourite, Buckingham, connived at the annoyances—among others, that of pelting them with stones—to which they were subjected. Buckingham, however, lived in a house remarkable for the number of its windows, and hence known as the glass house, and the Scotchmen, hearing this enmity of the royal favourite, retaliated by breaking his windows. Buckingham complained to the king, but the Scots had been beforehand, and James merely remarked, "Those who live in glass houses, Steenie, should be careful how they throw stones." As to the proof of the pudding, the same favourite had been praising some particular dish, when the king said, "It may be so, Steenie, but the prufe of a gude thing is in the eating on't, so here's at it."

A number of "Topographical Rhymes" complete this, which is the concluding portion of the book, and there is a very well compiled table of contents, placed, somewhat unusually, at the end; but then it answers the purpose of an index as well, so that after all it is more convenient as it stands. In fine, Mr. Tegg has shown the same judgment, and has do doubt expended as much labour in the compilation of this as of his other work, "The Knot Tied." We congratulate him on the success of both his achievements.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatic Pains, Tic Doloreux.—These diseases are unfortunately very prevalent in this country, and are frequently most distressing, sometimes for years baffling all medical skill to alleviate the sufferings of the victim. In no case have Holloway's Ointment and Pills failed to produce a cure. The Ointment exerts a peculiar and soothing influence over the nerves and muscles, relaxing spasms and subduing pain. The attack soon becomes milder, and the intervals between the paroxysms longer, until they cease altogether. The Pills restore the body from a weak and debilitated condition to a state of health and strength. Persons bedridden for months with rheumatic pains and swellings, after using the Ointment, have been cured in an incredibly short period.

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HUMBER LODGE OF MARK MASONS, No. 182.

THE installation of Bro. Richard Boggett as Worshipful Master of this Lodge, was celebrated, amidst much ceremony, on Tuesday evening, at the Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, Hull. At four o'clock there was a numerous and influential assemblage of brethren, the dais being occupied by a brilliant array of Grand, Provincial, and Past Officers. The Lodge having been opened in form, under the presidency of W.M. Bro. Martin Kemp, the usual formalities were gone through, and several candidates advanced, the concluding charges being impressively delivered by the V.W. Bro F. Binckes, P.G.W. of England, and Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Mark Masons, assisted by Bro. Matier P.G.J.W. of Grand Mark Lodge of England. At the conclusion of the ordinary business Bro. Boggett was presented under the dispensation granted by the Grand Lodge for installation, and the ceremony was performed in a most eloquent and impressive manner by Bro. F. Binckes, who congratulated the brethren upon the selection they had made, and also upon the satisfactory position to which this young Lodge had been brought under the Mastership of Bro. Martin Kemp. He had no doubt that under Bro. Boggett's rule the prosperity and prestige of the Lodge would be vastly increased, and if such was not the case, it would not be from any lack of zeal or energy on the part of the new Master. He concluded by expressing, on behalf of the brethren, their regret at the indisposition from which Bro. Boggett was suffering, and wishing him a speedy restoration to his usual health. (Applause). The newly installed W.M. then invested his officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. Martin Kemp I.P.M., J. West S.W., Henry Preston J.W., T. Thompson M.O., T. Cook S.O., Henry Tooxes J.O., J. Wilson Treasurer, W. B. Hay M.D., Chaplain, E. Kidd Hon. Sec., W. Tesseyman P.M. Registrar of Marks, T. D. Wing S.D., J. R. Ansdell J.D., C. W. Cheeseman Organist, M. Haberland D.C., A. King I.G., E. Cooke Steward, T. Crier Tyler.

The Grand Secretary (Bro. Binckes) then rose and said he esteemed it a high honour and compliment to have been entrusted with what was to him a pleasing task, though he assured them he was not merely using the stereotyped expression when he said he wished that duty had been placed in abler hands. Their worthy Master would have performed it himself, but for the fact that he was indisposed, though he had manfully come forward and discharged his duties on this occasion. Having alluded to the kindliness of friendship he had always received at the hands of the Hull brethren, Bro. Binckes reminded them that Bro. Martin Kemp had been twice elected to the Mastership, a circumstance that was somewhat unusual in a Mark Lodge. He had cheerfully undertaken the duties, and by his untiring zeal, indomitable energy, and the possession of many excellent qualities, which had endeared him to a wide circle of friends as a man, a Mason, and a W.M. of this Lodge, the members had kindly, generously, and, he thought, wisely come to the resolution that he ought not to be allowed to leave the chair without receiving at their hands some mark of their approval, friendship, regard and esteem. In the name of the brethren, therefore, he begged Bro. Kemp's acceptance of the testimonial which had been subscribed for, the inscription upon which possessed a charming simplicity and comprehensiveness, expressing no fulsome adulation, but merely what he knew perfectly well were their genuine and sincere feelings towards Bro. Kemp. Both personally, and on behalf of the august body he represented, he congratulated their Immediate Past Master upon the very large success which had attended his efforts. That success was no doubt a source of great gratification personally to Bro. Kemp, but it was only fitting and graceful that the brethren should mark their sense of that success by some tangible embodiment of their esteem. He expressed a hope that the recipient of this small testimonial might be spared for many years to enjoy the respect and affection he had gained amongst his brethren, and that every time he gazed upon that ornament on his sideboard it might recall to him the two happy years he spent as the ruler of this Lodge, and convince him that in those two years he did not labour in vain. (Hear, hear).

The testimonial consisted of a massive silver salver with a richly embossed scroll, border, and feet, the centre bearing the following inscription, surrounded by the Past Master's jewel and other emblems of the Craft:—"Presented to Bro. Martin Kemp P.M., by the brethren of the Humber Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 182, as a token of their respect and esteem during his term of office, 12th June 1877." The salver, which was supplied by Bro. B. Barnett, was much admired for its chaste and elegant workmanship.

Bro. Kemp in acknowledging the compliment paid to him, said whatever difficulties might seem to have presented themselves in the formation of a new Lodge, where every brother was nerved by a determination to overcome those difficulties under all circumstances, success must be the only natural result. There were difficulties to be surmounted when this Lodge was formed, and when they did him the honour to place him in that chair, but these had been overcome, and he was proud of the prosperous position the Lodge had attained. (Hear, hear). To-night he confessed he felt utterly bankrupt in knowing what to say for this beautiful testimonial. He could only say if he were to attempt to thank them as he wished that he should utterly fail, and he would therefore content himself with merely reiterating the words of the late Charles Dickens when parting from his friends in America, "From my heart of hearts I thank you." (Applause).

The Worshipful Master proposed, and Bro. Kemp seconded a vote of thanks to the Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge, and Bro. Matier, for their kindness in coming from London to assist at this ceremony, and the motion was carried amidst cheering.

The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a sumptuous repast was served by Bro. Evelyn Cooke. The W.M. presided, and was supported by many Provincial and Past Officers, and the Masters of several Craft Lodges in this province and in Lincolnshire, the Grimsby contingent being especially strong.

At the conclusion of the banquet the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the W.M. giving Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and Mark Masonry, and their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family, the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, M.W.G.M. of Mark Masons, the last named being suitably acknowledged by Bro. Matier P.G.J.W. of Grand Mark Lodge of England. Bro. W. Tesseyman gave the W.M. of the Humber Lodge of Mark Masons, and the newly appointed officers, the toast being heartily received and responded to by W.M. Bro. Boggett, and by the Wardens, Bros. J. West P.M. and H. Preston P.M. Bro. Kemp next proposed the V.W. Bro. F. Binckes P.G.J.W., Grand Secretary G. L. of Mark Masons, the installing officer. The toast was received with enthusiasm, and Bro. Binckes responded in a lengthy and eloquent speech, in the course of which he alluded to the great importance and success of the various Masonic Institutions, especially the Boys' School. The remaining toasts were the retiring W.M. and his Officers, responded to by Bro. Kemp and Haberland J.W. The Masonic Charities, the Visiting Brethren, and the Ladies. During the evening some excellent songs were sung, Bro. C. W. Cheeseman presiding ably at the pianoforte, and the proceedings throughout were characterised by the utmost harmony and good feeling.—*Eastern Morning News.*

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POWERS AND PRIVILEGES OF MASTERS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the Appeal of Bro. Waller M.D., late W.M. of No. 442, as to the rights of W. Masters, the Grand Registrar says that if the Master could be present in the Lodge, he had a right "to call upon any Brother he chose, who was a member of the Lodge, to perform the ceremonies . . . the words spoken by that Brother being the words of the W.M., uttered by proxy."

According to this, any Brother being a member of the Lodge, whether a Master or not, is qualified to repeat the ceremonies, while the Master occupies the chair. As this is an important matter, which will bear repetition, may I ask the favour of your assistance on the subject? I thought that none under the rank of an installed Master could act, even as proxy, and many think the same; but if the above reading of the judgment is right, we are all wrong, and I hope we are wrong, in order that we may be able to give our Wardens an opportunity of learning their future duties.

Yours fraternally,

W.M. REQUISPONS.

9th June 1877.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Some difference of opinion having arisen in this locality, respecting the status of suspended members, who have given *proper notice of appeal*, you would oblige a number of brethren by replying to the following queries:—

1. A brother in open Lodge having acted in a disrespectful way to the members of a deputation from the P.G. Lodge, is summoned to attend a special meeting of the P.G.L. He is found guilty, and sentenced to suspension for a given period.

He at once gives notice of appeal to Grand Lodge, and in due course sends his appeal to the Grand Secretary. Does his so doing bar the action of the P.G.L., and is he entitled to all his rights and privileges till such time as G.L. hear and determines his appeal?

2. A Lodge having acted in such a way as to incur the censure of the P.G. Master, a Special Provincial Grand Lodge meeting is called, the officers of the Lodge are summoned, and those who attend are examined. The P.G.L. temporarily suspended that Lodge, and, of course, thereby prohibits it from working. The R.W.M. and officers say they will appeal, and do send their appeal through the Grand Secretary. Pending the decision of Grand Lodge, are they still entitled to meet as a Lodge, and make Masons—that is, enter, pass, and raise members, same as if no edict of suspension had been issued? Or do the decisions of a Lodge hold good till reversed by that of the P.G.L.; and, in like manner, are not the decisions of a Provincial Grand Lodge binding till they are reversed by the action of the Grand Lodge? Your opinion on these points will oblige a number of Scotch brethren, and yours faithfully,

Glasgow, 13th June. JUSTITIA.

RESTORATION OF THE PARISH CHURCH, SHEFFIELD.—We understand the faculty for the restoration of the parish church has been issued from the Chancellor's Court. The work will, therefore, in all probability, be now proceeded with without delay. The Freemasons of Sheffield have offered to erect a font in the restored building, the gift, we understand, being of a very handsome and valuable character.—*Sheffield Daily Telegraph.*

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Old Warrants.

No. 71.

No. 268, "Ancients;" No. 336 at the Union of A.D. 1813, No. 227 from A.D. 1832, and No. 201 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

THOS. HARPER, D.G.M.

M. GILLIES, S.G.W. THOMAS MAHON, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry, Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample Form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful The Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq^r., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Malcolm Gillies, Esq^r., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Thomas Mahon, Esq^r., Junior
No. 268 Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Richard Wilson one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful William Jordan his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful James Brown Unwin his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the house known by the sign of the Northumberland Head, Fort Street, Old Artillery Ground, Spital Square, or elsewhere in London, upon the Second and Fourth Wednesday in every Month, and on all other seasonable times and lawful occasions: And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all ages and nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Richard Wilson, William Jordan, and James Brown Unwin (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Twenty-fifth day of April, in the year of Our Lord 1810, and in the year of Masonry 5810.

ROBT. LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 9, Letter J.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Jordan Lodge, No. 201, Freemasons' Hall, London.

No. 72.

No. 231, "Ancients;" No. 289 at the Union of A.D. 1813, No. 202 from A.D. 1832, and No. 173 from A.D. 1863 to the present time.

ANTRIM, GRAND MASTER.

LAU. DERMOTT, D.G.M.

JNO. FEAKINS, S.G.W. JNO. FEAKINS, J.G.W., for the J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the GRAND LODGE of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness PRINCE EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine thousand twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six) in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful and most potent and puissant Lord the Right Honorable Randel William McDonnell, Earl and Baron of Antrim, Lord Viscount Dunluce, Lord Lieutenant in the County of Antrim in the Province of Ulster and Kingdom of Ireland, Knight of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, and in that part of Great Britain called England, and Masonical Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS,
No. 231 The Right Worshipful Laurence Dermott, Esq^re., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful John Feakins, Esq^re., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq^re., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Richard Dixon one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Joseph Amphlett his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful James Ryland his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Swan Inn, Blackman-street, or elsewhere, in the Parish of Mary, Newington, on the Second Monday every Kalendar Month, on all seasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And we do hereby farther authorise and impower our said Trusty and well-beloved Brethren, Richard Dixon, Joseph Amphlett and James Ryland (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Provided the above named brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Twenty-sixth day of September, in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred Eighty and Five, and in the year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred Eighty and Five.

JOHN MCCORMICK,

Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 6, Letter F.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Phœnix Lodge, No. 173, Freemasons' Hall, London.

No. 73.

No. 300, "Ancients;" No. 381 at the Union of A.D. 1813, No. 264 from A.D. 1832, and No. 217 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

WM. DICKEY, D.G.M.

JOS. BROWNE, S.G.W. GEO. BOWER, J.G.W.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful the Most Noble and Puissant Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Wm. Dickey, Esquire, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Joseph Browne, Esquire, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful George Bowen, Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz.,
No. 300 The Worshipful Jacob Sarratt one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful John McArthur his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful James Hayes his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Crown, near the Saint Dunstans Church, Fleet Street, London, or elsewhere in, or near, the Cities of London and Westminster, upon the second and fourth Tuesday in every Calender Month, and on all reasonable Times and lawful Occasions: and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And We do hereby farther authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Jacob Sarratt, John McArthur and James Hayes (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c. Such installation to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force or Value.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this first day of March, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred Ninety and Seven, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred Ninety and Seven.

ROB^T. LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. IX., Letter I.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Lodge of "Stability," No. 217, Fleet-street, London.

TRANSCRIPTS OF "ANCIENT" WARRANTS.

No. 66.

No. 25, London, is a transcript of the "Robert Burns'" Warrant, and not the "Egyptian," as stated, in error, in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE for 19th May 1877.

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JOHN CONSTABLE.

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

SEVENTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N., Wednesday, 27th June 1877.

R.W. Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hants and Isle of Wight, in the Chair.

Board of Stewards:

President—R.W. Bro. Rt. Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, P.G.W.

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With 200 brethren representing Lodges in the metropolis and in the Provinces.

The Musical Arrangements under the direction of Bro. Louis A. Emanuel (A.R.A.), P.G. Organist, &c. &c. District G.L. Bengal.

The names of brethren desirous of serving as Stewards can still be received, and will be gratefully welcomed.

Dinner will be on the table at 5 o'clock. Morning Dress, without Masonic Clothing and Jewels. Tickets:—Ladies 15s; Gentlemen 21s; may be obtained of the Stewards, and at the Office.

The Stewards' Visit and Distribution of Prizes will take place at the Institution, Wood Green, on Monday, 25th June, at 2 p.m.

Rt. Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, R.W.P.G.S.W., President of the Board of Stewards, in the Chair.

FREDERICK BINCKES, V. President, P.G. Std.,
Hon. Sec. Board of Stewards.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

RESULT of Bro. JOHN CONSTABLE'S BALLOT, 13TH JUNE 1877.

THE Ballot for Life Governorships in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, consequent upon the sale of Tickets by Bro. John Constable, P.M. 186, took place on Wednesday last, the 13th inst., at Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall Street, Bro. John G. Stevens in the chair. There were Forty-Six Life Governorships and One Life Subscribership thus disposed of, and the following is the List of Winners:—

Prize.	No. of Ticket.	Name of Winner.	Address.	Ticket sold by.
1	9409	A. C. Newson ...	Queen's Hotel, E.C.	Bro. Matier
2	1096	F. H. Pool	Hayle, Cornwall	,, Hughan
3	3916	W. H. G. Rudderforth	40 Lime-street	,, Rudderforth
4	2472	John Huelin	2 Saville-street, Jersey	,, Schmitt
5	10662	Miss B. Bellamy ...	Freemasons' Tavern	Miss Bellamy
6	10884	Humber Lodge, No. 57	Hull	Bro. F Binckes
7	7329	A. Rowley	17 Wilderness-row	,, Constable
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

ON Thursday last, the House of Lords went into Committee on the Game Laws (Scotland) Amendment Bill. The various clauses were discussed *seriatim*, and the bill emerged from this stage with sundry amendments introduced into it. Afterwards, on the motion of the Lord Chancellor, the Education and Discipline Bill received a second reading. Questions connected with Accidents in Industrial Occupations and Railway Break Power were raised on Friday, on the former subject by Earl Delawarr, on the latter, by the Duke of Somerset. On Monday, Lord de Mauley made a motion on "Russia and Central Asia," but it was withdrawn at the instance of the Marquis of Salisbury, who touched on all the points raised by the noble Lord. The Highway Robberies on Blackheath were also the subject of notice. On Tuesday, the Crown Office Bill was read a second time.

In the House of Commons, sundry questions were asked on Thursday, relating to the Suez Canal, and Mr. E. Jenkins was again successful in arousing the dissatisfaction of the House with his arrogant pretensions to

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statesmanship; after which the Prisons Bill was reconsidered in Committee as amended. Several suggestions were offered, but with one exception they were rejected by overwhelming majorities. On Friday, a motion of Mr. P. Taylor's, to open the National Museums and Galleries on Sundays, was summarily rejected by 222 to 87. The Currency Laws were then discussed, and the House shortly afterwards adjourned. On Monday, on the motion for going into Committee of Supply, an amendment on the subject of Ireland and her Administration was moved by Mr. Butt, but rejected without a division. In supply the House voted moneys in respect of the Civil Service Estimates. On Tuesday, the consideration of the Prisons Bill was resumed in Committee. A motion by Sir G. Wilmot, calling for the revision of the laws relating to Capital Punishment, and an amendment by Mr. Pease, proposing the abolition of Capital Punishment, were both rejected. On Wednesday, the Parliamentary Registration (Ireland) Bill was read a second time, while a motion of Mr. Hubbard's, for the second reading of his Crossed Cheques Bill, was defeated by 175 to 66.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, on their return from the Continent, paid a visit to the Horse Show, at the Agricultural Hall, three of their children accompanying them. The same afternoon, a deputation from the Council of the Zoological Society had an interview with the Prince, at Marlborough House, for the purpose of presenting His Royal Highness with the gold medal of the Society. On Monday, the Prince and Princess left Marlborough House, for Easthamstead Park, near Bracknell, where they have been staying the greater part of the week—it being Ascot week—and receiving a number of distinguished visitors. On Tuesday, and again on Thursday, the Royal Party went in the usual semi-state procession to see the races, and, as usual, experienced a very hearty reception, there being a very distinguished gathering on the Heath. On Wednesday, too, His Royal Highness was also present, being driven over on Lord Carington's drag, and there were likewise there the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Christian, and the Duke of Teck.

Oxford Commemoration was held on Wednesday, but the *fêtes* proper to the occasion were not confined to those two days, as the whole city surrenders itself to festivity during the week in which the Encœnia are held. As usual, of course, our brethren of the Apollo University distinguished themselves. They gave a musical *fête* in the Gardens of Worcester College, at which the band of the Coldstream Guards and the Orpheus Glee Union played and sang admirably. The Sheldonian Theatre was the scene of the customary uproar on the part of the undergraduates. The usual cheers and groans were awarded to high dignitaries of the State, or those who had rendered themselves in any way obnoxious; among the names which evoked the greatest amount of enthusiasm being those of the Earls of Beaconsfield and Derby, Mr. Cross, and the Marquis of Salisbury. There was a diversity of opinion as to Mr. Gladstone, while such as Dr. Kenealy and the Rev. A. Tooth were greeted with groans. It is needless to say the names of different members of the Royal Family were received most loyally. Among those on whom the degree of D.C.L. was conferred, *honoris causâ*, were Lord Coleridge and Mr. Cross, the reception accorded to the latter being in the highest degree complimentary. Later in the afternoon, those who had carried off the chief University prizes recited their compositions. Of the six who did so, no less than four hailed from Balliol College, one of the remaining two being a Brazennose man, and the other from Merton.

The principal events at Ascot excited a good deal of interest in the racing world. On Tuesday, the Prince of Wales's Stakes were won by Glen Arthur, who ran second for the Derby. There was a field of nine started for the Ascot Stakes, which fell to Sir G. Chetwynd's Chypre, Mr. W. S. Crawford's Finis being second, and Mr. H. Savile's First Spring third. On Wednesday, twenty-two ran for the Royal Hunt Cup. Cradle won easily, by a length and a half, Mr. J. Manningham's Sutton being next, and Mr. W. S. Crawford's Prince George a bad third. Belphœbe carried off the Coronation Stakes, and Lord Falmouth's Silvio, the Derby winner, came in first by two lengths for the Ascot Derby. The great event of Thursday was the Gold Cup, which fell to Petrarch, Skylark being second, and Coomassie third. In the way of cricket we have to record that Surrey has won her match with Middlesex by four wickets, the skilful defence of Mr. Lucas in the second innings (26 not out), and the effective batting of Mr. G. Strachan (32) contributing mainly to the result. In the match between Gloucestershire and Sussex, the former, thanks to the very admirable bowling of Mr. W. G. Grace (who took seven of the wickets for 49 overs, of which 21 were maidens, and 46 runs), secured the victory, by 84 runs. On Thursday Middlesex commenced playing Oxford University at Lord's, and Surrey the sister University team at the Oval. Both these matches are still in progress at the time of writing.

Yesterday was the day fixed for the presentation to General Grant, Ex-President of the United States, of the freedom of the City of London. The ceremony was to take place in the library, which was closed to the public for this purpose during the latter half of the week, after which a grand banquet was to be held in the Guildhall itself. We may add that on Friday next, there will be a special performance at the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden, in honour of the illustrious visitor. We hail with satisfaction this display of courteous hospitality towards one of the greatest men in the United States. It will bring England and America still closer together. No doubt when General Grant returns to his own country he will be able to tell his countrymen of the affection we bear them. In these days, when brutal despotism is allowed to work out its evil ends almost with impunity, it is something that the two greatest free countries in the world are being drawn into a more intimate union of feeling.

The sixty-second anniversary of the Royal Caledonian Asylum, was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, under the presidency of the Duke of Buccleugh. There were among the guests present the Earl of Galloway, Lord Abinger, Lord Gordon, the Chinese Ambassador and suite, Sir J. H. Meadwell, Sir C. Macgregor and Sir G. Montgomery. The Chairman, in proposing the toast of the evening, made a stirring appeal on behalf of the Asylum, and subsequently there was announced by the Secretary a subscription list amounting to between £1,600 and £1,700.

Our readers may remember that one of the most successful Mayoralties was that of Alderman Cotton, who distinguished himself by his princely hospitality during his occupancy of the Civic throne. On Wednesday afternoon, the citizens of the Ward of Lime-street, of which Mr. Cotton is Alderman, met together for the purpose of presenting the worthy alderman with a testimonial in recognition of his services to the City during his Mayoralty, and to the Ward over which he so ably presided as Alderman. As the testimonial consisted of a handsome suite of oak dining-room furniture, the actual presentation was impossible, but Mr. White read out an inscription on an engraved plate, which will be affixed to the sideboard. Mr. Alderman Cotton duly acknowledged the testimonial.

Monday was speech day at Merchant Taylors' School, and in the evening the usual banquet was held in honour of the occasion. Among the more distinguished guests were the Marquis of Salisbury, the Earl of Derby, Midhat Pacha, ex-Grand Vizier of Turkey, Sir C. Adderley, Viscount Sandon, Lord G. Hamilton, the Bishops of London and Ely, Lord Justice Baggallay, and Justice Manisty. The Marquis of Salisbury replied for the honorary members of the Company, and the Earl of Derby for the House of Lords. Both these speeches were listened to with the greatest attention, and the noble speakers were at intervals applauded with great enthusiasm.

In France the political situation remains unchanged. At the two seats of war there have not been any very serious engagements, if we except the case of Montenegro, in which a series of battles have been fought, and the Black Mountaineers so severely handled, that Prince Nikita has been obliged to retire his head quarters to Ostrog. On the Danube there has been a good deal of artillery practice, especially on the part of the Turks, who do not allow the Russians and Roumanians to have much peace. Off the Sulina mouth of the Danube, an attempt to blow up the Turkish ironclads there, by means of torpedoes, has signally failed. Hobart Pacha is reported to have issued certain instructions to his subordinates, not only to be extra vigilant, but to have the ships furnished with a special gear, which will prevent the too near approach of these destructive engines of war. At all events, whether he has done so or not, the Turks were not caught napping on this occasion, but destroyed some of the boat party which attacked them, and made prisoners of six, among whom were an American and an Englishman. Servia seems determined to rush into the struggle. She was severely handled last year, and can-

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not pay for the provisions, &c., &c., she ordered of the Austrian contractors, but the want of money is no obstacle to her desire for more bloodshed. Being unable to meet her financial liabilities honourably, she is madly going to seek, on the battlefield, for that honour she lost against Turkey in the summer and autumn of 1876. Greece, also, is said to be assuming a still more warlike attitude. As to the Russian army on the Danube, we hear little of its movements. It is more than a week since the Czar arrived, but nothing has been done as yet, and all we are enabled to do is to conjecture what will happen. From Asia there is apparently a dearth of news. That the Russians are far superior in numbers is manifest, but the Turks are fighting manfully. No impression has been made on Kars, though all kinds of rumours are flying about as to its fall sooner or later. We are told that the Turks have retaken Olti, which the Russians shortly before had forced them to evacuate. Batoum is still safe, and the insurrection in the Caucasus is reported to be spreading. Troops also are being sent to Asia to reinforce the Turkish armies, and the Egyptian contingent is on its way to Constantinople, a squadron of Turkish ironclads having arrived for the purpose of convoying it. This will be a great help to the Sultan, as the contingent is reported to be composed of very serviceable troops. There are fears of disturbances in Crete, and Russia is about to raise a fresh loan of fifteen millions sterling. This, as far as we are able to state at present, is the sum and substance of the news from Asia and Eastern Europe.

BRO. CONSTABLE'S DRAWING.

ALBEIT the enterprise in which Bro. Constable so boldly embarked in the autumn of last year has not realised the full amount which we were sanguine enough to hope for, we must not allow the present occasion to pass without offering him our very warmest congratulations on the measure of success he has achieved. Bro. Constable issued, in round numbers, 12,000 shilling tickets, the purchaser of each of which was entitled to participate in the ballot for Life Governorships. The number actually purchased was between two and three hundred short of 10,000, so that our worthy Brother disposed of close on five out of every six he distributed. The result to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is the receipt of £488 5s, or about £120 more than double what he accomplished in 1875 for the Girls' School. This only shows, as we said some time since, that "where there's a will, there's a way." But Bro. Constable committed himself to a subscription list of four figures, and a bird has whispered to us that the project will be realized. It remains for us to congratulate him on the success which has attended his efforts. How hardly he has worked, only those who have been in frequent contact with him during the last six months can know. Never a day has passed during the whole of that period but he has striven to the uttermost to raise the amount he proposed; and all his labour has been bestowed with no further hope than that the undertaking he was engaged in might be of service to the Boys' School. It is not every one who merits the appellation of "the Man of Energy." This undoubtedly, belongs to Bro. Constable, who, if he had never done anything previously, has done in this instance what will entitle him to the regard of all Craftsmen. May he be as successful in all his enterprises as he has been on this occasion!

The regular meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. Colonel Creaton in the chair. Bro. James Terry, the Secretary, read the minutes of the 9th of May. The deaths of a male and female annuitant were announced. In accordance with the notice of motion of Bro. Griffiths Smith, respecting want of accommodation at the Secretary's Office, it was agreed that it be referred to the Board of General Purposes. The names of the brethren appointed by the M.W.G.M. were read: Bros. E. J. Barron, S. Rawson, R. H. Giraud, Jabez Hogg, Capt. N. G. Philips, W. F. Nettleship, J. Nunn, P. de Lande Long, and J. Smith. Elected by Grand Lodge—Bros. J. Brett, C. A. Cottebrune, T. Cubitt, J. A. Farnfield, H. G. Warren, C. F. Hogard, A. M. Tattershall, H. M. Levy, J. G. Stevens, and W. White. Elected by the subscribers—F. Adlard, J. Bellerby, W. Hale, J. Newton, Griffiths Smith, W. Stephens, R. W. Stewart, L. Stean, W. Hilton, and R. W. Little. £350 was voted for repairs at the Asylum. The Warden's Report was read, certifying the work was well done, and the House Committee reported that all the annuitants now had their own apartments, and everything was satisfactory. The Finance Committee were re-elected. There being a vacancy for a member of the House Committee, Bro. H. M. Levy proposed that Bro. S. Rawson be elected. This was carried unanimously. A letter from Bro. Curteis, regarding the votes, was read. It referred to Rule 19, page 9. It was proposed that a letter be sent to Bro. Curteis, who is on the Committee of Management, asking him to give notice of motion to alter that law. A letter was read respecting the case of Mrs. Stansfield, whose name was withdrawn at the last election. Bro. S. Rawson proposed that the name be replaced on the list of candidates at the next election, and that her case be recommended to the Grand Lodge of Benevolence. Bro. Col. Creaton proposed that in consequence of there being a mistake in the result at the last election, with regard to Bro. J. T. Allen, and there now being a vacancy in the Institution, that he be placed on the Annuity Fund. This was carried unanimously. It was also carried unanimously that the use of the Hall be granted for the Annual Summer Entertainment to the inmates, and that the charges be paid from the funds of the Institution. It was announced that during the past year the sum of £11,997 11s 6d had been paid into the Institution. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Col. Creaton for his services as President, and the meeting was adjourned. There were present Bros. S. Rawson, Capt. Philips, H. Browse, Jabez Hogg, Hyde Pullen, R. W. Stewart, James Stevens, J. Newton, J. Bellerby, W. Hale, G. Bolton, R. W. Little, H. Massey, L. Stean, H. M. Levy, J. Mason, J. Hilton, C. F. Hogard, T. Cubitt, B. Head, C. E. Lacey.

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On the 5th inst., the members of the Old Scholars' Reunion of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, dined together at the Holborn Restaurant. The Rev. Dr. Morris, Head Master of the Institution, and President of the Reunion, was unable to attend, and the chair was taken by Mr. A. W. Dutton, who was one of the first boys in the

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old building at Wood Green. The chief toasts were Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and to the Reunion. All old scholars of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys who have not joined the Reunion, are requested to communicate with Mr. Geo. W. Martin, 123 and 124 Newgate-street, who will give them all particulars of membership.

The ceremony of Consecrating the new Lodge, Guelph, No. 1685, will take place, at Leytonstone, on Saturday, the 23rd instant, at 4 o'clock p.m. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, and other brethren from Grand Lodge will officiate.

While there are upwards of 3,000 Craft Masons in the Province of West Yorkshire, it seems there are only 838 Royal Arch Masons, belonging to 26 Chapters. In 1869, there were 23 Chapters with 563 R.A.M.; in 1870, 576; in 1871, 616; in 1872, 644; in 1873, 671; in 1874, 733; in 1875, 797; and in 1876, the number stated above, namely 26 Chapters and 838 members.

The Report of the Great Western Railway Literary Society, which was read at the twenty-fifth general meeting, discloses a very satisfactory state of things. Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch Bart. M.P., Provincial Grand Master Berks and Bucks, is the President of the Society, which numbers now 593 members, there having been an increase during the past year of 43 members. As many as 411 volumes have, in the same period, been added to the library for circulation, thus raising the total number from 7,354 to 7,765 volumes. Mr. J. W. Grant has succeeded Mr. H. Rennie, as honorary Sec., and Mr. J. R. Atcherly has been appointed Treasurer, *vice* Mr. Grant. The accounts for the year 1876-7 are likewise satisfactory. The receipts, including the opening balance of £57 17s 1d, reached the sum of £315 14s 8d. Of this £247 5s 8d were received from members as subscriptions. The expenses for books, binding, periodicals, furniture, printing and stationery, librarian's salary, &c., &c., amounted to £237 7s 4d, leaving a balance, composed of cash in hand £25 7s, and cards and periodicals have collected £53 0s 4d, or together £78 7s 4d.

It is our painful duty, this week, to record the death of Bro. George Macadam, of Glasgow, who for many years held the office of Secretary to the Glasgow Thistle and Rose Lodge, No. 73. The deceased brother was on his way to attend the funeral of a departed friend, on the 6th inst., but feeling unwell, was obliged to return to his home, where he died, very suddenly, the same evening. Brother Macadam was well known, and highly respected in the Craft, for his uniform uprightness of character and obliging disposition. He was beloved by those who had the privilege of meeting him often, and his awfully sudden departure will be much felt by a large circle of acquaintance. Bro. Macadam leaves a widow and family, for whom the brethren of the Province, and particularly those of his Mother Lodge, No. 73, have the deepest sympathy.

The Pupils' Entertainment, at Leyton College, Leytonstone, will take place on Friday next, the 22nd inst. Bro. Westfield will be very pleased to see brethren and their families who may be desirous of attending on the occasion. Bro. Westfield numbers among his friends and patrons very many Craftsmen, and we doubt not his kindly invitation will meet with a very cordial response. As we have personally enjoyed the pleasure of being present at one of these interesting gatherings, we are able to assure any of our readers who may be minded to visit Leyton College that they will be at no loss to enjoy themselves.

The Stewards of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will pay their annual visit to the School on Monday next. The Right Hon. Lord Suffield, Prov. G. Master of Norfolk, who occupied the chair at the Festival, will preside on the occasion. After a selection of music and various recitations have been given by the pupils, the usual distribution of prizes will follow. Our readers need not to be told that this is one of the most interesting sights, and certainly one of the most popular entertainments of the year. Given the fine weather we are now enjoying, and we may safely venture to predict that the *fête* of Monday next, at St. John's Hill, Battersea, will be both brilliant and enjoyable.

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THE DRAMA.

Madlle. Thérésa at the Gaiety.

L'ANNI FRITZ, recently performed by a French company at this theatre, having been withdrawn, the programme during the past week has comprised a number of small pieces, one of which, *Les Chansons de Sucon*, introduces to the English public the celebrate Madlle. Thérésa, the songstress *par excellence* of the Champs Elysées *Café Chantant*. Madlle. Thérésa is a singer of unequal merit. Some of her notes are clear and melodious as those of a flute, others are more suggestive of a fine-toned cornet, while again others are harsh and unpleasing, and grate on the ear. Her songs are undeniably effective, and they are all given with dramatic spirit. Perhaps the most pleasing are "Rien n'est sacré pour un Sapeur" and "C'est dans le nez que ça me chatouille." The other pieces on the programme are *Chez L'Avocat*, by M. Ferrier, capitally acted by MM. Lasgallay and Blondelet and Mdme Drége; and *Un Homme de Bronze*, the principal parts of which are sustained by MM. Boisselet and Blondelet, and Mesdames Maurel and Dumont. On Monday, Madame Chaumont is announced.

Gresham Lodge, No. 869.—This Lodge held its installation meeting on Saturday, the 9th inst., at Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt-park. Present—Bros. J. E. Grocott Prov. S.G.W. W.M., W. H. Etherington S.W., E. G. Pottle Prov. G.S.B. J.W., W. E. Gomperts P. Prov. G.P. P.M. Secretary, F. D. R. Copestick P.P.G.S.B. P.M. Treasurer, T. C. Chapman S.D., C. B. Cheese as J.D., Rev. C. E. Mayo M.A. P.G.C. Chaplain, W. E. Gomperts jun. and J. R. Dickie Stewards, Thomas Perry I.G. Visitors—Bros. F. Binckes P.M. Grand Stewards Lodge, Secretary R.M.B. School, John Constable P.M. 185, G. Bilby P.M. 185, G. Levick P.M. 1227, G. Mickley P.M. 449 P.P.G.D. Herts, H. W. Gomperts J.W. 1364, G. Phythian S.W. 22, W. Windsor 1310, W. J. Wolsham 1491, J. Knight J.D. 1327, &c. The usual formal business having been disposed of, the auditors' report was presented, after which Bro. Johnson was passed to the degree of F.C. The installation of the W.M. elect (Bro. W. H. Etherington) was then proceeded with, and after the usual greetings, he invested the following as his officers for the year:—Bros. E. G. Pottle S.W., T. C. Chapman J.W., Rev. C. E. Mayo Chaplain, F. D. R. Copestick Treasurer, W. E. Gomperts Secretary, Thos. Perry S.D., C. B. Cheese J.D., W. E. Gompertz jun. I.G., R. Bruce D.C., Dixon Organist, Bernard and Holland Stewards, Gilchrist Tyler. The installation ceremony, which was admirably worked by the Sec., Bro. Gompertz, being ended, the Lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned for banquet, at which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bros. Constable and Bilby replied on behalf of the visitors, and Bro. Binckes, in acknowledging "The Charities," enlarged on the benefits of the Institutions. Several sums were subscribed by the brethren for the Boys' School, including two amounts of £5 5s, two of £1 1s, &c., and one guinea was voted from the funds of the Lodge to be invested in Bro. Constable's tickets. A visit to this Lodge, which necessitates a most pleasant drive, is very enjoyable at this season of the year. The manner in which the duties of the day were disposed of added greatly to the enjoyment.

THE ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.—On Monday, at 33 Golden-square, was consecrated the Royal Bruce Chapter of the Royal Order of Scotland. Dr. Hamilton, Prov. G.M. for London and the Home Counties, presided, and was assisted by General Clerk, S. Rawson, and the Hon. R. Giddy; and there were present, Lord Skelmersdale, Lord de Clifford, C. F. Matier, D. Prov. G.M. for Lancashire and Cheshire, and many other distinguished brethren. After the ceremony had been performed, fourteen candidates were admitted to the Order. Bro. Rev. Canon Harford was then installed as V.W.T., and subsequently appointed as officers, Earl Doncoughmore Dep. T., Lord Henniker S.W., the Hon and Rev. Francis E. C. Byng M.A. J.W., Lord Brooke Marshall, J.D. M. Littler Q.C. Dep. Marshall, Lord Clifford Steward, and Captain Portlock Dadson Treasurer and Secretary. When the Chapter was closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Café Royal, the Rev. Canon Harford V.W.T. presiding. The usual toasts were given, and a very agreeable evening spent. It may be remarked that this is the first occasion on which a subordinate Chapter under a Prov. Grand Lodge has been consecrated.—*Touchstone.*

Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire is to meet in the new Masonic Hall, Sheffield, on 4th July prox., that handsome and spacious building being now nearly ready for occupation. The meeting will be held under the banner of the Britannia Lodge, No. 139.

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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, 16th JUNE.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 18th JUNE.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 13 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1159—Marquess of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction).
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
1635—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
406—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
1087—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1190—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1338—Gooch, Prince Alfred Hotel, Southall.
1446—Royal Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1503—Israel, 23 Hope-street, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 19th JUNE.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
20—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Coopers Arms, Silver-street, Falcon-square, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1473—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 209 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
240—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
463—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.

WEDNESDAY, 20th JUNE.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street.
193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, 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.)
1388—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1434—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (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.)

131—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
231—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1053—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.
1086—Walton, St. Lawrence Boys' School, Kirkdale.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.

THURSDAY, 21st JUNE.

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. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
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.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

51—Angel, Assembly Rooms, Town Hall, Colchester.
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
1323—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1343—St. John's, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex.

FRIDAY, 22nd JUNE.

House Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
804—Randolph, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
862—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, 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.)
1278—Bartlett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Metropolitan Hotel, Goulburne Road, North Kensington, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

SATURDAY, 23rd JUNE.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury, Yorks.

TUESDAY.

1314—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

WEDNESDAY.

258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leed
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Pontefract.
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.

THURSDAY.

206—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
327—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1045—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

FRIDAY.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
1094—Ecclesihill, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclesihill.

SATURDAY.

149—St. Peter, Swan Hotel, Wolverhampton.
306—Prince George, Stanton House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—44—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.
" 606—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—180—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 82 Nicolson-street.
THURSDAY—46—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
" R. A. 153—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 96 Constitution-street.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—129—St. Mirren's, 5 Moss-street, Paisley.
" 561—Plantation, 207 Craighall-street.
TUESDAY—73—Ark Mariners, 213 Buchanan-street.
" Red Cross of Babylon, 213 Buchanan-street.
WEDNESDAY—117—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Douglas-street, Partick.
" 592—Albert Edward, Freemasons' Hall, Pollokshaws.
" K. T. St. Mungo, 13 Trongate.
" 560—Funeral Lodge for the late P.M. Dr. A. Martin, at 8 p.m.
THURSDAY—27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
Conclave, No. 3, Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, 108 Benfield-street.
FRIDAY—321—St. Andrew, Public Hall, Alexandria.
SATURDAY—29—St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.
" 306—St. John Woodhall, Bells-hill, Holytown.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Kilwinning Lodge, Glasgow, No. 4.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Wednesday, the 6th inst., 221 Dumbarton-road. Bros. R. Thorburn R.W.M., J. Dixon P.M., J. Henderson S.W., J. Martin J.W., J. McNair Secretary, J. McCain Treas., D. Ramsey I.G. A petition for admission was presented from a gentleman, and although it is often said, as a reproach to Scottish Masonry, that they take in all who will pay, this gentleman's proposition was not entertained, as he was considered to be of rather intemperate habits. Bros. W. Huston and Buchanan were then passed to the Fellow Craft degree, in a most excellent manner, by the R.W.M., after which, at the request of the Master, Bro. Henderson S.W. raised Bros. Robert Buchanan and Thomas Bennett to the sublime degree of M.M.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 14th inst., at Bro. Hallows, "Chequers," Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. Saunders W.M., Claridge S.W., Upward J.W., W. G. Hallows acting Sec., Pinder Preceptor, Groome S.D., Delvallé J.D., Dendy I.G., and Bros. Brown, Franklin, and Pullen. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Pullen acting as candidate. Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Pullen acting as candidate. Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and closed down. Bro. Claridge was unanimously elected for the ensuing week.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held, at the Old Rodney's Head, on the 11th inst., its usual meeting. Bros. Pearcy W.M., Ross S.W., Harvey J.W., Powell S.D., Gibbs J.D., Tolmie acting Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Cook I.G., Christopher Tyler, Kidder, Stock, Trewinnard, Fairbank. Lodge opened in due form, minutes read and confirmed. Lodge opened in 2nd degree; ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., in his usual excellent style. Bro. Kidder acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the 2nd section, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Kidder. Bro. Stock answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in 3rd degree; the ceremony of raising was very ably rehearsed, Bro. Stock Candidate. The W.M. giving the traditional history. Bro. Pearcy resumed the chair, the W.M. worked the 3rd section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge returned to the 1st degree. Bro. Ross was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned until next Monday evening, at 8 o'clock.

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Jordan Lodge of Instruction, No. 201.—Bro. J. O. Wood occupied the chair at the usual meeting, on Tuesday last, at the Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W. He was supported by Bros. Long S.W., Errington J.W., Hiscox Treas., Ockenden Sec., Marvin S.D., Fox I.G.; Sheerman, Lawrence, Fromholz and other brethren. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the ceremony of raising exceedingly well rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Hole acting as candidate. The first three sections of the 1st lecture were worked by Bro. Long, assisted by the brethren. Notice was given that, on Tuesday next, it will be proposed that the annual supper take place on Tuesday week, 26th June; brethren unable to attend next Tuesday are requested to communicate in the meantime with Bro. Hiscox, at the above address, stating whether it will be convenient for them to be present at the Supper on the 26th inst.

Caledonian Railway Lodge, No. 356.—This Lodge having removed into a new hall, No. 30 Cathedral-street, Glasgow, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., they were visited by deputations from several of the Sister Lodges, who had come to wish them fraternal greeting. All were cordially received and made heartily welcome by Bro. Ferguson and the rest of his officer bearers, and a very happy and harmonious evening was the result.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The weekly meeting, on Tuesday last, at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, was well attended. Bros. J. Barker W.M., W. J. Smith S.W., Dallas J.W., E. T. Worsley Sec., Johnson S.D., Saunders J.D., P.M Wallington Preceptor, Pavitt I.G., Dandy, Christian 860, Haine, Lovkins, Davies, Pullen, Wiege, Allen, &c., &c. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Haine having answered the necessary questions leading to the second degree, the Lodge was advanced, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Haine acting as candidate. Bro. Smith worked the first section of the lecture. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and closed down to the first. Bro. Worsley worked the third section of the first lecture, Bro. Smith the fourth, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Smith was unanimously chosen W.M. for the ensuing week, and he appointed his officers in rotation. As Bro. Smith is thoroughly efficient, there is no doubt that he will have a good attendance next week. We again remind brethren who attend this Lodge to be there before 7.30, as it is opened punctually at that time. We noticed some of the brothers who held office on the last occasion lost their position through not being in their place in time. This is annoying to those who are punctual, and who are anxious to begin.

Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201.—An Emergency meeting of this Lodge was held in the Zetland-room, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Friday, the 8th inst. Bros. E. J. Harty W.M., Taylor S.W., Saull J.W., W. H. Barber Sec., Lee S.D., Dobbing J.D., Moss I.G., Dr. Lloyd W.S., T. O. Davis Asst. W.S., N. H. Higgs Org., Watts I.P.M., and a numerous attendance of brethren and visitors. After the Lodge was opened, ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. S. C. H. Everett, H. Manchester, Rev. J. B. Dixon LL.D., and Paul Caralmbe Bavers, and being unanimously in their favour, these gentlemen were duly initiated into the Order. Bros. T. Hamp and J. S. Wade were passed to the 2nd degree. The latter by the courtesy of the W.M., and at the special request of the W.M. of 1475. Bro. Madell was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The working of the W.M. was very impressive, every Officer being equally perfect. Bros. Higgs Org. and Dr. Payne played some excellent music on the organ. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. Gordon, superintended by his courteous manager, Bro. Hamp. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Watts, in giving the health of the W.M., justly complimented him. The W.M. having suitably replied, the toast of the newly initiated found a very excellent respondent in Bro. the Rev. J. B. Dixon. The other initiates followed. The Visitors, Wardens and Officers were severally given, and the Tyler's toast concluded a very agreeable evening. Among the Visitors were Bros. E. Spencer Harty 75 (Irish Constitution), James Stevens P.M. No. 1426, Major Tyler, G. N. Watts P.M. 194, James Levy S.D. No. 1261, R. Jessop J.W. 1261, Dr. Payne, Captain O. T. Herne 969, Woodcock 1216, S. Longley S.W. 1261, &c.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—This Lodge held its meeting at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 8th inst. Present—Bros. Crouch W.M., Smith S.W., Harlow J.W., Fenner S.D., Powell J.D., Lane I.G., Hewlett, Townsend, Bolton, Hogarth, Cave, Austin, &c. Lodge opened in due form, minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Hogarth answered the usual questions leading to 2nd degree, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in 2nd degree. The ceremony of passing was very ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Fenner worked the 1st, and Bro. Hewlett the 2nd section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the 2nd degree. Bro. Harlow, of the Mother Lodge, 1227, was elected a joining member, and Bro. Smith was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned until next Friday, at 8 p.m.

Mount Edgcumbe Lodge, No. 1446.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Swan Hotel, Battersea, when the following officers, brethren, and visitors were present:—Bros. A. M. Thomas W.M., A. C. Barrell P.M., W. Ough P.M. Treas., Charles Poupard P.M., J. J. Limebeer Sec., Joseph Wright S.W., A. Thomas jun. J.W., T. Cull J.D., G. T. Fox P.M. 73 and P.Z. 18, Tyler; J. Hutchings, W. J. Simpkins, T. Gardiner, J. Weavell, H. Willmott, J. Coates and T. Collings. The following were visitors: Bros. P. Leaper, Star 1275, J. Featherstone, Wolsey 1656 and A. A. Denham, Wandsworth 1044. Some formal business of the Lodge having been transacted, Bro. A. A. Denham was raised, in a very impressive and perfect manner by Bro. A. M. Thomas, the W.M. Bro. Joseph Wright S.W. was unanimously chosen as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The retiring W.M. passed a high eulogium on Bro. Wright, who is P.M. of 1585, and is also an earnest worker, both for the Royal Arch and Craft Masonry. Bro. W. Ough was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. T. Fox Tyler. Bros. Collings, Weavell, and Griffiths were chosen as auditors. A jewel of the value of five guineas was unanimously accorded the retiring W.M., Bro. Thomas. The Lodge was then closed in due form. The brethren were afterwards refreshed by a capital cold collation, provided by Bro. Knight, in good style. A very pleasant evening was spent.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.—The members and friends of this popular Lodge of Instruction assembled in great force on Wednesday evening last, at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, when the whole of the Fifteen Sections were worked, under the presidency of Bro. Fieldwick, S.D. 1364, who put the questions in a very creditable manner. In the 1st lecture the 1st section was taken by Bro. Bonner 1529, the 2nd by Bro. J. Larkin 192, the 3rd by Bro. Dignam 1524, the 4th by Bro. Marsh 1326, the 5th by Bro. Lee P.M. 1524, the 6th by Bro. Webb J.D. 174, and the 7th by Bro. Hewlett 141. In the 2nd lecture the 1st section was worked by Bro. Brasted 1524, the 2nd by Bro. Cull, J.D. 1446, the 3rd by Bro. Job I.G. 1076, the 4th by Bro. Pinder P.M. 15 and 1662, and the 5th by Bro. Austin P.M. 933. The sections in the 3rd lecture were thus distributed: 1st Bro. C. Kur Crouch W.M. 1297, 2nd Bro. Webb 1524, and 3rd Bro. Perren P.M. 1056. Where so many excellent workers in Masonry vied with each other, it were almost invidious to comment upon the working of individuals, but the brethren present seemed to accord the highest meed of praise to Bros. Austin, Pinder, Dignam and Hewlett. Bro. Geo. Ferrar, the landlord of the Havelock, deserves well of the brethren at the East End, for finding that his principal room lay due east and west, he had the billiard tables removed, and determined to devote the room to the purposes of Masonry only. To this end he has had the room decorated in distemper. The walls are panelled, and in each corner is some Masonic emblem. The dominant tone of the ceiling is light blue, and on this ground are portrayed the emblematic lights, all of which are admirably drawn and painted, and occupy their true positions in regard to the workers.

Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Saturday, the 9th inst. Present—Bros. W. T. Christian W.M., W. Groome S.W., W. B. Brand J.W., J. Pinder P.M., F. Hallows Sec., C. J. Saunders S.D., Franklin J.D., T. Oldroyd I.G., Upward Org., J. H. Cambridge W.S., Goddard (acting) Tyler, and the following brethren, viz., W. G. Hallows, H. Field, Hunt, Clark, Deady and Delvalle. The Lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer. The candidate for raising being late in arriving, the W.M. worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture. After which the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Wm. Moffatt answered the usual questions; the Lodge was then opened in the 3rd degree, and the candidate was raised to the sublime degree. The Lodge being resumed in the first degree, the ballot was taken for Mr. Henry Charles Rubery and Mr. Charles Stockwell, which proved unanimous in their favour. They being in attendance, were duly initiated into the Order, according to ancient rite. The Lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, and adjourned until Saturday the 6th October 1877. After the business was over, the brethren sat down to a cold collation, and the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to by the Officers, &c. Visitors present—Bros. F. Rothschild S.W. 1288, E. P. Baldwin 382, S. North 382, W. Snellgrove 907, E. A. Trebeck 1445, W. Claridge 1598 and E. Brown 1598.

London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction.—Held at the Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. At the meeting on Monday last, at 6 o'clock, there were present Bros. J. E. Shand Secretary W.M., Sharratt S.W., Dobbing J.W., J. Langton S.D., Churchill J.D., Ward I.G., T. Cull acting Preceptor, C. J. Hogg Treasurer, Eastgate, Hawksley, "Lewis" Langton, and other members of the Club. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last Lodge were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Langton jun., of No. 1673, being candidate. The ceremony was ably and impressively rehearsed, after which Bro. Cull worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Sharratt S.W. was elected W.M. for next meeting. Lodge closed and adjourned till Monday, 25th inst., at 6 o'clock p.m.

Prince's Lodge, Glasgow.—The Charter for this new Lodge, which is intended to be the A1 Lodge of the Province, was granted at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, and we understand the brethren have now made their preliminary arrangements for holding their first meetings in the Queen's Rooms, till they can get possession of a new hall for themselves. The proposed list of officers is an influential one, and includes the names of the following brethren:—Bros. Francis Wm. Clark, Sheriff Principal of Lanarkshire, for R.W.M., the Hon. James Bain, Lord Provost of Glasgow, D.M., Wm. Easton P.G.S.M. as S.M., Wm. H. Hill S.W., Councillor James Salmon J.W., Wm. Maclean Secretary, the Rev. Dr. J. W. W. Perry D.D., Provincial Grand Chaplain, as Chaplain, John Burnet S.D., James Provan J.D., John Forrester Steward, William Alexander I.G., and John Sinclair O.G. With such a list of distinguished brethren its success should be insured, and it is to be hoped that they will indeed act up to the principles on which they profess to start, and work to raise the status of Masonry in Glasgow.

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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

IT is hardly necessary to remind our readers that the Seventy-ninth Anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held on Wednesday next. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Hants and Isle of Wight, will preside, and, as on the last two occasions, the Festival will be held at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill. The Earl of Donoughmore, P.S.G.W. is President of the Board of Stewards, which consists of over 200 brethren, and may be still further increased between now and the appointed day. As our readers are aware, the ladies are present on these occasions, whereas, at the Festivals of the R.M.B.I. and the Girls' School, having previously dined apart in another room, they are merely admitted to be spectators of the proceedings that follow the banquet. This year there will be a still further innovation. Gentlemen who are not Masons will be permitted to be present. To repeat an argument we adduced some time since, when the proposal was first sanctioned, brethren and their friends will meet together as a company of ladies and gentlemen. Some of the outside world will thus have an opportunity of learning what manner of men we are, and whether we bear any resemblance to the desperate band of conspirators we are supposed to be. We do not fear the verdict that will be passed upon us. We believe, indeed, the innovation will be productive of good, not only to the Institution, whose well-being we are so desirous of promoting, but to the Fraternity likewise. The silly reports which are propagated about us will be scattered to the winds, when we are proved to be a quiet and inoffensive body, loyal to the government, and avoiding all offence towards others who may differ with us in religion or politics. But we need not dwell upon these points. Let us rather direct the attention of our readers to the School itself, which, from so small a beginning, has, in so short a period of time, grown to be so important and so well regulated an establishment. In 1875 the Festival yielded an aggregate sum of close on £13,000. Last year the amount it produced was only a little less, but in each case, the total subscriptions exceeded the totals subscribed to the Girls' School and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution respectively. We have no intention of instituting a comparison between this and the sister charities. The work of Charity is the same, whether it be directed to the maintenance of old men and women, girls, or boys. We can but do our duty towards those whom age, misfortune, or sickness has rendered incapable of helping themselves, or the young of both sexes, who in early childhood are deprived of their natural guardians. There is this, however, to be said on behalf of the Boys' School. It is only a few years since it was freed from debt, and consequently the amount of moneys it has been able to lay by for a rainy day is represented by a few thousands only. If—which Heaven forefend—a political or commercial crisis should suddenly overtake the country, and while lessening the chance of the requisite support being as readily forthcoming, should make perhaps the need for that support even greater than it is now, it is possible the Benevolent and the Girls' School might tide over the eventful period, but the funds of the Boys' School would be exhausted in a few months. Moreover, it becomes more apparent every year that the Institution is incapable of meeting the increasing number of applications for admission on the part of orphan boys. On an average, perhaps, there are three unsuccessful to one successful candidate at each successive election, and this in spite of the fact that, even during the last three years, some fifteen or sixteen pupils have been added to the strength of the School. While, then, our three Institutions stand before the Craft on exactly the same footing in respect of the good they are striving to accomplish, we do not consider we are acting invidiously if we lay some stress on the exceptional circumstance we have just described in connection with the Boys' School. As one of our three great Charities, it has no right to expect either more or less in the way of favourable consideration than its fellows; but, as possessing little or no invested property, and as being, therefore, less able to cope with the pressure of even a momentary adversity, it certainly is entitled to hope for a more liberal share of support—until it shall find itself once again placed on a tolerably equal footing with them in this respect. Our readers are perfectly well aware that we have made it our business, as the anniversary of each Institution has recurred periodically, to do all in our power to enlist the sympathy and assistance of the Craft in its behalf. We do not for a moment imagine they will consider we are animated by any predilection whatever in favour of this particular Institution. But we know there are circumstances connected with it which call for special comment—which, indeed, it would be the height of unwisdom to leave unnoticed; and in directing attention to these circumstances, we are simply fulfilling an important duty.

A few days, and the Festival of the Boys' School for 1877 will be an event that is past. It behoves us, therefore, to point out to Craftsmen, while there is yet time to do so, that it rests wholly and solely with them, whether the year begun so auspiciously at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February, and so fruitful of good to the Girls' School in April, shall turn out as favourably in the case of the Boys' School on Wednesday next. The Board of Stewards may be numerically weaker than it was last year. That, however, is a defect which there is even yet time to remedy. At the same time, there is no reason why the amount of contributions should be smaller. On the contrary, it seems to us the fact of the Stewards being fewer in number will serve to stimulate them to even greater exertion.

"The fewer men, the greater share of honour."

Then, when the lists are closed, and a glorious victory has been won, they will be entitled to say to each other, with feelings of honest pride:—

"We few, we happy few, we band of brothers,"

and those who might have joined "shall think themselves accurs'd, they were not" there. For the sake of Bro. Beach, who, on Wednesday next, will preside not for the first time at one of these magnificent gatherings; for the sake of the Boys' School, which more than ever needs the support of brethren; and for the honour of the Craft generally, we trust the Festival of next week will not be the least successful of this year's celebrations.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

LAST week, there appeared in these columns two letters, in which were submitted certain questions connected with Masonic Jurisprudence. As regards one of these, it is not our intention to dwell upon it at any length. The writer referred to the ruling of the Grand Registrar at the March Communication of Grand Lodge, when, having

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declared it as his opinion that the decision of the D.P.G.W. of Northamptonshire and Hunts must be upheld as against the appeal of Bro. Waller, a P.M. of No. 442, he proceeded to justify the conduct of the latter in having invited some member of his Lodge, who was not the I.P.M., to rehearse a portion of one of the ceremonies. Bro. McIntyre ruled, and Grand Lodge endorsed his judgment, that the W.M. has the right to invite *any* brother he chooses to perform the ceremonies, the W.M. continuing to occupy the chair, so that the words spoken by the brother are the words of the W.M., uttered by proxy. If our correspondent will kindly refer to our articles on this subject in Nos. 115 (10th March) and 117 (24th March), he will find we expressed ourselves as being entirely in accord with the Grand Registrar. If the W.M. remains in the chair, he may call on *any*—that is, of course, *any qualified* brother—to perform the duties, and he may place him anywhere in the Lodge, whether by his pedestal or in some other part. As M.M.'s are qualified to be present at initiations, passings, and raisings, it follows that a W.M. may invite a M.M. to speak the words for him, which, in fact, are "the words of the W.M., uttered by proxy."

As regards the position of brethren and Lodges, who have been suspended from their Masonic rights and privileges, but have appealed against the sentence, it is obviously in accordance with common sense that the suspension, which is a punishment, should not be enforced until the sentence has been duly confirmed. But as law and common sense are not always of the same mind, we have consulted Oliver and Paton on the subject. As both these authorities agree together, it will suffice if we say that Dr. Oliver lays it down most emphatically, that pending an appeal against suspension, "the rights" of the appellant "remain intact," and he cites the legal opinion of the late Sir Frederick Pollock, in the case of Wood, Crucefix and Stevens, in support of this view. Said the late Sir F. Pollock: "I am of opinion that the parties under sentence of suspension may, pending the appeal, exercise their Masonic rights and privileges, until the final decision on their respective appeals has pronounced them either innocent or guilty. By the Constitutions, an appeal is given; and it is the essence of an appeal that it should stay execution of the judgment appealed against: this may be supported by analogy from every existing code of laws. In many cases a contrary doctrine would lead to the greatest injustice and the grossest absurdity; as if a judgment affected life and limb. The case of Mr. Stevens, in an inferior degree, is a specimen of the same sort; the punishment will have been suffered before the justice of it can be inquired into, unless it be held that the appeal suspends all proceedings under the judgment; which in my opinion it does." In order to show the force of this opinion, we may take for illustration a case which lately occurred in Capitular Masonry, when Comp. Matthew Cooke and two others appealed to Grand Chapter against a sentence of suspension passed by the Prov. Grand Superintendent of Middlesex on them and the Chapter of which they were the principals. The appeal was sustained, and the sentence quashed, on the ground of certain irregularities in the formal proceedings of the Prov. Grand Superintendent. Had the suspension been enforced pending the appeal, it is obvious the three principals of the Lodge would have been unjustly punished. Thus, as Dr. Oliver puts it, "the rights remain intact" pending appeal, so that in the case of the brother and the Lodge cited by our Correspondent JUSTITIA, the rights and privileges of both would remain intact till the appeal has been heard and the sentence approved or disapproved.

MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 38).

A PROVINCIAL MAGNATE.

"In faith, he is a worthy gentlemen;
Exceedingly well read, and profited
In strange concealments; . . .
And wondrous affable."

FEW people there are who occupy a worthier position in society than English country gentlemen. Many among them are of ancient lineage; many have achieved distinction through their own industrial or commercial energy and enterprise; and possibly there are those who have had the distinction thrust upon them. It matters not, however, by what means the rank is attained, the class itself is a numerous and deservedly influential one. They are invariably men of culture. They usually possess what is commonly known as "a stake in the country." They rarely lead an inactive life. Either they busy themselves with matters political, and are elected to represent some county or borough in Parliament, or they devote themselves to the equally important duty of promoting privately the welfare of the community. Sometimes they set themselves the task of solving or attempting to solve some knotty social question. They usually occupy some position of dignity and trust in the local magistracy. They form themselves into societies for the advancement of this or that particular interest, be it political or social, religious or moral, agricultural or commercial. In short, our country gentlemen are among the most useful and energetic members of the great English Commonwealth. The good they do is immeasurably great, and accordingly we are not surprised to find that the respect and affection which is entertained towards them is well nigh universal. But to pass without further preface from the class to the individual. The portrait we are about to present to our readers is that of a Provincial Magnate, whose Masonic titles to our respect have for many years been "familiar in our mouths as household words." Born a member of the class whose merits we have feebly attempted to portray, and of an ancient family long resident in the county he now governs so craftily, the subject of our sketch was educated, in the first instance, at the chief, if not the oldest of our great public schools. He passed thence to that splendid collegiate foundation on the banks of the Isis, which is indebted for its origin to the munificence of that Cardinal Minister of Bluff King Harry who, in the legendary history of our Order, is sometimes written down as the Grand Master of Masons of his day. At the close of his academical career he took the customary degrees, and a few years later, when yet only thirty years of age, he was elected one of the representatives in Parliament of the Northern Division of his native county. This honour he has retained ever since, and though it has not been given to him to achieve high parliamentary distinction, he has conscientiously fulfilled his allotted duty. As our readers are aware, there is plenty of work done in Parliament of which the public knows little or nothing. It is no sinecure to represent a great county constituency. There are the local interests to look after and promote. Much of the real business of the House of Commons is done in the Committee Rooms, and, in most cases, the only reward which members comprising such Committees must content themselves with is, the consciousness of having done their duty. We may add that he is likewise a Justice of the Peace and, a captain of Yeomanry Cavalry, while, in private life, he enjoys the affectionate regard of his friends and the respect of all his neighbours. It is, however, his character as a Mason, and the high position he has attained in our ancient fraternity, to which we must chiefly direct the attention of our readers. To these we now turn, in the hope that the record it is in our power to present may at least serve as an incentive to others to follow in his footsteps.

His Masonic career, extending, as it has done, over but little short of thirty years, has been a most brilliant one. Like many other men who have attained to distinction in the ranks of the Craft, the subject of our present sketch first saw the light in Apollo University, No. 357, having been initiated in that Lodge—in those days No. 460—on the 24th March 1848. In 1852 he was chosen to be W. Master, and in 1854 the same honour was a second time conferred upon him. In 1851 we find him filling the office of Provincial G. Junior Deacon of Oxfordshire. The year following he was Provincial G. Senior Deacon, and in 1853 he became Prov. Senior Grand Warden. In 1869, on the death of Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis, he received, at the hands of the Earl of Zetland, his patent as Provincial Grand Master for Hants and the Isle of Wight, the island being at the time annexed to the county, so that, together, they might form one considerable and influential Province. In 1855 he joined the Westminster and Keystone, and was elected its W.M. in 1868. Among the Lodges in his own Province, there are three of which he was a joining member, namely—Economy, No. 76, Winchester; Hengist, No. 195, Bournemouth; and Oakley, No. 694, Basingstoke. In Capitular Masonry he holds equally high rank as in Craft Masonry, having been appointed, in 1869, Provincial

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Grand Superintendent for Hants and Isle of Wight. In Mark Masonry he has attained still higher rank, having served as Deputy Grand Master during the Grand Mastership of Viscount Holmesdale, and having, in succession to that nobleman, held the office of Grand Master for the customary triennial period from 1866-69. This, by no means, exhausts the list of his Masonic dignities, for in the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and St. John of Jerusalem, &c., he has had conferred upon him the post of Very Eminent Provincial Prior of Hampshire, and, no doubt, there are other positions he has held or may hold still. But formidable as is the list of distinctions we have just enumerated, it is not these alone which entitle him to our respect. The evidences we have given suffice to show how diligently he has laboured to advance the interests of Freemasonry, but they do not disclose the whole of his labours. When he was installed as Provincial Grand Master, the eminent Mason who presided at the ceremony, and whom we sketched in these columns some months since as "The Statesman," described the subject of this notice as "a brother who would devote his time, energy, best thoughts, and attention to the office without stint and without fear of trouble to himself;" and, he added, "More than this, he held there was no man in England more truly devoted to the bests interests of the Craft, more familiar with its working, or more fitted in every way to be its exponent." Such eulogy as this, coming, as it did, from one who himself held a high position in the Craft, and was, therefore, by his own great Masonic attainments well qualified to judge, must be regarded as praise indeed. That it was no mere passing compliment, such as one friend may legitimately pay another on some auspicious occasion, has been amply borne out by the ability and energy with which he has fulfilled his very responsible duties. We cannot be charged with fulsome adulation when we say that he is universally loved and respected throughout his Province. Whatever concerns the Craft, in that we find him invariably taking the most prominent part. During the eight years he has presided over the destinies of Masonry in Hants and the Isle of Wight, no less than five new Lodges have been constituted. The Province comprised twenty-four Lodges at the date of his appointment, and there are now twenty-nine. The last memorable occasion in which he took the principal part at any great gathering of Freemasons in his Province, was in the autumn of last year, at Havant, when he consecrated the new quarters of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 804, the foundation stone having been laid by him in the April previous. It may be asked, however, what need is there to praise a man when he merely does his duty? Our notion is that the man who "merely does his duty" is worthy of the highest praise, and our reason for so thinking is, there are so many men, in every station of life, who perpetually neglect their duty. But we have not even yet completed the list of his titles to the respect of all true Craftsmen. His name will be found among the supporters of all our Institutions. Moreover, he has already presided at one of those gatherings which are held annually in order to promote their welfare. In 1870, the year following his elevation to the rank of Provincial G. Master, he occupied the chair at the Anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. It is only during the last three years that the subscriptions at these Festivals have assumed such magnificent proportions. Thus we are guilty of no exaggeration when we say that his first presidency was a most successful one, the amount subscribed under his auspices being over £4,050, with fourteen lists still outstanding. He will preside again next week, and we trust it may be in our power, when the proper time arrives, to record a total of subscriptions for the benefit of "Our Boys" in keeping with our experience of the last two Festivals of this splendid Institution. We have before remarked that whoever undertakes the duties of a chairman at one of these gatherings, no matter how exalted his rank may be, incurs a very serious amount of responsibility. It is a truism to say there are presidents and presidents, yet he among them who conscientiously discharges the trust reposed in him, fulfils his duty in a manner to command the thanks, as well of the Institution whose cause he has pleaded as of all interested in its welfare. We know well, beforehand, that our respected brother will play his part to perfection, and our desire is that the Craft may show, by the liberality of their contributions, a just sense of their gratitude for his devoted attachment to their Institutions.

It is time, however, we put the finishing touches to this portrait. We have no mind for flattery. On the contrary, we have striven to depict our hero as we know him to be, a sterling fellow-craftsman, well versed in Masonic lore, capable as a ruler, and ready at all times to do what in him lies for the furtherance and protection of our interests. He is yet in the prime of life, and we may look forward to his retaining the office he adorns so much for many a long year. But were he, to-morrow, to withdraw from active participation in our labours, there are few who could point to a more serviceable record. As a senator, we know him heedful of his duty, and at this moment, especially, anxiously watchful, in the words of the Roman poet,

"Quid Seres et regnata Cyro
Bactra parent, Tanaïs que *discors*."

But it is as a Mason he is more familiar to us. For nigh on thirty years he has been among us, rising from one post of dignity to another, till now he stands in the foremost rank of our chiefs, respecting, and respected of, all worthy brethren.

"Who is it says most? which can say more
Than this rich praise,—that you alone are you?
In whose confine immured is the store
Which should example where your equal grew.
Lean penury within that pen doth dwell
That to his subject lends not some small glory;
But he that writes of you, if he can tell
That you are you, so dignifies his story;
Let him but copy what in you is writ,
Not making worse what nature made so clear,
And such a counterpart shall fame his wit."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

FESTIVAL REGULATIONS—27th JUNE 1877.

THE Stewards to be divided into two bodies:—
Distinguishing colour of Dinner Tickets, &c., *pink* and *blue*.

1.—Stewards, ladies and brethren, with *pink* tickets, will meet in the large saloon on the *right* of entrance.

The ante-room to be reserved for the use of the Stewards of the *pink* division.

2.—Stewards, ladies and brethren, with *blue* tickets, will meet in the large saloon on the *left* of entrance.

The ante-room to be reserved for the use of Stewards of the *blue* division.

The badges for each division will be distributed in the respective rooms by a Steward entrusted with their charge.

Wands will be borne by special Stewards *only*.

On the arrival of the Chairman, he will be received by the officers of the Board and conducted to the room at the west of saloon on the *right*, were presentations, if any be necessary, will be made.

At a given signal the Stewards and their friends in the *right* saloon will pass up the staircase—on reaching the corridor on first floor, turn to the *right*, enter the banquet-room, and take their seats at the tables numbered 2 to 9.

That done, the Stewards and their friends in the *left* saloon will proceed similarly, turning to the *left* on reaching the corridor, enter the banquet-room, and take their places at the tables numbered 10 to 17.

The company seated, the Chairman will enter, accompanied by the House Committee of the Institution, the Officers of the Board, and the Grand Officers, for all of whom seats will be provided at the long table.

A private drawing-room at the western end of the banquet-hall known as the "Western Tower Saloon," will be reserved for the exclusive use of ladies.

The general drawing-room, in which the evening concert will be given, will be the large saloon on the ground floor—colour, *blue*.

In the saloon on the ground floor—color *pink*, light refreshments—tea, coffee, lemonade, ices, &c., will be served throughout the evening after the banquet.

The room on the ground floor—in which the Chairman was received—will be reserved as a smoking room.

Hats and Coats will be taken charge of by attendants at the rooms right and left of entrance—*pink* tickets on *right*—*blue* tickets on *left*.

Special trains will be provided, leaving the Palace Station for King's Cross at 9.30 and 10 p.m.

For those driving to the Festival, accomodation for Horses and Carriages will be found in the Palace stabling, &c., on payment of One Shilling per horse.

The Institution at Wood Green, distant one mile from the Palace, will be open throughout the day for inspection by Visitors to the Festival.

By Special Command of THE M.W. PRO GRAND MASTER—
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By order,

FREDERICK BINCKES,
Hon. Sec. Board of Stewards.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

THE annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of this Province, was held at Romford, on Thursday, the 14th inst., under the banner of the Hope and Unity Lodge, 214. The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Matthew Clarke, presiding. The Lodge was opened at 2 o'clock, and after receiving the D.G.M., proceeded to business. All the Lodges in the Province were represented, and regret was expressed at the absence of the R.W.P.G. Master, Robert Bagshaw Esq., through illness. The acting Secretary stated that the R.W.P.G.M. had been pleased to re-elect Bro. M. Clarke as his Deputy. This announcement was received with great pleasure, for during the short period our Bro. M. Clarke has been in the Province, he has gained the esteem and respect of the brethren. The other officers appointed were as follows:—W. Bros. Rev. T. Cochrane Prov. Senior G. Warden, Geo. Corble Prov. Junior Grand Warden, Rev. J. H. Bridge Prov. Grand Chaplain, and W. J. Burton Prov. Grand Treasurer, elected for the 14th time, he being complimented upon his re-appointment. The office of Grand Secretary, which had become vacant by the death of J. W. Carr (whose services and merits will ever be remembered in the Province) was conferred upon Bro. T. J. Ralling, of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester, a worthy brother, and well fitted for the position. Bros. E. Hunt Carter Prov. Grand Registrar, W. P. Lewis Prov. Senior Grand Deacon, Digory Reed Prov. Junior Grand Deacon, T. G. Day Prov. Grand Superintendant of Works. The office of D. of C. has hitherto been held by W. Bro. Peter Matthews, who has been a useful member in the Province, especially at installations, but owing to illness, which prevents him taking so active a part now, the appointment was conferred on the assistant D. of C., Bro. A. Lucking. Bros. J. A. Wardell acted as Asst. D. of C., B. B. Brayshaw Prov. G.S.B., W. W. Brown Prov. G. Org., W. F. Francis Prov. G. Purs., W. I. Chigwell, G. F. Jones, G. W. Patmore, A. Manning Prov. G. Stewards. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to St. Edward's Church, which had been placed, by kind permission of Bro. the Rev. E. Fox, M.A., and Vicar, at their disposal, a special service was held, and a sermon preached by the Rev. J. H. Bridge P. G. Chaplain from Luke xi. 26. After the sermon, the brethren returned, and Prov. Grand Lodge was re-opened. Bro. J. Tanner P.P.S.D. Essex, then brought before the Prov. G. Lodge, a scheme, which he hoped would be entertained, namely, to form a Charitable Association in connection with the Province. After some discussion had taken place, a committee was proposed to take into consideration the best means of carrying out the same. At the present time the Province were recipients to a larger extent than what was subscribed. Letters expressing regret at their inability to attend were received from the R.W.P.G. Master of Oxford, His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, the R.W.P.G. Master of Suffolk, Bro. Lord Waveney, the V.W. Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold G. Chaplain of England and D.G.M. of Surrey, the V.W. Bro. John Hervey Grand Secretary, and several others. A vote of thanks was passed to the brethren of the Hope and Unity Lodge for their reception of Prov. G. Lodge, and the complete manner in which all the arrangements had been made. Prov. G. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Corn Exchange, which had been fitted up very tastefully as a banquetting hall, when about one hundred sat down and partook of a banquet. The V.W. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain of England and D.G.M. of Suffolk, returned thanks for the Grand Officers of England, in a very appropriate speech, and the Rev. C. Wigram P.G. Chaplain of England also replied. The D.G. Master, in responding, expressed his regret at the absence of the R.W.P.G. Master, but he should be able to report to him that the Lodges in the Province were in a prosperous condition, and expressed his satisfaction at the state of the Province. Bro. Burton, the Treasurer, in responding, alluded to this being the 14th year he had acted as Treasurer to the Province, and thanked them for the continuance of the trust reposed in him. Bro. Ralling responded for the Secretaryship. Bro. Corble also spoke for the rest of the P.G. Officers. Bro. the Rev. T. Cochrane, in returning thanks to a special toast, was of opinion that the entertainment had been enhanced in value by the musical brethren who had given their services gratuitously, for which the thanks of the brethren were due. Bro. Terry, in responding to the toast of the Charities, spoke of the Rev. C. J. Martyn as one of their noblest supporters, and trusted that the scheme proposed by Bro. Tanner would be carried out in the Province, feeling assured of its necessity. In referring to the Girls' School, he mentioned that at the examination at Cambridge the Senior was educated at their Schools; then again, with regard to the Boys, no less than 16 passed examination; and lastly, in respect to the aged, who have borne the heat and burden of the day, all were good in their several objects. At the present time there were six recipients from this Province. He therefore hoped the brethren of the Province would support the Institutions, so that they might be carried on creditably to the Craft. Several other toasts followed, ending with the Tyler's. During the evening the music from an old friend and brother, Geo. Buckland, enlivened us, as also did the singing of Bro. Wilkinson, and some extremely good playing by a brother upon the clarionet.

CONSECRATION OF THE CRUSADER'S LODGE, No. 1677.

THIS new Lodge was consecrated on Wednesday the 13th June, at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, the presiding officer being Bro. James Terry Prov. G.D. of C. Herts, assisted by Bro. James Hill W.M. 228, and Bro. Henry Marsh P.M. 1196. There was a large concourse of influential Masons to witness the ceremony, which was performed in a masterly and most impressive manner by Bro. Terry. The necessity for a new Lodge in this locality has been long and largely felt, and great praise is due to Bros. Thomas Goode and J. G. Defriez, but especially and in particular to Bro. W. J. Hunter, as well as the rest of the founders, for their energy and assiduity in bringing the negotiations for the new Lodge to a happy and successful issue. The other founders are Bros. Jarvis Maples W.M. Designate, J. W. Simmonds, F. Rothschild, R. C. Davis, J. S. Knight, A. J. Millward, and W. C. Gray, all of whom devoted time and labour towards the consummation of this desirable end. Among the visitors were—Bros. H. Field 1602, W. H. Hooper P.M. 435, R. D. Cummings 704, T. H. Miller P.M. 907, R. H. Marsh 228, W. J. Randall 228, D. Posener 185, W. Best 1288, Edward Witts P.M. 144, A. Mallord 1288, A. H. Hickman 228, G. Ward Verry P.M. 554, H. Paine 228, G. E. Fairchild 1196, S. S. Bacon 1196, J. Newton P.M. 174, R. Grigge P.M. 228, C. Koester P.M. 435, R. Soare 228, J. E. Crump 1223, J. Walker 27, S. Price P.M. 1288, G. C. Baker 228, Thomas B. Payne P.M. 27, J. Kew P.M. 179, S. Rawley 1602, and many others. The brethren marched in procession to the Lodge room, which is a new one, adjoining the hall. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, after which the presiding officer, Bro. Terry, addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, and ably dilated upon the fine lessons inculcated by Freemasonry, and upon the blessings which it bestows. The founders were assembled round the board, and the Acting Secretary Bro. Defriez, read the Petition and Warrant, which were approved by the brethren in Masonic form. The Lodge-board then being uncovered, the elements of consecration were carried thrice round by the Masters and Wardens *pro tem.*, when corn was scattered from the horn of plenty, and wine and oil were poured, emblematic of "Plenty," "Joy, and Happiness," and "Unity." During this beautiful and imposing ceremony the brethren chanted different hymns, Bro. Miller presiding at the organ. The Lodge was then dedicated and constituted, and resumed in the second degree. The installation of the W.M. then followed, Bro. Jarvis Maples P.M. 144, being raised to King Solomon's chair. The officers appointed by the W.M. were Bros. J. W. Simmonds S.W., he being unavoidably absent at sea, J. Piggot took his place *pro tem.*, W. J. Hunter J.W., T. Goode S.D., F. Rothschild J.D., R. C. Davis I.G., J. S. Knight D.C., A. J. Millward W.S., and J. G. Defriez Sec. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. The usual Loyal toasts were well received, and were heartily responded to. The toast of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Terry, who said that under Bro. Maple's Mastership the Lodge was sure to prosper, he is a tried Mason, and one who has already done good work for the Craft. The energy that the W.M. has shown in establishing the Lodge, together with his brother founders, is sufficient guarantee that, during his year of office, the interests of the Crusaders Lodge will not be neglected. The W.M. replied in very appropriate terms, expressing his devotion to the Lodge, and his eagerness to do his duty, however arduous it might be, with credit to himself and honour to the Lodge. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the Consecrating Officer, who, in reply, said that during the time he had been a Mason, he had consecrated 19 Lodges, and had become honorary member of 99 Lodges. He had always endeavoured to do his duty, and acted to the best of his ability to preserve the honour of Masonry in England. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. Marsh (Henry Marston), who thanked the brethren kindly for the cordial reception they had accorded to the visitors, and earnestly advised the members of the new Lodge to exercise great discretion as to the kind of candidates they introduced. The toast of the Officers was then proposed, to which each of them replied. In the course of the evening, Bro. Marsh recited "The Charge of the Six Hundred," and Bro. Fairchild gave "My Pipe." Some excellent music, by Bros. Millward, Millard, and others, gave extreme satisfaction for the skill and tact displayed by the performers.—*Islington Gazette.*

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL BRUCE CHAPTER.

MONDAY, 11TH JUNE 1877.

THE Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., at 3 p.m., R. W. Bro. Dr. Robert Hamilton, Provincial Grand Master, presiding. The following companions were admitted and advanced to the order of H.R.M. of K.L.W.N.G.:—

The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, 33°.
Richard Joseph Nunn, M.D., 33°, S.J.U.S.A.
Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney, 31°.
The Right Hon. Lord de Clifford, 18°.

Under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of the Royal Order at Edinburgh, the Royal Bruce Chapter of H.R.M. of K.L.W.N.G., was duly constituted and opened at 4 p.m. by R. W. Bro. Dr. Robert Hamilton, Provincial Grand Master, with the usual ceremonies, and the following candidates were advanced to the Order:—

Comp. The Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, 31°.
" The Right Hon. Lord Henniker, 18°.
" The Right Hon. Lord Brooke, 18°.
" The Hon. William T. Warren Vernon, 31°.
" Major-Gen. Sir H. Charles B. Daubeney, K.C.B., 30°.
" The Hon. and Rev. Francis E. C. Byng, M.A., 18°.
" The Ven. Archdeacon C. G. C. Dunbar, D.D. 18°
" Ralph D. Makinson Littler, Q.C., 18°.
" Lewis W. Cave, Q.C., 18°.
" Samuel Graham Bake, Dep. Controller, 18°.
" The Rev. P. Honoré E. Brette, D.D., 30°.
" Capt. W. F. Portlock Dadson, R.B.G., 32°.

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Comp. Thomas Clarke Tatham, 18°.
" Kenneth Robert Marchison, 18°.
" Lieut.-Col. J. Herbert Freme, R.B.G., 18°.
" Major Francis Charteris Wemyss, R.B.G., 18°.
" Charles Sherwood Jekyll, 18°.

W. Bro. the Rev. Frederick Kill Harford, M.A., was then inducted as the first T.R.S.T.A. of the Royal Bruce Chapter, and proposed a vote of thanks to the officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter, which was carried unanimously, and acknowledged by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master. The following officers were proposed and elected by the Chapter:—

Bro. The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, Deputy T.R.S.T.A.
" The Right Hon. Lord Henniker, Senior Guardian.
" Rev. and Hon. Francis E. C. Byng, Junior Guardian.
" The Right Hon. Lord Brooke, Marshal.
" Ralph D. Makinson Littler, Q.C., Deputy Marshal.
" Major-General Sir Charles Daubeney, K.C.B., Steward.
" Right Hon. Lord de Clifford, Steward.
" Captain Portlock Dadson, Treasurer and Secretary.
" Thomas Clarke Tatham, Guarder.

The Chapter was then closed, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of R.S.Y.C.S. having been duly opened, the above-named Companions were promoted to the Knighthood of the Order. Among those present on this occasion were:—

V. W. Bro. Major-General H. Clerk, F.R.S., Deputy Prov. G. Master.
" C. F. Matier, D. Prov. G.M. of Lancashire and Cheshire.
" Captain N. G. Philips, P.G.W.
" Samuel Rawson, Prov. S.G.G.
" Rev. T. F. A. T. Ravenshaw, P.P.G.G.
" R. W. H. Giddy, Prov. J.G.G.
" Raphael Costa, Prov. G. Secretary.
" Major Shadwell H. Clerke, R.B.G., Prov. G. Treasurer.
" W. Hyde Pullen, Prov. Grand Marshal.
" S. Rosenthal, Prov. Dep. Grand Marshal.
" Lieut.-General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.S.B.
" George Lambert, Prov. G. Guarder.
" C. Edwin Willing, Prov. G. Organist.
W. Bro. R. Loveland Loveland.
" Major-Charles Harding.
" E. B. Webb.
" Walter Spencer.
" Joseph F. Starkey.
" Charles Allen.

The banquet took place at the Café Royal, 68 Regent-street, at 8 p.m., the R. W. Bro. the Rev. F. K. Harford, the T.R.S.T.A. presiding.

NEW ZEALAND.

FROM New Zealand we learn that there is great activity in Blue Masonry, especially under the English Constitution, and in the Province of Auckland. Our excellent brother, M. S. Leers, who has always shown himself so able and active, has lately consecrated (as the Pro District Grand Master for the North Island), two Lodges—the Remuera Lodge, in one of the most beautiful and wealthy suburbs of Auckland, and the Rodney Lodge, which is held at the settlement of Maburangi, a few miles north of the city. The first W.M. of the Rodney Lodge is Bro. Moat, who is a well known and worthy Mason, and he is supported by a good team of officers. Nearly all the officers of the two new Lodges are members of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1338, which is now the leading English Lodge in the North Island, chiefly owing to the exertions of Bro. Leers P.M. the Secretary, and one of the original founders.

A few days after the late mail left last month, a new Masonic Hall was to be opened in Onehunga, a flourishing sea-port, about four miles from Auckland, and the occasion was to be celebrated by a concert and ball; in a few weeks another Masonic Hall was to be opened in the Waikato, an extensive pastoral district south of Auckland.

THE MACE FUND.

THE Treasurer of the Dorcas Beneficent Society acknowledges, with many thanks, the following donations received in answer to the Appeal of the 14th May:—

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Aldershot Camp Lodge, No. 1331 . .	5	0	0
Major George Barlow, 33° . . .	1	1	0

Further donations are asked to enable Mr. Mace to complete his University course, and will be thankfully received by the Treasurer, Captain P. Dadson, 33 Golden-square, W., or Bro. F. Binckes, Freemasons' Hall. The Trustees of the Fund are Bros. W. Pass and B. Head.

The Paxton Lodge will be consecrated on Wednesday, the 30th June, at the Crystal Palace, by Bro. H. E. Frances P.P.G.S.D. Surrey. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chap., will officiate as Chaplain.

The Summer Festival of the Metropolitan Lodge will be held at the Castle Hotel, Windsor, on the 18th of July, under the able direction of the W.M. Bro. Thos. Williams, and an efficient body of Stewards.

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POWERS AND PRIVILEGES OF MASTERS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—What does our Brother "W.M. Regispons" mean? He reads a judgment one way, and says if his reading is right, "we are all wrong, and he hopes we are all wrong." I fancy he has forgotten his obligation, "that he would not permit or suffer any deviation from the ancient customs and established landmarks." Surely he does not hope that the time may come when a W.M. may be a figure 0, and call upon his brethren to do his work. In a well constituted Lodge, sufficient for each officer is the work thereof, and it seems to me that the Wardens can learn their future duties at a Lodge of Instruction, even if, as your correspondent implies, the W.M. is not up to his work sufficiently to teach them *by his example*. Let me advise your correspondent to seek to do his duty in the high office in which he is placed, and not attempt to shirk his work by putting it upon the Wardens' shoulders, before they are, by the training of a good example, fitted for the task; for, in my opinion, if the suggestion were followed, our regular Lodge meetings would be virtually Lodges of Instruction, and would lead to manifold abuses.

Fraternally yours,

PRIMUS.

FREEMASONS AT ISSUE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—From the remarks of the plaintiff's counsel in the case lately before Mr. Justice Field, referred to in your article of Saturday last, it would appear that the plaintiff had submitted the matter in dispute to the G.M., and had been referred by him to a court of law. The facts are that the P.G.M. had, and still has, the matter before him for his consideration; and that he has not declined to adjudicate.

It is to be inferred from what the plaintiff's counsel further stated that the action if founded on a letter written (presumably) outside the Lodge; the fact is, the action is brought upon the Lodge summons, against the W.M., the Secretary, and a third brother, whose name appeared on it as the proposer of a motion to take into consideration the conduct of the plaintiff and other brethren, in reference to certain alleged blackballing in the Lodge.

I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

THE DEFENDANT'S SOLICITOR.

REGALIA.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I should like to make a few remarks on a subject which has an interest for a great number of Masons, a large proportion of whom are amongst the most active members in the Craft. I refer to the question of regalia or clothing, with which, if my memory does not deceive me, you dealt editorially some few weeks since.

For the sake of making matters clear, I will quote the Constitutions, p. 118: "No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn in the grand lodge or any subordinate lodge which shall not appertain to or be consistent with those degrees which are recognised and acknowledged by and are under the control of the grand lodge as part of pure and ancient masonry."

I am well aware of the interpretation put upon this law by our late noble Grand Master the Earl Zetland, and others high in authority, and, of course, in a question of this kind a legal decision once formally made must be final. Nevertheless, I believe no decision has been formally promulgated, and, therefore, I presume that it is still competent for any brother to open out the question.

The point to be decided would appear to be the interpretation to be put on the word "consistent," and it seems to me that any or all of the "outside" or "high" degrees are consistent with "pure and ancient masonry."

Blue Masonry makes no pretence of being anything more than a system of morality. We are expressly taught that it is not intended that Masonry should be put in the place of religion. Masonry then can be nothing more or less than a basis or ground work, a solid foundation, on which may safely be erected any edifice, provided the temple be perfect in all its parts, and honourable to the builder. It is unnecessary, save for the sake of the maintenance of the thread of the argument, to urge that many eminent Masons are also excellent Christians, and yet by this patent fact we are driven to admit that Christianity is not inconsistent with pure and ancient Masonry, and if this be so, how can it be said that the Christian degrees are not consistent with the Royal Art.

I do not argue for the amalgamation of Craft and Christian Masonry, because that would be a deliberate infringement of a principal landmark, but I maintain, that according to our Constitutions, if a brother chooses to adorn himself with emblems of other than Craft degrees he is strictly within the letter of the law.

If my view of the case be erroneous, then I submit that the badge of any Order, be it the Bath, St. Michael and St. George, or any other British or Foreign Order or Society, cannot be legally worn in a Masonic Lodge.

I am, yours fraternally,

R.S.Y.C.S.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE annual visitation of the Stewards to this Institution took place on Monday last, the 18th inst., and, favoured by beautiful weather, several brethren and ladies assembled to witness the proceedings of the day. The Right Hon. Lord Suffield K.C.B., who took the chair on the occasion of the Festival last month was present, and distributed the various prizes. The following selections were given by the scholars:—

Anthem—Prayer from "Mosé in Egitto."—*Rossini.*
March from "Athalie"—*Mendelssohn*—20 hands on 5 pianos.
"See the conquering hero comes"—*Handel*—30 hands on 5 pianos.
Recitation—"The Battle of Blenheim"—*Southey*—Colina Sharp.
"Bourrée"—*Reyloff*—10 hands on 5 pianos.
"Lucia di Lammermoor"—*Donizetti*—20 hands on 5 pianos.
Recitation—"King John and the Abbot of Canterbury"—*Southey*—Bessie L. Morris.
Sonata—*Beethoven*—10 hands on 5 pianos.
Part Song—"May Morning"—*Plotow.*
Recitation—"Maud Muller"—*Whittier*—Edith Mary Nash.
Precious—*Weber*—20 hands on 5 pianos.
Recitation—"Les Femmes Savantes," Acte 2, Scènes V. et VI.—*Molière*—Blanche E Morris, Mary E. Barnes, L. Hole, & A. Barron.
Impromptu—*Shubert*—10 hands on 5 pianos.
Glee—"Come o'er the brook, Bessie"—*Bishop.*
Recitation—"King Robert of Sicily"—*Longfellow*—Josephine Mackay.
Solo—"Il moto continuo"—*Weber*—Melora F. Goodridge.
Recitation—Richard II., Act IV. Scene I.—*Shakespeare*—B. Morris, L. Hole and M. Barnes.
Symphonie I.—*Haydn*—20 hands on 5 pianos.

The following is the list of pupils who received prizes:—

Leila Pulman, the Gold Medal for General Proficiency, given annually by Bro. William Paas, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Mary Emma Barnes, the Silver Medal for Good Conduct, given annually by the Institution, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Blanche Edith Morris, Louisa Hole, and Francis Harryman, for Proficiency, each a third of £5, given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Prizes given annually by the Institution:—

Leila Pulman	for Passing Cambridge Examination.	
Blanche Edith Morris	„ Passing Cambridge Examination.	
Mary Emma Barnes	„ Passing Cambridge Examination.	
Louisa Hole	„ Passing Cambridge Examination.	
Frances Harryman	„ Passing Cambridge Examination.	
Beatrice Ellen Gill	„ Religious Knowledge.	
Melora F. Goodridge	„ Music.	
Agnes Barron	„ Music.	
Caroline E. Holland	„ Music.	
Ethel Hinson	„ Music among the little Girls.	
Josephine B. Mackay	„ Writing.	
Kathleen N. Crampton	„ General Usefulness.	
Mary H. Davis	„ General Usefulness.	
Florence Agnes Hide	„ Needlework.	
Frances Clara Clark	„ Needlework.	
Harriet Cartwright	„ Machine Work.	
Elizabeth Roberts	„ Machine Work.	
Mary Young	„ General Proficiency,	6th Form.
Elisa Beveridge	„ French,	6th Form.
Helena Menoox	„ Perseverance,	6th Form.
Mary A. Chapman	„ General Proficiency,	5th Form.
Edwina Russell Jones	„ French,	5th Form.
Ellen Harryman	„ Perseverance,	5th Form.
Alice Mary Newboult	„ General Proficiency,	4th Form.
Catherine J. Scurr	„ Writing,	4th Form.
Mary Eveline Sharpe	„ Perseverance,	4th Form.
Maria Louisa Bowler	„ General Proficiency,	3rd Form.
Florence Forster	„ Perseverance,	3rd Form.

By Brother Joseph Nunn, for Fancy Work:—Sarah Young and Jessie Chesterton.

By Brother Raynham Stewart, for Dictation:—

Celia J. Andrews	6th Form.
Frances E. Simpson	5th Form.
Charlotte Coleman	4th Form.
Susan Norrish	3rd Form.

By Brother the Rev. P. H. E. Brette D.D., for French:—Blanche E. Morris.

By Mrs. Crick, for Elocution:—Edith Mary Nash, Bessie L. Morris, and Colina Sharp.

By Brother John M. Clabon, for Good Conduct:—Anne Gertrude Earle and Emily Hollis.

By Brother Joseph Starkey, for Drawing:—Leila Pulman and B. Edith Morris.

By Brother Collard Mountrie, for Music:—Leila Pulman.

By Mrs. Hirsch, for Music:—Mary Emma Barnes.

By Brother H. W. Hemsworth, for Amibility, as voted by her Schoolfellows:—Blanche Edith Morris.

By Brother H. M. Levy, for Amibility, Agnes Barron.

"The St. James's Yates Memorial Prize" given annually by the St. James's Lodge, No. 482, Handsworth, for Proficiency in Domestic Duties:—Kathleen Norah Crampton.

From the Supreme Grand Council, for Good Conduct:—Sarah Young.

By Brother J. Faulkner, for History:—Frances E. Gardner.

After the prizes had been distributed, the visitors partook of refreshment, which was shortly after followed by the calisthenic exercises and marching of the children, and, after a slight interval, dancing was commenced and continued until parting time. Among others were present Bros. Col. Burdett, J. M. P. Montague, Major Shadwell H. Clerke, Peter de Land Long, J. A. Rucker, R. J. Nunn, E. Cox, F. Adlard, Rath, Terry, Cubitt, Bingemann, Massa, Muggeridge, Rudderforth, Rev. C. W. Arnold, Benj. Head, Col. Peters, Griffiths Smith, &c.

REVIEWS.

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Wonders of Operative Masonry. Sketches of the Principal Abbeys and Cathedrals of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. By Clifford P. MacCalla, M.A., P.M. of Concordia Lodge, No. 67, Philadelphia, and Editor of the KEYSTONE. Philadelphia: Masonic Publishing Company, 237-9 Dock-street. 1877.

IT is not necessary we should devote much space to this excellent little publication, as the papers which are comprised in it have appeared from time to time in the pages of our esteemed contemporary, the KEYSTONE. At the same time, it is a duty as well as a pleasure to call attention to the work, because the work is well worthy of being described. Moreover, we have enjoyed reading it, and are anxious that others who may not have had the opportunity should not escape the chance of doing so; while from the fact that Bro. MacCalla frequently makes kindly mention of ourselves, we would not let the reciprocity of such kindness be all on his side. It is evident, from the amount of interesting matter which Bro. MacCalla has collated, that he has spared no pains to make his series of sketches as complete as possible. And this trouble must have entailed upon him the expenditure of a considerable amount of time, which to one so busily engaged as he is, in the editing of a Masonic weekly, is no light task. But if the work has involved, as it must have done, heavy research and a considerable inroad upon his already too limited leisure, he has, at least, the satisfaction of knowing that his efforts to describe the grand works of our operative predecessors are duly appreciated. No one can possibly take up this neat little volume without being not only pleased, but also enlightened. Bro. MacCalla is an able descriptive writer, and to this circumstance we owe it that his sketches are, if we may be permitted to use the phrase, so exceedingly picturesque. In reading the story, it flows so smoothly, and is so compactly arranged in all its details, that we seem to regard it as a succession of tableaux, each perfect in itself, the series forming one harmonious whole. Among the Abbeys and Cathedrals which are described are Westminster, Melrose, Tintern, Holyrood, and Kilwinning Abbeys, York Minster, and Canterbury, Winchester, Durham, Ely, and Peterborough Cathedrals, besides our famous Temple Church in London. In each case, Bro. MacCalla gives particulars of their erection, and any historical events or personages associated with them. He also describes the general appearance of each and any special features which have appeared to him worthy of being noted. Having done this, he devotes one Chapter to "the Freemason Architects of the Middle Ages," and another to the subject of "Gothic Architecture." These, though supplementary to the main purpose, must be described as an essential feature in a work of this kind, and it is almost needless to say, that together they are far from forming the most interesting portion of the book. Three tabular statements follow. In one is shown "the Comparative size of celebrated English Cathedrals," with dates of their erection. The second contains similar information of certain famous Cathedrals on the Continent; whilst the third gives the revenues of our English and Scotch Abbeys at their dissolution. And, by way of completing the edifice, Bro. MacCalla has added a capital Index of names; so that the reader who may be desirous of obtaining information respecting any particular Abbey or Cathedral has only to turn to this, and he will at once find where he must look in the book for what he is in search of. Several illustrations are interspersed throughout the volume, and these, of course, greatly enhance its appearance. We must not omit to mention that the work is admirably printed and neatly bound, and does the greatest credit to the Masonic Publishing Company. Having said thus much, with a view to show what manner of book this is, we take our leave of it. We strongly advise our readers to buy it, we are confident they will regard the investment as a profitable one, and we thank Bro. MacCalla most warmly for his courtesy in forwarding us a copy.

Picturesque Europe has reached its 16th number, and still continues to merit the very high praise we have bestowed upon it from the very outset. The principal engraving presents a fine view of "Edinburgh, from Calton Hill." The minor illustrations include three connected with "Border Castles and Counties," namely "Neidpath Castle," "Johnny Armstrong's Tower," and a view of the "Esk, near Gilnockie." We are then taken off to inspect the architectural and monumental beauties connected with our Cathedral cities. Among the illustrations in this portion of the work are sundry of Canterbury Cathedral, showing the "Baptistry," "the Precinct," "Bell Harry Tower," "the Norman Staircase," and "the Tomb of the Black Prince." In addition are views of York Minster, "Durham Cathedral from the River," the fine old Western Doorway at Rochester, a view of Salisbury Cathedral, and "the South Porch, Gloucester Cathedral."

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MEETINGS HELD, &c.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 21st of June, at Bro. Hallows, the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. Claridge W.M., Groome S.W., Dendy J.W., Saunders Secretary, Pinder Preceptor, Hunt S.D., Franklin J.D., F. Hallows I.G.; also Bros. Christian, Clarke, W. G. Hallows, Carter jun., Stockwell, Rubery, Field, Delvalli. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd and 3rd degrees, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Clarke acting as candidate. The Lodge was resumed in the 1st degree, and Bro. Christian worked the 1st section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Stockwell and Rubery, of Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662, were unanimously elected members of this Lodge of Instruction.

Glasgow Chapter, No. 50.—Met on Thursday, 14th June. Comps. W. Bell Z, J. Louttitt H, P. Agnew T., D. Morrison S.E., J. Leeds S.N., and a full attendance of members and visitors, amongst whom we recognised G. W. Wheeler Z. 73, J. Balfour 73 P.G.S.E., G. Muir Z. 87, A. Mercer J. 87, R. Frayner 1st S 67, and several P.M.'s No. 3 bis. Comp. Bell having asked Comp. Wheeler to take the chair, he proceeded to affiliate Comp. John Walker. Comp. Bell then delivered his promised lecture on the Antiquity and Present Position of Masonry Abroad, in which he treated of the rise of the Order in each of the present Grand Lodges, showing the difficulties and trials that many of them had undergone before they were established, and even now the difficulty that is experienced in some Catholic countries, concluding with a description of some of the Parisian Lodges. Comp. Wheeler expressed the pleasure they had all felt in listening to so able an address, and hoped Comp. Bell's example might be followed by other Principals in the Provinces. Comps. Louttit, Brownlow, Leeds, and Muir also expressed their gratification, and a cordial vote of thanks terminated the meeting.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—No doubt owing to the oppressive atmosphere which naturally induces a preference for the open air to the confinement of a crowded room, there was but a spare attendance at the meeting of this Lodge, which took place on Wednesday last, at the Whittington, in Moor-lane, Fore-street, E.C. Bro. Walker opened the proceedings. Bro. Ager was S.W., Sayer J.W., Pelton acting Sec., Gomm S.D. There were also present—Bros. E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, John Constable P.M. Treas., F. Binckes Sec. R.M.I.B., Matier P.M., D. Posener W.M. Upton, W. B. Lamberton Perseverance Lodge No. 21 Pennsylvania U.S.A., and John Daunt St. Patrick's Lodge No. 8 Cork Ireland. The W.M. kindly vacated the chair, in order to give Bro. Posener the opportunity of practising the ritual of the third degree, after which Bro. Constable gave the replies of the third section. Bro. F. Binckes craved permission to address the meeting, which being conceded, he said:—I would ask to be allowed to exercise my privilege as a member of this Lodge to submit a proposition, which I hope will be cordially accepted. The English nation is just now favoured by the visit of a distinguished and exalted personage, the late President of the United States, and as the representative of the American people, due honour has been shown, from the Crown downward, to General and Mrs. Grant. This evening, the Lodge is honoured by the visit of a brother from the state of Pennsylvania, to whom we also desire to show respect. This you may think is comparing great things with small. In my official capacity I have to correspond with brethren in many parts of the world, and the distinguished name of Bro. Lamberton is not unknown to me. He in a way also represents the brethren in the State of Pennsylvania. I would, therefore, ask him to honour the Lodge by permitting himself to be enrolled as one of its honorary members. If he would grant this request, it would be most gratifying. The motion was unanimously carried. Bro. W. B. Lamberton expressed his thanks for the entirely unexpected honour. Bro. Binckes again rose and said: It is by the merest accident that I am among you this evening. Being engaged at the Board of Benevolence, I had the pleasure of meeting Bros. Matier and Constable. Our duties there being discharged, we thought we could not do better, nay nor so well, than proceed to the Confidence Lodge of Instruction. I am afraid on the last occasion, you missed the presence of one of your most distinguished members. But he had elsewhere, most important duties to discharge, namely: to settle the question as to who shall be entitled to the Life Governships for the R.M.I. for Boys' arising from the sale of between 11,000 or 12,000 shilling tickets. At the ballot which took place at Masons' Hall, City, his supervision was indispensably necessary, I myself was there, and beheld to my surprise, evidences of the enormous amount of labour and energy, which he must have exerted, to bring to a successful conclusion, so Herculean a task. My object in rising is, to wish him long life, health and happiness, and strength to continue to act for the benefit of the Institutions here in this Lodge in which he is held in such high esteem. This is his third effort in the same direction: In the first he realised £300 or £400, on the second occasion £400 or £500, and at the festival next week, I hope publicly to announce his list to amount to some £1,200 or even more. I would now ask that a vote of thanks to Bro. John Constable be recorded, as a cordial expression of recognition of his indefatigable labours in the cause of Charity particularly with regard to the Boys' Institution. Bro. Gottheil, in seconding the motion, said he had intended to propose a vote of the same nature at some time, when a large number of brethren should have assembled, but Bro. Binckes having, with so much ability, forestalled him, he would content himself by just observing that not having seen much of Bro. Constable during the time of his sale of the last tickets, he could not speak of his exertions, but judging by his former efforts, part of which he had opportunities of witnessing, in which there were not only a great expenditure of energy and sacrifice of time, but actually a considerable sum out of pocket, his labours in the present case must have been enormous, especially when it is considered that drawbacks in the shape of envy, &c., and many disparaging remarks were not wanting, and in some instances freely used as obstructives. Bro. Constable made some enemies, but more friends, in his present endeavour, but every thoughtful brother must admire a man who, when he says he will do a thing, disregards all obstacles and walks straightway to the end. Bro. D. Posener, in supporting the motion, bore witness to the energy and faithfulness which characterised everything Bro. Constable undertook for the benefit of others, and thought that gratitude was eminently due to that brother for his labours in the cause of Charity. Bro. J. K. Pitt spoke cordially in support of the motion, which being put, was unanimously carried. Bro. Constable expressed his thanks. He was glad to have successfully concluded what Bro. Binckes was pleased to designate a Herculean task, but was afraid if so much praise be heaped upon him, it might result in his losing his head, and then it would be impossible for him to to anything more with a chance of success. He would always do his best for the Institutions, which were not only a credit, but the brightest ornament of the Masonic body. Bro. Ager was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Ebury Chapter, No. 1348.—A convocation of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the Morpeth Arms, Ponsonby-street, Millbank. Comps. W. Bourne Z., J. Palmer H., Peter Parsons J., W. Smeed P.Z., and several others. The Chapter was opened and the minutes confirmed. Several candidates were on the agenda paper, but being unable to attend, letters of apology were read. The election for principals and officers took place, the result being as follows:—Comps. J. Palmer M.E.Z., P. Parsons H., F. Harrison J., M. Cook S.E., J. Gallant S.N., Perryman P.S., John Coutts Treasurer, Potter Janitor. A P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring M.E.Z., for his ability in discharging those duties to their satisfaction. Comps. Skinner and Perryman were elected as members of the Audit Committee. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions separated. There was no banquet.

We are pleased to announce that Bro. A. W. Fenner, who has for some time past managed the business of the late John Lillywhite, has received the following letter from Sir D. M. Probyn Comptroller, &c., of the Prince of Wales' Household, in acknowledgement of a copy of his "Cricketers' Companion," for 1877.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W.,
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ALHAMBRA.—At 8.15, ORPHEE AUX ENFERS, BALLETS, &c.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

ON Thursday last, in the House of Lords, Lord Redesdale drew attention to the subject of confession and Absolution, especially to a most objectionable work entitled "The Priest in Absolution," which appears to be sanctioned by a number of clergymen of the Church of England. Two or three members of the bench of bishops took part in the debate that followed. The next day, Lord Stanley of Alderley raised a discussion on the treatment of the united Greek Church in Asia, after which there took place a debate, originated by the Duke of Argyll, on our policy in Afghanistan. The speakers, besides His Grace, were, the Marquis of Salisbury, Secretary of State for India, and Lords Lawrence and Northbrook, late Viceroys. On Monday, the report of amendments to the Burials Acts Consolidation Bill was taken into consideration. A clause, proposed by the Archbishop of York, was defeated, but Lord Harrowby's clause, which had previously been defeated by the bare majority of one, was brought up again and carried by 127 to 111, the Government thus sustaining defeat on one important measure. Thereupon the Duke of Richmond and Gordon proposed the adjournment of the Bill till next week, in order that the Government might consider what course of action they should take.

In the House of Commons, further progress was made with the Prisons Bill, and the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, both of which at length emerged from Committee in spite of vexatious delays interposed by Mr. Biggar and others. On Friday, the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Bill was read a second time, while a resolution, proposed by Mr. Meldon, the Borough Franchise in Ireland was defeated. On Monday, on the question of going into Committee of Supply on the Navy Estimates, an amendment, proposed by Mr. Lefevre, on the subject of Naval Cadets was defeated by 171 to 130. Dr. Playfair having drawn attention to the report of the Arctic Admiralty Committee, the House went into Committee, and Mr. Hunt, who has not yet entirely recovered from his illness, moved sundry votes which were agreed to. The Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Bill was read a third time, and passed amid much cheering. On Tuesday, the Prisons Bill, after some debate, passed its third reading at the morning sitting. On the House meeting, at 9 o'clock there was a count out. On Wednesday afternoon, a Locomotives on Roads Bill was withdrawn, on Colonel Chaplin, who proposed its second reading, receiving an assurance from the Government that they would take the subject into consideration.

Wednesday was the fortieth anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne, and the bells in London rang out a merry peal in honour of the auspicious event. Thursday next will be coronation day, when many of the Government offices will have a holiday. The day following was fixed for the return of Her Majesty from Balmoral to Windsor. Two State Concerts are arranged to be held at Buckingham Palace next month, one on the 6th, and the other on the 11th prox.

The visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Easthampstead Park was varied on Saturday by the usual water party at Virginia Water. The Princess with her children drove over about half-past six, while the Prince followed shortly after on Lord Carington's drag. The Duke of Cambridge and others were of the party. The young Princes enjoyed the fishing amazingly, some very fine perch and some pike being captured. Dinner was served in the Fishing Cottage, and as the weather was fine everything passed off most satisfactorily. On Monday, their Royal Highnesses concluded their visit to Easthampstead Park, and on their way to town drove to Wellington College, Wokingham, whence they continued their journey to the South Eastern Railway Station, and proceeded by special train to Charing-cross. On Tuesday, they gave a dinner

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party at Marlborough House, in honour of the Emperor and Empress of Brazil. In the afternoon they had paid a visit to the Royal Horticultural Gardens, South Kensington, where they were received by Lord Aberdare and other officials of the society. Having inspected the gardens, Her Royal Highness distributed the prizes awarded early in May last, shortly after which the party took its departure, amid general cheering. The band of the Royal Horse Guards contributed much to enliven the proceedings. Thursday was fixed for the visit of the Prince and Princess to the Warspite training ship, the journey to Woolwich, where the ship is stationed, being made by water. The Princess distributed the prizes at the close of the inspection.

General Grant continues to be the "lion" of London. On Friday he visited Guildhall, and was formally presented with the Freedom of the City of London. The presentation took place in the library, and a banquet in the Guildhall itself, at which about 800 guests were present, followed as usual. The same evening he visited the Crystal Palace, and a special programme including a grand display of fireworks was provided in honour of the occasion. On Tuesday, he dined at Marlborough House, having previously visited Alexandra Palace, where, as at Sydenham, grand preparations had been made in order to give him a fitting reception. As it was the opening day of the Horse Show, there was a large gathering of people to see the distinguished visitor. The General thoroughly appreciates the warmth of his reception, which he modestly attributes, not to his own merits, but to his being a representative citizen of the United States. There is no doubt the fact of his having held so high a position in his own country, has had much to do with the cordiality he has experienced everywhere, for the fact that we and our American cousins have occasional differences is a proof of the strength of our mutual affection and respect. But it is equally beyond all doubt that the British public have received General Grant thus heartily, because he is a man of great merit. He is a gallant soldier who has done good service in maintaining the Union of the States, and whatever may have been the sympathies or antipathies of these or those Britons at the time of the great American War, there is no doubt we all respect the man who did his duty so nobly and so successfully, not simply because he was successful, but because he acted so as to deserve success.

Death has been somewhat busy these last few days among our celebrities. Lord Justice Mellish died, on Friday evening last, in the 63rd year of his age, having been born in the month of December 1814. The late judge was educated at Eton, and University College, Oxon, was a special pleader from 1840 to 1848, and was called to the bar of the Inner Temple in the latter year. He received "silk" in 1861, and was raised to the bench in 1870. He was generally respected, and a fitting tribute was paid to his memory, both by the bench and the bar. Another public man has gone to his last rest. Admiral Rous, whose connection with the turf for the last forty years of his life, must be so well known to our readers. The gallant Admiral died, on Tuesday, from old age and general decay rather than from any special disease, having been born in the year 1795, so that he was in his 83rd year. In early life, Admiral Rous had seen considerable service, having joined the navy in January 1808. His most memorable exploit was his safely navigating H.M.S. Pique, without rudder or keel, and with her foremast sprung, across the Atlantic, from the Coast of Labrador, but a letter of thanks was the only mark of approval he received by way of recognition. In 1838, he was elected a member of the Jockey Club, and has taken the most prominent part in racing ever since. His place, as the great handicapper of the day, it will be difficult, if not impossible, to supply. There have died, also, Lady Stirling-Maxwell, better known as the Hon. Mrs. Norton, and granddaughter of the celebrated Richard Brinsley Sheridan, and Miss Carpenter, who had taken a leading part in connection with the establishment of Children's reformatories. It is seldom we have to record the death of so many worthies in one short week.

We are in the full swing of cricket. Surrey has gained its second victory this season, by overthrowing Yorkshire, even though several of her leading batsmen were conspicuous by their absence. But she had to succumb to Cambridge University, who defeated her easily, with four wickets to spare, and so did Middlesex, in her match with the sister University. This week Lord's has been the scene of some good performances, the first half of the week being occupied with the match between the M.C.C. and Ground and Cambridge, in which the latter were beaten by six wickets, though the University team compiled no less than 303 runs in their second innings. During the latter half, M.C.C. has been trying the strength of Oxford, the match at the time of writing being still in progress. Kent v. Derbyshire was very closely contested, the latter securing victory by one wicket. Another great match in progress is that between North and South at the Oval, and if any of our readers have the leisure, they may find many worse ways of spending it than by looking in for a few hours at the Kennington ground. Another annual gathering has been held this week, to wit, the Henley Regatta, while aristocratic Ascot has been followed by the great cockney gathering at 'Appy 'Ampton.

Among the meeting of societies and corporate bodies which have taken place, may be mentioned the commemoration day of King's College, London. In the early part of the day, services were held in the chapel, after which lunch was served in the great hall, there being present about 180 ladies and gentlemen. Canon Barry, Principal of the College, presided; and among the guests were the Earl of Powis, the Bishop of Ely, the Bishop of Bath and Wells, Sir T. Watson, Sir Gilbert Scott, Sir F. Fitzwigram, Archdeacons Hessey and Browne, &c., &c.

In France, the Legislative Assembly has re-assembled after its month's prorogation, and the meetings have been exceptionally stormy. The most desperate scenes have been enacted, the different speakers being inaudible for the noise which was going on around them. M. Paul de Cassagnac appears to have been one of the chief disturbers. A motion of want of confidence in the Government was passed by a vote of 363 to 158. Meantime, the President has called upon the Senate to vote the dissolution of the Lower Chamber, but whether the Government, even with the tremendous influence it is able to exercise at an election, will secure a majority, remains to be seen.

There has been plenty of severe fighting in Asia. The Russians appear to be pressing the siege of Kars, but the several attacks they have made are reported to have failed. An engagement between the right wing of the Turks under Mehemet Pasha, and about an equal force of Russians, has ended in the retreat of the former. The Russian artillery did great execution, and it is to this arm and to a flank movement that the success is mainly attributable. Mukhtar Pasha is in the neighbourhood of Erzeroum. The attack on Batoum is still pressed, but as yet the Turks manfully hold their ground. We have heard somewhat less of late about the insurrection in the Caucasus. There can be little doubt, however, that it is causing Russia some inconvenience, though not to the extent that might have been anticipated. The Czar's army is strong enough to keep its communications uninterrupted. A part of the Egyptian contingent, under Prince Hassan, has reached Constantinople, and these, no doubt, will speedily join the Turkish army on the Danube. The Sultan must find this reinforcement very welcome. There are still, it is said, some 5,000 more to be dispatched, so that Egypt will be very fairly represented, as some troops were sent last year when the war with Servia was raging. As yet no serious movements have taken place on the Danube. The Turks maintain an expectant attitude. They are on the look out, and display more than the usual amount of activity, any appearance of the gathering of a numerous force causing tremendous expenditure of shot and shell. Their Circassian cavalry are constantly making raids into Roumania, carrying off cattle, and occasionally inhabitants. On the other hand, the Russians are very properly as silent as the grave about their intentions. Newspaper correspondents are forbidden to mention anything as to the movement of troops, even though the movement may have taken place before it could possibly be known in any distant capital. It is generally expected that an attempt to cross the river will be made at an early date, and it is likewise expected that the passage will be successfully effected though perhaps at a cost of from 20,000 to 25,000. However, to say nothing of the Turks who may be slain as well, all these thousands of lives will be sacrificed, as the Czar has said, in the interests of religion and humanity, and the world says the Czar is an honourable man, so we presume it is quite right all this bloodshed should take place. Prince Milan has visited the Czar who is reported to have ordered him to maintain his neutrality, though we are informed that Russian troops may possibly

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use Servia as they are using Roumania and make it a point from which more effectually to attack the Turks. As to the Montenegrins, they have been having a bad time of it. In spite of the stories current about the defeat of large Turkish forces by two or three battalions of the mountaineers, the little principality has been successfully invaded, and we should not be surprised to hear of its capital being occupied. All we have to say is, so much the better, seeing that the principality might have had honourable terms of peace in the spring of this year. There is said to be considerable agitation in Greece, where the party appears to be gaining strength, and Hungary is excited. Indeed, in the event of Servia being occupied by any Russian force, it is quite possible that Austro-Hungary may look after her interests somewhat seriously. Still, we must bear all that is happening and may happen with resignation. The Czar has declared it is all for the good of religion and humanity, and, we repeat, the Czar is "an honourable man; so are they all"—Prince Milan, Prince Charles of Roumania, Prince Nikita, and the rest of them—"all honourable men."

The Board of Stewards for the Festival of Wednesday next met on Monday, at four p.m., at Freemasons' Hall. The business transacted was confined to balloting for seats, and this done, the meeting separated. Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson occupied the chair, and among those present were Bros. J. Constable, C. F. Matier, J. D. Massey, Tanner, Lucking, Murley, and J. G. Berry.

It is announced, by command of the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe, Prov. G. Master, that a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall will be held on the 5th prox., at the Western Subscription Rooms, Launceston, at 10 a.m. precisely. The business paper is a very full one. After receiving a communication from Sir William Knollys and the annual statements of P.G. Treasurer and Secretary, reports respecting the "Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund," and from "the Committee of Relief," will be submitted. A report will also be received from Bro. W. J. Hughan, as to his management of the votes for the London Masonic Charities, on behalf of the Province. The same worthy brother will then propose that the fees payable to P.G. Lodge shall be increased in the case of initiations from three to five shillings, and in the case of joining members from one to three shillings. Such grants as may be considered desirable will be made to the "Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund," and the "Great Masonic Charities," after which a Treasurer, Secretary, and two Auditors to the former will be elected. Bro. Hughan has likewise given notice, on behalf of the committee appointed to revise the bye-laws of the local Masonic A. and B. Fund, that certain alterations and additions thereto will be made in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee. Two annuitants will next be elected to local Annuity Fund. After dedicating the Masonic Hall of Dunheved, Lodge No. 789, to Masonic purposes, the P.G.M. will nominate and invest his officers, a P.G. Treasurer and two Auditors will be elected, and likewise a Committee of Relief. The remaining business having been disposed of, the P.G. Lodge will be closed. A banquet will be served at 3 p.m., at the Central Subscription Rooms. Tickets—price five shillings, exclusive of wine—may be obtained at the King's Arms Hotel, of Bros. Chegwidden and T. Gill, or of the P.G. Stewards. Special arrangements have been made with the Great Western and Cornwall Railway Companies for the conveyance of members at single fares, available for the return journey, from the 4th to the 7th, both inclusive. A special train will leave Truro for Launceston at 5.50 a.m. on the 8th prox.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, will be held at the Town Hall, Farnham, in the county of Surrey, on Tuesday, the 10th July, at 2 P.M.

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasons in all India, held on the 28th April, at the Masonic Hall, Khumballa Hill-road, Bro. Henry Morland Grand Master, who presided, announced his intention of resigning the office he had held so many years. The announcement was quite unexpected, and was received with general expressions of regret, Bro. Turner, on behalf of those present, giving utterance, in a few but well chosen sentences, to this feeling, Bro. Morland, without attempting any interference with members, very strongly recommended as his successor, Bro. Macintosh Balfour, Deputy Grand M., from whom he had received such valuable assistance. It was resolved, in the course of the meeting, to make the P.G. Secretary a monthly office allowance for the future. Full particulars of the communication will be found in the *Masonic Record of Western India* for May.

The Grand Commandery of Tennessee held its annual Conclave at Memphis on the 3rd and 4th instant. The following, according to the *Masonic Jewel*, are the Grand officers for the ensuing year:—Sir Knights Ed. R. T. Worsham G. Commander, Wilbur F. Foster Dep. G. Commander, Geo. C. Connor G. Generalissimo, Joseph H. Fussell G. C. General, Will. A. Nelson G. Prelate, W. D. Robinson G. Sen. Warden, Benj. F. Haller G. Jun. Warden, N. P. Woodward G. Treasurer, Morton B. Howell G. Recorder, W. P. Robertson G. Standard Bearer, W. H. Albers G. Sword Bearer, and A. C. McKissick G. Warder. The next annual Conclave will be held at Nashville, early in May 1878.

The Right Hon. Lord Londesborough V.E. Provincial Prior of North and East Yorkshire (K.T.) will hold a Provincial Priory, under the banner of the Ancient York Conclave of Redemption, at Hull, on Thursday evening next, the 28th inst. This is the first meeting since the appointment of his lordship, who is a P.E.P. of the Ancient York Preceptory, No. 101.

The first regular meeting of the Eboracum Conclave, No. 137, of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, of the consecration of which we gave an account a few weeks since, will be held at York on the 5th prox.

The *Voice of Masonry* for this month contains an essay, entitled "Lights and Shadows," by Bro. J. R. Hardy, Dist. Dep. G.M., 14th Dist. Mo., before Charity Lodge, No. 331, of St. Joseph Mo., and an article headed "A Masonic Glance at Pennsylvania," written for the *Bauhütte* by Bro. Richard Bartholmess, and translated by Bro. A. Roesler. Both these, and, indeed, the contents generally, are in every way worthy of the high reputation the *Voice* has so deservedly obtained.

The *Freemasons' Repository* announces that the eighty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was held in Masons' Hall, Providence, on the 21st ult. Bro. Nicholas Van Slyck, M.W.G.M., presided, and some two hundred brethren were present. After the usual address, the election of Grand Officers was proceeded with, Bro. Van Slyck, who has held the office of Grand Master for a term of four years, vacating the chair. A successor was found in the person of Bro. Charles R. Cutler, who was accordingly installed M.W.G.M., while the following were chosen and invested as officers, namely, Bros. E. L. Freeman D.G.M., T. Vincent and W. J. Underwood Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Nelson W. Aldrich Grand Treasurer, E. Baker Grand Secretary, A. Greene and James M. Davis Senior and Junior G. Deacons, John B. Pierce and Sam T. Whipple Grand Stewards, Rev. Henry W. Rugg Grand Chaplain, Sam. G. Stiness Grand Marshal, and Edward W. Brunsen Grand Sword Bearer. It was stated that dispensations had been issued during the past year for four new Lodges, namely, Nos. 31, 32, 33, and 14; the last being a re-issue. All these were working admirably, and gave promise of realising the expectations formed of them. The jurisdiction is divided into five districts, each of which is governed by a District Deputy Grand Master. We note also, with pleasure, that it is in contemplation to publish the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge from its Constitution down to the year 1860. Unfortunately, it seems the materials for a complete record are not likely to be forthcoming. Still, it will be an advantage to have those that still exist made public.

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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, 23rd JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.

MONDAY, 25th JUNE.

Annual distribution of Prizes at the Boys' School, Wood Green, at 3 p.m.
Provincial Grand Lodge, Berks and Bucks, Town Hall, High Wycombe, at 1.30.
65—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1429—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
1635—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 o'clock.

48—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
388—Prudence, Three Tuns, Halesworth, Suffolk.
488—St. Botolph, Corn-exchange, Sleaford.
703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
1168—Benevolence, Town Hall, Sherborne.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
1449—Royal Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1564—St. John's, Prince of Wales Tavern, Knaphill, Surrey.
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.

TUESDAY, 26th JUNE.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Coopers Arms, Silver-street, Falcon-square, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1473—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)

263—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1356—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.

WEDNESDAY, 27th JUNE.

Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at the Alexandra Palace, at 5.
183—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
212—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, 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.)
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.)
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.)

661—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1039—St. John's, George Hotel, Lichfield.

THURSDAY, 28th JUNE.

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. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., 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.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1613—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

78—Imperial George, Assheaton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
492—Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Bideford. (Festival.)
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.

FRIDAY, 29th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
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, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.
1217—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne Road, North Kensington, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1365—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts. (Emergency.)

SATURDAY, 30th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

149—St. Peter, Swan Hotel, Wolverhampton.
308—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

MONDAY.

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
408—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.

TUESDAY.

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

WEDNESDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
780—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
1263—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby-bridge.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

THURSDAY.

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
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.
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.

SATURDAY.

1463—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—349—St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—151—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, 429 High-street.
" R. A. 40—Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—113—St. John, Fisher-row, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.
THURSDAY—382—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.
FRIDAY—223—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-street, Leith.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—103—Union and Crown, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" R. A.—124—Thetis, 35 St. James-street.
TUESDAY—441—Glasgow, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.
" R. A. 67—Cathedral, 22 Struthers-street.
WEDNESDAY—510—Maryhill, 167 Main-street, Maryhill.
" R. A. 75—Caledonian of Unity, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
THURSDAY—570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, Glasgow.
FRIDAY—153—Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, Pollockshaw.
" 347—St. John Operative, Freemasons' Hall, Cathcart-st., Rutherglen.
SATURDAY—28—St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Friendship Chapter, No. 100.—A regular Convocation of the above Chapter was held at the Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, on Monday, 18th June. The circular calling the meeting, showed a heavy amount of work, as, in addition to the installation of officers, no less than nine brethren were announced as candidates for exaltation. The following Companions were installed as officers for the ensuing year:—Comps. James Bond M.E.Z., Bonfellow H. Martins J., A. Hanlon P.Z. S.E. and Treasurer, E. B. Wright S.E., R. W. Hubbard P.S., Fowler and Hammond A.S., F. W. Rolfe Organist, the ceremony being carried out by our veteran Comp. H. J. Mason P.Z. The following brethren were then exalted (each of the officers just appointed performing his work in a creditable manner)—Bros. G. H. Cooper W.M. 71, James Tennant, Rev. H. J. Bode, G. F. Crane, John J. Harvey, and A. D. Stone, jun. Comps. Wrightson, Stratherne, and P. Glover were ballotted for and accepted as joining members. In addition to the foregoing, the following Companions were present:—G. L. Chipperfield P.Z., J. G. Franklin P.Z., J. F. Maybank, Hudspeth, Cattermole, Fisk, Fenton, Stanier, Owles, Etheridge, Captain Dods, Swan and others. The Companions adjourned to the Crown and Anchor Hotel, where a most recherché banquet awaited them, served in the well-known style of Comp. Franklin and his wife, after which a most enjoyable evening was spent under the genial sway of Comp. Bond Z.

Domatic Lodge, No. 177.—The committee of this Lodge met on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at Anderton's Hotel. Bro. James Willing jun. W.M. occupied the chair. The meeting was convened for the purpose of arranging for a Summer Festival, which, on former occasions had cemented the bond of friendship between the members. The committee decided that it should be held on the 12th or 13th of July, at the Castle Hotel, Woodford, and deferred their final resolution until satisfactory details should be arranged. Bro. G. Everett P.M. was selected to provide the music, the brethren present fully appreciating the former services rendered by him. Bro. J. E. Walford C.C. P.M. proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. James Willing jun., for occupying the chair. This was seconded by Bro. J. Ambrose, and supplemented by all present. It was announced that gentlemen's tickets would be 7s 6d, and ladies 6s 6d each. Those present comprised Bros. Buscall J.W., J. E. Walford P.M., M. Haydon P.M., H. Potter P.M., Williams Sec., Pinbey Assist. Sec., W. Harriss I.G., Tims, Beard, Jennings, Holt, &c.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held its regular weekly meeting on Saturday, the 16th of April, at the Jolly Farmer's, Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Bros. Killick W.M., Gibbs S.W., Powell J.W., Halford Treas., Brasted S.D., C. Lorkin J.D., J. Lorkin I.G., Pearcy Preceptor. Business—The Lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes of the last meeting read and con-

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firmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, with the traditional history, Bro. Reid acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the 1st and 3rd sections of the lecture. Bro. Gibbs was appointed W.M. for the evening week.

Jordan Lodge of Instruction, No. 201.—The usual weekly meeting took place on Tuesday last, at the Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, Bro. Albert Marvin in the chair, Bros. Ockenden S.W. and Secretary, Errington J.W., Reed S.D., Hiscox J.D. and Treasurer, Fox I.G., and other brethren. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and closed down to the 1st. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Emmanuel being candidate. Bro. Wood worked the 1st and 2nd sections of the 1st lecture assisted by the brethren. Bro. Marvin (who was only initiated some three months since) was rewarded with a hearty vote of thanks for the very efficient manner in which he had performed the ceremony and filled the chair, and the same was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Bro. Ockenden was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The supper proposed for the 26th inst. has been postponed. This Lodge meets every Tuesday, at 8 p.m.

The Frederick Lodge of Unity, No. 452.—Among the numerous Lodges it is our privilege, and likewise our pleasure to visit, there is not one where a more cordial reception is given us than at the Frederick Lodge of Unity. In this Lodge the Past Masters ever take a most active part in the conduct of affairs, and any candidate for the Master's chair well knows that his chance is but a poor one unless he is prepared to exhibit a thorough knowledge of the Ritual, and has given assurance that his duties will be carried out thoroughly and efficiently. Tuesday last was appointed for the installation of the W.M. for the year 1877-78, and though it is customary on these occasions to do as little work as possible, the agenda paper was an exceptionally heavy one. It comprised three raisings, two passings, one initiation, and the installation of the W.M.; in addition, also, there were several questions to be discussed. The chair was taken by Bro. John Walter Sugg, who was supported by Bros. George Wright S.W., A. T. Jeffery J.W., P.M.'s Magnus Ohren and James Robins Secretary and Treasurer respectively, whilst Bros. Edmands and Pawley were the Deacons. After the Lodge had been regularly opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to raise Bros. Cousins, Pugh and Scott. The ceremony of passing followed, the candidates for the second degree being Bros. Hunter and Brattle. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Daniel Richard Wise, and it being declared in that gentleman's favour, he was initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry. All these ceremonies were capitally performed by Bro. John Walter Sugg. The ballot was then taken for the admission, as joining members, of Bros. the Rev. James Amos, Lodge of Unions, No. 256, and William George Batchelor, J.D. Wellington Lodge, No. 548. It proved successful, and it was notified to those brethren that they had been elected members. Bro. P.M. Masterman, acting as Director of the Ceremonies, then introduced the Junior Warden, Bro. Arthur Thomas Jeffery, as W.M. elect, and Bro. Sugg completed the duties of his year of office by installing his successor, performing the task in a highly satisfactory and impressive manner. On the re-admission of the brethren, the customary salutations were given and the W.M. invested his officers: George Wright S.W., Charles Henry Edmands J.W., Magnus Ohren P.M. Sec., Jas. Robins P.M. Treas., Charles Pawley S.D., Edwin H. Sugg J.D. and Organist, John Walter Sugg P.M. D.C., George Robins and J. C. F. W. Rogers Stewards, Frederick A. Manning I.G., C. F. Speight Tyler. After the delivery of the customary addresses, Bro. J. W. Sugg referred to the intimation, made in an earlier part of the evening, by Bro. H. E. Frances, that, owing to that brother's other engagements clashing with the days fixed for the meetings of the Frederick of Unity, he should be compelled, reluctantly, to sever his connection with that Lodge. Bro. Sugg spoke in terms of praise of the services rendered by Bro. Frances to the brethren, and concluded a highly eulogistic speech by proposing that Bro. H. E. Frances be elected an honorary member. This was seconded by Bro. Magnus Ohren, put to the Lodge, and unanimously assented to. The Auditors' report showed the funds of the Lodge were in a flourishing condition, and that there was a goodly balance in hand. A notice of motion was given that the Joining Fee be increased to £5 5s. An elegant jewel was presented to Bro. John Walter Sugg, whose services in the chair during the past year were spoken of in the most flattering terms. After a reply from Bro. Sugg, terse and well to the point, a letter was read from Bro. Baber, regretting that illness prevented his attending Lodge. A sum of £5 5s was voted to the fund for presenting a testimonial to Bro. Charles Greenwood P.M., Prov. G. Sec. for Surrey. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a capital banquet, provided by Bro. J. P. Budden. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, the W.M., Bro. A. T. Jeffery, gave the customary loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Magnus Ohren responded for The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past. He said it was a pleasure to all who attended Provincial Grand Lodge to see how well the duties were performed. Lieut.-General J. S. Brownrigg, the Provincial Grand Master, has many cases to inquire into, and to adjudicate upon, both in reference to Lodges and individuals. He invariably exhibits the capabilities of a thorough man of business. He had stated that he wished the brethren of his Province to understand he could not make them all Wardens, and under these circumstances he hoped they would consider all appointments as of value. Bro. Ohren urged that in proof of this, their esteemed Prov. Grand Master had placed one of his own sons in a subordinate position. Their Lodge was well represented among Past Prov. Grand Officers, and he thanked all present for the hearty way in which the toast had been received. Bro. Wise, in replying to the toast of the Initiate, remarked that he had come amongst them as a stranger; the reception he had met with had gratified him. Though he could not add any new lustre to the Craft, he would never do anything to dim its glory. The W.M., in speaking to the toast of the Visitors, gave them, on behalf of the Lodge, a hearty greeting. They had seen the working of the I.P.M. He (Bro. Jeffery) hoped to tread in his footsteps, and so keep up the character of the Lodge. Bro. Spooner, on behalf of the Visitors, acknowledged the compliment. The health of the W.M. was given in an excellent speech by Bro. J. W. Sugg, and acknowledged by Bro. Jeffery. The other toasts comprised the P.M.'s, the Joining Members, the Secretary and Treasurer, and the Officers of the Lodge, to each of which responses were made. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings of the day to a close. Amongst the Visitors we noticed Bros. Bull, Jekyll, Spooner, Thomas Hunter, W. W. Morgan, Leeper, H. Massey, &c., while the P.M.'s of the Lodge, in addition to those we have already mentioned, were represented by Bros. William Sugg and Arthur J. Dickinson. During the evening some capital songs were given by Bros. Magnus Ohren, W. Sugg, G. Robins, Methven and C. M. Ohren. Bro. E. H. Sugg, as accompanyist, rendered excellent service; while the talents of Bro. Jekyll were also impressed, to the advantage of all who listened to his performance.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 19th June, at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. W. J. Smith W.M., Dallas S.W., Johnson J.W., E. T. Worsley Sec., Saunders S.D., Davies J.D., Wallington P.M. Preceptor, Christian I.G. Bros. Lorkin, Dandy, Barker, Allen, Perry, Webster, Saunders 860, &c. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer. The minutes read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree. Bro. Danby having answered the necessary questions, the Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Dandy acting as candidate. Bro. Wallington gave the traditional history. Bro. Allen worked the 1st section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. James of Lodge 198 was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Dallas was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation; this will be the first time of his taking the chair. We were pleased to hear him say that he had worked himself up, and intended to do the first ceremony. We hope he will be supported by his old friends; with the assistance of the able Preceptor of this Lodge of Instruction, they will have a pleasant evening; the officers who will assist, are well up in Masonry, so that nothing will be wanting to make things agreeable.

Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Friday, the 15th of June, at the White Hart Hotel, Barnes, Surrey. Present—Bros. W. H. Lee P.M. 1524 W.M., W. R. Phillips S.W., G. Waggensworth J.W., C. A. Smith P.M. Treas., James Garner S.D., F. A. Riches J.D., John Noble I.G., J. Gilbert Tyler. Past Masters Bros. J. H. Tyler, G. I. Edmonds, and E. W. Clarke; Bro. Buss Asst. Grand Sec. (honorary member). Visitors—Bros. Somers I.P.M. 1602, Winslow 859. The Lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed, ballot was taken for three candidates for initiation. These proved favourable, and Messrs. Matthews and Perigal, being in attendance, were initiated into Freemasonry. The W.M., having undertaken to represent the Lodge at the ensuing Festival of the Boys' School, made an appeal to the brethren for their support. Five guineas was placed on his list, in the name of the Lodge. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a cold collation, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. In the course of the evening Bro. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, was warmly congratulated on his recent promotion. Bro. Somers P.M. 1602 responded for the Visitors, Bro. Smith for the P.M.'s, and Bro. Phillips S.W. for the Officers. The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 13th of June, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Edward Margrett W.M., A. Welch S.W., T. Newman Steward acting J.W., W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, J. T. Stranson Treasurer, J. Early Danks S.D., W. Ferguson J.D., E. J. Blackwell I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M. Bro. R. C. Hurley; and Bros. Hilder, Hukins, Hammett, Pulley, Rhind, Hawkes, Pricket, and Hunt. Visitor—Bro. C. E. Hawkes 414. Business—The Lodge was opened in the 1st degree. The minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The election took place for a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Arthur Welch S.W. was declared to be elected, the announcement calling forth the acclamations of all the brethren present. The S.W. thanked the brethren for the honour which they had done him, in raising him to the position of Worshipful Master elect. He should endeavour, during his year of office, to discharge his duties in such a manner, as that he hoped the tradition of the Grey Friars Lodge would not greatly suffer. With regard to the Ritual, he was sure that it would be the ambition of them all to perform the ceremonies fluently, accurately, and impressively. He (the W.M. elect) was afraid that in the ceremonial portion he should compare very unfavourably with his predecessor, and should be considered a far less advanced Masonic Ritualist. (Laughter.) As to the Masonic Charities, it had been the pride and the privilege of the Grey Friars Lodge to render substantial aid to those Institutions, and he felt convinced that the members of the Lodge would not be less generous in the future than they had been in the past. Furthermore (and this was the point which he considered the most important of all), he was sure that the members of the Lodge would cultivate and maintain a thorough Masonic spirit, a genuine sentiment of fraternal regard the one for the other. Unless that spirit and sentiment continued to prevail in the Lodge,

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its Ritual, however perfect it might be, would lose its meaning, and even their gifts to the necessitous or the afflicted would be bereft of much of their merit and their grace. He was persuaded, however, that they would keep alive the Masonic spirit, and such being the case, they had every guarantee that the next year in the Lodge's history would in all respects prove to be both pleasant and prosperous. (Cheers.) Bro. Stransom was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Hemmings Tyler; each returned thanks. The Secretary was directed to write a letter of condolence and sympathy to the widow of Bro. Thomas Phillips, deceased. The Treasurer moved, and the W.M. seconded, that a new set of collars be provided by the installation meeting. Bro. Hurley P.M. moved (in congratulatory terms) that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to the W.M., on his retirement from the chair, this the W.M. elect seconded. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326.—On Saturday, the 16th inst., at the Red Lion, Hampton, the regular meeting was held. Bro. E. Gilbert the W.M. in an efficient manner, raised Bros. W. Priddy, and S. Page; initiated W. Butler, J. Maxwell, and W. Kay. The elections were unanimous in favour of Bro. C. W. Fox S.W. being the W.M.; S. Wickens P.M. Treasurer, (re-elected for the fifth time); Bro. J. Gilbert P.G.T., Tyler (re-elected for the eighth time). Bros. H. Gloster, W. Stanton and W. R. Vassila were elected auditors in addition to those provided for by the bye-laws. The usual seven guinea Past Master's jewel, on the motion of Bro. F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex P.M., was unanimously voted to Bro. E. Gilbert W.M. for his efficient services rendered to the Lodge. Ten guineas was voted from the Lodge funds to the Boys' School. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The Lodge was closed and adjourned to Saturday, 21st July, to meet at two o'clock. After business, came the banquet, which was well and efficiently served. The usual Loyal toasts were given and responded to. The Visitors were—Bros. E. Beckwith 1423, Scott 1656, T. Ockenden 1512, H. T. Murphy 1512, &c. There were present besides those mentioned, Bros. J. Hammond P.M. S.D., J. C. Woodrow P.M. Assist. Sec., J. W. Baldwin P.A.G.P. Middlesex P.M. I.G., J. T. Moss P.P.G.R. Middlesex P.M., W. Hammond P.G.D. Middlesex P.M., and several others.

Falcon Lodge, No. 1416.—On Thursday, the 14th instant, the Archæological Section, accompanied by the Rev. W. C. Lukis, M.A., F.A.S., of Wath; E. C. Camidge, M.A., of Thirsk; L. G. Maine, M.A., of Sowerby; J. Cornforth, M.A., of Ripon, &c., &c., visited the picturesque village and neighbourhood of Coxwold. After a passing notice of Shandy Hall, for several years the residence of the Rev. Laurence Sterne, on their arrival at the village they were most cordially received by the Vicar, the Rev. O. Scott, M.A., J.P. The church, dedicated to St. Michael, is in the perpendicular style, with octagonal tower, and contains monuments of the Bellasyses, Earls of Fauconberg; a panelled ceiling, and some interesting relics of stained glass. Thence they proceeded to Byland, situated in the midst of charming scenery. The chief ruins are those of the Abbey Church, transition Norman, A.D. 1177, but of the monastic buildings only the foundations can be seen. The Society expressed a very earnest desire that the contemplated work of clearing, and exploring the ruins should be speedily and efficiently carried out. The same evening, the regular meeting of the Lodge was held, when there was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren, viz., Bros. G. Anderson W.M., G. Ayre S.W., T. J. Wilkinson J.W., W. Coltman Sec., Rev. E. C. Camidge P.G.C. West Yorkshire, W. Hall S.D., R. Musgrave J.D., R. Atkinson I.G., J. Lee, J. Johnson, Z. Wright Org., J. S. Walton P.P.G.S.B., J. Walton, H. Masterman, R. H. Brodrick, C. Greensides, A. C. Marr, J. H. Gilling, Dr. Paley W.M. De Grey and Ripon 837; J. W. Bishop P.M. 837, T. R. Mountain S.W. 837, Rev. W. C. Lukis J.W. and Chap. 837, J. Colley Sec. 837, E. J. Crow Mus. Bac. St. John 279 P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Leic., W. McConochie 837, Rev. J. Cornforth 837, F. J. Smith 837, J. W. Bishop jun. 837, W. Storks 837, &c. Mr. Eusebius Richardson, ballotted for at the last Lodge, was initiated, the W.M. working the ceremony, and the Rev. Bro. Lukis, in his most effective manner, giving in full the lecture on the First Tracing Board. After the business had been concluded, the brethren proceeded to the banqueting room, where an excellent and abundant collation had been provided by the W.M., as a welcome to the visiting brethren of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, who had come in response to a special invitation; it being the pride of the Falcons to seek to cultivate the most fraternal relations with the neighbouring Lodges. The usual toasts were given and acknowledged, and when the time for parting came, it was felt that all the circumstances of the day had been of the most enjoyable character.

Era Lodge, No. 1423.—The regular meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held at Hampton Court on Saturday, 9th June. Bro. E. H. Thiellay P.G.S.B. Middlesex P.M. 145 W.M. presided. Mr. John Bartlett was initiated. Bros. W. Swindlehurst, F. F. Beard, and E. Woelcke were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons. On motion made by Bro. T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex P.M. S.W., and seconded by Bro. J. Baxter Langley I.P.M., it was unanimously resolved, "That a letter of congratulation be sent to Bro. R. W. Little on his appointment as D.P.G.M. Middlesex." Following in the wake of what has been done in other Lodges, although the Era Lodge was one of the first in the Province to solicit and recommend the R.W.P.G.M. Middlesex, Bro. Col. F. Burdett to confer the office of D.P.G.M. Middlesex on Bro. R. W. Little. These and other acts show how popular this appointment is in the Province and the great respect Bro. R. W. Little holds in the estimation of all who know him. Notice of motion was given to vote ten guineas to the Burdett Testimonial Fund, which amount will be supplemented by the donations among the members, the W.M., Bro. E. H. Thiellay, proving his earnestness by heading the list with five guineas, and many others giving their guineas. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and apologies received from absent candidates. Business ended, the Lodge was closed. There were present—Bros. T. J. Sabine P.M. S.W., E. W. Devereux J.W., F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex P.M. Sec., S. Wolff S.D., A. F. Loos J.D., B. Wright Assist. Sec., J. W. Baldwin P.A.G.P. Middlesex P.M., J. T. Moss P.P.G.R. Middlesex P.M., W. Hammond P.G.D. Middlesex P.M., J. Baxter Langley P.M., and several others. Amongst the Visitors we noticed Bros. A. Hagon 145, W. Etheridge 829, T. B. Gibb 34, T. G. Tagg 1326. After banquet, the usual Loyal toasts were given and responded to, that of the R.W.P.G.M. Middlesex coming in for the lion's share of applause and appreciation. After a few well-spent hours of enjoyment, the members separated and returned to town.

Felix Lodge, No. 1494.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at Teddington, on Saturday, the 16th inst., Bro. Francis Bradley Archer W.M. in the chair, supported by Bros. W. G. Moore P.M. S.W., T. S. Archer J.W., F. Sumner Knyvett P.M. P.G. Steward Treasurer, Edward B. Grabham P.M. Prov. S.G.W. Middlesex Secretary, E. A. Woolley S.D., H. R. M. Belward I.G., George Hancock P.M. P.P.G.D. Somerset D.C. Visitors—R.W. Colonel Burdett, Provincial Grand Master Middlesex, Bros. A. H. Lilley P.M. 12, T. L. Fox P.M. 19, Dr. William O'Connor P.M. 28, J. B. Sorrell P.M. 176, F. Rath P.M. 534, S. Carey 901, and many others. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Mr. Henry George Bevington and Mr. William Rose, F.R.C.S., were ballotted for and duly initiated by the W.M., after which Bro. W. G. Moore P.M. was presented for installation, the ceremony being exceedingly well rendered by Bro. Knyvett P.M. The W.M. appointed the following as his officers:—Bros. F. B. Archer I.P.M., T. S. Archer S.W., Woolley J.W., Knyvett P.M. P.G. Steward Treas., E. B. Grabham P.M. P.S.G.W. Middlesex Sec., Kingsmill S.D., Belward J.D., Sadler I.G., Geo. Hancock P.M. P.P.G.D. D.C. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was presided over by the W.M. The usual Loyal toasts having been honoured, the health of Bro. Colonel Burdett was drank, with much enthusiasm. He, in responding to the toast, expressed his satisfaction with all that he had seen of the working of the Lodge, and announced his intention of paying another visit on the completion of the new Lodge room. Bro. Archer, in proposing the health of the W.M., gracefully alluded to the satisfactory manner in which Bro. Moore had filled all the offices in the Lodge, and predicted him a very happy year of office. The W.M., in responding to the toast, said he felt sure, from the exceedingly kind way in which the I.P.M. had proposed his health, and the hearty response given to it by the brethren, that his year of office would be to him a labour of love, and, in emulating the good example of his predecessor, he hoped to retire from the chair retaining the good opinion of all the members. He had now a very pleasing duty to discharge, and that was to present to Bro. F. B. Archer a very handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the eminent services rendered to the Lodge during the past year, and as a slight mark of the high esteem in which he is held by every member. The past year has been a very prosperous one for the Lodge, and this was in a slight degree due to Bro. Archer, whose year of office had been a very arduous one. The toast was warmly received. Bro. Archer suitably acknowledged the toast, which had been so feelingly proposed by the W.M. The jewel which had been presented to him that evening would always remind him of the kind way in which his services had been received by the Lodge, and his endeavours would always be for its continued prosperity. Bro. A. H. Lilley P.M. 12 responded for the Visitors, and Bro. T. S. Archer S.W. for the Officers of the Lodge. The Tyler's toast then brought the evening to a close, and most of the brethren returned to town, after the enjoyment of an exceedingly pleasant evening.

Llanidloes Lodge, No. 1582.—The first anniversary of this Lodge was held at the Trewythen Arms Hotel, Llanidloes, 13th June. The Lodge assembled at two p.m., when the W.M. Bro. Collender P.M. 998, and Prov. A.D.C. North Wales and Shropshire, assisted by his officers, Bros. W. A. Davies S.W. (W.M. elect), J. Kitto J.W. and Hon. Sec., Edward Hamer P.M. 1072 Treasurer, J. H. Webb as S.D., J. Hughes J.D., W. Russell Past Prov. D. of C. I.G., opened the Lodge. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Hugh Lumley and Hugh Lewis, as fit and proper candidates for Freemasonry; it proved unanimously in their favour, and they were admitted and initiated in ancient and solemn form. The report of the Audit Committee was read and confirmed. Lodge was then advanced to the second degree, and Bro. D. P. Owen P.M. 998 presented the W.M. elect to the W.M. to receive from his hands the benefit of installation. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and a Board of Installed Masters being formed, Bro. Collender proceeded with the ceremony of installing Bro. Davies as W.M. of the Llanidloes Lodge. The brethren were admitted, and saluted in the several degrees, and the W.M. appointed the following as his officers:—Bros. John Kitto S.W., W. H. Williams J.W., John Hughes S.D., W. Russell J.D., J. Davies Secretary, Hugh Jones Treasurer, W. H. Webb I.G., J. Trewin Tyler. Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren retired to a sumptuous banquet, prepared for them by Bro. Russell. In consequence of the trains being very inconvenient, the brethren had to disperse at 7.30, thus bringing a very enjoyable day to an early close.

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